OCEANIC SKIN AND SCUBA CLUB OF N.S.W.

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This is our first letter for a while now, the reason being we have been reorganising our club. We have now a new president, John Hall, of Bankstown, and a committee of: Ron Mc-Inness, secretary; Sylvia Bateman, treasurer and Peter Perry, publicity officer.



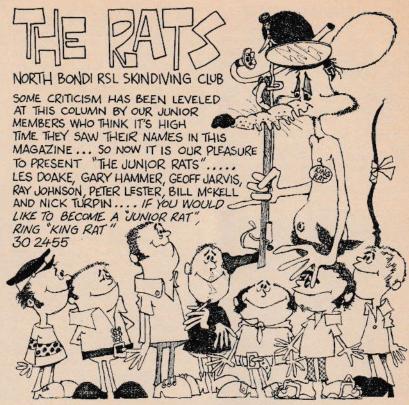
 Peter Perry with his 35 lb. Jewie speared at Norah Head.

We have now started a club competition between our members which is bringing in some nice fish as in the photo of a jewie, 35 lb., caught at Norah Heads by Peter Perry.

Our last club dive was at Drum and Drum Sticks, Currarong on 8-2-70. The visibility was in excess of 50 ft., and the kingies were out in the hundreds, with our publicity officer spearing the biggest fish of the day, a 22½ lb. kingfish.

This will be all for now, so until next time.

PETER PERRY



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Club Meeting 16th March.

A pretty large meeting with discussion regarding the photo competition — more news later. Also due to University commitments, Alan has resigned from his position as Secretary and Ian Denmeade has been elected in his stead.

The other point is that our Yank mate Kim Woodward leaves on 4th April to go back to the States, we will all be sorry to see him go and wish him all the best for the future and hope that we have shown him a pretty good time while in Australia. Good luck to you Kim — from all at S.P.D. If anyone would like to contact Kim, his address is available from Denis or myself.

Slides shown by John Jansens.

Past Dives.

These have been poorly attended except for Tom's venture down the coast with his crew, must have forgotten about the club dive that day? Tom is now using a large rock as an anchor as he has lost three in about as many days. Next thing will be that he is inventing "disposable" anchors.

Funny thing, Lindsay was not at the meeting but managed to get a leave pass from birdie and get to a dive last week — and for polluting the water, he will be sentenced to a 10 minute deep dive in the "muck" at Malabar.



 Denis and Duk inspect the new Rick-Oh underwater camera.

There are a few rumours going around lately. 1. John Jansens has lost his valve, 2. Peter Croft is on the pill, 3. Dick is getting married, and

4. Barry Lyons is going to learn to use a billiard cue as a walking stick. Future Dives.

22nd March - Deep dive to the Peaks.*

5th April - Trawler dive, possibly to the Birchgrove Park.

Also, tee shirts with the club badge on the back will soon be available

from Ron Smith.

And, if there is anything that everyone loves, it's a big, VIRILE, hairy lifesaver. DES HENNESSY

STOP PRESS — This dive was carried out successfully with about 10 divers reaching the 250 ft. mark and 3 others including Rick Latimer, Dick Taylor and Denis Robinson reached about 325 ft. although Denis suffered severe nitrogen narcosis.

CENTRAL COAST SEALIONS

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Our (No. 3) spearing competition for 1970, was conducted at Seal Rocks. This was a club and inter-club competition. Members of the Newcastle Vikings, Manning Marlins and Central Coast Sealions attended the event, which commenced at 10 a.m. Seas were calm with fair visibility. Vikings came out on top, with 843 points. Sealions 787, Marlins 241.

Sealions top scorer, A Grade, Bob Holdsworth, 452 points, representing



· Barry Dawson with a good bag of points.

15 species. Eric Hunt top scored in B Grade, 236. Tony Payne, C Grade,

Most meritorious fish was a 5 lb. 2 oz. samson fish worth 61 points, weighed in by Al Kidney. This fish is also a new club record. Top three divers at 8/3/70 are:

1st: R. Holdsworth, 725 points. 2nd: J. Ullrich, 497 points.

3rd: A. Kidney, 494 points. Whilst at Seal Rocks one of our members had one of his compara-tively new boat rollers taken and replaced with one which was damaged. I don't know the low person responsible for the swap but I sincerely hope that one day the roller blows up, fair into his or her face.

NEPTUNE NEWS

Newcastle Neptunes clubhouse is a beehive of activity at the moment putting the finishing touches to the venue and trophy list for the Pacific Coast Championships coming up at Easter. The championships will be a great success as they always have been, but only if we get the fantastic support from Interstate and N.S.W. Spearos that we have had in the past. The trophy list will be the biggest ever and all arrangements re camping and social events have been final-

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