

# Australians Want Surf Association To Include Hawaii

Lively interest in competitive surfboard events is demonstrated by the Australian Surfboard association.

The Star-Bulletin has received an interesting letter from F. D. Hoinville, honorary secretary of the Bondi Surfboard club, outstanding number of Australian Surfboard association.

Its headquarters are at 76 Onslow St., Rose Bay, New South Wales. The letter follows:

"As secretary of the Bondi Surfboard club (ASBA) I am writing to request your assistance. We wish to get in touch with surfboard clubs in Hawaii and USA with a view to forming an international surfboard association for the purposes of exchanging information, and arranging contests.

"The ASBA was formed to organize surfboard riding as a competitive sport, and is not connected with the well known life saving association of Australia, which has its own surfboard section for trained lifesavers only.

"Our organization admits all surfboard riders without restriction of race, creed, color, sex or attainments, and we seek to affiliate with similar clubs everywhere.

"At Bondi—the most populous (and popular) beach in Australia—we have 90 members and expect

to have 200 by the end of this season.

"Other clubs are being formed and we are confident that the association will have considerable strength within two years.

"Points which may interest you are:

"Our surfboard average 14 to 16 feet in length, 22 inches wide, streamlines shape (teardrop) with pointed tail, five inches thick at deepest section. Weight about 70 pounds, made of cedar or pine frame and waterproof plywood.

"We use shark repellent chemicals to reduce the shark risk, which is very small at any time. We sometimes see sharks, but it is 17 years since a shark occurred at Bondi.

"We are curious about your sharks—are they hungrier than ours?

(Editor's Note: Surfers here never worry about sharks. No such safeguards are necessary as in Australian waters.)

"We shall be glad to supply information at any time, and hope to hear from you."

The Star-Bulletin is sending copies of this letter to the Outrigger club, the Hawaiian Amateur Athletic union, and to various other organizations and individuals who might be interested in organizing the proposed international surfboard association.