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Editorially Speaking

AS so often happens I was talking when I should have been listening and for better or for worse I am your new editor. Actually the job has changed so much from what any of the previous editors had that I think I should have some other title. I wouldn't even dream of attempting the job, if I were responsible for the whole thing as Toska was. I think she did a wonderful job and hope that she will help me.

The present arrangement is for Bob Hudnall and Gary Olmstead to publish the Chatter. I am to collect editorial material suitable for the Chatter. Bob will do the final editing, layout, printing and see that it is delivered to the mailers. Bob and Gary will also handle the soliciting and billing of advertisers.

I need the help of each member and friend of the club to make the Cholla Chatter a magazine that we can all be proud of and that will reflect our varied interests.

In this regard, I am not a fisherman nor a sportsman. However, I have dabbled in amateur oceanography for more than thirty years. (I have published several articles on the molluscan fauna of California and wrote a Master of Science thesis at USC on fouling of Ships' bottoms.) Hence unless you send me copy on fishing and subjects that interest you, I will probably submit too many articles in my own fields of interest. While I will certainly include articles on fish and fishing, if I have to dig them up, they probably will not reflect your special interests.

In addition to articles on experiences, adventures, misadventures (humorous or otherwise), we need many short articles on what and how to do most anything connected with Cholla Bay.

If you don't feel up to writing a story or article, please write and let us know what you would like to read. If

you have any questions, I'll try to get an answer for you.

We need glossy black and white photographs of any size or a suitable one for occasional use on the cover (5"x7" or send negative along). For our photo bugs please include technical data. Please identify all subject matter (names of people and fish). Artists are invited to send along sketches (remember offset process will reproduce black and white very well). If at all possible, please type copy double or triple spaced.

All material except minutes of the meetings should be in my hands by the Friday before the club meetings. After that time minutes ordinarily will be the only items to be published in the next issue.

Thomas A. Burch, MD
914 W. Palm Lane
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A sympathy card has been sent to George Beeby, his brother-in-law passed away in the East.

I have been happy to serve you as your Sick Call Chairman, and I am looking forward to another year.

If you know of any members who are ill, please notify me. I talked with Mrs. Grace Moyer, and she is still in bed and will be for some time. I'm sure she would enjoy hearing from some of the members. Won't you call her, and wish her a speedy recovery? Her number is 276-6721.

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OUR CLUB GROUP INSURANCE

By Wes Douglas

Our new editor, Dr. Thomas A. Burch, has asked that I once again write an article clarifying the group accidental death and dismemberment policy that is carried by the club for the benefit of our members.

Dr. Burch feels that this will acquaint the new members with the benefits of this policy and refresh the memories of the older members.

This program was originally set up as a result of losing five of our members during a period of two years in the unpredictable waters of our favorite fishing spot. Many of our members had spent thousands of dollars and a lot of hard, miserable hours in search and rescue efforts.

In June of 1961 the club membership voted to adopt this program and it has been in force since that time. I would like to clarify some of the ideas that have been circulated about this insurance.

This insurance is carried with the largest insurance company of its kind in the United States. The Continental Casualty Co., of Chicago. The company pays all claims in U.S. dollars.

For a member to be covered, it is absolutely necessary that their dues are paid and a beneficiary designation form be signed and on file with the club.

This is a blanket policy and has nothing to do with the Mexican insurance available by choice for the members of the club. The Mexican insurance is for automobile liability, fire and burglary, and personal liability of club members in Mexico.

This insurance costs the club \$1.25 per member per year and is a big factor in holding and increasing our membership. Use it for this purpose alone and it will help a lot. All of the dismemberment benefits are payable to the member who might be unfortunate enough to need it. The death benefits are payable, \$2,500 to the beneficiary as named by the member, and \$2,500 to the search and rescue fund of the club. This fund will be used to help defray the expense of anyone participating in the search. If there is any question as to how expensive this can be just ask some

of the old time members that have donated their time and effort to try and save someone, club member or not!

One other point that I would like to make clear is the extent that this policy goes in giving us protection at the bay. May I quote the insuring agreement incorporated in the policy.

"Types of Activities Covered:

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Remember, any activity, except those specifically excluded, as long as it is in, on, or around the Gulf of Lower California, and you are a paid-up member, is covered. All of our fishing derbies, a time when many of us are exposed, is covered without question. There have been a number of near misses during the past few years and it is possible that we might have been unfortunate enough to have made a claim against this policy, however, since we now have a search and rescue team that has assumed the responsibility of conducting all search and rescue operations, I am happy to report we have not lost a single person in the upper end of the Gulf. They have been alerted several times and have even progressed to the point of having a Coast Guard plane over the area before the missing boat was found.

Let us hope and pray that we never have another emergency at the Bay, but if we do, be sure and contact any officer of the club and they will do everything that can be done to help.

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By Mel Jarvis

Fiberglass Boat Maintenance

I'VE always felt that the first step in boat hull maintenance was good seamanship and boat handling. Some ask too much of a boat hull by pushing it too hard in rough water. Even a very well constructed boat will come apart in time, if the man at the wheel has a heavy hand. I'm sure some of you have seen boats coming in off the reefs like something wild was after them and only hitting the water now and then. When I see this, I figure he's either had too much beer or doesn't care much for his boat.

Many boat hulls are damaged by overpowering them. Every hull has

a horse power rating by O. M. C. (Out Board Marine). Putting 75 horse power on a boat hull rated for 40 horse power will in time pull the transom out and cause bottom failure. Weakpoints in a hull will show up at points of stress such as corners of the transom of fore and aft stringers and ribs in the bottom. If spidering or surface cracks appear at these points, it's a sign of weakness and the glass is working or flexing under pressure. If this condition is taken care of right away, the surface cracks will be no cause for worry except for appearance. To correct this a beefing up with fiberglass cloth and resin at the weak points should be done inside the hull.

DOCKS and trailers do more damage to boat hulls than most anything else. Bringing a boat up to a dock without using fenders will soon take its toll of paint and cause damage to the hull that takes hours to repair. Trailers that are too small or trailer rollers not adjusted to the hull, or in the wrong place can do damage that sometimes are almost impossible to repair. It can even change the handling and performance of the boat. Any irregularities in the hull bottom can cause listing, hard steer or porpoising.

Getting on the trailer at the bay can be a hair-raising experience at times. Some never did make it—the boat sank before they did. It's

important to have a good trailer and to have it equipped with loading rails. Believe me it will save the paint and tempers.

Repairing trailer and dock damage on your hull can be done easily by using one of the many types of fiberglass puttys you find in the boatshops. For small nicks and cracks, sand and clean the damage. Make sure it is dry and fill with the putty. Sand smooth after it is dry and paint with the pressure can type of paint. There are some on the market that are good for touch up job. A word of caution. Don't try to paint the whole boat this way.

YOU can keep your boat hull looking like new with a little time spent on it after each time out; washing down with fresh water, a wax job every now and then and a little putty for the times you get cross ways on the trailer or hit the dock too hard.

I've always thought it to be a good idea for you boys at Cholla to carry a small fiberglass kit in your boat. An hour's work on some beach or at your cabin may get you in or out fishing sometime.

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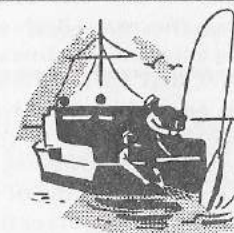
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By Gene Henry

MUCH has been written about rods, reels, lines and lures used in surf fishing, but very little about accessory items. While not essential, these items can make fishing much more enjoyable and at times safer.

One gadget that I would feel naked without is an ordinary carpenter's nail apron. I have yet to find anything handier for carrying extra lures in. I've taken a lot of kidding about being a walking advertisement for O'Malley Lumber Co., but the particular model they handle has an extra pocket in the middle which is just the right size for carrying long-nose pliers.

And, speaking of long-nose pliers, they are a must if you expect to keep a full set of five fingers on each hand. Hooks and lures can be easily removed without getting your fingers within range of the sharp teeth and

strong jaws which most salt water fish are equipped with. They also come in mighty handy for straightening hooks.

ANOTHER item that deserves attention is footwear. Some of the ornery critters you hook onto around Cholla Bay are just as fond of pinkies as fingers. Personally, I prefer high top tennis shoes for fishing the sandy beaches. The main criticism is that they keep filling up with sand, but that's something you just have to put up with. A fishing buddy of mine Floyd Newton, uses a pair of surplus military type leggings which strap on over and above the tennis shoes to keep the sand out. I have tried them and find they do work, but I'm usually too lazy or in too much of a hurry to put them on.

I have found tennis shoes with glued on soles made of felt or nylon carpeting to be the most effective footwear for fishing the rocks. There is nothing more slippery or treacherous than the moss-covered rocks below the high water line, especially when wet. Wearing tennis shoes or other rubber sole shoes is just like adding grease. Some of the hardier individuals try going barefoot, but unless you have mighty thick callouses, I can guarantee you will come back with a pair of bruised and bleeding tootsies.

A very useful item for both salt and fresh water fishing is a pair of polaroid glasses. They not only cut the glare, but also make it much easier to see submerged reefs,

rocks and fish. If you wear prescription glasses as I do, most drug and department stores carry lightweight inexpensive polaroid sunglasses which flip up when you don't need them.

ONE item that I have been planning to have made up for a long time is a wading staff. Fresh water fishermen have been using them for years, especially in some of the turbulent Northwest steelhead streams. This could save many a spill and cold water bath when wading out to a clump of rocks or exposed reef.

An item that can save losing a big fish is a gaff. I seldom carry one, but there have been many times that I could have used one. You can land a lunker by wearing him down and sliding him in on an incoming wave, but a gaff properly used is the safest and surest way of landing a big fish.

Another handy item that Floyd Newton introduced me to is a long Texas-size stringer with a curved brass hook on one end and a float on the other. The hook makes stringing a fish a cinch and it can also be used as a gaff in an emergency. The float keeps the fish off the bottom when wading and makes it much easier to tow a loaded stringer. The slip knot which secures the float can also be untied and the float removed for easily taking the fish off the stringer.

Some of the other accessories that I regularly carry are a sharp knife, plastic lure boxes, a left hand glove with non-skid surfacing and a cloth or rag to wipe my hands on. Sunburn lotion and insect repellent also come in very handy at times. And, last but not least, don't forget the jar of liniment at camp to rub out those aches and bruises after a hard day on the beach.

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The meeting was called to order after a delicious Pot Luck dinner. We now know how to get a good crowd out: Just say Pot Luck and have a crew of telephone operators (Chmn Irene St. Johns, Jesse Schwarz, Sally Newman and Marcy Stough).

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore and Mr. Moore's mother, Mr. Kenneth Oyler and his son Kenny.

The door prize was won by Mark Morgan.

Please send stories to the new editor Dr. Burch. We want to keep Tucson in the news.

The clubs are planning a membership drive on Easter down at the Bay. The old road is open again to Cholla Bay.

The trailer for the radio room at the Bay is now in Tucson. Work is being done on the interior.

Meeting closed with a movie on Mexico.

Doris A. Kemp

PHOENIX CHAPTER

The February meeting of the Phoenix Chapter was called to order by Mel Jarvis, Vice President. (Harold was freezing in Flagstaff). The membership Chairman announced that our total membership is 366.

Bob Allison discussed the coming Derby and asks for workers to make this one the best ever.

Mel Jarvis, Search and Rescue Chairman, asked for Registrations (listings) of Boats with radios, Sand Buggies for searching, Cabins that could sleep the Searchers and all the other information that such a complex operation needs.

Dr. and Mrs. Burch were presented a 25th Wedding Anniversary Cake. We wish them well.

The door prize was won by W. R. Sanderson. Here I always thought it was "just plain Bill".

Mary Rogers

NEW SOUTHWESTERN SHELL STUDY CLUB MEETS MONTHLY ASU

EVERYONE who is interested in collecting, studying or just looking at shells is invited to join a new club in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The new club will be called the: "Southwestern Malacological Society" and will meet the third Wednesday of each month at the Arizona State University Zoology Building, Room 163 at 7:30 p.m.

The March 15th meeting will be on Cowry Shells of the Gulf of California by Mrs. John Q. Burch of the Conchological Club of Southern California.

PHOENIX PREXY SPEAKS

I regret that I was unable to be with you for the February meeting, but business called me out of town.

I think it is wonderful that we have members who work for this Organization, when they are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Dr. and Mrs. Burch!

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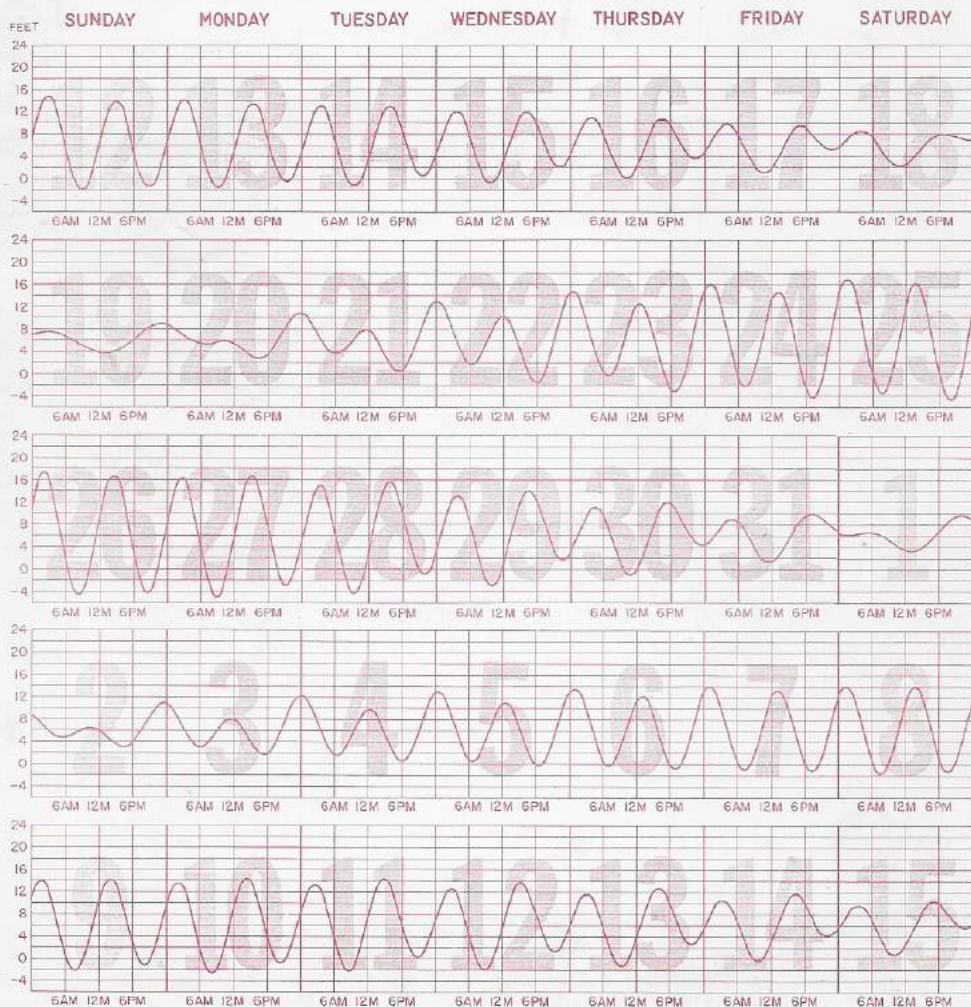
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