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## CHAPTER COMMENTS

### *Phoenix Prexy*

"When you want something done, ask a busy man." In this instance, the "busy man" was J. Deane Fisher, President, Cholla Bay Sportsmens Club of Tucson. With intelligence, leadership and enthusiasm, Deane accepted the challenge of organizing and providing Cholla Bay fans with an outstanding Derby. It is almost unbelievable that a person with no previous Derby experience could do so well! Deane and his loyal crew have earned the affection and respect of all CBSC members in this tremendous achievement.

We were grateful to have the support and assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schall of San Bernadino, California. Mr. Schall, the Operations Officer of Division VIII U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, was very favorably impressed with the scope and attendance of our Derby.

We are all grateful that there were no serious accidents again this year.

### *Tucson Prexy*

Now that the derby is over for another year the clubs can get down to normal and take up all our small problems. While I am talking about the derby I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated regardless of how small or how large a job they did. Without everyone's help we could not have a derby of any kind, so once again "Thank You" from myself and all Tucson officers.

If anyone knows who picked up the trophy for 1st Sea Trout won by Phil Fent or the 1st Pinto won by Olin Ochletree please let me know. They were picked up by some one who was to deliver them to these winners. I failed to get their names, so I cannot be sure the above mentioned received their trophies. Would appreciate any information anyone might have on this.

We have had quite a lot of complaints pertaining to the road so I guess

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## NOTICE — BARGAIN DAYS ARE HERE!

According to Article 5, Section D. in our club bylaws, beginning July 1st, new members will have a reduction in rates for the last half of the year. **THIS APPLIES ONLY** to people who have **NEVER** been a member of the Cholla Bay Sportsmans Club at any time.

The man may join now for \$5.00. The \$2.00 fee for his wife and/or dependent children remains the same. This is for the rest of 1964.

This is not for re-newals or for people who have ever been a member. However, those in that category, if they have not paid dues in '63 or longer — will **NOT** have to pay more than the regular full year's dues.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

There will be a complete accounting in the next issue of the **CHATTER** showing the cost of putting on our annual derby — with it's profit or loss status. But I will say that if all of our advertisers will pay for their ads on time — we won't show a loss.

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## PHOENIX

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There were, however, a couple of "near misses" by runaway boats and trailers on the launching beach that could have been very serious. We must find some way to eliminate this lethal situation.

Our Club has never been stronger financially or membership-wise. We now have the organizational framework for continued growth and service. We are, however, facing a major obstacle in the path of our activities in Mexico. The lack of legal identification in Mexico (incorporation) places us at a distinct disadvantage in our dealings for the Club. Such activities as leasing or purchasing land or housing, securing radio permits and road improvements, self policing, complaint investigation, sanitation and service accommodations are indefinite and clouded, at best. Many people, both Mexican and American ask, why don't we do this or that for the good of the Club and the enjoyment of all? We must reply, in most instances, that due to our alien status, it is not possible. Even those of us who are officers of the Club, an Arizona Corporation, are legally speaking, merely individual aliens with little if any rights, protection or opportunities.

Incorporating our Club in Mexico will not be a "cure all", but will at least get us in the "Doctor's Office."

Bob Taylor has volunteered to secure this incorporation for the Club from the Council level. Anyone who can aid him and accelerate this endeavor should contact Bob immediately and give him the benefit of what you may have to offer. Previous experience and contacts will help him greatly.

Dick Gardner has another fine program "on tap" for us next meeting. I would appreciate your giving me any suggested changes for the Constitution and By-Laws at any meeting or by mail. I would also appreciate copies of your "Lifetime" Fishing License and/or old expired copies of short term (3 day) licenses for a special project I am working on.

See you next Tuesday.

## TUCSON

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this is one of our major problems for the future.

I would like to give a vote of thanks to Lois Sanderson and everyone who helped with the preparation of the Derby Issue of the "Chatter". It was an excellent job and a lot of hard work. They deserve a thank you from everyone.

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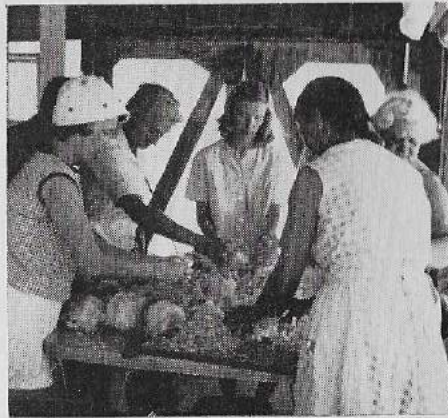
—Lois Sanderson

All of us in the club should be very grateful to the Fisher family and many of their friends who so graciously took care of the preparation and serving of the fish fry at our 9th annual derby. Your editor dropped in on the various phases of the game — and I'd like you to know that they were actually enjoying themselves! Literally — they were making a fun thing out of what could have been a terrific chore for most of us.

It started out on Thursday night when George and Mary Fisher, who by the way — are Deane's parents, and Wanda and Skipper Ray, with a friend of theirs, picked over and washed a whole 50 pound sack of beans. It took them till midnight — all this at the Fisher's Hacienda.

Saturday morning, bright and early — those beans were put in huge galvanized cans by George Fisher and Alejandro Quen of Puerto Penasco. All day long you could drop by and see them watching and stirring them with a wooden (canoe) paddle. They had many sidewalk supervisors — including Harry Truman's double, L. J. Melvin.

Those wonderful people, the Skipper Rays of Glendale had brought a case each of lettuce and cabbage which they donated for the salad. During the afternoon, I dropped by there to offer my



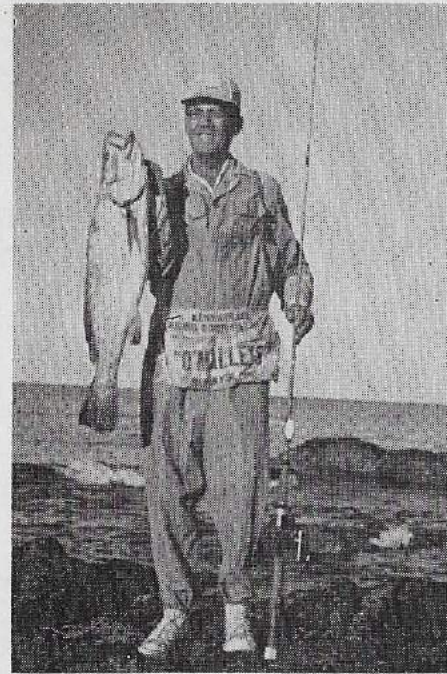
services but found that I was most too late to do anything but sample and taste. Busier than bees at the Fishers were Darlene, Mary, Kathy and Dean Fisher. Also Joan Schall of San Bernardino, California, plus Candy Gumbaugh and Cindy Schall. Carlotta and Alejandro Quen, friends from Rocky Point, certainly proved that "a friend in need is a friend indeed." Mary Fisher made the dressing — by the gallon — salad oil and vinegar and spices. Here again — I was the taster!

I've only one brickbat to throw but I'm sure I will be joined by a great many people who were down by the boat landing in the last mad moments of getting the boats in with their catches in time to be entered and weighed in for the wonderful trophies and prizes.

How many of you were hampered by the antics of two young girls who should have been old enough to know better — who kept diving in the water and swimming out — over their depths — right where the dozens of boats were milling around — waiting their turns to be taken in by their respective high-boys. It was a miracle that these girls weren't hurt or mangled horribly by props. I have pictures of them out there which I'm sure willing to show to any one who might doubt my word. The older girl was named "Peggy" and she lives in Phoenix. The other one's first name begins with a V. and her last name is Thomas. They kept daring and enticing a smaller Mexican boy to follow them. He was a bit cautious!

## SURFSIDE COMMENTS

By Gene Henry



I'm sure that surf fishermen, deep water fishermen and beachcombers all join in a vote of thanks to those who made this year's derby such an enjoyable outing: to the Council for setting a date on which the whole family could participate; to the Tucson Club for the smooth and efficient way the derby and fish fry were run; to Bill Blair who as always did a masterful job of M.C.ing the awards presentation; to Myrt Johnson and her crew who conducted the coast guard safety check of boats at the launching area; and to the large turnout of members and guests who participated.

We surf fishermen were particularly grateful for the chance to participate when the season and weather were favorable. The schools of bait fish were not in close to shore which made fishing spotty, but those willing to move around and work the shoreline were able to catch most varieties of game fish caught from the surf in the Cholla Bay area.

I passed up a golden opportunity to join Bill Hammer, his Dad and Bill Valentine in "Misty Keela" for a fishing foray to Bird Island on Friday so that John and I could work the beaches of the lower estuary. I hated to miss this trip in the worst way, but it's probably just as well since I probably would have shook hands with that scorpion stowaway instead of Valentine. That's one trip I definitely would like to hold a raincheck on — O.K., Bill?

John and I were joined later in the day by our good buddy, Paul Skoglund. Paul not only gave us the best in fishing company, but also gave me some much needed tips for driving the beach in our new Scout. This guy is the very best and believe me it takes the best to make some of those stretches of beach made up of nothing but ground-up sea shells. We had to work for our fish, never catching more than one or two at any one spot, but by the end of the day, we had caught yellow fin, sea trout, pompano, mackerel, rock bass, sand perch and pargo.

The derby gave me the first opportunity to use my new 9' surf rod hand-crafted by Al Ellis. I tried a variety of lures ranging from ½ ounce to 1½ ounce and caught fish ranging from less than a pound to 6½ pounds. In addition, I had one lunker yellow fin completely licked when the line snagged on a rock and snapped. This feather-weight jewel handled all of these lures and fish with equal ease and gives a feel of the action of both lures and fish that I have never experienced with any other rod. Al and his charming wife, Virginia, are planning on coming to the next meeting of the Phoenix Club and I for one am most happy to welcome them to our Club and community.

All in all I think the surf fishermen made a darn good showing in the 1964 Derby — and I finally got a trophy which will make living with Son John a lot easier. I feel that I am expressing the sentiments of the whole group in encouraging the Council to make the Memorial Weekend derby an annual affair.

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1. Total account of derby was established and complete report will be forthcoming to the Council.

2. Donations amounting to \$151.94 to the people serving the fish dinner — was credited to the Tucson Chapter.

3. The following people will be commended by a letter of appreciation for contributing their help towards a successful event. Ruth Lawrence, Art Lawrence, Mary Gombash, John Hoey, Arnold Brown.

4. Motion was made by Lynn Booth and seconded by Howard Taylor to pay all outstanding bills accumulated during the derby.

5. The representative of the Tucson Wild Life Limited asked the Tucson Chapter to send a delegate to their next meeting on July 16, 1964 at 8:00 PM room 100, Biological Survey. They asked to have our representative narrate on Cholla Bay and present film if possible. Film that is scheduled to be shown at our next meeting will be retained and re-run for their meeting.

6. Motion to adjourn by Howard Taylor and seconded by Verna Conlisk.

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:00 PM . . . Deane Fisher

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 13 May 1964 were read and approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: \$1,422.06

Letter of appreciation from Gene Henry commending Tucson for the promotion of a successful derby.

Minutes of the Tucson Board meeting of June 2, 1964 was read.

President asked for volunteers to attend meeting at U. of A.

President asked for committee report on projector. No one was able to submit a report.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE: Asked for everyone to give them their change of number.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: 120 Paid up approximately.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Dorothy Walker said thanks for help on telephoning.

VISITORS: Henry and Cecilia Graves . . . 1101 S. Hedrick, Phone 622--21; Al Secker . . . 2942 E. Coconio Vista, Phone 6238887; Le Kenan . . . 1252 W. Smoot Pl., Phone MA 25103; Howard Dutcher.

No address up to this date were given by visitors for future contacts. Some type of registration by the secretary will be set up each meeting night.

Letter from the Thunder Bird Marine on how to register your boat was read. Howard Taylor has blank forms for registration.

Dust in Derby area was discussed. Prices quoted on oil for dust retention. Suggested that salt water would do just as well and motion by Bill Casey and seconded by Verna Conlisk to have this problem brought before the council.

Door prizes: Mr. Silfix, Lynn Booth, and Wayne Devore.

Motion to adjourn: Les Conlisk and Seconded by Mr. Silfix.

Lester E. Babcock Secretary  
Deane Fisher President



By Ken Evans

Explaining a trouble spot in an outboard engine and recommending corrective action is not always easy, especially if the receiver of this information is not familiar with the part or group of parts being discussed. However I will do my best to put across this very common problem encountered in O.M.C. type, lower unit shifting mechanisms and its cause. If you are one of the large number of outboard owners that must have shifter dogs replaced each season, this is for you!

By way of explanation, the shifter or shift dog is the part that is attached to the propeller shaft by means of splines and which is moved to a position between the forward and reverse gears for the neutral position. When the shift lever is moved to the forward position the shifter is moved thru a series of linkages to engage the forward gear. The forward gear is always turning or rotating while the engine is running. The same holds true of the reverse gear and reverse position. Both the forward gear and the reverse gears are moving at all times while the engine is running, but in different directions. One will be spinning in a clockwise rotation and the other will be spinning in a counter-clockwise rotation. Hence the propeller shaft is either stopped, rotating clockwise or counter-clockwise, depending on the position of the shifter which can be slid back and forth on the splined shaft to engage

either gear, or to a position between them which is neutral. This is the trouble spot!

This shift dog or shifter will have two or four blunt points or ears protruding from each end which engage a like ear in the forward and reverse gears. When these parts are new or in a usable condition the contact edges are flat and parallel to the propeller shaft. Mal-adjusted linkages or incorrect practice in shifting causes shipping and wear or tapering of this contact point or surface.

Now, as power is applied and engine thrust increases, at this point of contact between the shifter and the gear this very pressure forces the shifter away from the gear because of the taper of the contact surface and the engine jumps out of gear. Sometimes it stays out only momentarily and as one man said, "My engine hiccups every fifty feet or so." A few such jumps by the shifter and both the gear and shifter have to be replaced. Now, here is the remedy. The belief that GENTLE SHIFTING or EASING into gear is the correct practice to eliminate shifting problems is wrong! Easing into gear causes the ears on the gears and shifter to rap and slide off many times during each shifting operation before the gears are finally engaged. This one misunderstanding in operation is the direct and principle cause of accelerated gear and shifter wear. Neither should the operator slam the control into gear, but shifting should be made with a snappy, smart movement. Above all, don't shift gears while the engine is running above the recommended idle speed. Passing from forward to reverse without giving the propeller shaft time to stop doesn't add to the life of gears either.

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## My Hobby — SHELL COLLECTING

Finally, yes finally, there is a fair representation of the seashells to be found in the Cholla Bay area on display in a case, especially made for the Club for this project, in the Base Radio Station at the Bay. This project was started during the Bob Taylor regime at which time Deane Fisher, present President of the Tucson Chapter, volunteered to build a case as his donation and build it he did and it has been standing empty at the Radio Station these past months. I was the one that was slow on the trigger and my contribution of shells was finally brought to the Bay just before the Derby and there it is, partially filling this lovely case. If you take the trouble to count them you will find over one hundred specimens there. Eventually there should be twice that many.

The seashells in the case are identified with their scientific names and the common ones also when possible. I know it seems pretty high-fallutin' sounding and even annoying to some people when I refer to a shell by its scientific name and I have heard such sharp criticism as "Oh come off it! Give me the real name of that shell". (Meaning the common name). Some rather resent such terms as Conchology, which the dictionary states is the study of seashells and its molluska, the first occupant that create dthe shell; Conchologist, which is a person that studies

Conchology. I am supposed to be the chairman of the Conchological Committee. This is a real tongue twister and it may make you stutter, as it does me, when I try to pronounce it. I fall under the category of Conchologist, no matter how high brow it may sound, because of my intensive and extensive study of shells and its life, its habitats, its growth, how they propagate, etc. I have a keen interest in this study. My ambition is to secure every shell possible from the Gulf of California and have them all correctly identified scientifically. I am strictly an amateur as yet, despite my years of study, and just as others in this field of study, I have all my identifications verified by authorities such as E. P. Chase of San Diego, connected with the Museum and the Society of Natural History, Dr. Stillman Berry of the Dept. of Geology at Redlands College, Dr. Myra Keen of the Dept. of Geology of Stanford University and most recently my mainstay, Dr. Donald Shaskey of Redlands who has studied extensively under Dr. Berry and Dr. Keen. Each of these authorities confer together in making their identifications.

There are books and books, big ones and little ones, paper backed and hard bound ones, that deal with shells throughout the world and the paper backed nature study type usually give shells a common name. There is one book and one only that covers the shells of our Gulf of California and those found south as far as Panama and that is "Sea Shells of Tropical West America" by Dr. Myra Keen of Stanford University, compiled by her with the assistance of many other Veteran Conchologists. Sorry — but there is no other book that deals exclusively with the shells of this area, which includes Cholla Bay. The price is pretty high but is well worth the cost for those who are interested in extensive scientific study of shells. To those who are interested in seashells for their beauty and collect them for that reason; who want a collection for enjoyment, I suggest they work with the paper backed inexpensive little books who will give you the common names of the family to

which they belong.

For years I studied shells alone. I did not know what I was doing and the more I studied the more confused I became. I secured a book on shells of the Pacific Coast by Percy Morris, which was the closest to the area of our Gulf and these I found some species that resembled our shells. I bought Walter Webb's book on Handbook for Shell Collectors and United States Molluska, which for years was the accepted bible for shell collectors and which now has been rejected as very incorrect and obsolete by the present authorities — much to my sorrow. Happily I located an out-of-print copy of Maxwell Smith on "Panamic Shells," which also has been discarded as unauthentic. I still have these books and treasure them very much because from these I gleaned my first bit of knowledge in identifying shells.

My first introduction to the life and habitat of the molluska that inhabited each shell and created it was thru that large and wonderful book entitled "American Seashells" by R. Tucker Abbott and in that I found many of the shells that were credited strictly to the Gulf of California. This book gave me my first hope as I read about the natural history of seashells which none of the other books had so much as made a mention. The book explained about the life of the snail, which includes all the univalves, or spiral type shells and the life of the clams, which include all bi-vavles. I was amazed at what I read and learned. The interesting facts of where and how they lived, how they grew, how they fed and how they re-

produced. I used to blithely announce that this shell or that shell was a female and that one a male. Someone had told me so but I learned I was very wrong and misinformed. The life of the univalves are more often males when small and in the juvenile stage, and that the larger, more developed shells are females. They often reverse their sex as necessary for propagation. Some are hermaphrodites, or dual sexed. I realized then that I had many juvenile shells that I was vainly trying to place as a separate specie from the adult. A baby giant Conch certainly does not resemble an adult and I was trying to make it out as some specie of a Cone. I learned that you had to also study the life of the shells to determine its identity as well as its distinguishing features, some of which can scarcely be seen with the naked eye and require a magnifying glass. The bi-valves also have a few species that are hermaphrodites and practice sex reversal and some males and females can only be distinguished by the shape of the adult shell. I read with the dictionary beside me because of the scientific terminology used.

As other Conchologists, both veterans and amateurs, such as myself, I was anxiously waiting for Dr. Myra Keen's book to be published and I secured mine in the fall of 1958. I leafed thru the pages. The book was divided in sections — the first dealing with bi-valves, each specie being given a number and I found that there were 606 species described in this book. The second section of the book deals with univalves with 1037 species under this class. There are three other classes of

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shells also discussed, which was news to me and which I will not confuse readers any further as those interested will learn for themselves. I was as yet too confused to plunge headfirst into an extensive study of the book. I decided to first see how many Murex' I had in my collection that were listed in this book and when I found the section dealing with this specie and there in big, bold print was the answer to the previous baffling question of how to identify shells. They all belong to families — as simple as that! There was the Family MURICIDAE, the Subfamily MURICINAE, Genus MUREX, CENTRIFUGA, HEXAPLEX, MAXWELLS, MURICANTHUS, PTERYNOTUS, followed by Subfamily OCENEBRINAE, Genus OCENEBRA, etc., twenty pages listing Subfamilies with the Genus' of each Subfamily, all belonging to one big Family MURICIDAE — 59 species in all. I had my answer to how to proceed with the identification of my shells and that was to determine which Family they belonged to.

Again I found that I could not proceed with my study without the aid of the dictionary before me even after an intensive study of the Glossary found in the back of the book listing the explanations of the many scientific terminologies used in describing shells. There were such terms as periostracum, operculum, apex, body whorls, aperture,

spiral whorls, etc., which are more or less self-explanatory but when I came to such terms as varices, columella, carinate, escutcheon, periphery, etc., I was lost and even to this day I become confused as to just what a term means and have to refer to both Glossary and etymology. I knew better than to rely on my own judgment in the identifying of shells and sought the assistance of the accepted universal authorities on Conchology. I know Dr. Myra Keen thru correspondence only as I have never had the pleasure of meeting her as yet, but she accepted very graciously my request that she verify my identifications. Many species were mailed to her with my identifications and she returned them to me with her verifications or corrections and many times I have been corrected by her as well as by other veterans. I accept their corrections with explanations — gratefully.

I have been joined this year by three other persons here in Phoenix who have developed the same keen desire to secure as many of our Gulf species and have them correctly identified. These persons are Iva Barker, Iva Henry and Carol Skoglund and we try to meet Thursday of each week to study individual species of shells — according to families, at each meeting. We usually start around ten A.M. and always become so engrossed in this interesting study that the time flies and we don't get back to earth until 4 P.M. or later. To study alone is very difficult and my shells with question marks were growing in number. Now with four of us to examine each shell, there are four pairs of eyes to find the distinguishing features of each specie and the various variations that are barely discernible. We all work with magnifying glasses and several of my question marks now have been cleared, but even with four of us studying we do not rely entirely on our combined opinions — we merely identify it with reservations for corrections. Fortunately, my previous associations with authorities and their verifications have answered many of the questions from the other three. We have question marks on many species even now and those species will be

brought or mailed to the veteran authorities for their opinions.

This has been written for the purpose of pointing out the importance of having a scientifically identified collection of shells at Cholla Bay for the benefit of those who desire to identify their own collection of shells. I know full well that it will be very uninteresting to many of you readers who will bother to read the entire text. The study of shells entails hard and long hours of study and that collection of shells on display at the Bay represents the result of the efforts of four people. If other Conchologists visit the bay and look over the collection there, I hope they will leave their opinions or corrections if they find any, so that we may further pursue study of those specie and either make corrections or can secure re-verifications of our identifications. I know that, if Dr. Stillman Berry or Mr. Chase or Dr. Keen should examine the shells and their identification they would offset this criticism and that is that I did not include the name of the authority that originally identified the specie and the date that it was universally accepted but I feel that is unimportant except to those who will work on a completely scientific collection. To those who consider this article too far fetched with its scientific terminology, they should read some of the many letters that I have received from other Conchologists. They should try reading books on the scientific study of shells and they will find this a mild version of the Conchologist language.



#### TROPHY WINNERS

Grand Prize — Bill Pyper — Phoenix  
 Team Prize — Vilo Miller & Charlie Reed — Phoenix  
 1st Pinto — Olin Ocheltree — Phoenix  
 2nd Pinto — Paul Denny — Tucson  
 1st Grouper — Vern Woolfley — Phoenix  
 2nd Grouper — John Herrscher — Phoenix  
 1st Sea Trout — Phil Fent  
 2nd Sea Trout — John Herrscher — Phoenix  
 Sea Bass — Eddie Jackson — Phoenix  
 Yellow Fin — Bob Taylor — Phoenix  
 Pompano — Gene Henry — Phoenix  
 Mackerel — Rich Allen — Phoenix

#### CHILD UNDER 14

Largest Fish — Bobby Lowry — 6 yrs. old — Phoenix

#### BEST SHELL COLLECTION

Friday — Adeline Sanderson — Phoenix  
 Sat. — James Heim & Russell Gaynor — Phoenix

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By VERA CONLISK

### — THE METAMORPHOSIS —

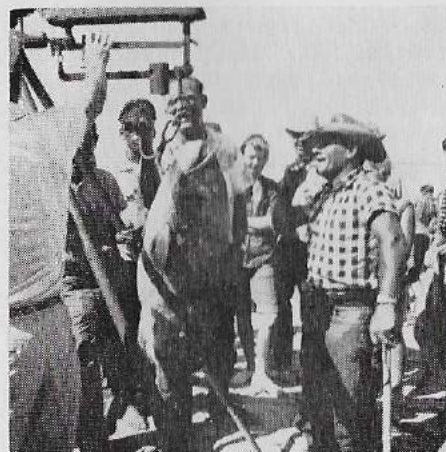
When I was a young girl, I was exposed to the thrill of fishing. But, like a lot of diseases, I was exposed, but it didn't take. My folks always took a two-week vacation every summer and headed straight to some well advertised fishing resort. I had a lot of fun doing a lot of things, but somehow sitting on the side of a river bank, holding on to a pole for what seemed like hours on end, didn't intrigue me at all. My father was quite disappointed in me and couldn't understand my reaction at all. You see, he always seemed to be having a real good time doing just that. (Fishing I mean)

One time, after I had married and had my children at least half raised, I was invited to accompany the fellows down Mexico way to Cholla Bay. I had heard so many stories that I firmly believed most fishermen just lied thru their teeth for the sheer fun of it. We had a 14 foot boat, some fair gear to fish with, and a lot of fisherman's promises of how much fun it was going to be. We started out onto that beautiful, warm, perfect looking water with a song in our hearts and not a care in the world looking for that fun and adventure that just had to be there.

We caught a few fish, nothing to brag about but we were having fun. When you are not familiar with water conditions, or the movement of water or

tides, you are not aware of a change in any of them, or in the meaning of any such change. So-o-o- when the waves begin to have little white tips on them when they broke, or when the swells rolled up higher than the boat, it means nothing to you except you are afraid the boat might be swamped and you might end up on the bottom of Davy Jones Locker somewhere. This line of thinking makes you just a little sick and the more you dwell on that subject the sicker you get until all of a sudden your breakfast seems too heavy in your stomach and it has just gotta go. Then you wish you had never listened to those bragging fishermen and had stayed on good ole terra firma. As bad as life seems from this angle, you don't want to chicken out in front of your husband's friends, so you hold on to the pole as if nothing was happening and the furthestest thing from your thoughts at that moment was catching fish. Oops! What was that? I almost lost my line, pole and all. Some inner desperation must have grabbed them as my knees were weak as water and I know I couldn't hold on to anything, much less a fishing pole, but hang on I did. Somehow having something that big on my line changed my line of thinking. So, instead of letting loose, I hung on. Well I want you to know, that fish pulled that boat for what seemed like over a mile with me hanging on for dear life. I had visions of that monster pulling me right out of the boat, but I hung on. Finally, my devoted husband saw the strain I was in and tried to help me by tightening the tension on the reel. The whirring sound made by the line going out had given him the idea that the reel didn't have enough tension on it to reel in. However, that wasn't the real problem at all. That fish was just too strong and as soon as the tension was tightened Mr. Fish broke the line and away he went, and with my pretty hooks too. I know most of you can guess just about what I was thinking about that time (How I didn't need all that help). I guess it is easier to understand the stories told about the fish that got away.

The strange thing about the whole affair was that I was no longer sick. And if you are not sick and you came all that way out to fish, well why not, let's fish. Then I began to fish in earnest. I had lost a whopper, maybe I could catch another. To make a long story short, I did catch a lot of fish that day, even tho the big one got away. And the thrill of being told you are a good fisherman, even by the men who have been fishing for years, gives you a certain satisfaction that grows into an unexplainable pride of accomplishment. And from being bored with going fishing to being hardly able to wait between to the Bay is to me a complete metamorphosis.



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The District Conference in San Diego

in January got this Flotilla off to a great start. Following the Commodore's Ball there have been a number of other activities, such as the Division meeting in Boulder, when after it was over, everyone went to Las Vegas! The boat show at the Fairgrounds, the PIC (Public Information Class), at Naval Training Center, The Parker Patrol, when the Hardister's Boat and the KTKan were under orders (meaning the CG paid the tab). The combination District & Division meeting in Indio, California, "Activity Week," as well as the annual Auxiliary National Conference in San Francisco, and the Commodore's Ball in Las Vegas this December. In addition to these, we have picnics at the lakes, Search & Rescue at Cholla Bay, Potlucks and outdoor parties, a Masquerade in October, and dinner parties honoring dignitaries who are in town, which all spells fun and good times.

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**Watch Your Wake**



By Bill Valentine

I can't stand it any longer! I just have to "rub it in" a little bit, on one of my Cholla Bay fishing compadres, Slim Wilkerson.

Several weeks ago, I called up old 'Mr. Bass' himself, Wally Blanchard, and invited him to accompany me for a weekend of spinfishing the Cholla Bay-Rocky Point area. Wally knows every brushpile, treestump and Large-mouth Bass by 1st name, in Roosevelt and Apache lakes, but for some reason has neglected to get acquainted with our saltier, finny friends of the Gulf.

Wally accepted my offer, and then about 3 hours later called me back with a sad tale of woe. It seems that Slim had been inviting Wally to fish with him for several years, but each time they would plan a trip, something would come up so that Wally couldn't go. Well, when Slim got word that Wally was going with me, he immediately jumped all over Wally and shamed him into going with Slim instead.

Slim is a surf fisherman, par excellence, and knows how to work a Jig over the rocks to catch fish, as well as how to entice Sea Trout from a sand bottom. He has the patience (I don't possess) necessary to outwait a hooked-up Grouper which has burrowed under

a rock. I've actually seen the old boy calmly sit down on a rock, light his pipe, and think good clean thoughts, while a Grouper he had hooked up sulked deep in a cave. After about a 15 minute war of nerves, the Grouper tried to sneak out of the hole he was in, and 'Ole Slim just nonchalantly cranked him in. This takes talent.

Anyway, Wally joined Slim for the trip, after some good natured ribbing by me, on what a big mistake he was making. They left Friday evening so that Slim could drive Wally over to the estuary bright and early Sat. morning and they could work the beach between the two estuaries slaughtering Trout.

I didn't arrive at Cholla till quite late Saturday afternoon, so it was about 5:30 p.m. before I was able to struggle down to the rocks around Pelican Point to wet a line. Man, I really lucked out. The only skill involved in my type of fishing from the rocks, is just being able to keep from falling into the drink. If the fish are there, all you have to do to catch one, is to get a lure to it — which anyone can do.

The fish were there, alright, just waiting for someone to lay a lure in their midst and I was just the boy to do it. After about an hour's casting, I was down to only one lonesome lure left, as the sharp rocks and hungry fish had cleaned me out. I had a stringer plump full of Macks, Poms, Barracuda, Por-

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## Between the Mountains and the Sea

By Ida Bourland

Visiting with Dave and Vida Davidson in Phoenix and here at the Bay were Clem and Etta Abercombie of Barnard, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henry and son, Ronnie, spent a weekend here recently. Their boat brought in a White Sea Bass weighing about 250 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Latham of Phoenix, were here at the bay with their son, Gerald, and daughter, Sue.

Mrs. Arch Miller, along with La Neah and Dawn Boran from Tolleson spent some time here at La Cholla.

Coming from Congress, Arizona, were Elmer and Elva Read, also Mrs. Read's sister and brother-in-law, Etta and Charlie Wilkinson from Fresno, California. They spent several days here.

Sporting a new trailer and spending a week here — were Harry and Magge Williams of Phoenix.

J. V. Cook, Jr. and his wife, Nancy from Tucson were here and had as their guests, Nancy's brother, Gene Price and his wife from Los Angeles, California.

O.D. and Avis Boldin from Glendale — were here for a few days.

Lois Lackey and her dad and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Turner from Palo Verde were here for a long weekend and had as their guests, Mike Castilla, the Turner's grandson from Phoenix, Bill and Dorothy Sanders and Steve and Barbara Bales from Palo Verde. Barbara is the Sander's daughter.

When the weather begins to warm up here — many of our winter visitors depart. Pop South returned to his home in Norris City, Illinois — after visiting with his son and family at Safety Harbor, Florida.

Dewey and Alma Harmon have returned to Fleming, Colorado. They reported a safe journey home.

Pat and Audrey Gardner visited in Tucson before going to their cabin at Lakeside, Arizona.

Jim and Dorthene Jorgenson visited Dorthene's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid in Mesa, before going to their home in Pinedale, Wyoming.

Coming from California for a visit were Jerry and Jean Morse. They visited their aunt and uncle, Genevieve and Hubert Morse.

From "out Wickenburg Way" were Harold Cummings and Pappy Coones.

Hitting the Pack Pot on White Sea Bass were Marvin and Rada Avery. One weighed 212 pounds, one 207, and one 128 pounds. They also brought in a number of Grouper and Pinto. **SOME FISHING TRIP!**

Seems the White Sea Bass were running. Clifford and Leona Cape from Chandler, brought in a 140 pounder — besides a lot of Pinto.

Bill and Audrey Clark from Tucson were here and had as their guests, Pat and Helen Thornton, also of Tucson.

Spending a week's vacation at Cholla Bay were Tom and Mary Knagge from Tucson. They enjoyed fishing and shelling.

Coming to spend a month from Dalhart, Texas, were Henry and Flossie Rhoades. They are the guests of Walter, Marie, and June Davis at their casa.

Am happy to report that Marshall D. Wright is much improved after his operation. Hope he can come back to the bay soon.

Sorry to report that Al Scott was confined in Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix with a heart condition.

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Henry and June Nordmeyer from Tucson, their son, Hank and his guest, Joe Quiroy — were here for a weekend.

We are happy to have Mr. Griffin from Las Cruces, New Mexico — to join us here at the bay. He brought a trailer down and moved in. We say "Welcome" to him and his wife.

From Wickenburg for a few days were Howard and Polly Coffinger. They had as their guests, Bob and Virginia Parker from California.

Bob and Mae Wolff spent a few days here. It seemed to be a strictly shelling expedition.

Bud and Mae Moore have returned to their home in Tucson after visiting here.

S. M. and Gertrude Thompson of Tucson paid Bob and I a surprise visit.

Dr. B. E. and Marie Walker spent a long weekend at their casa. They had several guests with them.

Bob and I had a birthday dinner for Mabel Bercovich. Those attending were Manuel Bercovich, Vilo and Ann Miller, Charles and Helen Reed, Hubert and Genevieve Morse, and S. M. and Gertrude Thompson. Mabel received some lovely gifts.

Harry and Sally De Lozier of Ajo — came down to the bay for a month.

Arriving at La Cholla on May 27th to be here in time for the Derby were many of our friends. Among them were Aline Eddy from Phoenix, Coy and Grace Cook from Tucson, Bob and Alice Taylor and their daughter, Edith Tyra and her children, all from Phoenix, the Tom Sharps', Pete and Iva Barker, Ken and Myrt Johnson, Charlie and Helen Reed, and the Gene Henry family — all these from Phoenix, too.

Vilo Miller had a birthday on May 28th. Ann served ice cream and cake to Hubert and Genevieve Morse, Pa and Ma Turner, Manuel and Mabel Bercovich, Charlie and Helen Reed, Willis Fredland, and Bob and Ida Bourland. Stopping by to visit were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Steinhoff, their friend, and Dorothy Vererucysse.

Arriving at the bay May 28th were Bart and Nadine Scott from Lexington, Oklahoma. They plan to be here a

couple of months.

On May 29th, Walter Davis arrived with his son and wife, Gerald and Angela, and their daughter, Nancy from Tucson. Sorry to hear that Marie was sick so June Davis stayed home with her.

Also arriving on the 29th were Rod and Lois Sanderson from Phoenix; Lyle Rogers, with a group of friends from Phoenix; Elbert and Lois Lackey from Palo Verde, Arizona, their son, Gaynell, his wife, Karen, their son, Don Lee, Dorothy Sanders and her two daughters, Barbara Bales with sons, Steve Jr. and David, Genevieve Stidman and her husband, Don, plus their two sons, Chester and Jimmie — all from Palo Verde. From the same little town came Pa and Ma Turner and their sons — T. J. with his wife Peggy and daughters, Sharon, Debbie, Jana, Sandy, and Nancy, and Leroy with his wife Arlene, son, Ronnie and daughter, Diana, also the Turner's grandson from Phoenix, Mike Castilla. Coming to visit the Elbert Lackeys were Ed and Dorothy Kacer and children, Tommie, Rickie, and Carol, also Louis Jocelyn, his daughter, Joan, and a friend, Mike Johnson. Les and Verna Conlisk arrived to help in the derby. They are from Tucson.

Larry and Sue Sanderson from Page, Arizona, arrived on the 30th to spend a week with their parents, Rod and Lois. With them were their five children, Katie, Ginny, Sandy, Dorrie, and

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David, also Kathy Sanderson from Flagstaff whom they picked up on their way south.

Arriving on the 1st of June from Las Cruces, New Mexico, were Joe and Mabel Dickerson with their two grandchildren, Sharon and Ronnie.

Here from Las Cruces also was John Hoskins. He arrived on May 25th and stayed thru the derby until the 2nd of June. Gladys went in the opposite direction — to Oklahoma — to be there while their grandchildren, Jimmie and Debbie had their tonsils removed. John's brother and his sister and their respective spouses came from Phoenix to be his guests.

June 6th was Rod Sanderson's birthday and coming from El Centro, California to help the others celebrate were Bill and Ardene Sanderson and children, Craig, Byron and Tammy.

Pa and Ma Turner had gone home after the derby but returned on June 5th along with Lois Lackey and her sister, Helen Castilla from Phoenix and Helen's children, Mike, Kim, Gary and Vicki. Also a friend, Marie Sparks.

June the 5th was the arrival date for many vacationers now that school is out — among them being Art and Belle Manning and their sons, Richard and David. They brought as their guests, Robert Hughes and his daughter, Gail, Joan and Elile Tibken, Mr. Francis Barron, the Ed Schneiders and their family, also Mrs. Manning's brother and his friend from Phoenix.

Also arriving on the 5th were E. L. and Dorothy Perkins with children, Terry and Linda, and Karl and Pattie Taylor with their children — all from Phoenix.

Art Manning and his sons went fishing. Art caught a 54 pound grouper and son, Richard caught a 38 pounder.

We were happy to have as our guests the weekend of June 13th, Dick and Mary Groves from Wilcox.

Bob Moses, his father and his son, Chip and a boy friend were here for the weekend. Chip and his friend stayed on for several days.

Dr. John Cogland, his daughter and son, and three friends were here from

Phoenix.

Howard and Polly Coffinger from Wickenburg arrived June 15th with their guests Lloyd and Lois Britton.

Cecil and Lela Gary arrived on the 16th for a few days. They are from Phoenix. At the same time Kenneth and La Wanda Dunlap and their children were here. They had as guests, Pete and Mary Jensen. They are all from Wilcox, Arizona.

Manuel Bercovich had a birthday too! This was on the 17th of June. Ann Miller and Helen Reed had a dinner for Manuel and Mabel. Have many more, Manuel!

Congratulations to Pa and Ma Turner who were married 50 years on June 14th. Hope they have many more years together.

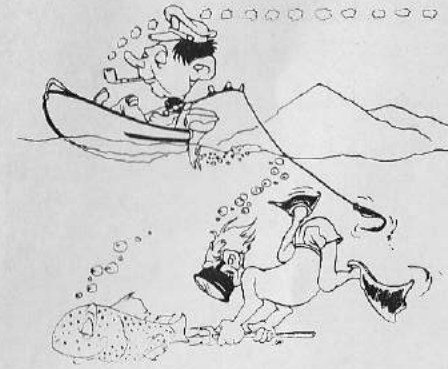
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It seems that when things look the calmest that is just when something does come up some of us to do some fussin' about. I don't mean real bad feudin' right at this point But — it could get serious.

It all started Sunday morning June 14. It was such a beautiful calm day and here we sat with the boat, fishing tackle and all back in Tucson for repairs. So we decided to take a run up on 'Pelican Point' in the jeep to look over the situation.

There was not too much activity on the point at that time. However, we spied two masculine forms making their way up among the rocks. We waited to greet them for we had obviously parked near their car. As they came closer we could see they were equipped with Scuba gear, weight belts, etc., one of them carrying a net containing a few 'Gems' of the ocean. Curious fishermen that we are — we approached them to view their findings.

"Hi there, have any luck?"

"Not much," said one.

"Well, I got a curious looking one, in fact I almost got it in the neck," said the other one, as he displayed a brand new, bright and shiny 'Martin Plug'.

My blood ran cold for just a minute, for I could see in a glance just about what had happened.

"My buddy here was real quick and cut me loose with his knife or I don't know what could have happened. I was real lucky, it did not catch me in the eye or face, it only caught my compressed air hose."

"Gee, that sounds like that too could have been serious. What if it had broken or damaged the hose??? How deep were you, when the plug caught you?" I asked.

"About 40 feet," one said.

"Were you flying a 'Diver's Flag'?" my friend asked.

"No, we don't have one," one of the divers answered, sheepishly.

"Don't you know that is one of the most important pieces of equipment a diver can have?" my friend came back at him. Then went on to say: "That flag is for your own protection, to inform the fishermen, there are 'Divers Below'. He was out after that big fish and look what he caught. 'What a Boo-Boo'."

All the time this conversation was going on I was taking it all in like a vacuum cleaner — At first I had a vision of the proud fisherman that had just thrown his new plug over the side of his boat and had a big strike right away and then his disappointment at bringing his line in and seeing it had been cut. I'll be he was puzzled and angry. I can't help wondering what he would have said had he landed the diver?? I could also visualize what a tragedy could have happened under the water.

When the flag was mentioned, my

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mind was really set to whirling, and my imagination went rampant — because I had honestly never heard of a “Divers Flag!,” or what it looked like! All I could visualize was how a diver could handle a flag attached to his back with all the other equipment under water, and what good was it?

Being very much interested in our under water compadres and what goes on under the surface I would like to try diving myself. So I started asking some questions.

After talking to many divers and fishermen, I learned the importance of the Divers Flag. Dick Case, one of our prominent club members and also president of the Arizona Skindiving Council, and an instructor in Scuba Diving, gave me some wonderful advice, and supplied me with a list of rules concerning the Divers Flag. Rules follow article.

Many of the fishermen I talked to were like myself. Had never heard of the Divers Flag, much less knew what

it looks like. One fisherman said he would have gone over to see if it was a fisherman's buoy and perhaps start fishing there. As we can see this would have been wrong because the fisherman should give at least 100 feet clearance from the flag for the skindiver.

My purpose in writing this article is **not** to antagonize either the fisherman, nor the diver, but to bring to the attention of the fisherman what the “Divers Flag” is and what to look for and to the divers the importance of its use. We are all striving for a good will feeling between both. The harvest of the sea is shared by man — the line fisherman, the skin diver and the commercial fisherman. In order that each may share unselfishly in the water's wealth, all must work together in HARMONY. We may all do this by, Knowledge, Recognition, Use, and Respect of the “Divers Flag”.

The Underwater Society of America recommends that: The flag presently in common use for diving shall be

known as the “Divers Flag”: it shall be Square in shape, 12 inches, 21 inches, or 33 inches; it shall have a red background with a white diagonal stripe from the top of the hoist to the bottom of the fly. This flag may be flown from a buoy type anchored float, a one or two man size float, or a boat. It is also recommended that all skindivers have proper training and belong to an organized group. Qualified Scuba Diving Instructions are available through the Arizona Skindiving Council.

RULES FOR USE OF THE DIVERS FLAG:

For Divers

1. Whenever you dive, display the Divers Flag.
2. Fly the flag whenever a diver is in the water.
3. Be certain all of the flag can be seen easily.
4. Take the flag down when there are no divers in the water.
5. Flying the flag confers no special rights or privileges and all divers must continuously maintain utmost caution with respect to surface traffic.
6. Surface only at the flag location.

For Fishermen

The flag shall mean that a diver is down and requests at least 100 feet of clearance.

Divers below.

In closing I keep thinking back to Bill Valentine's forethought when he drew the cover for the 1960 Derby issue of the CHATTER. ??? REMEMBER — the picture of the woman weighing her catch — “A very Mad Skindiver.”



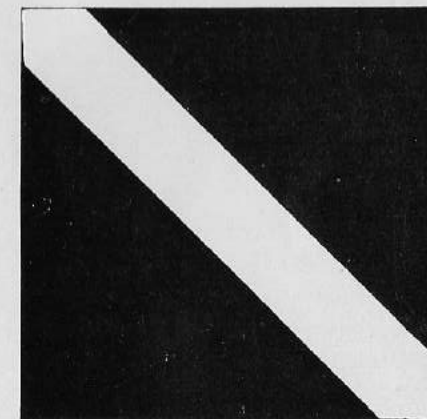
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By Lynn Bayless

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July 24

LAST QUARTER



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NEW MOON



August 7

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