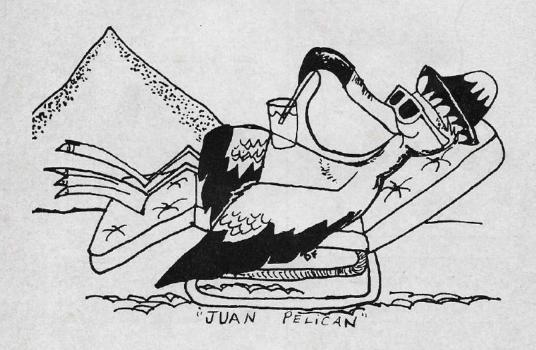


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Dr. Donald Thomson, who is responsible for the publishing of our tide charts, is in Mexico teaching, and will return to Tucson in early July. Upon his return, the table will be published and available.

Latest word to the Editor from University of Arizona Press, Tucson.



Jo Ann Johnson sent cards to Dave Weiner, Eugene Gotterdam, and Meredith Fieck.

Cards were also sent to the families of: Mrs. Mabel R. Stump, W. F. Day, Jay D. Snow, and Roy Kellnor.

A card was sent to Mrs. Bill Watson who is in the hospital following surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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### EDITORIAL

### THIS YEAR'S DERBY

This editor arrived at the bay on Friday afternoon, and I knew right away a Derby was coming. Cars, buggies and people were scurrying hither and yon, generators were being started, boats uncovered and haulers were in evidence all around. Red, yellow and blue banners were flying from the mast at the Radio Shack. The water trucks were busy with "agua sales." Radios were being checked out, motors were being gassed up, and the busy, busy feeling in the air was invigorating.

It was good to see the people coming in for the club tournament. The social activities would begin later and the visiting would go on for days. It was a wonderful time to renew friendships and to make new ones. I could see now how the Derby had started 11 years ago as a sort of a "get-together" type fishing party. It really still is, only on a little bigger scale since with time the club has grown. Any problems of the previous year were shelved since the Derby was about to start. Friday night boats, trailers, campers, trucks and cars came in, and the contestants were ready to go fishing.

Who else but the crazy "gringos" would drive from 200 to 500 miles for such an event? Our Mexican amigos knew that these people were dedicated sportsmen, and not just the taking type tourist. Over a period of years, the club members have done much to help in Mexico. They donated clothes and food in a time of distress. They gave medical supplies, graded roads, taught as well as learned many things. The club has also established a radio at Cholla Bay since they knew that a boat in distress needs contact with someone.

The Derby is a time of appreciation for both Americans and Mexicans. It is a time for all to get acquainted and to learn each other's ways.

On Saturday morning, the wind blew and a single question was asked would the boats get out or not? Everyone waited. Gradually a few went out. About 10 a.m. several of the rescue boats with orange flags flying set out for fishing, but only in the bay area. The rollers were high and wide, but the adventurous went fishing. The catch was meager. The cantina was a busy place all afternoon and evening with "live" music. Naturally, the weather was a big item of conversation.

Sunday morning, the wind again blew, and again the wait was on. However about 1 p.m. things began to look up - the wind was calming down some, the water was a bit choppy but it was getting smoother than Sat. Boats started out. The catch again was small. The Fish Fry was on although the fish had to be purchased and there was a slight shortage, there was only a moderate amount of griping. The salad, beans and rolls were great - right? The drawing that followed was fun, the prizes awarded and accepted happily, but suddenly the Derby was over. The waiting had seemed long, but the days seemed short now. It was a good Derby and the Club got together, as planned 11 years ago. Except for a little less wind and more fish, what more could be asked? We met, spoke, laughed and griped in unison. That's our Club. Americans and Mexicans will try again next year, wind or not, to fish, talk, laugh and enjoy the Derby. See you then?

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By Gene Henry

After the Memorial Day weekend I'm convinced Bill Valentine secretly owns a crystal ball. Here he passes up the first derby in many years to take his family to Lake Powell — and what happens? Cholla Bay darn near gets blown off the map while that sonofagun landed a lunker 6½ pound bass, two beautiful rainbow trout and a boatload of smaller bass.

And, believe me, the weather for this year's derby was just as rough on surf fishermen as it was for boat fishermen. The only place most of us could find that was partially protected from the howling wind and pounding surf was inside Pelican Point.

By mid-morning on Saturday, the stretch of shoreline between Pelican Point and Tucson Beach resembled Coney Island on a holiday weekend and the patter of lures hiting the water sounded like a summer hailstorm. More fishermen were hooked than fish, but those old pros, George Fisher and Bob Taylor, got out early and snagged a couple of big trout that placed #1 and #2 respectively in the seatrout division. John landed one nice trout and a 7-pound Sardinero while I was contributing the bulk of my dwindling spoon supply to some stubborn rocks.

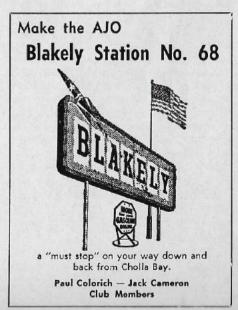
It was a real pleasure to see Bob and Alice Taylor win the team trophy along with several daily prizes. These are two of the nicest, friendliest people in Cholla Bay and no one has worked harder at Club functions. To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time the team trophy has been won fishing from shore and Bob's third place grouper caught also from shore was no less an accomplishment. These two specialize in fishing from the rocks and have developed equally effective techniques with both lures and bait.

I just received word through the grapevine (Bill's sister Marge to my wife) that Bill Valentine landed the first sailfish of the season out of Cholla Bay this past weekend (June 11-12). And from his new 16-foot boat, "Lil Honkee," no less. Congratulations, old buddy! This along with his Lake Powell catch, just helps to prove once more what most of us have known for a long time.—This modest little fella is one helluva good fisherman!

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### SOUND OFF!

It has come to the attention of this editor, that a few of the members were not too happy with the outcome of the Derby.

A suggestion was made that the classes for the prizes be expanded etc., etc. Well, here is your chance to get all your griping off your chest. Send in your cards and letters to the Chatter, address on the inside cover, and be sure you sign your name, since no anonymous gripes will be considered. Write your suggestion along with this for correcting the so-called errors. This is the only way it can be straightened out before next year's Derby time. Do is now while it is all fresh in your mind.

The Chatter is for members to speak out on other things, too, you know, whether it is good, bad, or indifferent. So, let's hear from you.

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### Ch. 3 (Cont'd. from May)

We split the group up, to venture forth in the unknown, in our three little boats. I had Betty Lou Hammer, Horace Garn and Jessie, my wife, with me. I had rigged three limber glass rods equipped with Penn Surfmaster and Squidder reels, loaded with 30 pound test nylon line for trolling. Not knowing doodlie what kind of fish we'd stumble into, I snapped a #15 Tony Accetta Spoon on one rig, a 5" bone jig on another, and a 1 oz. Kastmaster on my 9' spinrod which I planned to use as soon as one of my 'customers' got a hook-up.

I ran my 'Afrikan Queen' from the back seat, disdaining the use of remote controls. I did this for two very good reasons. The first reason is because I had a steering cable break on me one time when I was using my remote control and I was going flat out. Before I could get the rig slowed down, we were all practically thrown over the side. The other reason is purely selfish—I like to be back where the action is when fishing—not clear up at the front seat.

Anyway, we gaily roared away from the sloping side of our Mother Ship and headed for the huge island shoreline. When we got to within 100 yards of shore, I could see the rocky bottom starting to show up in about 30' of clear water.

I had Betty Lou and Jess, the two outside fishermen, let about 50 yards of line out, and Horace, fishing the center meat line, let out about 25 yards. We slowed to about 6-TMPH and settled back to see what would inhale our offerings.

I hadn't gone but about 200 yards at trolling speed, when Jess let out a squeal, "fish on" she excitedly shouted. as something took that Accetta spoon and pealed off about 30 yards in a nice long run. I immediately threw the motor into neutral and told the other two fishermen to reel in. By golly, before either one had taken a dozen cranks on the reel handles, they both got hard solid strikes and were securely hooked up into fish. Jessie finally worked her fish alongside to within gaffing range, and I gently slipped the gaff hook into a nice 7 pound sardinero (a good eating, hard fighting member of the grouper family.) In very short order Betty Lou and Horace had brought their fish alongside and I gathered them in also. I wiped my slimy hands off, picked up my spinning rod and told my crew to keep a cool seat-old dad was going to latch onto something. I cast my lure shoreward, let it sink a short distance, then started pumping my rod tip and cranking on my coffee grinder. I hadn't retrieved more than 10 yards of line, when all h--- broke loose. A beautiful little ladyfish of 6 or 7 pounds clomped down on that lure and immediately jumped

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After losing my aerial battle with the ladyfish, I flipped the motor back into gear and let the rest of my crew have a go at it. By noon time, we had loaded up two large gunny sacks with sardineros, small grouper, and some large sierra mackerel.

All three boats scutted back to our home base, the Luisito, and tied along-side for lunch. Hammer and Cece's boat had done as well as we had, so we opened the hold amidship, and dumped about 300 pounds of prime eating, still uncleaned fish down to dozy up in the chipped ice.

Everyone compared notes over sandwiches and cold cerveza, then piled back into the little boats to gather in some more finny-type goodies. A few of the girls stayed aboard the big boat to dress up the decks by sunbathing.

We worked clear around the northern tip of Tiburon Island, and I was able to really test out the effectiveness of some new exotic lures I'd thrown into my tackle box. Between fish hooked trolling, I'd flip a jig shoreward and try and work it backk to the boat without hanging up on the rocky and weed covered bottom. Practically every cast would hook me up with either a grouper or sardinero, and about half the fish I'd hook, I just couldn't keep out of the &\* - -! rocks. Consequently, by evening time, when we decided to scoot on back to the big boat, my tackle box was a lot emptier than when I'd started. We had a nice load of fish to dump into our cold box.

Betty Lou Hammer had gone with her husband for the afternoon fish foray, and had nailed one of the biggest mackerel these bloodshot eyes ever beheld. We get both the Spanish and sierra mackerel in the gulf, but they average between 2 and 4 pounds in weight. All of the macks we hauled in around Tiburon averaged between 4 to 10 pounds. Betty Lou's giant weighed a good 15 pounds. (Next month — Fun and Spin Fishing.)

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### LOCAL FISHERMEN QUALIFY FOR 'BIG 10'

(Republic & Gazette Sun., June 12, 1966)
BILL VALENTINE

Since Jan. 1, 1964, when Bill O'Brien started our Arizona "Big 10" of fishing, there has been a surprising number of local fishermen qualifying.

To date, Big Bill Williams is leading the pack with his total of seven fish. He just recently added a 5 lb. 2 oz. Lake Powell largemouth bass to his impressive list. Bill nailed a 52 lb. totuava, 127 lb. marlin, 80 lb. white shark, 20 lb. yellowtail, 75 lb. sailfish and a 37 lb. dolphin, leaving only the brown and rainbow trout and channel cat to complete his "big 10."

Close on his heels is Gene Henry, with both freshwater trout and channel cat, along with an 85 lb. shark and 25 lb. yellowfin corvina already registered. Tucson angler, James Briggs,

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#### "BIG 10"

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has sent proof of his sailfish, brown trout, yellowtail and crappie.

There is not space to list the number of anglers who have qualified one or two fish but when any angler furnishes proof of three or more of the "Big 10" caught, I will acknowledge his prowess via this column.

The revised rules, as of April, 1965, are as follows: All fish weights are to be live weights and all Arizona-caught fish, with the exception of the catfish, must be caught on artificial lures. Fish must be fairly caught on rod and reel without assistance from anyone. To qualify, all must be caught either in Arizona waters or the Gulf of California. The rules committee is composed of Wally Blanchard, Lyle Underdown and myself. All catches must be registered with me, c/o P.O. Box 1881, Phoenix.

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All weights listed are minimum.

The whole purpose of this "Big 10" of fishing, is to show the rest of the poor populace of this United States who are not lucky enough to live in Arizona, just how fishy we desert rats are.

(Editor's note: We reprinted this since we thought it might be of interest to all the fishermen. As you probably know, Bill Williams and Gene Henry are Cholla Bay Club members. This may give you an idea that even you might try for the Big 10 to make your fishing ventures more of a challenge.)

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### A STITCH IN TIME

You've heard the old saying, A stitch in time saves nine. Well, believe me, it does make sense, and I found out the hard way last week end at the bay.

You Cholla Bayites that were there know how beautiful the weather was, and the old Sea of Cortez was something to behold—a day you look forward to all year. As I pulled up to my cabin and got one look at the bay, my fishing fever was up. In no time we were busy getting the old Lucky Lady ready for sea, and as I put gear and tackle aboard, I sent my crew to get bait and ice to cool the cerveza.

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### SPARK 'N SPUTTER

As I always do, I pulled up the deck plate to close the sea cocks, check rudder and fuel tanks and lines, when my eye fell upon the exhaust pipe hose—the hose I should have changed two fishing trips ago. Upon close examination of the hose, I knew that one more trip with it could be one too many. So there was only one thing to do, change it.

After 2 hours of cussin' and a lot of sweat, we had the old girl headed for 18 mile reef. As for me, I was tired, hot and dirty after spending 2 hours laying in the bilge fighting rust and salt corrosion.

I knew the hose was getting bad, and I could have changed it any one of two or three days when it was rough and windy. But as you know, it's so easy to say "mañana."

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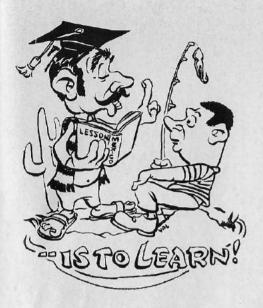
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Dear Sir:

It occurs to me that some of your subscribers may be interested in the latest developments at the Puerto Penasco Desalination Plant. The unit has not been converted for operation from the waste heat of a diesel electric generator and produces some 6000 gallons of distilled water per day at a half load of 33 KW.

The Plant was formally given to the University of Sonora by the University of Arizona in April this year. It is now being operated commercially by a non-profit making company, Aqua Puridificada y Destilada de Penasco, S. A., specially formed for the purpose. The water is being delivered in Puerto Penasco and sells at 3 pesos for a 5 gallon bottle. It is also available at the following stores, Hector Rivera's in Cholla Bay and Super Servicio del Noroeste, La Michoacana and Zapateria Espino in Puerto Penasco. Bulk rates

are available for water at the Plant, for example 55 gallons cost 2 dollars.

The University of Arizona is continuing its experimental program into the plant operation and will be expanding the scope of the project in July with the installation of some closed environment greenhouse experiments. The pilot plant for this project already had operated in Tucson, Initial plans call for an air-supported plastic greenhouse of about 5000 square feet. Fruit and vegetables will be grown under conditions maintained by the Desalination Plant. Temperature control, for example, will be by the Plant blowdown water and the atmospheric control from the carbon dioxide of the scrubbed diesel exhaust gases.

These developments are in addition to progress being made on the Marine Laboratory on the site. Active research programs are being pursued by several University of Arizona members. An important contribution is being made to marine research by the many specialists who visit the laboratory for a few weeks at a time to follow up their specialty. The University of Arizona's summer school in the Marine Sciences will be working at the laboratory during June and July. The tidal predictions which you have been publishing have been made for 1966 and will be available shortly for free distribution from the University of Arizona Press. Any of your subscribers with questions about the Marine Laboratory or with unusual specimens should contact Dr. Thomson of the Zoology Department, University of Arizona.

I hope this information will be helpful to your readers.

Yours sincerely, /s/ Augustin Cortez Ch. Coordinator for the Universities of Arizona and Sonora

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# ATENCION Se Invita Su Cooperacion

Una persona muy respetable que se llama Francisco, ha sido enviada a la Bahia de Cholla, por el Gobierno Mexicano con el proposito de evitar y corregir algunos procedimientos ilegales que estan ocurriendo en la Bahia de Cholla y sus alrededores.

Don Francisco vende las licencias para pescar y al mismo tiempo supervisa la pesca. Al parecer hav algunas personas (sin determinar si pertenecen o no al Club) que han venido pescando e nel Mar de Cortez en volumen que llega a mas de cien libras y algunas de estas personas venden este pescado en los Estados Unidos del Norte. De acuerdo con las leyes Mexicanas, usted puede pescar para su uso particular en cantidades pequenas, pero esta estrictamente prohibido el pescar en grandes cantidades y vender esta pesca. Recentemente Don Francisco confisco una de estas pescar, ejerciendo su derecho legal. Si usted sabe de alguien que tiene pensado pescar en grandes cantidades para vender en los Estados Unidos. aconsejele que no lo haga. No hay duda que los miembros del Club gozan del placer de pescar en esta area alrededor de Cholla, y seria muy lamentable que el Gobierno Mexicano estableciera restricciones debido a la mala conducta de personas que no cumplen con la ley. Por otra parte, quien se va a enriquecer con la venta de unas pocas libras de pescados?

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### ATTENTION ALL -Cooperation Requested!

A very personable gentleman, Francisco, has been sent to Cholla Bay by the Mexican government for the purpose of preventing and correcting a few illegal procedures that may have been occurring in and around Cholla Bay.

Francisco sells you the fishing licenses, but he is also there to check out your catch. It seems that a few unthinking people (who may or may not be members of the club) have been catching fish in the Sea of Cortez in the hundred-pound amounts and some have been transporting and selling these fish in the States. According to Mexican law, you may have a small catch for eating, but it is strictly taboo to get this big an amount and sell the fish. Recently a catch in the amounts mentioned were confiscated by Francisco — who legally has the right to do so. So. if you know of anyone who is thinking of goin down to get a big catch and is even hinting of selling it in the States, tell him now to stop his plans. I think all the members like the pleasure of fishing in this area around Cholla, and it would be very sad to see the Mexican government put a strict limit on this because of a few unscrupulous people. Besides - what in blazes would you honestly do with that many fish?

So, club members, be on the alert let's keep the fishin' hole clear of any kind of illegal procedures. It's a fun and sport fishing spot and I think we all like it that way. TE

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