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Labor Day Derby Plans Underway

Ed Smith.

Ahoy Pescadores Americano! Don't forget to save a few pesos for gas to go to Cholla Labor Day weekend. There will be prizes, trophies (which, if you are lucky enough to win one, you usually get a smackeroo from a lovely senorita) dancing and entertainment. Our good friends of the Lions Club will be on hand doing their usual good job and, of course, our own funny man Bill Blair emceeing the shindig in Spanish. He's been taking lessons this year you know and I guess he is getting pretty good. I asked him a question the other day, he answered "si, senor" without any sign of Oklahoma twist. Now I ask you — where can you go and get entertainment like this at any price.

For the benefit of the new members, the Labor Day Derby is held in conjunction with the Rocky Point Lions Club. They have done wonders for the children down there. One year they furnished three free polio shots for each child. The next year they built a kindergarten for the handicapped. The next year the money was used for plumbing, running water, paint and a fence for the kindergarten. They usually have between \$500 to \$600 from the derby and it is for a good cause.

The Derby is open to everyone and is on Saturday and Sunday with prizes and fiestas on Sunday evening. This gives you Monday (Labor Day) to digest all the food (and drink, if you are so inclined) and be back home on the job Tuesday

Sail Fishing Film Program

Bill Blair

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CHOLLA BAY REPORTING

Gina and Lloyd Shaban

July 17—Sighted Sail—landed same—that's the story—verified by reliable witnesses—that the first sail fish of this season had been caught in the Bay area—the sail, along with two Dolphin, caught about ten miles out, were brought in by Jim Perry, Farris Ellington, Bill Hammer and parties. Next time fellows, how about stopping at the Club House and letting us all see your prize catches? Coming back to Cholla Bay after the last meeting, we were informed at the border that the doctor on duty will expect every one to have their vaccination card for small pox—or else—its free, and it won't hurt much—until 3 or 4 days.

At a round table discussion about safety & rescue a couple of nights ago, an old time member brought out the fact that when two or more boats go out together it cuts down the odds at least 50% of one being lost—pretty good odds—you will cut them down more yet if you will log out & in at the center.

Tragedy again struck the Plath family, this time it was the youngest, and only remaining girl. Just 2 years old, fell off a truck and was killed. So our boy Bobby Plath is with his mother in Casa Grande for a couple of weeks.



Phoenix Club

Myrt Johnson, Secretary

Members of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club are proving their acceptance of the increase in membership to \$5.00 per year for each member and their approval of the newly inaugurated insurance plan by the many letters they are writing to the club, with checks enclosed in payment of their dues, and telling how much they are enjoying the Chatter and commending the Club for its efforts in behalf of members with this new insurance program. Some of these letters were read at the July 11th Membership meeting.

Marge Claver again made an appeal for clothing for the children of Rocky Point to be brot to the Bay at the time of the fall Derby.

An announcement was made at the July 17th meeting of the Board of Directors that the Articles of Incorporation for the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club are now in publication, which means that the Club now has the word, Inc., added to the name.

The pros and cons of which system would be the most effective in notifying Club members when their dues will become delinquent has been discussed at great length. The system used last year of listing the names in the Chatter each month was finally agreed upon. Each issue of the Chatter will therefore, in the future, carry a list of those members whose dues become delinquent during that month.

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Squalls Spell Danger

Myrt Johnson

Fishermen apparently just will ignore signs of approaching danger such as those that accompany a sudden squall. The date was Sunday, July 2nd — the hour about four in the afternoon. The water had been anything but smooth all day but not dangerous and several boats had gone out to try and fish. We ourselves went out but came back and were having a time playing around in the bay, trying out our new possession and racing with Wes Douglas in his "Poco Loco". Taking a final run out toward Pelican Point we became suddenly aware of an approaching wind storm, which hit suddenly and ferociously, sending clouds of sand and dust out onto the waters. We looked out at the boats at the Point and farther out and decided to run out and see if anyone was in trouble, we found most of them just churning around trolling, ignoring the already rough waters. We did persuade some of them to follow us in. Nearing the launching area, we put in a call to the Base Radio Station to tell them that we had

warned all boats to come in and that we were coming to shore. The Shahans were at their usual post, where they had been since early morning, keeping the radio open for calls from boats with radios. We were asked to check to see whether one of the larger boats rented out by Mexicans had come in and we reported that it was being towed in by Bill Hammer with his small boat. Again our radio blared forth with a request that we go to the end of the bay where there was a small boat with one motor that appeared to be in trouble. We found this boat with three fishing in perfect confidence that all was fine there where they were in the shallow water. We informed them that we had been sent to tell them they were to come to shore as the weather looked bad. They finally consented to come in and we left. One boat was still merrily churning around and having a grand time trolling in the rough waters with waves tossing them about. A call came thru via the radio asking if a boat loaded with people until it was only a few inches out of the water had passed us and was proceeding apparently en route to Rocky Point. We found it but saw that it already was turning around, the skipper realizing they could not make it, and we followed it back to see that it reached shore safely. One more trip to Pelican Point and we finally herded that last boat around and

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by Bill Valentine

You know, every year about this time, when I start wracking my fertile, fuzzy, dirty little mind to try and give birth to a spine-tingling, pulse-quickenning narrative of some nerve-wracking adventure that took place during my callow youthhood, one nauseating August day, back in 1954 keeps popping into my mind's eyeball.

My charmin ever-lovin had farmed the few kids we had then, out, and she and I decided to spend a week's vacation, moochin a cabin off of one of our poor friends, at Cholla Bay. This, mind you, was during my hey-day. That is, during the pinnacle of my fishing career, when I could give out sloppy advice on practically any type of Gulf fishing in a very authoritative and convincing manner, and the recipient of said advice would unhesitatingly follow it, and much to my hidden surprise, be successful in their pis-

atorial attempts. All this, of course, had me firmly convinced that I was a pretty wise cookie, as far as fishing was concerned.

You've all heard the old saying, about 'Pride goeth before a fall'? Or something like that, anyway, brethern and sistern, mine sure as helleth felleth, before that humid little old week was over.

By this stage of my career, I had successfully boated an even dozen sailfish with nary a hitch, had also taken numerous buddies into the mysteries of the wild Blue and covered them with glory, in the form of successfully gaffed Dolphin, Bonita Skipjack, or 100 pound sails. I was one of Lady Lucks chosen few, I was an expert.

Well, Jessie and I set out, this one particular day, in the Afrikan Queen to gather in a few goodies from the Blue water world. Along with our two conventional sailfish rigs, I, brave bull that I was, decided to show the local natives how a competent fisherman such as I, could thrash a 100 pound sail on a 15-lb. test spinning rig. Our bait box had a dozen sexy lookin little mullet and a few slimy bite-sized mackerel iced down.

After reaching the inky blue depths, I slowed the Queen to a crawl, and proceeded to rig up the spinning rod. I had done a good selling job on Jess, so that she was not going to fish till I had boated my first sail on the spin rig.

Powerful, well synchronized brute that I was, I just naturally assumed that when I got a strike, I could skillfully and easily slip the old hook deeply into the flexing jaw-bones of the striking fish. HA!

Picture if you can, an idiot trying to pull a boiled potato through the side of a cement block with the aid of a long rubberband attached to a piece of limp, wet spaghetti. An idiot trying that, would have had as much success as this idiot did, attempting the way I attempted.

My temper, nerves, coordination, and a half pint of Sauza Tequila, were completely shot by the time that miserable little excursion was over with. I had strikes galore, lost two teasers to hungry sails, but just couldn't, for the life of me, solidly set a hook, with that spinning rig. I was the most frustrated fisherman ever seen by the eyes of man. After I had fouled up the forth bait on a flubbup, it slowly dawned on me that I was doing something decidedly unsuccessful, and had better change my procedure damn quick. I had performed beautifully on those first four strikes, that is if I had been using a conventional rig — I had let the fish run on free spool (open bail) for a good 10 count, then gracefully and with threw the motor in gear and poured the coals to the queen, and then reared back repeatedly on my wet-spaghetti type rod. By following the above described procedures, I had boated, so far, a big

bunch of nothing. Invariably, after each strike, behind the Queen would erupt a glorious purple silver, fighting mad sailfish, chagrined at having his chow pulled so rudely from his hungry maw. I would then proceed to crank in a thoroughly pulverized mish-mashy sad-looking piece of mullet, which I would remove from the faithless hook and cast disgustedly away.

From the fifth to the twelfth mullet, I staunchly decided to do something different, even if it was wrong. I craftily decided that if I would just give old man sail a 20 count, he would have time to completely swallow the bait, and inevitably, hook himself. This my friends, was very clever thinking. The only thing that messed up my murderous plans, was the fact that on 15-lb. test line a deep running 100-lb. sailfish puts at least 20 lbs. of pressure on 15-lb. line, and the inevitable happened — boom, I would reel in less line than he had run out. This, by the process of elimination, left that spinning reel with only about 100 yds. of line left on the spool. By this time, I was down to my last mullet in our bait box. I was really getting exasperated by this time, and throwing caution to the winds, decided to try and set the hook on a 5 count, if one was silly enough to hit my last mullet bait.

I was a gibbering raving maniac by
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FISHIN LINES (Cont. from page 5) this time, and my poor little wife had sought refuge up under the spacious deck of the Queen, nestled cozy comfy along with the anchor, spare motor, gas cans, lunch box, etc. that I kept under the huge 3 foot store-room of the boat.

What happened to that last mullet bait, I still don't believe — I've never seen a sailfish do it before or since. After getting the bait firmly set in the outrigger, skipping merrily along the choppy surface, about 20 feet behind the stern, I finally relaxed, and wearily settled back to run the motor, and sneak a well earned honk of Sauza. I peered and leared up at my cowardly wife under the deck, and with a sneer, tipped up old 'John Phillip' for a few gurgles. As the bottle reached my

rosy lips, out of the corner of my baby blue eyeball, I noticed a very strange phenomonah. My line was still firmly pinned in the outrigger, but instead of trailing astern, it was slowly and deliberately moving inexorably up forward toward the bow of the boat. To show just what a keen nimble-quick mind I have, instead of grabbing my rod, jerking the line out of the rigger and setting the hook, I realized that the sailfish was supposed to do that jazz by himself. Accordingly, I made a snappy right about turn and without slackening speed, started back in the direction that I had just come from, so the damn fish would be back behind me where he was to hell and gone supposed to be. (To be continued next month)

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SQUALLS (Cont. from page 3) to shore. As we approached the shore the radio blared out again telling us one small boat was still missing, its trailer sitting there empty. It was known that this boat always fished from Pelican Point and around to the Sandy Beach area and a fast trip via car could find no sign of any boat at Sandy Beach, as far as eye could see. We knew what the waters were like around the Point but realized that our boat was the best to try and get around and find the missing boat, we started out again. After we rounded the Point we looked out at a sea of water just as it

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Wes Douglas and his lovely wife paid us a visit on our last meeting night and Wes explained all phases of our insurance. Thanks again Wes.

Frank Young resigned as Sect. and Treasurer due to pressure of business he felt he could not do the job as efficiently as he desired. We all sincerely thank Frank for the job he has done in helping the Tucson Chapter get started.

Our new Sec't is Les Conlisk and our Treasurer is Myron Lusk.

One of our own members, Edwardo Yberra (most generally known as Lalo) has been elected President of Rocky Point. Our congratulations to him and his lovely wife. He assures us of his cooperation in all our dealing in Cholla Bay.

After two trips to Nogales and an investigation by Immigration Authorities—

here is what Mr. Soto, the head immigration man in Nogales tells us — We can do painting and make minor repairs to our cabins. Do any and all work on boats, motors, trailers and cars without permits. If some one questions us (which I don't think will happen) be courteous but do not pay any money. In case of trouble, get in touch with me or Mr. Portagol at the ice plant. To do new construction you must have a permit. Arrangements have been made to grade the road. SO, hope it's much smoother next time you go down.

Any member of Tucson Chapter who has not paid the raise in dues, please do so by sending check or money order to Cholla Bay Sportsmans Club, Box 334, Tucson, Ariz.

Is it too hot in July at Cholly Bay???? Just ask some of us lucky ones who spent our vacations there from July 23rd till July 5th this year. Blanket (no less) at night and fully clothed in A.M. Fishing is not too good, however, mackerel were plentiful. My wife, Ann, and I tried several lures and find the Z-Ray 1/2 oz. lure the best for Mackerel. If you want some fun, fish in 135-150 feet of water with rod and reel. I was lucky enough to break several lines but finally landed one monster then couldn't find a scale for accurate weight on shore. Guess weight 150 lbs. Scale weight about 55 lbs. Anyway, a really wonderful vacation.

ATTENTION: TO ALL MEMBERS:

Our meeting night has been changed to 3rd Tuesday of each month. 7:30, Moose Club. Let's all attend, and then ask questions so we will know as much as you do.

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