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## SURFSIDE COMMENTS

By Gene Henry

I have set one main goal for this summer and that is to catch a sailfish and dolphin. For years I have nursed the ambition of catching a sailfish on light tackle from a small boat. Up to this summer I haven't been able to do anything about it due to lack of proper tackle, lack of know-how, and primarily lack of opportunity to go out with fishermen skilled in the art of catching sails.

During this last year I have been fortunate in making the acquaintance of and fishing with a couple of guys, Bill Hammer and Bill Valentine, who put fishing for sails and dolphin at the top of the list. Between tequilla breaks, they have built me up to a fever pitch with glowing tales of hooking and battling these blue water aerialists on light tackle. I even had my old buddy, Bud Wilson at Kirks' fix me up with a new Penn Senator reel filled with line exactly to Valentine's specifications.

Come June and I was champing at the bit to get out after them.

Bill Hammer has in "Misty Keela" one of the sweetest running and best equipped boats for its size in Cholla Bay. It was a real treat when he invited me to join him, Valentine and R. K. Warren for an early season try for sails and dolphin. The weather was perfect, the temperature was right and everyone had the feeling that this was the day we would rack them up.

R. K. and I were raring to go by the time we reached blue water and rigged up for trolling. What we weren't aware of was the friendly (?) rivalry between Hammer and Valentine in competing for the first sail and dolphin of the season. On the way out both guys tried a couple of dry runs to see who could grab the rod first. Its unbelievable how fast Hammer can get from the wheel to the rod holder. And, ex-football player that he is, anyone who gets in the way is either blocked out or run over. Now Valentine, bein underfed and skinny, relies on speed, trickery and broken field running — even resorting to tripping when necessary.

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rig, Bill handed me the rod and I boat-  
ed a small skipjack. Both the bonita  
and skipjack are deep fighters and  
though lacking the spectacular aero-  
batics of sailfish and dolphin they give  
a good fight and furnish fringe bene-  
fits when the sails and dolphin aren't  
hitting.

This wasn't to be our day and al-  
though weather conditions couldn't be  
better we didn't have a sail or dolphin  
strike all day. We did see one sailfish  
make a series of five or six jumps off  
at a distance. It was a fruitful and in-  
teresting trip for me though as I was  
able to observe the techniques used in  
fishing for sails and dolphin. I was  
quite surprised at the short distance  
the baits are trolled behind the boat  
and was intrigued by the use of the  
teaser to catch the sail's attention. It  
fills one with anticipation just to watch  
the two baits skipping along behind the  
boat and I can well imagine the sinking  
feeling in your stomach that comes  
when you see a sail's fin cutting up be-  
hind one of the baits.

We didn't catch a sail or dolphin on  
this trip, but it was an enjoyable out-  
ing and the companionship was the  
best. I'm looking forward to the next  
opportunity to get out with this gang  
and you can rest assured that if no  
fish are caught Valentine and Hammer  
will keep things interesting trying to  
outfox one another.

Both are equally effective and woe be  
to the unsuspecting soul who gets in  
their way.

Discretion being the better part of  
valor, R. K. and I decided to get out of  
the path of action until the first sail  
or dolphin was hooked. The first hook-  
up was on the dolphin rig. Valentine  
struck with the speed of a cobra. R. K.  
had just handed me a full glass of a  
tempting tequilla concoction and the  
next thing I knew all the drink was  
on the outside and none on the inside.  
I had inadvertently strayed into the  
path of action and darned near became  
the first casualty of the day. When I  
finally staggered to my feet and wiped  
the tequilla off my glasses Valentine  
was pumping away on a good fish  
while Hammer was giving him a run-  
down on the dire things that were go-  
ing to happen if it was a dolphin. By  
the deep surging runs we could soon  
tell it wasn't a dolphin and after a  
short bruising battle Hammer swung  
the gaff and brought in a nice bonita.

I guess they felt sorry for this timid  
greenhorn because the next time the  
drag started clicking on the dolphin

## TUCSON SCUTTLEBUTT



### Cholla Bay Sportsman's Club Tucson Chapter

July 15, 1964

Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM  
... Deane Fisher, President  
Minutes of the June meeting were  
read and approved.

Financial report: \$897.24

New members introduced: Mr. and  
Mrs. Neil Webb, 4515 E. Fairmount.

No report from membership chair-  
man.

Telephone chairman reported Mr.  
Paul Wickline was in hospital. Mrs.  
Fisher was also in hospital.

Letter was received from the Tucson  
Wild Life Limited requesting attend-  
ance of Cholla Bay Members to attend  
their next meeting to comment on fish-  
ing in Mexico, crossing the border and  
other activities pertaining to the Cholla  
Bay Club. Meeting to be held at the  
U of A, Room 100, at 8:00 Thursday the  
17th of July.

Report on fresh water fishing at  
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Report on fishing at Cholla Bay area:  
A large rock was sighted 210° about  
nine miles out. It was estimated that  
this perhaps could be caused from the  
recent volcano in Mexico.

President asked if the membership  
desired a fish fry as they had last year.  
Complete membership present was in  
favor. Details for the fish fry will be  
formulated at the next board meeting.

Door prizes were won by Dorothy  
Walker and Harry Cunningham.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr.  
Soltar and seconded by Ray Stahl.

People were advised to notify club of  
any fish that they might have for the  
fry.

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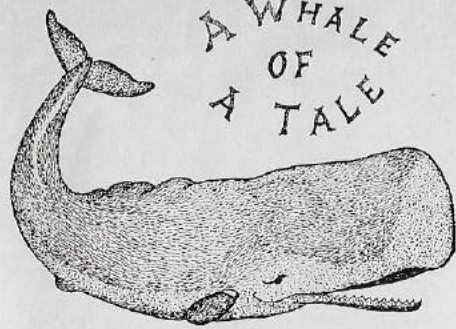
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## FROM TUCSON

By VERNA CONLISK

### FRUSTRATIONS ABOARD THE CHOLLA FOLLY

(As told to me by the Kemp's)

The FOURTH OF JULY week-end waxed beautifully long in front of us, and as the FOURTH OF JULY is celebrated as **Independence Day** in the whole U.S., I decided we should go to Cholla Bay and stock up our depleted freezer with some fish.

Most people as you know, who are in the habit of catching fish (in which category we thought we were in), never give a thought to the fact that this might be **independence** day for some fish as well. Ha!

The water was smooth as silk. We were equipped with the best fishing gear we could round up (according to the pros we had talked to) and off we went. We took a compass bearing of 210 degrees, opened up the motors and skimmed over the water. We were making very good time because of the calm water and in no time at all we came upon 3 or 4 boats poking into the water with sticks, etc. We had been curious ourselves because the water had a sort of brownish cast to it. As soon as we got close to the boats we discovered water only a few feet deep with huge rocks and deep blue pools of water between. This was quite unusual. We had made this same trip many times and never came across anything like this before. We made a mental

note of the location and came out the next day just to investigate and found no brownish water; no rocks; no moss; no nothing. We have since then decided that the earthquake must have been the disturbing factor that pushed the rocks up into the water and just as easily let them down again.

We probably should have stayed there and fished because there were quite a few fish in the area. The water was very clear and you could see real easily. However we had a rendezvous, we thought, with our high hopes out on the 18 mile reef. The place where we found the rocks was between 10 and 15 miles out and even tho it was about two city blocks in area we soon lost sight of it. We had planned to locate near Marcella's boat. We had talked with him the day before and he had been having real good luck and that's what we wanted too. Besides, most everyone knows Marcella is the best fishing guide in Cholla Bay, and we needed to catch a few big ones to take home as I mentioned earlier. There were approximately 25 other boats who had the same idea we did. (Boat owners, that it)

The water was from 150' to 200' in depth. We baited our hooks with the mullet we had bought on shore and started to fish in earnest. Sometimes we drifted to within ten feet of Marcella's boat. And it is very exciting to watch sometimes two people at a time landing fish, nice ones too, in the 25-70 lb. category. We were so thrilled we could almost taste the fish. Seeing those red snapper, white sea bass and pinto being landed made us know we were in the right place and all it took would be a little time. Well, I want you to know we fished and fished and

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fished! And the harder we fished, it seemed, the more fish were caught on Marcella's boat. (We began to think maybe we should have left our boat on the shore and gone out with Marcella. His boat seemed to have the lucky charm.)

Finally, Doris had a strike. Maybe this was the one to change our luck. It changed our luck alright, but in reverse. Doris was reeling in like mad, I laid my pole down (with most of the line out, of course) and grabbed the net so I could help her boat the fish. We were so excited because after so many hours of fishing and not even a bite, most anyone would have been a little elated over anything. And anything is about what happened. When the fish was finally sighted, it was a shark about 4' long. Amid groans of disappointment, were those of exasperation as that plucky shark swam around the boat and bit my line into as we hauled it in. With my beautiful rig down at the bottom of the ocean, I had only about 75 feet of line left which was of no value whatsoever in that depth of water. Talk about frustrations — no words could possibly express how I felt at that moment — never had I fished so hard and so long and had nothing to show for it. Then is when I decided the **Fourth of July** was **Independence Day** for the fish we might have caught.



This recipe is from Mabel Bercovich!

### EMPANADES

Filling:

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 large onion — chopped
- 3 cloves garlic — chopped
- small amount of oil
- 1 — no. 303 can tomatoes
- 3 or 4 small bay leaves
- ½ teaspoon Oregano
- salt & pepper to taste
- 1 can ripe olives — cut up
- 1 cupful of raisins

Cook onion and garlic in oil till transparent (do not brown) add tomatoes, bay leaves, oregano, salt and pepper, olives and raisins. Cook slowly about one hour. If it gets dry, add small amount of water. Filling should be moist. Set aside to cool.

Pastry:

- 4 heaping cups of flour
- 1 tbsps. salt
- 4 tbsps. shortening
- milk to make a soft dough

Sift flour and salt, add shortening and cut in with pastry blender. Add milk to make a soft dough. Knead till smooth. Roll out part of dough on a floured surface. Using a four inch lid for a cutter — make 4" circles until dough is used up. Put a tablespoon of filling in center of each circle of dough, fold over and crimp edges. Deep fry in hot oil or shortening. Makes about 30 Empanades.

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June 6, 1964

The June meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club of Phoenix was called to order by President Wayne Earley at his home at 8:00 P.M. Those present were Mr. Earley, Bill Hammer, Rogers, Reed, Claver, Valentine, Gardner and Taylor.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with as the Secretary could not be present and her records were not available.

Treasurer Reed stated a bank balance of \$1041.03 after all bills were paid and we now have 432 members in the Phoenix Chapter.

A number of reports were requested by our President but none seem to be ready due to the past Derby, fishing and a few other reasons.

Motions were made and seconded that we send a card to Rod Sanderson who was in the hospital due to a serious illness.

Another motion was made to find out about Jesus Martinez's daughter who was in the hospital at Corcora and to determine some way to assist him with his added medical expense inasmuch as his wife just had a baby boy

named Luis Enrique. It was suggested we might take up a collection at our regular meeting or a donation from each Chapter and possibly the Council might donate also. President Early will take this up at our next regular meeting.

Another motion was made and seconded to reimburse Ray Sanderson \$12.00 for our box rent.

Tucson was to receive, due to another motion made and seconded, a letter congratulating them on their fine job of running the Derby. We all felt that Deane Fisher, Tucson President, and his crew left no stone unturned to make our last Derby one of the best ones.

A report was made by President Early that Kathy Hitchcock's envelope sale has just about come out even with the expense; no figures were available but seemingly they did not sell at the Derby as well as expected. The final figures are not in yet.

Some little time was spent discussing charts and maps that are to be drawn by Bill Valentine, he being our official topographer along with designing our flag and a few other duties. This discussion finally wandered off into flag manufacturing by Dick Gardner. I'm not sure who is to make maps or charts or flags except a meeting is to be held on Friday, August 7th at which time with Bill Hammer as printer, Valentine as the designer, Gardner the salesman, Early as the organizer, we will design 75 flags to sell for about \$3.00 each. Dick Bonham is to furnish the silk screens.

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The incorporation subject was mentioned and discussed again at length, some for and some against this action. The undersigned suggested our own Arizona Corporation to be corrected first before we attempt to incorporate in Mexico. Also due to the fact that our previous attorney Riggins Jr. cannot assist us, Taylor asked President Early for suggestions as to what attorney might be available in the Phoenix Club. Mr. Early then appointed himself, Charley Reed and Dick Gardner to find an attorney to assist in the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation of our Arizona Corporation so they might be brought up to date.

Our final action was to submit a motion which was seconded, to allow Mr. Reed, our Treasurer, \$25.00 for the purchase of a book in which to keep the Phoenix Club accounts.

We then adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Submitted by Bob Taylor

Substituting for Secy. Edith Tyra

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If sand has entered the motor, no attempt should be made to start it. Take it to a reliable repair dealer. If it is impossible to have the engine serviced immediately after submersion, it is advisable to submerge the power-head in clean fresh water to prevent oxidation until it can be serviced.

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## SALMON vs. CHOLLA BAY Fishing

By Myrt Johnson

"The salmon run is about to start. Come a-running," was the message that Ken and I received while visiting at Clear Lake, California, the first of September last summer. Ken had fished Clear Lake from here to there and come up with just about every type of "no good fish" but not a single bass and we were good and ready to get the heck out of there and join our friends, Cliff and Marie Dendinger of Phoenix, — at Smith River — just south of the Oregon River, to experience our first sight of a salmon run! The Dendingers had left Trinidad, where the salmon fishing had been excellent all during the month of August, and had gone north to Smith River for the salmon run there. So had hundreds of other fishermen — from all parts of these United States. We joined them!

Ship a Shore, Castle Rock, at the mouth of the Smith River is a beautiful place — when the sun is shining and the fog has lifted. I loved every minute of our three week's stay there. That huge "Ship on Shore", — brought up from the ocean and placed on land, intact, was a fascinating place where people congregated and tall tales were told, and where you met folks from all over this great country of ours. Down below — with a long stairway leading down to it, was the pier with at least a hundred small boats at anchor, side by side. Those who enjoy beautiful sunsets — could see one there any eve-

ning on a clear day. Shell collecting was nil but beautiful driftwood was piled high on the sand spit just across from the Ship a Shore — on the ocean side of the Smith River. I loaded the boat with the stuff and after reaching the shore on the other side — lugged it all the way up the stairs to our trailer, to bring home with me. Then we started on a redwood burl hunting spree and came back with a carload full of this fascinating wood. I wanted to take it all home with me but was met with opposition from boss husband as to how in the heck could we find place for everything that I was collecting here and there so — result — I lugged all but two pieces of the driftwood — down the steep stairs and left it for someone else to enjoy — just to please my lord and master and thus have space to bring home my redwood burls, which are now the pride and joy of both of us.

**THE SALMON RUN!** Everyone waiting for it to start and fairly drooling at the mouth in anticipation of eating those delicious Silvers! The days went by and this was the regular daily routine for Cliff Dendinger and Ken Johnson. On waking each morning — look out and see what the weather was like. If the fog was rolling in and visibility nil, then take it more leisurely in enjoying the first cup of coffee and in getting dressed. If the sun shone brightly, get going — but fast — down to the pier to see what was going on. We had no small boat of our own — so rented one for the duration of our stay at \$2.50 per day. No motor, so our men, like many others, tried rowing — but only for one day! Found a used motor for sale and bought it, all in anticipation of this supposed great salmon run.

Cost of motor rental \$6.00 per day — so what — you buy one and then sell it when you leave. Good sense, isn't it?

For those who have never witnessed salmon fishing at the mouth of a river on the Pacific Coast, let me describe it! About two hours before the tide turns, which is twice each day, all the fishermen dash for their boats, each one trying to get to the "line" first — that is if the fog is not rolling in so dense that there is no visibility. The "line" is the term used as that area just inside of the mouth of the river where the fishing is done. No one ventures any farther without endangering their lives and their boat. It is mostly referred to as "the Hog Line" because every fisherman possible maneuvers his boat into this area, side by side, leaving bare inches between and sportsmanship is forgotten. They fight to keep their place, they cuss out the fishermen in nearby boats for being too close — they toss their line overboard with no thought of safety to others. Some forget sportsmanship altogether and keep their motors running all the time and troll in and out around the other boats, closing their ears to the cussing, completely frustrating all the other fishermen. Cliff and Ken had one harrowing experience in a boat piloted by just such a fisherman at Klamath one day, and one day only, and came home with nerves shot to pieces. At Smith River they kept well out of the "line" and fished and fished and fished. A few bites but they landed not a Salmon. Day after day this went on. At least a hundred fishermen went out each day and the average for the day

was not over 20 Salmon caught by the whole mess of them. When he wasn't out in the boat fishing, Ken spent his time dashing down to the piers to see what may have been brought in. I expected him to run off quite a few pounds but this exercise kept him hungry all the time — so few pounds were lost.

Then came the real fog and rains and heavy jackets were worn all day long. Just so much of this and we had all had enough so we hitched on our trailers, bade ship a shore, Castle Rock, goodbye and headed down for Trinidad. There we found boats were \$4.00 per day rental fees but we still had the motor. Four days of the same results — not even a single little stinkin' Chub brought up and hearing that the weather was getting a little cooler in Phoenix, we decided to leave on a leisurely trip home. I could not leave without a single salmon, however, so decided to do something about it. I grabbed a handful of greenbacks and headed for a fish market — the one and only. "No," said the lady in charge; "I can't let go of any of my fish because this is the last day my license is good and I need what salmon I have to smoke and process. Much more money in that!" By hook or crook, I had to have some salmon — and I did get it. Don't ask me what they cost — but believe me, that green stuff has a loud voice. Cliff and Ken smoked some which we canned but most of it we processed without smoking, cutting it up and putting it neatly packed in a metal can and then forcing a cap on the can before pressure cooking them

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I had better luck with my shell collecting. I wanted my own specimens of the giant Cryptochiton and I found eleven of them. Those, and my redwood burls, are the prize findings of our 3 months trip last summer.

We reached home and the weather cooling nicely and our eagerness to get to Cholla Bay and see what fishing there would be there — growing stronger everyday. Our eagerness won and we went to Cholla Bay to fish. Went out to the 18 mile reef with Alberto to assist Ken with the boat that he could no longer cope with alone. Is there any comparison with California Salmon fishing and fishing at Cholla Bay? Results speak for themselves. First hour, no fish. Then it started. Two amateur fishermen with us really get seasick and the fish begin to bite! Male seasick fisherman manly struggles with rod and reel with steel line. Lands one small Pinto — then starts the line down again without tension being applied and there we have it. One giant birds nest and line shot to heck. Tried another reel with mono-filament line and within a few minutes time — that is one big messy birds nest. A shark came charging along thru the water and bit Alberto's hand line in two, so he had to quit. We already had a nice catch of pinto and grouper aboard, caught by Ken and Alberto, so we decided to take our seasick friends back to shore. In about two hours time ONLY — of fishing and the big box full of good eating fish. Now — I ask you? Is there really any comparison between salmon fishing and real fishing at Cholla Bay?

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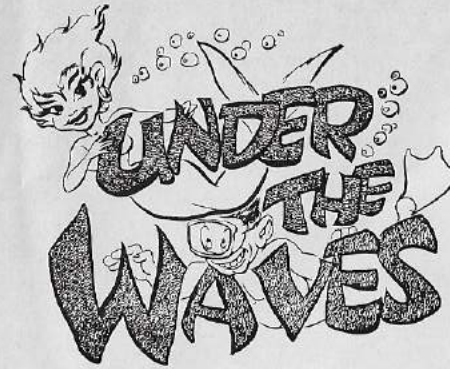
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By Wes Wells

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This fellow is one of the most dangerous creatures that the skin diver, swimmer, or surf fisherman may meet in these waters and its attractive appearance belies its venomous nature.

The Physalia is a relative of the jellyfish family and looks like a small plastic bubble, an inch or so long, with a blue or purple color on the bottom of the bubble. His tentacles may extend down several feet or may be drawn up to only a few inches and are liberally supplied with stinging cells. The gas filled float acts as a sail and they may move many miles in a short time.

Before going swimming or diving during the summer months, one should take a walk along the beach watching the waterline for Physalia which have been blown in by the winds and stranded. If you find them scattered along at intervals — stay out of the water! If you must go in, always look up to the surface before you surface to make sure you are not going to come up under one.

If you come into contact with the tentacles, you will experience a severe burning pain which may incapacitate you or lead to complete collapse depending upon the severity of the contact and your sensitivity. You are, incidentally, likely to become more sensitive with each exposure.

The first thing to do is to get out

of the water and remove the sticky tentacles from your body by rubbing with sand and water and then if it is available, wash with alcohol, gasoline or any organic solvent — this will destroy the cells. Further treatment needed should be under the direction of a doctor.

Fortunately these little fellows will only be in the local waters a few days each year, so just keep your eyes open, use your common sense and enjoy the beautiful waters of the Gulf.

## CORRECTION!

In last issue, your editor told you about the bargain days we are having for brand new members. The \$5.00 should have been \$6.00. But that's still an extra special inducement for those who have never been members before — to join now and get all the fringe benefits for the balance of 1964. Remember, your wife and your minor children under 18 years may each have their memberships for \$2.00 each. This covers the cost of their insurance. ALSO, REMEMBER, that in order for each one of your family to be protected by this insurance while participating in club sponsored activities, a separate beneficiary form MUST be filled out and signed by each such member and the original family member, (usually, the father or husband).

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By Ken Evans

Having no small trouble convincing some outboarders as to the importance of burning the fuel out of the carburetors at the end of each outing and BEFORE removing the rig from the water, we have prepared a do-it-yourself experiment for you.

Lest we forget, to properly burn the fuel out of the carburetors, use this method if possible. Disconnect the fuel line FROM THE MOTOR, NOT AT THE TANK! Usually the handiest time to do this is prior to removing the boat from the water but after it has been loaded on the trailer. Do this before removing the rig from the water. NEVER-NEVER start or run an engine with a dry water pump. It will damage, if not destroy the neoprene impeller and the lack of cooling water may permanently damage internal engine parts.

As for disconnecting the fuel line, this should be at the engine for these reasons — First, to prevent the collapse of the primer bulb as the fuel is drained by the fuel pump and second, on the O.M.C. type single hose tank the connector when removed, allows the tank vent to close which in turn allows extreme pressures to build up inside the tank in hot weather. These pressures can cause fuel leaks, split tank bottoms and even burst tanks.

Getting back to our experiment we should remember, (how could we forget) that we have in this area 100

degree-plus heat day after day, so the small amount of gasoline-oil mix left in the carburetors will evaporate very readily. As the gasoline evaporates it leaves behind a sticky heavy gum or varnish deposit to plug the small jets, gum up needle valves, stick floats and in general play havoc with an otherwise good running engine. For this process to happen twice in such manner may impair the operation of the engine to a point that performance is cut 50 percent or more. At any rate try this experiment and see how much gum and varnish accumulates and how quickly it becomes sticky.

Using a clean jar (half pint size), place in the jar a cup of fuel from your own outboard fuel tank. Place this jar on the gunnel or in the motor well of your boat so it will be subject to the same heat as are the carburetors on the engine. If you put a lid on the jar, punch a hole in it, your carburetors are vented also. Check the jar each day for a month and note when the gasoline has evaporated. Note when the remainder dries and how sticky it becomes. With few exceptions your jar will contain only heavy deposits in only a few days. This same product is the damaging factor in most carburetion-fuel pump failures that require engine repair each season. Be sure you

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use only fuel that is in your tank at present for a true test.

Above all remember to burn the fuel out of the carburetors BEFORE removing the boat from the water.

HAPPY BOATING AMIGOS!

**"Between the Mountains and the Sea"**

By Ida Bourland

Howard and Polly Coffinger from Wickenburg are here and have as their guests, Howard's brother E. L. and his wife, Dorothy and their sons from Phoenix.

Walt and Mary Pettigrew from Las Vegas, New Mexico, came to their casa at La Choya and brought their grandchildren with them.

Bud and Mae Moore from Tucson came and had as their guests, their grandchildren, Shelly, Susan, and John from St. Johns. A good time was had by all.

Cecil and Lela Gary were here several days — relaxing and fishing. They are from Phoenix.

Guests of Bart and Nadine Scott from Oklahoma City, were Bart's sister, Rose and her husband, Frank Barber. Visiting the Scotts later were Bart's cousins, Jack Scott and his wife, Ella Mae and son, Johnnie from Lawton, Oklahoma.

Radioman Jesus Martinez and his wife are the proud parents of a baby boy. Mother and son are home and doing well. Congratulations to them!

Coming to the Bay from Phoenix were Dave and Vida Davidson, bringing with them as their guests, Cecil and Versey Eaton. Also Versey's son and wife, Ronnie and Ann Morris, and

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their son, Ronnie.

J. H. Horst and his wife were here from Tempe. They had as guests, their son, Donald, his wife, Margaret and their daughter, Doris, from Yellem, Washington.

From Las Cruces, New Mexico, came John and Gladys Hoskins, who brought as their guests, their grandchildren, Cindy, Vickie, Jim and Debbie Hoskins. Also their daughter, JoAnn Taubian and her two sons, Robert and Charles.

Walter, Marie and June Davis are here from Tucson — shelling and fishing.

Returning home to Pear Blossom, California, were Hubert and Genevieve Morse. They plan to spend the summer in the high sierras.

Charles and Helen Reed spent a long weekend here at the bay.

The Vercruysse's vacation — two whole weeks of it, were spent at their casa. Dorothy returned home with a lovely tan.

Many folks came to the bay for the long 4th of July weekend. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sharp from Phoenix, their son, Roger and his wife, and their son, Tom Sharp II. Also Mrs. Sharp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sutton.

Bill and Dorothy Olds from Phoenix and their grand-daughter, Gayle Ann Lewis, have been here as guests of Dave and Vida Davidson.

Coming down from Ajo were Neil and Bessie Carter.

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Marshall and Ruth Wright were here and has as their guests, their daughter, Joan, her husband, Mike Weinzaple and son, Donnie. All are from Tucson. We are happy that Marshall is doing so well after his operation.

Vilo and Ann Miller left the bay to go on a long trip — visiting in California, Las Vegas, Nevada and other places.

Homer and Bonnie Ashworth have left for the summer. They'll be staying in Sedona, Arizona.

We were happy to have as our guests from Imperial, Missouri, my brother, Leo Martens and his wife, Wanita. They stayed several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Whitnell have been spending their vacation here. They are from Phoenix.

Bob and Mae Wolff from Phoenix were here during the new moon to go shelling.

Mrs. Robbins and son, Pat, paid their first visit to La Choya and enjoyed it very much. They are from Tucson.

Also coming to the Bay for the first time were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bonny and their two sons. They were guests of Richard Manning and all are from Phoenix.

Nadine Scott entertained Debbi Hoskins while her grandparents were out fishing.

From "out Wickenburg way" came Pappy Coones and Dr. Floyd B. Bradliar and his son, Thomas. They stayed in the Coffinger casa. Howard Coffinger came down later with his son, Mike

who teaches school in Tempe.

Paul and Pauline Denny from Tucson came for a long weekend bringing their grandson, Paul III with them.

Also from Tucson were Coy and Grace Cook. They stayed several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Valentine are here from Phoenix with their children and several guests.

William and Jean Troiele from Flagstaff were here for a few days and had as their guests, Mr. McCormick and his grandson. Manuel and Mable B. went home with them to spend several days.

Our sympathy to Beryl Hamilton in the death of his wife, Helen. The Hamiltons had a cabin here at the bay several years ago.

Dick and JoAnn Sanderson came down for a weekend bringing as their guests, JoAnn's mother, Helen Poppy, who shares their home in Phoenix, and Helen's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Welch, their daughter Jackie Eiszele and her two daughters, Luida and Sherri, all from Redwood City, California. They stayed at the Sanderson's family casa, the MAWNPAW.

Mr. Dunn was here to go out sail-fishing with Marcello. They brought in three.

Coming to the bay at the invitation of Howard Coffinger were Lavern May from Scottsdale, Richard Tompkins and Bruce Funk, both from Phoenix. They hit the jackpot on pinto — really bring in good catches.

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## Tips On Marlin Hunting

For 3 years I have been reading these tips and each year I'm sure that I will be a member of that famous group called the Marlin club.

1) Most marlin lures are trolled 50' to 200' behind the boat at a speed that keeps bait on surface (5 to 8 knots).

2) Live bait (mackerel, sardines) can be trolled, but speed must be reduced so bait can swim.

3) Flying fish must be sewed in such a manner as to keep eyes in position. Otherwise they protrude and cause bait to spin, with a badly twisted line resulting.

4) Beginners will have more success with medium tackle, i.e., a line testing about 50# with a rod balanced to line and a reel that holds 300 to 500 yds., 15' sturdy leaders, cable or 120# monofilament, are preferred; hook sizes 6/0 to 10/0 are usual.

5) A marlin does not swallow bait immediately, but holds it between jaws and swims away, later turning bait and swallowing it. Anglers must therefore not strike their fish immediately, but allow time for it to be swallowed. How long should one wait for a strike? That, my friend, is the \$64,000.00 Question!!!

6) A marlin hitting an artificial lure such as a jig or knuckle-head should be struck at once. If the fish takes bait in what is called a "Hot strike" or "Screamer" and makes off with it at high speed, or if fish jumps, set hook immediately.

7) Loosen drag when a marlin is

running fast or jumping, but never enough to allow slack line. When fish is quiet, tighten drag, to maximum the tackle will permit.

8) Do not attempt to gaff a "hot" fish. As a rule, a marlin that is ready to take, can be worked close to boat by the angler with boat assistance. Experience only will tell when a marlin is tired enough to gaff. Fading of brilliant colors from blue to brown is one evidence that a fish is tired.

9) Relatively small boats, including outboards, provided they are seaworthy, are excellent for marlin fishing. The angler should have a sturdy "flying" gaff and a tail rope aboard as well as at least one able assistant.

10) If a marlin threshes after gaffing, towing it by its tail with rope usually causes it to cease struggling within a few minutes.

11) Don't try to bring an active marlin aboard a boat, particularly a small boat. They are powerful creatures; and a blow from the tail can easily break a leg, wreck a boat, or equipment. Tow marlin until dead before bringing it aboard, or tow it to shore if necessary.

12) Everyone can enjoy marlin if they choose. The largest marlin of recent years, a 365# fish, was caught by Jerry Cicconi of Avalon aboard a homemade 16' outboard!!

13) Remember the other fellow and stay away from the boat that is working the marlin. A safe distance is ¼ mile. Marlin often take off hundreds of yards of line in seconds!! Don't take a chance of running over the other angler's line.

There have been many volumes written about marlin fishing. The above hits are minimum or less, but — you'll learn!!! Now "go get yourself one", as the members of the marlin club say to each other. (The lucky dogs!) GOOD LUCK!!!

Submitted by Katherine Hitchcock

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By Bill Valentine

Of all the fish boated from Cholla Bay, the little scrapper which is most often underrated and quite often thrown away, is the Cerro Mackerel.

The reason, I believe, is due to the fact that a good majority of fishermen confuse him with his pot-bellied, dark-meated Pacific cousin, the Chub Mackerel. Whereas these two members of the Mackerel family are kissin' cousins, so to speak, their flavor on the table, their appearance, and their fighting ability are decidedly different.

The Cerro is a white-meated little beauty, and if properly taken care of when caught, is about as tasty a little morsel as can be eaten.

Like practically all members of the mackerel clan, the Cerro has a tendency to ripen rather rapidly, unless certain precautionary measures are taken.

When concentrating on the task of loading up on macks, I always try and have a large ice box with about 25 pounds of ice aboard. Being one of the easiest fish to clean that swims I usually try and clean them as I catch them, and fling them into the ice box immediately. Keep a cleaning board, a rag and a sharp knife on board, and a gunny sack to pile them up in till there is a lull, or you will get too many sacked up for too long a time — when this happens, for gawdsakes, take the time to gut them out, cut the head and tail off, then pile them in, cozied up next to your ice. Depending on the sun, of course, a mack will start to soften up within 20 minutes of leaving the water. Be sure and run your thumbnail along the inside of his backbone to remove the long blood-clot as it will spoil the

meat faster than anything else.

A school of hungry mackerel will hit a spoon darn near as fast as you can get it to the water. When trying to locate a school by trolling, bear this thought in mind — you'll have one heckuva time outrunning one of these speedsters — so move along fast enough to just barely keep your spoon from skipping along the surface of the water.

For gosh sakes, use a ball bearing swivel and at least an 18" leader (steel or cable). The trolling speed necessary to get a mack to hit your line in one helluva hurry, due to the fact that almost all spoons will spin when trolled at a high speed, and unless you release this twist through the use of a ball bearing swivel, you'll ultimately ruin a good stretch of expensive line.

The choppers in a mackerel's mouth, are as sharp as razor-blades — hence the steel or cable leader. Don't stick your fingers in one's mouth to remove a hook — grab the mack with a rag in one hand, grab the lure in your other, and just rip it out — otherwise you're liable to get a manicure clean down to your wrist-bone.

For sport, use a long freshwater bass rod and a levelwind of reel equipment with a stardrag. These little babies will really give you a tussel on this kind of a rig, whereas if you use a stiff boat rod and saltwater reel with heavy test line, the shock of the first strike when they hit a fast moving spoon tied to a heavy stiff rod, just naturally takes a whole lot of fight right out of one. Sounds reasonable, doesn't it?

Mackerel usually stay in the Rocky Point area all summer long and on into late fall. Soooooo, if you want to have a ball, some weekend, crank up the old flivver, shag on down to Cholla or Rocky Point and get your feet wet — it's easy.

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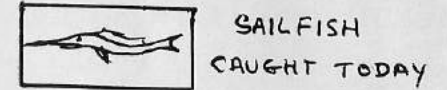
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By Lynn Bayless

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