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At the last count, the membership has gone to 800 plus - the largest it ever has been. That just goes to show you what hard work from all of the members can do, plus the fact that the Membership Chairmen have done wonderful jobs. Let's give them a big hand at our next meetings.

The radio station is changed over to its new location which is much nicer and also handy to the launchers. Chris has the radios working very well. That also takes a lot of hard work on his part.

Mal says the Search and Rescue will have a meeting in the next few weeks. Also, haven't heard any-

thing from our association in Mexico lately. But you know the saying - "No news is good news."

Bob Allison is the lucky winner of the sailfish trophy this year from the Cholla Bay area.

At our last council meeting, we took a good look at the Chatter. In the meantime, all you members - let's send in your stories and news to Dr. Burch. He is doing a fine job and, with some help from the membership, he can do better.

Bob Morris, Tucson President, has worked hard on Cholla Bay area this year. The way he speaks Mexican is wonderful, and is a great help to the Club. (Thanks, Bob.)

Our Phoenix President, Harold Johnson, looks like a broiled lobster after floating down the Verde River in an inner tube. Joan is just as red, only there isn't as much of her to burn.

Good luck to all of you running for office in the Club. Let's all see if we can make next year bigger and better! Thanks to all.

Lyle Rogers, Council Chairman



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### From the Editor's Desk

Here it isn't even Thanksgiving and yet it's time for me to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I ordinarily don't get my Christmas cards addressed until Christmas--and then it's too late to send them -- so this is a first time for me. I'm sorry that this issue isn't in keeping with the Christmas season, but I'm just getting in the mood for Thanksgiving. In this regard I think we should all be thankful that the Club is progressing nicely and that the Continental Casualty Company has n't had to pay off on the Club's group life insurance policy.

I just received a phone call from Jim Lori. He still doesn't have a roof, but the builder dumped two truckloads of sand in his yard this past week. Sounds like Jim better be ready for some kind of sand job.

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### *Six in Mexico* By JoAnn Johnson

The six of us left Phoenix at 4 pm on Friday, October 13. Bob and Millie Parnell, Lyle and Mary Rogers and Harold and I. We stopped in Casa Grande for dinner and spent the first night between Nogales and Magdalena.

Saturday we went through fertile country with many small towns and many schools. Magdalena had a very modern high school much like we have in Arizona. We had lunch at New Kino Bay which is strictly a rich man's paradise. We headed on for Guaymas as a storm was brewing and stayed at the Miramer Trailer Park. It was nice and the countryside was green and pretty. There were lots of coconut trees, banana trees, and rubber trees.

On Sunday we passed small towns with thatched and mud huts and saw men using yokes to carry water and carrying wood on their backs. And

we think we have it tough! We went to Alamos but the road was so rough and narrow that we were the only ones that could get to the trailer park. We found El Charcol Trailer Park outside of town and stayed for the night. Monday we went into Alamos and Mr. Alcorn showed us around the town. The streets are cobblestone and the outside of all buildings are as they were built years ago. You can only buy land or homes there under condition that they will be kept that way.

After a gas stop in Navajoa we went on to Los Mochis and Topolobampo. There were many farms in this area, sesame growing in the fields. Men were using horse drawn plows. There were many huts, goats, burrows and other animals. The only place we saw to stay in Topolobampo was the Yacht Motel which looked like an old ship. We decided to go on to Culicán.

Never again! Night driving is bad. There were people on scooters and trucks without tail lights. We spent the night at Res Rios Trailer Park in Culicán. It was nice and clean.

On Tuesday we started the last leg of our trip. It was beautiful. It was a jungle with every color imaginable with many flowers, cacti and wild morning glories. We went to the Las Palmas Trailer Park in Mazatlan and spent the night. It was so hot and humid, however, that we stayed in a motel for the remainder of our stay.

Wednesday we looked over the town and made arrangements for a boat. On Thursday we went fishing and got one dolphin and a turtle. They were good eating. Saturday we were to go again but Harold was sick, so the Rogers and Parnells went out and came in with four sailfish and nine tuna.

We had a good day Monday. Lyle had a blue marlin on at 8:30 a.m. that tipped the scales at 264 lbs. Harold got a dolphin and Sail. Millie got her second Sail, Bob his second Sail, and I got my Sail. Mary had a bad day -- all she got was lunch.

Tuesday Lyle and Mary returned to the water and came in with a shark, and all Mary could say was, "Now I know why we came to Mazatlan -- to get a sand shark!"

The last three times we were out it was on the Bill Heimpel Fleet. It is a good fleet. We didn't have to wait after we got aboard. The boat left as soon as the last person got aboard. The boats were modern and very clean. We were served Margueritas when we came in.

All in all we had a marvelous time and I'm ready to go back anytime. The country is beautiful, the people

congenial, even with the language barrier. The market place is a must on the list of places to see and do. You can't imagine what it is like until you see it. However, most of the bigger cities have supermarkets like ours where you can purchase most anything you want -- if you can read the label.

If you get a chance to go to Mazatlan or any city in Mexico, we hope you enjoy it as much as we did. Next time Guadalajara and Mexico City.

-Adios

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by Toska Fieck

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Mr. Williams, who is from Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico has been doing this work since 1963 when a friend recommended his appointment. Prior to this, he was an accountant, but had always felt that the tourist trade was a vital one for his country. Here is a man very proud of and in love with his country. He realizes that Mexi-

co, as the United States, has many problems and only time and education will help to alleviate many of these. Being a man of ability, he is very modest regarding his appointed position. Working seven days a week doing public relations work, promotional endeavors, issuing visas, and generally performing the duties of an information bureau for travelers absorbs a majority of his time and energy.



Now that he has had time to get used to Phoenix and Arizona, he likes it here very much. He thinks the people are very friendly and that casual living is fine.

We did discuss the CBSC problems with Mr. Williams as pertains to bor-

der crossings. We learned a bit of basic information which perhaps we do not consider enough: At the border are two separate divisions of the Mexican government - Immigration and Customs. "Immigration" indicates whether or not you will be permitted to enter the country (and they have every right to refuse any one they consider undesirable, since each official there is empowered to use his own judgment), and "Customs" dictates what you may or may not bring into the country and whether you must pay duty on it or not. Really, when you consider it, the job of approving entering people from a one time meeting or even approving those whose faces are somewhat familiar, could be a responsibility some of us might hate to have to assume.

Mr. Williams is at his office to help you obtain your visas, assist you with Mexican travel information and accommodations, etc. Any other major difficulties are under the rule of the Consular office. Please remember that Mr. Williams' government has selected him for this particular office for his ability to assist tourists. He is a very charming and patient man, and was extremely gracious to me during the interview, and you know how trying I can be.

Thank you, Mr. Williams, for your considerations and we hope the CBSC will never be a problem - just a friendly group needing the information you are qualified to give.

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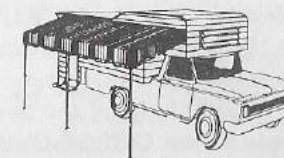
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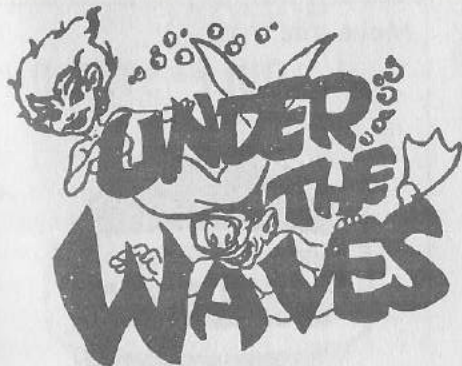
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--Or, we might have titled this, "If you can't catch 'em from your boat, go down where they are!" To every sport fisherman, there is always the challenge of outsmarting his quarry by guessing which lure or bait the sought-after fish will desire enough to make that fish an enjoyable meal or trophy to photograph. Have you ever contemplated what it would be like trying to outsmart and outmaneuver that fish in his own environment so that you could bring him in on the end of a spear? Frightening thought, you say? Too much challenge? Or, maybe you can't swim that well?

I am referring, of course, to the sport of skin diving or SCUBA diving as a means of acquiring an enjoyable meal or trophy specimen. However, I would not limit the sport to that activity alone. It is, as the title above implies, one of the most rewarding sports one can partake of and contribute to, while enjoying the sun, sea and people of the Gulf of California area.

There is a fantastically beautiful world under the sea's surface for you to discover. A world so varied and so colorful that even underwater photos do not do it justice. Hours

upon hours can be spent investigating (and collecting) the sea life that lies within easy skin-diving depth of even the moderately accomplished swimmer. And the best part of that underwater world? It isn't crowded--and it's serenely quiet. Two hours spent diving on any given weekend can be almost effective cure of whatever it is you use as an excuse to "get away from it all."

Let's take a look at what your capabilities should be before attempting to skindive. (See - already comes the challenge. Well, anybody can go buy a rod and reel and some lures!)

Guts? -- it helps; Note: Many young ladies enjoy the sport.

A Tarzan physique? -- not necessary, but the young ladies mentioned above would undoubtedly be attentive.

Hold your breath for two minutes? -- very, very few people can do that, including those who skindive regularly.

Swim a mile? -- Well-l-l, no-but that might help, too. In case your buddy (?) takes the boat off someplace to fish!

Swim? -- YES! One does need to be able to negotiate a bit. But salt water swimming when skindiving is quite easy and relaxing. Besides good general health and some proper instruction on the use of your equipment, an ability to swim and the desire for new adventure is about all you need to begin.

I mentioned some SCUBA diving earlier. You've seen the Mike Nelson series on TV? Or read about the Aquanauts? Well, those fellers use SCUBA gear. Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus. Whereas the skindiver is limited to his time underwater by his own lung

capacity, the SCUBA diver increases his underwater time by carrying a tank of compressed air on his back and a regulator through which he breathes that air. Now he is able to stay underwater longer and, of course, can go deeper than can the conventional skindiver. Sport SCUBA diving is generally limited to a depth of 125 feet.

Why should you want to stay underwater for thirty minutes? To make like a fish, of course! To bet a better, longer, more thorough look at that world you've never seen, and never will see without being there. To bring home a beautiful conch shell that you found! To stalk and spear three 60 pound sea bass for your dinner table! To watch the beautiful colored small fish watching you! To wonder. To learn. To do what very few people in the world will do.

The qualifications to become a SCUBA diver are slightly more rigorous in the swimming aspect. Also, it is imperative that instruction be obtained from a qualified organization. Some diving clubs offer such instruction as do most YMCA's. As with any sport, a knowledge of and respect for your equipment will provide much enjoyment with no injury.

There are many favorite diving spots in the Gulf of California. Among them are: Rocky Point, Lobos, Libertad, Tiburon, Kino Bay, San Augustine, San Pedro Island, San Carlos - Guaymas area, and if you have the means, any of several locations on the Baja Coast. Depending on the season, you can spear grouper, pinto, red snapper, yellowtail, and if you are really adventurous -- an eel!

Like all fishermen, I must tell

you about the one that got away. Several of us were diving at Lobos last February. A beautiful sunny day, water was calm, visibility at 40 feet of depth was about twenty feet. I came over the top of a huge rock and there, about 12 feet away, lying just under a small ledge with the sun's rays illuminating him, was a golden grouper about four feet long! I was so taken by the beauty of that sight, that I momentarily forgot I had my spear gun in hand. In a few seconds, I recalled what I was there for, raised the spear gun and released the safety to fire. In order to get a better angle before pulling the trigger, I decided to go about three feet closer, and -- you guessed it -- just as I pulled the trigger, that grouper decided to leave. But I'll be back to Lobos, and if he's still there - - - -.

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Now the point is, Do you??? If you have had your boat layed up during the hot summer or haven't started up the little kick engine, why not do so now?

One way to keep it in tune is to chug around in the Bay with your kicker while waiting for your trailer.

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-Mel Jarvis

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The following facts are brought to the attention of those members who could not, or did not attend meetings lately.

1. Chris Tatum is our insurance chairman and can write up your insurance (Mexican) from Tucson.
2. We are getting an X-ray machine in good order to present to the Rocky Point Hospital. However we need a few sheets of stainless steel to make a developing tank. If you can spare such material call Pres. Morris and he will pick it up and have it welded.
3. Another member is supplying a fluoroscope which Morris will also deliver to the hospital. This equipment could save the life of a member who is injured in Mexico.
4. Our next meeting will be started with a pot luck dinner. Bring a covered dish of some sort and please attend.
5. If you haven't mailed your ballot yet, please do so at once.

-Art Schwarz

## COMPASS DEVIATION

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## SICK CALL

Get well cards have been sent to Mrs. Shirley Yule, who had surgery recently, and Floyd Newton who upset his jeep on a recent hunting trip. He is in the hospital in Prescott, Arizona. We wish them both a fast recovery.

Lloyd and Buelah Wood are grandparents again -- another boy!  
—JoAnn Johnson

## CHOLLA DIRECTORY

Mr. Gus Brown is going to compile an alphabetical directory of all Cholla Bay residents. In order to do this it is necessary for each owner to turn into the office of S. G. Brown his name (if there is more than one owner please see that each name is turned in), their cabin # and the name of the person they rent from.

The main reason for this is so Mr. Brown can put in two lanes at the check station, one for cabin owners and the other for campers. All persons who cooperate with this plan will be given an identification card to show at the check station which will allow them to pass through without the delay of waiting for the campers to pay, etc.

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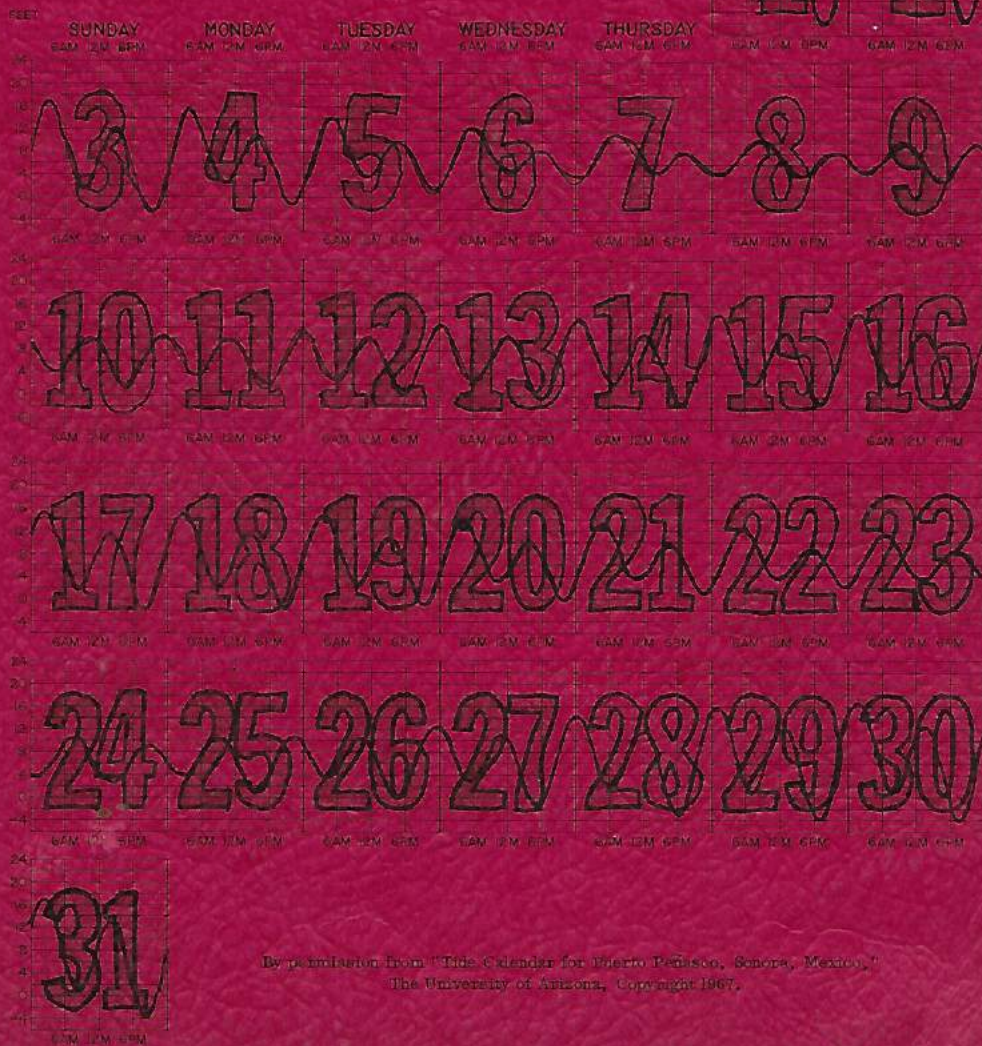
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