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## **Open Letter to Tucson Salt Water Fishermen**

*By Wayne DeVore  
Tucson Chapter Organizer*

It is our understanding that in Tucson there are approximately 100 people who are paying dues to Cholla Bay Sportsman Club in Phoenix.

Due to lack of something or other, we in Tucson have not been able to start a chapter here.

In order that we may be more a part of the going on, and know what to do or not to do, we are starting a chapter here in Tucson.

We have reserved the banquet room at the Sands Motel (Congress and Freeway) in Tucson. Our first meeting will be at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, November 20th.

We extend an invitation to anyone interested in salt water fishing to come and attend our meeting.

Remember—you can only get out of something in proportion to what you put in, so do attend.

We are inviting the entire membership of the Cholla Bay Club and especially the board members who have promised to help us get started. (From Phoenix)

If you want a voice in what is being done in Cholla Bay come to the meeting.

Don't forget the ladies and kids—and your friends and neighbors.

For more information call MA 2-3516.

**Next Meeting  
8 P.M. - Tues. - Nov. 8**

## **Conchologist Miona Mackey "Tells On Shells"**

*By Jack Jennings  
Program Chairman*

Many thanks to Dr. H. Hanson for a most enlightening and entertaining program at our last meeting. We will all have a new interest in those back-boneless set shore creatures after seeing Dr. Hanson's slides and hearing his information on those little salt water animals.

Dr. Hanson could not have adequate time to include sea-shell animals during his visit with us. Many of you indicated an interest in learning more about sea shells.

So . . . we will have as our guest speaker at our next meeting a charming lady who has studied conchology for many years—as she says, "since childhood days with shovel and pail, wet sand and 'discovered treasures' which are the many fantastic shapes and beautiful patterns of the countless numbers of shells."

Mrs. Miona Mackey has a shell collection which dates from the war years. For some time she assisted Dr. Howard Hill, one of the world's experts on conchology, at the Los Angeles Museum of Science and Art. She continually has added to her own extensive shell collection since that time. Mrs. Mackey is indeed an expert on shells and will tell us much about them.

This program will be a highlight of the year. Be sure to attend our next meeting, Tuesday evening, November 8th, 8:00 P.M. at Goettl Bros. Auditorium, 2005 East Indian School Road. Bring a guest.

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## PREXY SPEAKS . . . .

Well gang, a dream is about to come true! We are going to Tucson Nov. 20 and at 3:00 P.M. in the Banquet Room at the Sands Motel (Congress and Freeway in Tucson) the organization meeting of the Tucson Chapter of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen Club will be held. Everyone is invited to attend.

Wayne DeVore has done a lot of work getting it set, so my hat is off to him. Our good luck wishes are with our Tucson bunch. Be there and give them personally.

Now for the information on the radio project. Everything is under control. The radio is in our possession and now we have to complete negotiations for installation and make arrangements for an operator.

We passed the cup for donations at the last club meeting and the members came through with \$240. Even Lynn Bayless parted with \$20 and if you know him, you know that is really something.

I have appointed Shirley Bishop as my corresponding secretary. Welcome, Shirley, and thank you for accepting, gal. I needed you.

I also have appointed Ed Jones as Advertising Chairman and I know he will do a fine job since this is right in his line of work. My thanks to R. K. Warren for his work the past year on our behalf.

On the newest Cholla Bay project, Spanish classes for members, I have asked Harley B. Kelley, 521 W. 4th St., Scottsdale, to accept the chairmanship of this deal. He accepted like a good guy and he will have a lot of information at our next

## Spanish Taught C of C Trade Group

Members of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce Mexico Trade Relations Committee have taken the first of 13 lessons planned to learn conversational Spanish.

Classes are being held from 7 to 9 a.m. Tuesdays at the University of Arizona under the direction of Byron Browder.

The session includes a breakfast and consists in part of learning the names of things on the menu in Spanish.

Enrollment includes Frank Benecke, A. R. Garrett, Charles Arnold, Don Garrison, Lew Place, Fred Fisher, Dr. Fred Sowerby, James Durbin, Glenn Stark, Bill Thacker, C. A. Whitlock and Boyd Allen, who organized the course.

Mexico Trade Relations Committee members who did not already speak Spanish decided it would be better for them to learn the language to carry out their duties on the committee.

meeting on Nov. 8th at Goettl Bros. Auditorium.

Any of the members that missed the last meeting should have had their heads examined. The program given by Dr. Hansen, with his lovely wife as camera operator, was a dilly.

See you at the next meeting, gang.  
Bill Blair

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## What's In a Name

By Shirley Bishop

It all began when Ruth Miriam belonged to the 11th Street gang and Bill belonged to the 12th Street gang in the vicinity of Taylor street. They went to Monroe school and would rather have dropped dead than acknowledge each other's gang. As time went by they graduated and went on to Phoenix Union High School. One fine day Bill and Ruth decided that this neighborhood stuff wasn't nearly as important as the obvious fact that they were a boy and a girl.

Not being the type to let grass grow under his feet, Bill soon had Ruth convinced that he was a nice enough guy to make a "hope chest" for her in his manual training class. When it was finished they had selected the names of their boy, James Robert, and their girl, Margo Ann, which Bill had imprinted on the "hope chest." Time took care of the necessary legal steps, ceremony and changing Ruth's name to Blair.

Now, you'll have to admit that this is pretty good basic planning and when the time approached for their first child the name plate of James Robert was fulfilled. The future years held a lot of cooperation and along came their second boy, Chuck. The Blairs were mighty proud of their two boys but they still wanted Margo Ann. So they went to work again and to add impetus for a girl, Bill named two boats "Margo Ann." Their third child was launched into this world under the name of Jan, yep, their third boy.

After acquiring four more boats which were named Margo Ann, Bill took inventory of his blessings, three mighty fine sons, six boats, and the full realization that he had what he hoped for all the time, the greatest wife a guy could desire and a great girl. And that's how "Miss Miriam" got her name.

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## THE V. P. NOTES . . .

By Ed Smith

Vice President

"Enhorabuena Pueblo Viejo"—and congratulations *are* in order to a fine bunch of fishermen and fellow sportsmen down Tucson way. All the members here in Phoenix are more than pleased, and you will find that your meeting on November 20th will be the start of a great club in Tucson. We are looking forward to a closer relationship—being able to hear your viewpoints and ideas on our mutual pastime—fishing down Mexico way. Nothing can cool the enthusiasm of a good sportsman—not even the cold wind and blowing sands of Cholla Bay.

Our meetings in Phoenix have progressed to a point where they are being enjoyed by both young and old—thanks to Jack Jennings, a mighty fine program chairman. Now, if you can only find another "Bill Blair" whose leg you can pull constantly and not even be able to make him walk with a limp, you've got it made.

I know that the next spring fishing derby will mean a lot more to Tucson by having an active part in the planning and loot gathering—uh—I mean prize raising. There are still a lot of fish to be caught in Cholla Bay—so—"congratulations" again from Phoenix to Tucson on your first meeting—a red letter day. I'll be there with bells on!

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Bill Valentine

## Chapter II

We jumped ashore (or I should say, a rock) and tied the boat to a boulder, stretched our legs and scratched our bums—bums, which, incidentally, had become quite numb from the long trip.

We were startled to hear a yell behind us and all three turned around to behold a Mexican waving an enthusiastic greeting to us.

He had quite a story to tell us. It seems that at that time, the Mexican government had a contract with the Pacific Guano Company to furnish them with lottsas, if you'll pardon the expression, Guano, so, the Mexican officials figured that Bird Island was a gold mine of Guano. My nose and I heartily agree. Anyhoó, the government put this boy on the island with a shovel, a whole slew of sacks, and a 6 months' supply of staple food. He contracted to spend a year at this lovely garden spot, and the supply ship returned after the first six month period to collect his sacks of goodies and replenish his staple food supply. He was completely out of fishing gear of any sort, explaining that the "Muy Grande Pescado" had cleaned him out. It had been four months since his supply boat had been there, hence the very enthusiastic welcome.

He graciously extended us an invitation to dine with him, come supper time, and altho he had but one cot to sleep on,

we were more than welcome to sleep on the concrete block floor of the little one room shack which was his home. He explained that he loved grouper, and if we would furnish him the meat, he would do everything else.

It was about 4 o'clock by then, and after taking so long to get here, we were quite reluctant to get started back too soon, all realizing that it would be after dark before we ever made it back anyway, so after a hurried council, we decided to accept the hospitality of our gracious Mexican host!

We had left that morning, with nothing but light windbreaker jackets over T shirts, as the daytime weather was nice and pleasant and we had really anticipated returning to camp before nightfall.

The prospects of gathering in another herd of fish before chow time appealed to us, so after assuring our friendly Mexican host that we would return by dark, we shoved off to explore possibilities at the other end of the island.

Now I had caught four and five pound mackerel before, on light trolling rigs, and had a healthy respect for their battling ability, but that evening, off the S.E. tip of Bird Island I was forced to upgrade their fighting powers considerably.

Upon rounding the end of the fragrant real estate, we beheld a huge school of hungry macks, threshing the surface to foam in their greed to feed. You know, the anticipation a devoted fisherman feels, when armed with a good casting rig, upon a sight such as we were witnessing, is impossible to describe.

For the next hour and a half, Herb, Milt and I were in paradise. Those macks were running between 8 and 10 lbs. apiece, and before we were forced to quit, had eaten up every casting fly,

feather and plug out of our tackle box. Herb and Milt were using streamer flies and real small spoons on their respective fly rods, while I was using old reliable 15 accettas. Like I say, we were wiped out of any tackle by the time we quit, but boy, was it worth it. The bottom of the boat was a bloody mess, and so were we, but we were happy anyway.

You oughta be pretty damn tired of this disjointed mess of words by now, so I'll relate the rest of this mis-adventure in condensed form.

Just about sundown, we charged on back to the "beach," tied the boat up fore and aft, and cleaned our fish.

Amid the barking of seals and the squawking of the billions of nesting terns, gulls, or whateverhell they were, we ate a delicious charcoaled meal of (ugh) fish. With the setting of the sun, a stiff breeze started blowing from the north. Along with the increasing wind came the chill that only the Gulf can produce with a north wind. It felt like it was blowing straight out of a glacier.

Upon the completion of chow, our host, practical fellow that he was, wrapped himself in a hairy looking blanket, bid us a cheery "buenos notches" and laid his little self to beddy-bye on the only piece of furniture in the room, his delapidated cot.

Buddy, if you don't think you can raise a fast crop of goosepimples in one helluva hurry, try making yourself comfortable lying flat on a cement block floor, with a 34 degree wind whistling thru the cracks in the shack, and covered by only a Tee-Shirt and a light windbreaker.

The three of us stood it till about 1 A.M. (and I guess that by the racket our teeth made—I had my own then), we had kept our landlord from any shureye

(—so he too was glad of our decision) at which time Milt stood shivering to his feet and called to us to rise and shine. The wind by now was blowing pretty steady, and had built up quite a rough, cold, sea. We all agreed that we couldn't possibly be any colder than we were, and being afraid that the wind might get a lot worse and strand us on the rock for several days, we decided, at 1 a.m. mind you, to try and make it back to the estuary.

None of us had a compass, but from the heights of the island we could see the beacon of Penasco, periodically flashing on the horizon, right square in the teeth of the frigid wind. After profusely thanking our new Mexican friend and emptying our tackle boxes to replenish his depleted supply of fishing gear, we shiveringly cast off into the spray filled night, in the general direction of the flashing beacon.

Milt took firstees on the motor, so Herb and I curled up under the deck of the wildly pitching boat to get some respite from the icy wind and spray. We had started with a full tank, from the Island, and decided that each guy would run the motor till the tank went dry and then trade off with one of the first-class passengers under the deck. Deep down inside, I know that each one of us prayed that we had enough fuel to get us back—we knew it would be close.

I won't bore you with the miserable details, but I ended up last on the motor, and all I can say, now, is that the good Lord had his arms around us three fools. I'll never know what guided me thru the narrow opening of the slough into the lee of the reef before I knew I was even close to the estuary, and then, as God is my witness, our brave little 10 horse motor coughed and died, completely out of gas.

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## Ed Hughes Gets Boat Gas Tax Opinion

By Mel Harrison  
Inter-Club Chairman

Boating enthusiasts owe a vote of thanks to Ed Hughes, for his hard work in getting a law on the books so that we can have a Lake Improvement Fund. Now he has gone the final step and gotten an opinion that really puts everything into operation.

Thanks, Ed, from all of us that enjoy water sports, and for those of you that may need the information, we will have copies of the official opinion at the next meeting.

More about ... FISHIN' LINES (Continued from Page 5)

We were home, even if we did have to paddle the last 20 or 30 yards.

To show you what a foolhardy decision we had made, and stupid chance we had taken, the next morning when we finally awoke, the fierce wind had died completely. If we had but waited we would have made it easily, dry, and with an ample supply of fuel.

## Phoenix College Lab Asks Cooperation

By Jack Abert  
Co-ordinator

Dr. A. S. Margolin, head of the Science Department, Phoenix College, has issued a request for marine animals that are found at Cholla Bay.

Sea water is also needed in order to provide a place for the animals.

The specimens and sea water should be contained in plastic or glass—never metal.

Delivery should be made between 11 A.M. and 1 P.M. at Dr. Margolin's classroom at Phoenix College. Please phone him at AM 6-4441 during school hours to complete arrangements for delivery of sea animals and water.

When we finally loaded up and limped back into the charred harbor, old Herb, spotting his unharmed car and trailer at the top of the ramp, thoughtfully remarked, "You know, they say the good Lord takes care of drunks and fools, and even tho none of us had any booze with us, we sure did qualify for His care," Amen.

To: Membership Chairman

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By Lynn Bayless  
Project Chairman

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Full Moon	Nov. 3	Dec. 2
Last Quarter	Nov. 11	Dec. 11
New Moon	Nov. 18	Dec. 18
First Quarter	Nov. 25	Dec. 24

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## Pay Your Dues Now - Money Needed

By Al Scott  
Membership Chairman

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## Spanish Classes Approved By Club

By H. B. Kelley  
Spanish Class Chairman

At the last members' meeting, the number of people that raised their hands as being interested in a Spanish Class was about 50.

It was requested that we hold off starting the regular weekly sessions until after the holidays. About the middle of January seemed to be the best time.

Meanwhile your chairman will gather together all the details on cost, place and instructors and report.

The classes will be in conversational Spanish that you can use without too much complication.

We would like you to think about the night in the week that you would like to have the class and also the starting time for the two hour session. Should it be 7 or 8 p.m.? Let us know at our next meeting, November 8th.

## Where Are The Club By-Laws? Do You Know?

By Paul Schoonover  
Past President

Recently, the Board of Directors wanted to refer to the Club By-Laws and we were unable to locate a copy.

Everyone we contacted knew that they had seen them at some time or other, and they existed, but so far we have not located them.

No, they are not in the Secretary's Minute Book.

If you have any information about them, please let us know immediately. We need them in setting up the Tucson Chapter. Also for separating into two jobs the tremendous task that the Secretary-Treasurer has, now that we have grown to over 700 members.

If you can give us a lead on the By-Laws, please give me a call.

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