

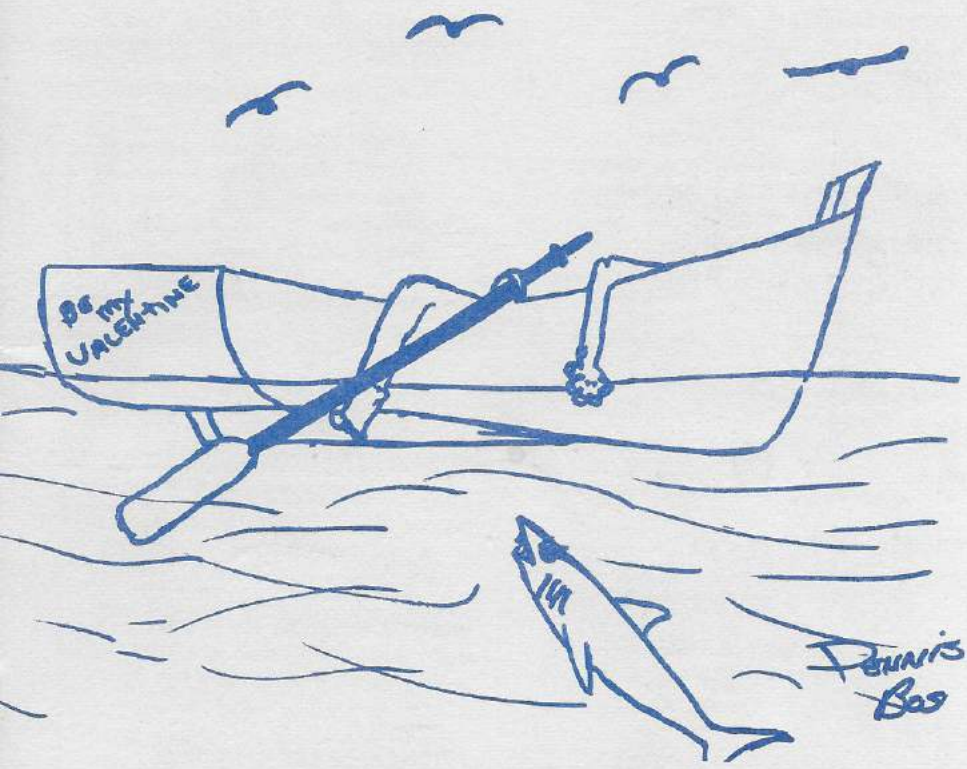
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I want this time to remind all to please get your dues in before March 1st. This is to insure that your Chatter will continue without any interruption.

If you have any items of interest, write me and I'll see what we all will share in your experiences. Thank you.

See you next time,
Susie Bos

Attention Phoenix Members:

If your 1973 dues have been paid and membership card has not been received, please contact Mary Fran Taylor.

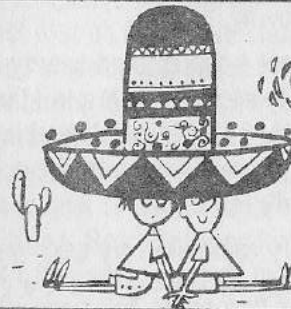
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I cringed! I've used a gun all my life – hunted for nearly everything – and highly respect firearms.

There were three guns my brothers and I were forbidden to use or have, a B.B. gun, a .22 or a .410. Since then a pellet gun would have been added to the list.

When I saw the children target shooting – and bird shooting – in an area surrounded by cabins, I thought, "Here goes some windows!" Little did I know.

There was no parental supervision, no

safe target area set up – Just running around shooting.

I don't know who the parents are – nor do I know the kids. I don't want to, at this moment.

But – it cost me \$40 for X-rays on my dog. He was hit New Year's morning between 7:00 and 7:30.

He went out for his morning run in fine shape – and came in drooping. We did not discover the problem till the day after we got back to Phoenix.

He had been hit just where his tail joins his backbone. There was not deep enough penetration to do any permanent damage. So say it was just a ricochet or a distance shot at anything that was moving.

Thanks a lot! I appreciated seeing a dog, a family member, with a tail that curls tightly over his back, walking around with it hanging down like a cur for nearly ten days.

I will deeply appreciate my next visit to Cholla Bay wondering – Is it a gun or is it a firecracker?

The next time I see guns in any form – "There is a law" and the law will be notified – neighbors in Cholla or not!

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By Mel Jarvis

BOAT BOTTOMS... If they aren't leaking, little thought is given to them, they seldom get cleaned, they get bounced off rocks, trailers, run up on beaches or taken off for 18 Mile Reef or the Sand Dunes in two or three foot chop wide open... Most boats built in the last four or five years could take this kind of pounding because most good boats are foamed and have balsa wood blocks imbedded in the glass. By the older boat's hulls have the old type float tank or called double bottom... just air. Repeated long hard running will in time cause hull problems... The condition of the hull bottom has a direct bearing on a boat's performance, the dirtier the bottom, the slower the boat; the rougher the bottom, the slower the boat. A weak bottom on one that flexes or breathes when under power can cause poor steering or slow coming up on plane, it can even cause a boat to pull to port or starboard.

So check the old gal's bottom

once in the while, look for small hair line cracks in the gel coat, this is a good sign the hull is working and may be in need of repair. Keep her clean and fill the gouges with any of the fiber glass puttys on the market, it will help. Anyway, there is always one trip the wind will be blowing and what better way to spend a windy day than fixing up your hull.

See you at the Bay... Mel Jarvis



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Dear Editor:

I am enclosing a thank you note from Allan Redwine of Phoenix, a nine year old winner of one of the prizes we donated to the Fishing Derby. We are pleased that such an enthusiastic youngster was a winner and we appreciate his note to us. We thought you might share it with your readers.

Yours truly,

Marjorie Cameron
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By Bob Bos

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★	GROUPE	30 LBS		
★	DOLPHIN	15 LBS		
★	PINTO	15 LBS		
★	SEA TROUT	5 LBS		
★	MACKEREL	6 LBS		
★	SHARK	50 LBS		
★	PARGO	15 LBS		
★	COTCHI	5 LBS		
★	SKIPJACK	6 LBS		
★	LADYFISH	2 LBS		
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I know of no fisherman who doesn't like to talk about his big fish. Sometimes in retelling the story the fish even grows, but for the people on the listening end of the story a Big 10 card signed by a Big 10 Committeeman will say the whole story is true.

To get a Big 10 card all that is needed is proof of membership and \$1.00. The cards can be purchased from a committeeman, as follows: Rob Morris, Forrest Cooley, Betty and Hector Munro, or myself.

Then the fun really starts, especially when a wife or offspring has a card also.

Any 10 of the fish listed can be used but must include the 4 required at the top of the list.

When the card is filled, let me or a committeeman know and you will receive a Big 10 patch to wear proudly on your jacket. Then no more fish stories will be necessary, everyone will know that you can do it.

A word of warning to you men: there is a lady "card holder" here in Tucson who is doing very well for the short time she has had a Big 10 card.

Burgie, that 97 pound Black Bass would fit on the card.

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SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

By Mary Fran Taylor

The Christmas Party for the children at Cholla Bay was successful – and fun. Eldon Annis, Phoenix member-chairman for Council, did a fine job. Two pickups delivered the packages to each house. Each family had an individual box, containing packages with name tags for each member of the family, including Mama and Papa. Incidentally, Eldon dressed as Santa Claus and was hugged by every child and grandmother. The ages in between were more shy. Pictures were taken of each family group with Santa in the middle. If they turn out, each family will be given the picture.

At the Board Meeting in January the Phoenix Club began a discussion of the feasibility of having its own building for use for meetings, parties, and other functions. This was brought to the floor of the General Meeting

for discussion. A committee was formed to check into the legal aspects, the costs involved, and its practicability.

Our Chapter has a new committee headed by Claud Coker. They are going to conduct a raffle – with the funds going into a special project fund. I think one prize is going to be a 18 horsepower kicker motor. Aren't we all going to take a chance!

Our new officers made their debut. The first time around is always the hardest.

Harry Barker of the Tucson Chapter came to the General Meeting with the unclaimed prizes from the Derby. We are still looking for the winners. Wish-ed Harry and his wife could have stayed longer – but the road to Tucson has some miles at night.

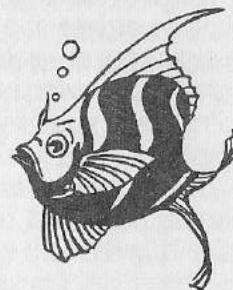
If there is anyone who has not received their Derby prizes, please contact Harris Waren at 944-1521. This is his office in the Phoenix area. Any prizes

unclaimed after 60 days will have to be returned or left to the donor for their choice of disposition.

Al Scott was presented a trophy as Master Chef, Cholla Bay Sportsman's Club Fishing Derby of 1972. Without a doubt it was the best fish I ever ate.

Thanks again should be given to the cooperation of the Chapters – this is the Cholla Bay Sportsman's Club!

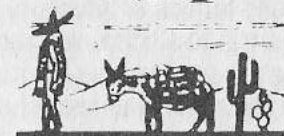
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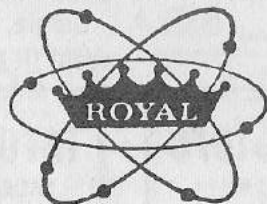
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TALK ABOUT LUCK

By the Crew of TuFuzz

The word "luck" can mean a number of things. It is "lucky" to be able to go to Cholla Bay. It is "luck" when the water is calm enough that the boats can be launched. It is "luck" sometimes when we come in with enough fish for a box full of fillets. Webster's dictionary defines "luck" as "a force that brings good fortune or adversity."

On this trip to Cholla, we were "lucky" enough to get the time off from our jobs and the water was beautiful! We were "lucky" and caught some nice fish and then, believe me, we were damn "lucky" to get back to the bay!

October 28th started out as a beautiful day for fishing at Cholla Bay. We were up early and the sun was rising as we finished servicing "TuFuzz". We had filled the tanks with gas, checked the oil and gear lubes, stowed our fishing gear and bolted our 25 Hp "kicker" in place as George drove his tractor, old No. 2, up to our cabin. He hooked on to "TuFuzz" and stopped at the launch site for us to check out. We filled the papers out for a trip to the reefs off the Sand Dunes. I told Betty Munro that since there didn't seem to be anyone from Search and Rescue down this weekend, if she had a boat in trouble, just call us, we would keep our radio on.

My partner is Scott Chesnut, a Sgt. with the Department of Public Safety. I'm John Fields, a Lt. with the Phoenix Police Department. On this trip, my son, John Jr., came along (and showed us up by catching a huge pin-to!). Due to our varied working hours, we cannot become regular members of Search and Rescue, but we help out when someone's in trouble. Tu-

Fuzz has helped rescue several boats and fourteen passengers. We have a healthy respect for the waters of the Gulf and try to take the advice given boaters in the "Chatter". TuFuzz carries so many spare parts and so much emergency equipment we've had to get a bigger boat. TuFuzz is now a Maroon 20 footer with a Buick V-6, OMC outdrive. The deep Vee and flared bow really takes the choppy water.

On this trip we never realized our luck would turn bad and we would be the ones in trouble. After launching, Scott took TuFuzz on a few turns around the bay to make sure everything was operating properly, then headed out on 270 for the Sand Dunes. He throttled back as we hit the open water and maintained a speed of about 25 MPH. In a little while we arrived at one of our favorite spots, one of Hector's Reefs, and dropped anchor over a deep hole. No sooner had our squid-loaded hooks reached bottom, than the big Pinto started hitting. We were doing a good job of landing some good fillets when I hooked a "big one".

After a long fight, I brought my "catch" up to the surface. After we released the 5-foot wide Ray, I relaxed with a cold "Cerveza", completely worn out.

Our luck started turning bad! Our anchor line caught on some coral and broke, about the same time, Scott hooked some "undersea Monster" which succeeded in tiring him out - about the same time the 170 test wire and penn reel gave up the battle with a loud 'pop'. The reel gears stripped and as the wire broke, it back-lashed so tight on the reel it would have to be cut off. We

tried to drift over our "fishing hole" but our depth finder wouldn't work! Vibrations had broken wires loose from the condenser and we couldn't repair it.

We were all so tired we decided to head back for the cabin for some relaxation and a big "Cholla orange" (visitors to cabin 195 get the recipe). We headed back for the bay at about 18 MPH due to the now slightly choppy seas. About 7 miles off Pelican Point, our "luck" turned real bad! The boat landed with a hard jar as though we'd come off a wave. Nothing was on the surface so I throttled back for a smoother ride. TuFuzz started slowing so I opened the throttle more. Soon the throttle was wide open and our speed was down to 6 MPH, and TuFuzz wanted to pull sharply to the starboard. I had to pull the wheel with both hands to keep it going straight.

Scott checked both the engine and outdrive and both units seemed perfect. More checking found the trouble! Extreme water pressure between the hulls was forcing small streams of water by the plugs in the inner hull. Scott removed the plugs and streams of water gushed into the bilge. The bilge pump kept up but would lose the battle if the streams of water increased. We knew then that we had a split in the hull. Scott grabbed the microphone and sent out a "Mayday", Betty Munro answered right away and Scott told her what had happened and what our position was. Betty replied that she would get some boats heading out as soon as she could.

TuFuzz started to settle with the weight of the water between the hulls and lost about a foot of freeboard, but we still kept out 6 MPH speed. By maintaining headway, we kept the bow high and prevented the compartment from flooding completely.

The two boats sent out by Betty to assist us did not have radios, so we couldn't tell them they had missed us completely. About 1½ miles off Pelican Point, two Mexican youths came alongside in a 14 foot aluminum boat. We were glad to see them! Now, at least if the inner hull gave way and we flooded, we wouldn't have to walk back.

Finally, we rounded the point and saw that Betty had instructed George to have our trailer in the water. TuFuzz was slowed only enough to go onto the trailer because stopping would have caused it to really settle in the water. George pulled us onto shore and after unloading the "catch" of fish, we inspected the damage. Deep gouges and scrape marks ran from the bow to stern and side to side. On the right side of the hull we found a gaping 4 foot long crack in the fiberglass. Whatever we had come down on was big and wasn't a solid piece of debris.

We pulled TuFuzz over to the boat hospital and an insurance office sent the insurance adjuster over. Examination revealed that TuFuzz had landed on some sea creature, probably with barnacles to cause the scratches. The outdrive had fleshy particles, and scales! Clinging to it. The prop was bent and scratched from embedding itself in something soft.

Articles in the "Chatter" all extoll the need for carefully checking your boat before launching and to carry a "spare". Brother! who carries a spare hull? Why not follow our practice from now on; we won't go out unless we have a "buddy" boat, and believe me, we'll stay close to each other!

Talk about " - if we're lucky, we'll see you at Cholla as soon as TuFuzz is ready...

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 December 7, 1972

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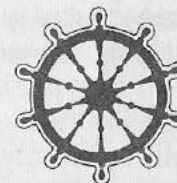
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The Listening Sea Shell **OF PHOENIX**

By Mary Fran Taylor

All I can hear is the whooping, sneezing, and blowing of everyone that is down with the bug. Half our in-going and out-going officers were missing. We all filled in, but it was hectic!

How was Christmas and New Year's? We loved every minute. Went to C.B. on the 20th and came home reluctantly on the 1st. I have one goal for January 20th – my anniversary – to take down the holiday decorations...

Susie Bos has asked me to do the Phoenix gossip column and chapter news. I can't do this without help from all of you. As the Chatter will be published in Tucson, all news of Phoenix will have to be gathered by me. I've never done anything like this – contacts are limited. Please help me! Call 944-8657. Deadline will be Tuesday night of the General Meeting.

CHIT CHAT:

Some people get the cream! Alice and Bob Taylor have bought a place at Showlow Lake for the summer season. What's the matter with C.B.? Happy mountain showers.

Wes and Nell Douglas are heading off on an extended motor tour into Mexico with the Davidson's, the Keyes, and others. They head for La Paz, take the ferry at Guaymas across to Santo Rosalea, down Baja to La Paz, ferry back to Mazatlan. Then the party divides. Wes and Nell will go on to Mexico City and home from there. The others will tour the places on the more direct route back.

Betty Stapley of Chandler, who recently had back surgery is home and doing fine. We're glad, Betty.

Patty and Ramon Perez have nearly gotten themselves established. Ramon has had to go back to Tijuana for some final papers before he goes to work for Graeber's who build campers. Patty is at the Humane Society in Sunnyslope – telephone operator. Their address is 923 W. Ironwood, Phx – 85021. Phone 943-7393. Give them a call – they miss Cholla.

If anyone bothered to notice that a beach at Black Mountain had been cleared of beer cans, pop bottles, and general litter, thank the boys of "Skip" Melcher, Vince, Bill and Mark. They went on an outing – sand buggy with a trail-

er in tow for the extra people. They came back with a trailer half full of litter and the kids riding on top.

Does anyone have any comments? How are Gus Brown's dump caches working? Are they used and cleaned out?

I can only offer sympathy to the owners of the boats that had trouble during the holidays – specifically, Skip Melcher, as my daughter was on his boat, Matt Cubitto in his trying to get on his trailer after rescuing the Lyle Rogers boat. At least you all came in safe. Money can't compensate for human life.

There were several parties held at the Bay on New Year's Eve – the Taylors, the Schoanavers with the Power Squadron crowd, the Wickstroms, the Allisons – and probably others. Also the Bourlands.

As I didn't know I was a reporter, I wasn't keeping tabs. From now on look out for me – I'm after news and gossip.

Christmas Night it was a pleasure to hear and extremely good natural voice – Roberto of the water truck – with his guitar doing the old favorite songs of Mexico at the Melcher's.

Christmas Eve we drove into town and had the experience of meeting the little children, with candles, going down the streets, door to door, singing the Christmas songs.

Arlyse and Claud Coker had Christmas in Cholla Bay. Claud took down a record player with two speakers and gave the whole Bay Christmas music.

One aftermath of the Christmas Party was that our pickup was recognized everywhere. The children would stop us, literally, "Donde esta Santa Claus?" Belle's high school Spanish was exhausted quickly. I don't know whether the children think Santa lives at our house, or his, or in Phoenix. He definitely doesn't live at the North Pole any more.

Out of the twelve days we were in Cholla there were only three days that were good for the boats to go out fishing. The Ericksons of Tucson roofed one day and regretted it. The moral seems to be – go fishing when the weather permits. The work can wait.

Barbara Warren is going to be the party chairman for our annual August blow-out. Her talent is unbelievable – and the party should be marvelous. All in all we had quite a year in 1972. Let's see about 1973.

In the shades of Art Schwarz – "In olden days some cavemen captured a non-extinct animal known as a rarey. They decided to dispose of it by dragging it on a platform to a cliff. 'We're going to lift up one end and slide you right over,' they told the beast, who looked down and muttered, 'It's a long way to tip a rarey.'"

Bye for now... M.F.T.

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By Mel Jarvis

Here we go into a new year and I for one am looking forward to a good year at Cholla. With a lot of good fishing and the Good Lord willing and the boys at the border looking the other way, I may even get our cabin finished. But most of all, we'll have a good year with all you guys getting back on your trailers, and Search and Rescue just lying around taking it easy and enjoying it all.

Search and Rescue started off the year with a joint Tucson/Phoenix team meeting at Casa Grande, steaks and what have you were enjoyed by all (Dutch Treat) of course. Many problems were discussed and ways of improving our system of communications R.D.F., and of course the ever present problem of money and how to come by it...

Some of the things to come this year is our new R.D.F. (Range Directional Finder). Telephone link to Phoenix 24 hour service, and still in the talking stage but hoping for

a radio link into Phoenix, and maybe a weather report daily out of Cholla. These are our biggest hopes for this year.

- 1 — Paint your name or boat name on your trailer.
- 2 — Always check out with Betty Munro (Radio Girl) and please turn in your pink slip when you come in.
- 3 — When signing out with Betty, put down the grid number you're going to be fishing in. If you don't understand how this works, Betty will be glad to explain it to you.
- 4 — Get in and on your trailer at the time you check out for. If you're going to be late, call in if you have a radio and let Betty know, and if you don't have a radio, find a boat near you if possible that has radio... they will be glad to pass the word.
- 5 — Fish with a buddy boat.
- 6 — Attend the General Meetings, meet the group, ask questions... you'll get answers. Remember: if you want a well run, fun club you have to pitch in and attend the meetings

and make suggestions and complain or whatever your pleasure!

Let's make this a great year at Cholla, and here in Phoenix, and all pull together for the common cause. Your club has a lot to do, and it needs you for moral support and to cheer it on.

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The sudden round-the-clock activity in the construction of the new Federal marina in Puerto Penasco – Rocky Point to most Phoenicians – and the accompanying word that all beach residents in that immediate area might have to move out has sparked much interest among those of the little colony of semi-expatriates here.

"The new broom of Mexican progress might sweep us clean off the strip," says John Eaton, 7031 Doubletree Rd., Paradise Valley, "but till it does we will just hang on, prepared to take the bitter with the better. With luck, maybe we won't have to be moved at all."

Phoenicians Dave Mecke, Lamar Welker, Gene Rice, Jerry Machmer and Dale Marendas are a few of those in the same boat which, again with luck, nobody will rock.

That the marina, which will occupy the big lagoon in the heart of town, will make a boomtown of Penasco is

certain, Dredging now in progress will create a quiet, deep harbor capable of sheltering both the Mexican shrimp boats and the big American yachts which up to now have had to seek more protected areas like Guaymas and Acapulco. These yachts will now have a refuge close to home, and it's expected that Penasco will find itself supplying the kind of fancy accommodations and entertainment the owners of such craft seek and expect to pay for.

Sharing in all this will be the developers of such beach projects as Las Conchas, Playas de Penasco and Playa de Oro where lot prices, in the wicked way of the world, will go up, not down.

In the meantime life on the beach with the Meckes, the Eatons, the O'Malleys, the Marendas, the Rices and the rest goes on. But it's hard to hold a margarita with all your fingers crossed.

Hale O'Malley

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For our members who are under the weather – we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you all real soon at the meetings.

Our January meeting found all the new officers in place. Jo Morris is our newly appointed secretary, as Kathy Newman was unable to keep her office. She will be taking some night courses at Pima Junior College.

There was much discussion about the raise in dues – many people felt that this would lose a lot of members – and then some felt that this was still the best bargain on the Sea of Cortez. It was suggested we try for new members specifically those who use the facilities at Cholla Bay and also encourage old members to come to the meetings.

When sending in your membership, please include your phone number so our telephone committee can inform you of meetings and events. Also, if you are not receiving your Chatter, please let Bob or Susie Bos know. It is one of our aims to have everyone receiving their copy of Chatter!

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