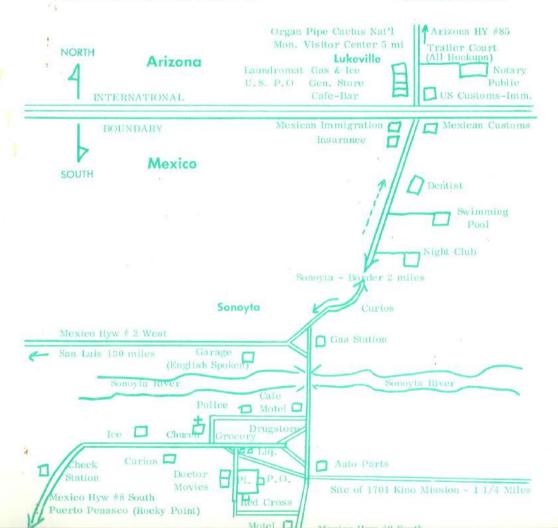


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Arthur Schwarz, 4009 E. Timrod, Tucson 85711, Tel: 326-9394 Letters to the Editor

January 26, 1969 Dear Sirs:

Enclosed, I am sending a little note if you care to print it. We would like to surprise our 'kids', so would appreciate your not telling them in advance.

We enjoyed our few days at Cholla Bay more than words can express. We show the slides with much pride, that we took, wishing we had taken more pictures.

If there is a charge for printing the enclosed, we will gladly pay it if you will kindly let us know.

Best wishes for continued success to your Club and all their endeavors. Surely Cholla Bay can be called God's Country.

Respectfully, Mrs. Wm. Schroeder

January 26, 1969

Greetings from Indiana where presently the temperature is hovering between  $5^{\circ}$  -  $10^{\circ}$ .

We enjoy the Cholla Chatter and recognize some of the names and faces we met at the 'Beach Combers Party' August 16, and some we met at Cholla Bay where we spent a few most memorable days.

Our daughter and family, the Robert Penningtons, Phoenix, send

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the 'Chatter' which we read from cover to cover, recalling our enjoyable stay at their cabin.

Best wishes for continued enjoyment and pleasures at Cholla Bay. -William & Harriet Schroeder Fort Wayne, Indiana

January 16, 1969 Gentlemen:

I don't know to whom this letter should have been addressed personally, but I trust it reaches the right person.

All during the year 1968 I lived under the implication of not having paid dues since 1967; (see the attached cut of your stencil from the back of my January CHATTER).

Someone (???) should be damned ashamed of himself for not having changed my stencil, showing indication of 1968 dues payment. I venture to say I am among the very first of our members to each year send their Treasurer the dues for the coming year. My check went to Mrs. Conlisk on November 27th., 1968, and I'd thank someone to properly show on my stencil, right after February 1st., that I have paid dues for 1969.

Remember, I am a 14-year member and this don't go down so well.

I am enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, in case anyone has a decent explanation to make.

Yours very truly, G. S. Stover Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Stover:

Please be advised that the TX-8 on your address indicates that you paid your 1969 dues. Your March issue will have TX-9 which will indicate that your 1969 dues have been paid. Phoenix members who have paid their 1969 dues will have PX-9. Only those members with either a TX-9 or a PX-9 on their address plate will receive a March Chatter. Any other designations such as the 1967 are there merely because it is simpler to add one figure than it is to make out an entirely new plate. Sincerely yours. Tom Burch, M.D. Editor, Cholla Chatter

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The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Council met at Snow's Inn at Casa Grande on January 31st. The Council members elected Bob Morris as Chairman, Mary Rogers as Secretary and Charlie Reed as Treasurer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and the audited financial statement for 1969 was presented.

The chairmen of the various permanent committees were appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Council as follows: Search and Rescue, Bob Parnell; Radio, Chris Tatum; Insurance, Wes Douglas; Derby, Wayne Wood, with Forest Cooley as Assistant Chairman; Christmas, Harry Capen; Custodian, Wayne Wood.

Dr. Burch gave a report about the Chatter and agreed to continue as

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The following individuals designated as honorary members by prior Councils were reconfirmed: Gilberto Castillo, Wayne Devore, Roberto Fleischer, Rafael Godoy, Jesus Guevara, Eduardo Ibarra, Gerardo C. Portugal, Jose M. Soto, Armando Tapia T., and Jessie Tena.

The 1969 Fish Derby is to be June 13 and 14 which are the two days immediately preceeding Father's Day. Wayne Wood of Phoenix and Forest Cooley of Tucson will be in charge.

The Editor of the Chatter requested and was granted permission to establish a register of fish caught off Cholla. This would be reported in the Chatter and as time goes on would enable the Club to have information about the seasonal and annual variation in frequency and sizes of the various fish caught off Cholla.

A letter from the Direction General de Pesca E Industrias Conexas (Bureau of Fisheries) stating that our Club is now registered with that Department as a sportfishing club was read. Dr. Burch was authorized to speak to officials at the Bureau of Fisheries on his forthcoming trip to Mexico in order to clarify what rights and/or obligations the Club may have as a registered sportfishing club.

The Council approved the publication of a special undated issue of the Cholla Chatter with articles of special interest to new members. This would be given to new members when they join the Club and would be paid for by the respective Chapters.

Other matters were discussed also, but the Editor's memory is poorer than he thought it was and hence this is all he has to report about the meeting.

# CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMENS CLUB, INC. STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1968

Cash in Bank - January 1, 1968				\$1,390.32
Cash Receipts Dues - Phoenix Chapter			\$3,684.80	
Dues - Tucson Chapter			1,374.40	
Derby Proceeds			687.48	
Exchange			32.00	
Total Cash Receipts			02,00	5,778.68
Total Cash Available				7,169.00
Cash Disbursements				
Cholla Chatter			871.54	
Cholla Bay Derby			235.07	
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Operator	\$	985.00		
Supplies & Repairs		124.47		
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Telephone		23.97		
Accounting		50.00		
Corporation Fee		5.00		
Supplies		68.05		
Insurance	1,	349.16		
Exchange			2,471.17	
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## Register of Cholla Fish

We have all heard about how large and plentiful the fish used to be off Cholla. This is very frustrating to newcomers who don't have such luck and also to the "old timers" who are a c c u s e d of exercising the fisherman's prerogative of exaggerating. I assume that five years from now the present day fishermen will be telling the newcomers that it's too bad they weren't around in 1969 when the fish were really biting—and then be upset when our tales are not taken at face value.

I propose that the Cholla fishermen cooperate in establishing a register of the fish caught in the vicinity of Cholla Bay. This would enable the Club to keep track of just how good the fishing is here and be able to verify just what is caught. We would then be able to validate seasonal and annual changes.

This would be of interest and value not only to the Cholla Bay fishermen but also to fishermen elsewhere in the Gulf. This is just one more way in which our club can be outstanding and unique since there is probably no other fishing hole on the Gulf where such a register could be collected and reported as easily as at Cholla. After all, virtually all boats are launched at one place and all check out and in at the Club Radio Station. It would thus be a simple matter for the fishermen to write on the pink copy of the launch permit about the fish that they caught. Patty could then turn these slips over to the Editor of the Chatter who would

do the necessary tabulations and publish the results. We'll have special slips at the Radio Station so that shore fishermen can participate in the program too.

The information desired for each kind of fish caught would be name, number of specimens, weights or lengths, where caught (grid number, reef name, or distance and bearing), depth, bait, and anything else the fisherman thinks might be of interest including those places where he didn't catch any fish. If you can't identify the fish, give the other information about it anyway. If it's unusual, take it to the oceanographic station and, if no one is there, tag it and put it in the barrel of formalin on the patio.

## 1969 Membership Dues

Membership dues are payable Jan. 1 and delinquent Feb. 1, 1969. Don't let your insurance and Chatter subscription expire (only paid up members will get a March Chatter).

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## Cholla Fishing Guide

Now for grouper, as I said previously, they are strong vicious fighters, and they like fresh or live bait best. They are wild and invariably head for a hole or cave. If you feel it is a grouper, you have to horse him hard to start with getting him off the bottom. After that you have a chance, but if you happen to have a black sea bass, you may lose him by trying to hurry him. Grouper can be caught very effectively also, by trolling in 50 to 75 feet of water over rocks with Tony Acceta or even in deeper water, such as at the sand dunes where you are less likely to hang up.

Grouper, particularly the smaller ones of about 10 to 15 pounds, are delicious. Small pinto of 1 to



Marvin Avery and Doyle Poor weigh in a 50 pound grouper and a 150 pound black sea at Cholla

By Marvin Avery



Mrs. Gail Avery holds a fine dolphin caught off Cholla

7 pounds are also delicious. Black sea bass are good, but the smaller they are the better they are to eat. My wife's favorite way, which she discovered by a ccident, is to roll pintos in raw egg and bisquick and fry in deep hot fat until they are crisp. Never fry them slowly. It causes them to be tough.

Black sea bass bite from about Thanksgiving to mid-May, but are best after February first. White sea bass, "totoaba," bite from early

spring, about April 1st, to when the water is cooler in the fall, say October. A fishing guide book states that April 15 to May 31st is an experimental closed season. Grouper bite best when the water is warmer from late March to fall. While it's possible to catch grouper or black sea bass almost anytime during cool months, the "totoaba" or white sea bass as a rule do not inhabit the gulf water near Cholla in mid-winter.

There are many others that are very good. Sardinera, Extranero, Flounder, Rock Bass, Red Snapper and many more. You can troll with a special size 8 inch Mullet, for Sail Fishor even Dolphin during summer months up to September and have luck sometimes. I've caught two, my wife caught one and many dolphin, but we haven't tried for them very much. My wife caught a Dolphin trolling with a chrome head steel feathered jig. They are good to eat, but we release them all as we do Sail Fish if they're not hurt. They are beautiful and curious. They will often play around buoys.

We've seen large Manta-rays 5 to 6 feet across do a loop out there landing on their back. I thought they were jumping for something in the air, but Hector, our guide says it's done to knock off sea lice, sea suckers, and leaches on their back. They are purplish blue ugly creatures. To me they look like a combination of a frog. bat, and scorpion all rolled into one. They are strong and can pull a small boat by the anchor rope, so to avoid tragedy never anchor over the side of the boat.

Hector said that once a big ray got under a boat he was in and shook it and everything inside went from side

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to side like a bowl of jelly. He said that at Libertad, where he was raised, he saw them 24 to 26 feet across. Iwas astounded to hear that they got so large.

We have seen porpoises lined up like soldiers nearly as far as you could see coming towards the boat, literally thousands of them. We have counted as many as 12 or 13 whales near our boat. We saw one Cachalot about 20 to 30 feet long. They have a long head that resembles that of a crocodile, and they have a mouth full of teeth. They are seen usually in the spring. We talked to one man that had a whale come up under his boat. His boat slid down its back hitting the water hard enough that it put his wife in the hospital with broken ribs. We try to stay away from them if possible.

We have seen as many as 8 or 9 killer whale at one time, and if you're in a small boat, have a healthy respect for them. Hector said they are unpredictable particularly in the mating season which is during the spring months. They chase all other fish even large whales, biting out chunks to kill them though they may not really be hungry. Hector described seeing a wounded whale jumping in and out like a porpoise with blood flying from where the killer whales had bitten him. This would be quite a sight and no doubt one's sympathy would be with the fleeing whale. The killer whales in this area get to be about 12 to 18 feet in length. The killers can be recognized by a protruding high black fin and having the characteristic of swimming along like a shark. The fin looks like so:

Plug From — Sea and Pacific Motor Boat

The following article was in the February 1969 issue of Sea and Pacific Motor Boat:

Editor, Robert E. Walters CHOLLA CHATTER

Yachtsmen sail, power boat men trail and cruise, and fishermen find water. Whether any of them live nearthe water has nothing to do with it.

We're intrigued by Cholla (pronounced Choy-a) Chatter, the lively little publication of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club, Inc., P.O. Box 7171, Phoenix, Arizona 85011. This monthly booklet is now in its 12th year and with it, the Cholla Bay group has grown to more than 800 and many of the families own one or more boats. It is reputed to be the only group with an organized Search and Rescue Team in the Gulf of California and it maintains radio surveillance over any pleasure boats, members or not, sailing out of Cholla Bay.

This Bay is at the northeast end of the great Golfo. A recent cover shows the Bay from the top of Cholla Mountain and it's a dry scene surrounding those lovely waters. Dr. Tom Burch, M.D., of Phoenix is editor of the magazine and does a great job with it. Tucson also has a chapter of the club.

Derby listings tell of Grouper upwards of 52 lb., Pinto at 17, Red Snapper of nearly 15, and weights of pompano, mackerel, rock bass, white sea bass, sea trout, pargo, cochi and a 13-lb. dolphin.

And there is a Cholla Bay Oceanographic Station, from which Tom Burch wrote a fine article on Jawfishes.

Skin diving? Sure, lots of it, a-nother club activity. And a proposal that Arizona and Sonora negotiate to make Guaymas, farther south, into a free port permitting raw and manufactured materials to move in both directions between Guaymas, Arizona and the sea.

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and salt. The bowl was badly pitted and had to be replaced along with all the parts. I asked Wayne, "What cut-rate gas station are you getting your gas at?" I was only kidding, of course, since I know of no one who takes better care of his rig than he. The fact remained, however, that he was getting water and it was in the gas.

I asked Wayne to start at the beginning of when he had trouble. He said the last trip out he just about didn't get back under his own power. Top speed was 10 or 15 MPH and top RPM was 2000 or less. He was very careful of his gas and was sure he wasn't putting any bad gas into the tank.

Over New Year's we started looking for the reason. We found what I thought was the answer--the water was getting in by way of the gas tank vent. The ventwas mounted just forward of the beam below the rub rail. I told Wayne one way to find out was to clean the fuel system, tank, lines, and filters and then put on a clean plastic line with a trap in it at the lowest point between the vent and the tank. Wayne had the clear plastic line and after putting it on we went fishing. We didn't get any fish, but we did get a lot of water. The trap in the line was full. The next trip to the Bay, Wayne is taking the parts to move the vent.

The next day we got a call that a boat was introuble off the point. The water was very rough and through the glasses we could see the skipper of a small boat waving a red shirt or something. Luckily about that time one of the boys from Tucson came a round the point and Pattie called him on the radio asking him to help the smaller craft in. It isn't easy

to get a line across in rough water, but he did a fine job and had them on their trailer in good time.

I talked to the fellow that was in trouble and he said that he had so much water in his gas that the engine wouldn't run. He said that he couldn't understand it, as he had gassed up his boat Stateside. We walked around to the front side of his boat and sure enough there was the tank vent with the opening pointed forward. We pointed this out to him, and he said he would sure have it changed.

It's really surprising how much suction a fuel tank will build up, when an engine is running at high RPM's. If the tank vent is where there is spray from the bow or chime of the hull, the vent is going to pull water into the tank. The next time you find water in your gas and can't understand how it could get there, check your fuel tank vent. It should be mounted in as dry a spot as possible. High on the transome is one place. If you have a dry running rig, the top of the gunwell will do, with the vent hole pointing aft.

One other point, if you keep your rig at the Bay, it's best to keep the tanks full. It helps keep down the condensation.

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In Let's Celebrate Christmas by Horace J. Gardner.

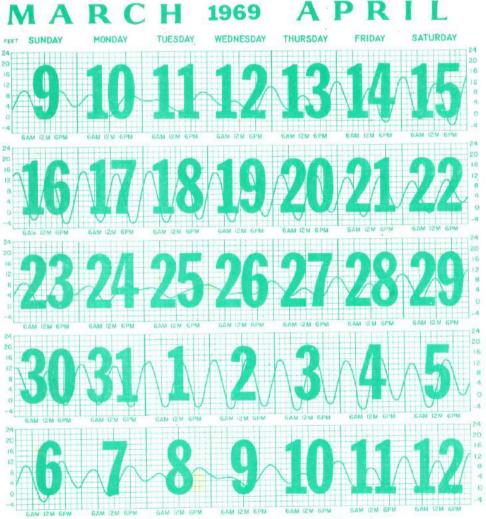
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