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### From the Editor's Desk

In this instance the Editor's Desk is a very rickety, collapsing sort of thing at his Cholla Bay cabin. Anything that he doesn't get finished before leaving the Bay won't get in the next Chatter since it is already past the Chatter deadline and tomorrow he leaves on a trip to Asilomar, California.

The Derby was a big success this year again and just about everyone including the overworked Derby Committee enjoyed it. There were 72 boats launched on Friday and 116 on Saturday. A few had some difficulty and at least one had to be towed in, but there were no emergencies.

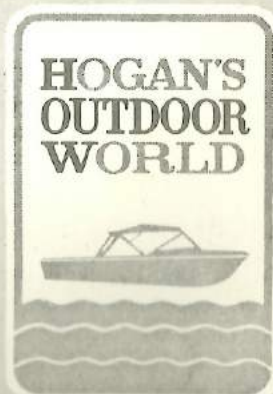
Wayne Woods, our Derby Chairman, asked me to thank everyone who helped make the Derby a success and wanted me to specifically mention that Hector (of the Ice House) fixed up the ramp road and Benjamin Pineda donated water for the beans and watered down the road near the Fish Fry.

This year we gave out Blue Slips with a list of fish to all fishermen and asked them to fill in information as to where they fished and what they caught so that we can get a fish survey started. A total of 57 "Blue Slips" were turned in which is about one for every three boats launched. This is pretty good for a start, but I hope that as time goes on more and more fishermen will fill out the Blue Slips and turn them in at the Radio Station or to the Editor of the Chatter.

The number of fish reported on these 57 Blue Survey Slips were:

Bass, Rock	125
Cochi	46
Dolphin	2
Grouper	22
Mackerel	78
Pargo	10
Pinto	243
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Elsewhere I have listed the Special Prizes that were given out at the Derby, but just don't have time to type out the rest of the Prize Winners and Prize donors. They will all be in the August issue of the Chatter. Sorry about the delay.

However, I would like to mention a unique twist that Al Hall gave to his prize donation. It was a Mystery Envelope that he offered to trade for the prize received by any of the prize winners. Dean Fisher took a chance and traded his second place Grouper prize for the envelope and ended up with a \$75.00 gift certificate from Tony Hall Sporting Goods of Phoenix. Dean is to be complimented for making a smart choice and Al Hall for adding interest and zest to the proceedings.

One more thing before I sign off. Horace Hitchcock of the Hitchcock Tank and Tower Company of Chandler gave a check for \$ 50.00 to the Derby Fund in appreciation of a good Dergy, good fish, and good beans. Thanks a lot.

-Tom Burch

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# Along the Waterfront

By Homer Smith

About dusk of Sunday, May 4, a funnel-shaped cloud was seen milling around offshore from Pelican Point. Shortly after dark it changed course and came right in through the saddle of the Crow's Nest, dumping solid water, and with winds around its vortex, in gusts estimated at 80 MPH. Fortunately, two parties (one of 8, the other 16) on separately chartered shrimp-boats had just got their small boats and gear ashore, after a windy week's cruise across the Gulf. Otherwise, there might have been tragedy added to the considerable damage done by wind and water.

There was a front-page report of the storm in La Voz Del Desierto (Voice of the Desert). This weekly is published in Penasco by Elpidio Espina A. complete with Sports and Society Sections. In addition to its interest, it encourages us Gringos to improve our Spanish, and to better communicate with those who are our hosts when south of the Border. This same Espina family operates a building-block plant, and a construction firm that has just completed 25 residences for Gustavo Brown, and

have a number of other projects going here at Cholla Bay.

Cholla Bay is becoming more and more popular for "Dune Bug Clubs." A group (not a club) from Sedona was here from the 14th through the 19th testing their equipment on the dunes between Panacate and Black Mountain (and going fishing in charter boats in between times). With the colorful fiber-glassed bodies, VW based bugs; with streamers, pennants, and sombreros to match, they were something to behold! Even more colorful (and less ominous) than the Sheriff's Posses. These dunes... not far from the highway... are fully as spectacular as those on the California desert west of Yuma, where the "Winter Nationals" are held each New Year weekend.

Speed limit signs have gone up in Cholla to warn lead-foot drivers that 12 MPH is the legal limit in populated areas in Mexico. Violation of motor vehicle laws is something worse than a misdemeanor, and can land you in jail in Mexico.

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tion. Of the 25 houses built at Cholla Bay, it is reported that there are yet a few available for purchase or lease. In January 1968, the Mexican Government secured a loan from the World Bank... the equivalent of \$ 1 billion (almost) USCY, for development along the US Border: Irrigation, Agriculture, Tourism, etc. Channeled through various agencies, much of the fantastic growth is being financed - directly or indirectly - from these funds. Mexico gets more Norteamercano tourists than all the other countries of the World combined!

On the 8th - for the first time - mackerel, in considerable numbers, were caught, including some large ones. Also a few Pompano. The 18th was easily the outstanding day of the month for the fish to bite. Almost... but not quite... as good as March 29th.

Most of the "Senior Citizens" that winter here, have migrated. Included, was POP South, who, at 83, is runner-up (in distance traveled) to the Atlantic Shearwater): He goes, and comes from Illinois, via Florida at about the same date, each year.

Welcome news! We are to soon have a gasoline service station.

Last year, in a move designed to upgrade service the Pemex Co., issued new regulations which could not be immediately met by many permittees. Included was our own "Cobarco" at Cholla. Two applications have been filed at the Regional Administrative Office in Santa Anna, by persons who could immediately comply. But the policy of the Administration is to allow the former permittee a period of one year to

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By Heinz O. Furtwangler

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1. We bring the salt water up from Sandy Beach and our tank holds approximately 14 gallons of water. The density of the tide pool water is 1.025 on the hydrometer seal which is self explanatory. We keep the water in the tank between 1.025 and 1.040 on this seal. When you fill the tank, leave the water at least 1 1/2" from the top. Make a mark on the outside of the tank, and if at any time the water level drops below that mark usually from evaporation, then add distilled water until the level is at the mark. Then test for density with the hydrometer seal. If the reading is over 1.040, then add more distilled water slowly, testing as you go along. Over 1.040 means that the salt is building up.

2. PH testing kit. This is a test for acidity and the test kits are self-explanatory. If the test reads too much acid, than add 1/4 teaspoonful of ANHYDROUS SODIUM CARBONATE which has been pre-mixed in a few cups of water taken from the tank. NEVER ADD THE SODIUM CARBONATE STRAIGHT TO THE TANK, always mix it with water first. After an hour or so, do another acidity test with the PH kit. If the acid is still too high add a very small amount of the sodium carbo-

nate. Use the sodium carbonate sparingly, a little at a time. Too much will kill off the life in the tank.

3. There cannot be too much filtration or aeration in any tank. The outside filter works on the principle of straining out the debris and left over food particles through cotton or glass wool, and then through charcoal. As the water is first drawn up from the bottom; run through the filtration system, it becomes aerated as it is pumped back into the tank.

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I clean it everyday, i.e., take the cotton or glass wool out and put in new cotton or glass wool. About every two weeks, I completely clean the tubes, and wash the charcoal.

The tank should have at least 2 inches of fine sand and small gravel in the bottom. The bottom filter sets by drawing the debris, etc. down

under the sand and aeration occurs as the water is then pumped up again to a water level. In my opinion these filters alone, can in time cause acid to form, as the matter under the sand stays there, unless you have types of life in the tank which will eat the detrius which is present under the sand. Nearly all marine life except fish, when it is in the formative stage lives under the sand, and eats what is under there. So, if you have small crustacea, small mollusca, small worms, bottom fish, etc. much of the detrius under the sand will be eaten. If you are going to keep the tank for fish alone or larger life, then I do not recommend the bottom filter.

After a few months, you may notice a brown algae forming on the tank sides. This means that your water is in good balance, and that algae can grow. However, you may not be studying algae, and it is unsightly also. Certain mollusca eat it, Turbo fluctuosus, is one of them. You can just take a paper towel, and wipe off the inside of the sides where it is present. It is usually several months before this forms, and in many cases, it does not form at all.

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### ARTHUR SCHWARZ

MEN WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED 10 YEARS WILL NO LONGER BE DRAFTED. THERE IS NO FIGHT LEFT IN THEM.

Our June Meeting was well-attended, but for a while it looked like a flop. The key to the refreshments was in Cholla Bay and it seemed that our "attitude adjustment period" would not take place. But, as always happens to good people another key showed up and our "attitude" became more cheerful.

Forrest Cooley conducted an ex-

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cellent meeting. Fifteen new members had been signed up last month. Verna Conlist sure is a whiz. Local firms had donated 44 useful prizes to our derby. Frank Zimmerman gave an interesting talk on how Search and Rescue will operate this year. S & R has 27 boats, 18' and over, each will fly the international orange flag and carry marine or CB radios. One of the airplane pilots who will have a plane at the Bay also spoke. (Sorry I didn't get his name.) Now you know what your organization is doing to make your fishing trips safer.

THINK THIS ONE OVER. "NOTHING IN THIS WORLD CAN LIVE UNLESS SOMETHING DIES."

ATTENTION CAMPER AND TRAILER OWNERS

Bottled gas, butane or propane, is something you should treat with the greatest respect. A leak in the lines can be very dangerous. Early in May the writer attended a trout derby at Rainbow Lake in the White Mts. While his wife was preparing the evening meal she heard a loud hissing sound. The diaphragm in the outlet line had broken and was spewing gas all over. One of the men present reached in and closed the shut-off valve. Fortunately no one was smoking in the area at the time.

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4. When using the POL service valve, open it all the way, then close down 1/4 turn. Thus you can tell if valve is open or closed.
5. Check all tank and line connections periodically to be sure they are tight. Use soapy solution, not matches.
6. Make certain tank is properly fastened in place.
7. On dual tank installations, turn tanks with open part of tank guard towards camper. This protects valve and regulator against flying rocks and mud if tank is not in a closed compartment.
8. If you take tank to LP gas dealer for filling, transport in same position as when used.
9. LP. gas is non-corrosive, don't worry about inside of tank. Protect outside periodically with a good coat of good paint.
10. Practice safety at all times.

In summarizing beware of filling your LP tank during mountain camping trips. One man filled his tank when the temp was about 28° and upon returning home to a much warmer climate stored the unused tank in his garage. Gas escaped because the tank had been overfilled

and also the temp at lower level caused the gas to expand. Fortunately he was not smoking when he opened the garage door.

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As of yet we do not have a direct line of communication to Phoenix or Tucson from the Rocky Point area, or from Phoenix or Tucson to Cholla, especially on weekends. The telephone is the best any weekday.

As your Search and Rescue Chairman, I have three leads on Hamm Radio Operators in Rocky Point and will check into as soon as possible. The job of Search and Rescue is Serious Business with me and I would appreciate all help and cooperation for the team members.

Sincerely,

Search & Rescue Chairman  
Robert L. Parnell





### FILLET MASQUERADE

- 2 lbs. fillets
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 1 egg beaten
- 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1 can (10 1/2 oz.) marinara spaghetti sauce
- 1/2 lb. mozzarella cheese, sliced thin
- 1 tablespoon grated cheese (Parmesan)

Thaw frozen fillets. Skin fillets and cut into serving-size portions. Add seasonings to egg and mix well. Combine cheese and crumbs. Dip fish in egg and roll in crumbs. Fry in hot fat at moderate heat until brown on one side. Turn carefully and brown the other side. Cooking time approximately 6 to 8 minutes. Place fish in a single layer in a well-greased baking dish, 12" x 8" x 2". Pour 3/4 cup sauce over fish; top with mozzarella cheese. Cover with remaining sauce. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake in a moderate oven 350° F, for 30 to 40 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

-National Fishermen 4/67

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Tom Burch, Editor, Cholla Chatter

Name \_\_\_\_\_

No. in Party \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Location fished \_\_\_\_\_

Total fish caught \_\_\_\_\_ Boat? Surf? \_\_\_\_\_

Dive? Other \_\_\_\_\_

KIND OF FISH NO. LARGEST

1. Bass, Sea
2. Bass, White
3. Bass, Rock
4. Cochi
5. Corbina
6. DOLPHIN
7. Flounder

8. Grouper
9. Mackerel
10. Pargo
11. Pinto
12. Pompano
13. SAILFISH
14. Skipjack
15. Snapper, Red
16. Trout, Sea
17. Yellowfin
18. Bonito
19. Catfish
20. Croaker
21. Eels
22. Jawfish
23. Ladyfish
24. Needlefish
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# A Rescue and Perhaps a Lesson

By Wes Douglas

On June 15, the day after the Fishing Derby, when the sun went down over the Gulf, Patty and Ramon Perez, our faithful and dedicated radio operators, found one boat trailer still waiting on shore for the optimistic fishermen who had checked out that morning with the advice from Patty that all boats should stay near Cholla Bay, and also with the request that none should go out due to the high wind that was building up. Patty found one checkout slip that had not been returned. After careful checking it was finally verified that there were 3 men and a boy in a 15' boat with a 75 HP outboard that had not returned from their wonderful day of fishing in our favorite fishing area. By midnight it was definitely established that the Search and Rescue Team had a problem on their hands for the boat did not have any radio communication and no auxiliary motor.

Obviously nothing could be done until daylight -- so with very little sleep, Patty and Ramon established the communication center and the dedicated Search and Rescue Team went to work.

Bob Parnell, Chairman of the Committee started organizing the search. He soon had two flying sportsmen, John B. Milland from Glendale, California and co-pilot Tony Bonotaux from Hollywood, California offering themselves and their plane to assist in the search. They took off Monday morning at first daylight and started a planned search pattern.

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Bob then organized a jeep posse to start out on a very long and difficult trip in an endeavor to locate the missing boat and its cargo of 3 men and a boy.

It was very fortunate that the Search and Rescue Committee consisting of Bob Parnell, Chairman, Chris Tatum, Chairman of the Radio Committee, along with Mel Jarvis, Wayne Wood, Bub Allison, Dave Connor and many others had not left the Bay.

Communications were set up by Chris Tatum for Marine, C. B. & Aircraft Frequencies. Then with the help of Mel Jarvis and many others a sand buggy rescue team of seven buggies and 14 men were organized. During the night a very good blow had come up and it was impossible to send any boats out. About 9:00 a. m. on Monday the 16th, the plane had located the boat and all passengers safely beached on a sandbar near the sand dunes.

By this time the sand buggy team had loaded up with food, water, medical supplies, gas and even blankets to spend the night if necessary. As soon as the word was received that the boat and people were safely beached at the dunes the sand buggy team took off.

In the meantime the plane had dropped some water and shown the men that they were located.

About six or seven hours later the sand buggy team had not been able to locate them. Constant radio contact that had been set up by Chris Tatum was keeping the base and rescue team informed as to the progress.

Late in the afternoon Bob Parnell again sent the plane on a mission to



drop food, flares, etc. to the stranded men.

The plane had difficulty locating the missing men again, but finally found two walking out to the railroad tracks and two standing by the boat.

With the guidance of the plane the sand buggy team picked up the two walking out to the railroad and were still going after the two with the boat. At this time, 9:00 p. m. June 16, the rescue team is still out and will probably not be back before 3:00 in the morning.

Bob Parnell has sent Patty to Peñasco to call Lyle Rogers who he had on standby to deliver the messages to the families of the men that were safe.

Again, the Club has saved a few lives and these people were not even members of the Club.

Now for the lessons learned. We have a bunch of people who are so anxious to help their fellow man, including myself that they could not sit still while their fellow man was in trouble. Some of us disagreed with Bob Parnell on the overall operation—a few of us started individual attempts to rescue the people. This, I think is extremely admirable for in this day and age there are not many that would risk their own lives to help someone in trouble.

The big lesson learned on this Rescue is very important. One person must run the entire operation. We may not agree with him on everything he does, but it is still necessary for one person to coordinate the operation.

In spite of the differences of opinion it worked out that Bob Parnell did one helluva good difficult job.

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Often, a boat's occupants are not injured when thrown into the water. Most drownings that follow capsizings result from improper actions on the part of the victims.

"For your own safety," Admiral McClelland said, "you should know emergency procedures." Here are a few rules:

(1) Use Coast Guard Approved Lifesaving Devices; (2) Stay with the boat; (3) Keep calm.

Coast Guard Approved devices, by regulation, must be carried on every motorboat, one for each person. When not being worn, they must be readily available. Passengers should know how to use them.

By staying with the boat, a person thrown into the water increases his chances of being spotted by rescuers. Statistics show that in most cases swimming ashore is the wrong thing to do.

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## My Humble Thanks

By Wes Douglas

At the presentation of awards at the meeting during the Annual Fishing Derby I was surprised and very pleased to have the Club officers give me an award for being the Insurance Man of the Year. That had done the most toward signing up new members for the Club.

I am most appreciative of the recognition given me and will assure each of you that I will do everything I can to get more members for the Club as well as anything that might help the organization in any way that I can.

This is sincere thanks to each of the officers and all the club members.

You may rest assured my attractive legs had nothing to do with it.

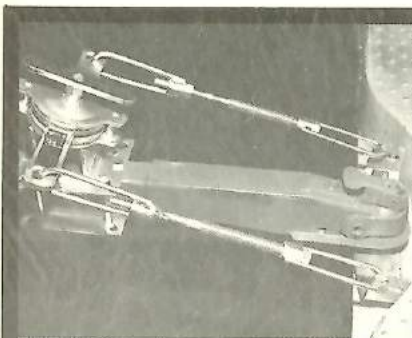
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