

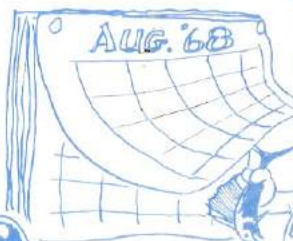


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From the Editor's Desk

With the approval of the Council, I sent a questionnaire concerning the interests and desires regarding Chatter articles to the 524 families that belong to the Cholla Bay Club. So far (August 5) a total of 149 or 28% have been returned. On the basis of the comments on these questionnaires it appears that there are three groups of club members insofar as the Chatter is concerned. Some want the Chatter to be more personal, a few want it to be more informative, but the majority apparently like it the way it is.

"Stories are nice, but the Chatter was founded for communication between and among members." Jack Schmidt, Phoenix.

"I would like to see the Chatter written for everybody again. Not a technical magazine. Make it personal and personalities again." Katherine Hitchcock, Phoenix.

"Articles I enjoy most are experiences, happenings, accounts of trips and misadventures..." Marcus Miller, Glendale.

"They all sound pretty good, just get it back to being a Chatter of the news of the Club and of the members in the Club." Mrs. Philip St. John, Tucson.

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other members . . . are interesting to me." Margaret Rottmayer, Phoenix.

"We would like to read more about the Club itself!" Unsigned, Phoenix.

"More informative articles on fishing, diving, etc. and less informative articles on Club personalities." Larry & Carole Wasco, Tucson.

"Mainly things concerning the local area including the estuaries members go to so often." Unsigned, Scottsdale.

"How to get there and what's there when you do articles." Peter & Sally Bennett, Phoenix.

"Never enough articles on shells." Mrs. Frank Owenby, Tucson.

"Chatter is good. Variance in articles makes a good magazine." unsigned.

"We enjoy the Chatter as is." Frank & Norma Zimmerman, Tucson.

"Think you are doing a wonderful job." Art & Norma Powers. Mesa

"Keep up the good work." Ken & Jean Whitley, Phoenix.

"We enjoy the Chatter all the way. Congratulations on the job you're doing." Stan & Thelma Brown, Phoenix.

"Generally I'm well pleased with the Chatter. Just a bit more Tucson noise might help." Oscar Newman, Tucson.

"You are doing a good job." Ed Ron, Tucson.

"All articles we have read have been interesting and helpful. This is a big job, and I wish to help all I can." Jerry Meyers, Phoenix.

"I have enjoyed the Chatter very much this past year. Thanks for doing a good job." D.V., Phoenix

"No matter what is in the Chatter

we read it from cover to cover. Think it's such an interesting book." Bob & Phyllis Pennington, Phoenix.

"In my opinion you are doing a good job." T.O. Brown, Tucson.

"Muy bueno. You are doing a swell job." Joe Kerstiens, Phoenix.

"I read it all - Kiver to kiver! Thanks for your work." Unsigned.

"Think you are doing a good job." Ray Draft Sr., Phoenix.

"You are all doing a fine job." Leo Toia, Tucson.

"Please keep up the good work! Thank you for your dedication." Sophia & Bob Munson, Phoenix.

"We like your magazine as is." Unsigned, Sun City.

"Think you are a very swell editor." Unsigned from Tempe.

"The Chatter is excellent. Enjoy it very much. Look forward to each copy. Always pass it on." Gil Squire, Glendale.

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"We both appreciate and look forward to the Chatter each and every month." David Stadelman, Tucson.

"I think you're doing a good job." Cris Tatum, Tucson.

"We have enjoyed all articles in the Chatter. Each for its own subject matter and we feel richer for having read each and every article. We would rather see more subjects than less." Mr. & Mrs. Broomfield, Phoenix.

"The Cholla Chatter is nice as it is now. We appreciate the work you have done, and realize the amount of time and effort you have put into the Chatter. Thanks for your nice Chatter." Marvin & Rada Avery, Phoenix.

"All items are good." B & T Saylor, Tucson.

"Like them all." Leonard Redden, Phoenix.

"All articles OK." J & M Cameron, Ajo.

"We enjoy the Chatter very much..." Ned & Jo Nelson, Phoenix.

"All sound good - varied interests." Mrs. Wm. Hammer, Phoenix.

"You're doing a pretty good job on a rather thankless task. Keep up the good work." Bill Valentine, Phoenix.

"You are doing OK." M. Goldsmith, Phoenix.

"Fully appreciate your efforts." I. Harlin, Yuma.

HEAR YE!

We always need new articles about your trips, fishing, or experiences. Call or send 'em in to the Chatter.

CHOLLA CHATTER



FROM TUCSON
By **VERNA CONLISK**

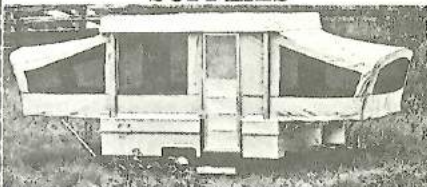
We have been led to believe through the years that men are better at the art of catching fish than women. But most every good rule has its exception. This story is one of those. The Morgans and the Saylor made a trip to Cholla Bay to go fishing. There was nothing unusual about this because they are regular visitors to the Cholla Bay area and have enjoyed all the possibilities at Cholla Bay area many times with their boats and respective cabins. However this trip was a little bit different. Mrs. Saylor had been having quite a bout with arthritis or bursitis in her right arm and wanted to soak in the warm sun while in Mexico. And actually was not planning to even try to fish at all.

So on the next day after arrival, they loaded all the necessary gear into the boat and started out. When they reached the spot that was to be the pick for the day, naturally lines were dropped in rapid succession, prepared in advance for the catch all fishermen expect when they go fishing. (You all know just what I mean.) And then they waited - and waited -- and waited.

Now Dr. Saylor felt like his wife was being left out, so he fixed up a line for her. Since the fish weren't

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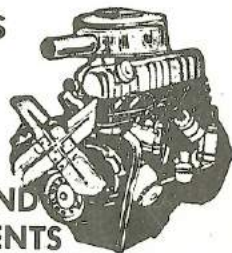
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biting anyway her arm was relieved a little with the warm sun's rays. (This being a story worth telling, you know there is going to be something a little bit unusual, so here goes.) Yes you guessed it. Mrs. Saylor got a nibble, then a strike. She had to have help boating the fish on account of her sore arm. But she was game and let the line down again. Everyone was real pleased because now the fish were biting. And as usual spirits again soared and with true fisherman aplomb, they were all geared for fish also. Mrs. Saylor again let down her line. And again got a nibble, followed by a strike, and again had to have help boating her fish.

Fish stories are fun to tell and fun to listen to and sometimes truth is stranger than fiction. And this was definitely in that category, because Mrs. Saylor caught all the fish that were caught that day. So, although men are usually the best fish catchers, at least on this one occasion, Mrs. Saylor brought up the average for the women several degrees. She was the Champ.

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By Mel Jarvis

The float used in the carburetor on most of the outboard engines are made of cork and coated with varnish. The float depends on this varnish as a seal against the fuels used in the engine. Once the float loses this seal, fuel can enter the float causing failure of the carburetor, as the fuel saturated float cannot control the fuel level causing the engine to flood.

Many times I have been asked what is the best carburetor cleaner additive to use in an outboard engine. The use of additives in outboard engines is not recommended. The only sure way to clean a carburetor is to dismantle it, clean it and replace the needed parts. There are many cleaners on the market and their job is to remove gum and varnish.

Most cleaners and additives are too strong to use in 2 cycle engines and will destroy the varnish seal of the float, and damage seals and gaskets in the power head.

There is a fuel conditioner put out by O. M. C. and it does clean, but it's more a shot in the arm for old gas and it won't damage the internal parts of the engine or the carburetor. As a reminder don't forget to check those lower units and gear cases. Take out the lower plug and check

for water. If there is none, remove the top plug and fill from the bottom until it flows out the top plug. Use only the recommended type grease. This would also be a good time to pull off the prop, and see how much fish line you have picked up, or lost off your own reel. Fish line is sure hard on prop shaft seals. Good fishing.

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The Salt Mines Trek

By Bob Taylor

We had planned this trip to the Sand Dunes and a walk over the hills to the deserted Salt Mines for quite a while; in fact so much time went by that the hot weather caught up with us. Ramon Perez had made this trip in February. He and several other fellows had taken his charter boat, the JR, leaving at daylight one morning and returning at about 10:00 p. m. They had brought back shells, fauna, flora and 'sweet water' to the extent that we all were curious.

The weather had to be right for Alice's and my little sixteen footer, the day had to be Tuesday or Wednesday, Ramon's and Patty's days off, and we had to have a buddy boat. Lou Frazier, his wife, Rosella and their two children, Louie and Louella, with their boat, the Water Wagon, finalized the trek.

We left Cholla on Tuesday, the 18th of June, at 7:30 a. m. The weather was perfect and we made the Double Dunes at about 9:30 a. m. We saw numerous schools of sardines on the way, but didn't try any fishing as we wanted to return to Cholla before dark the same day. When we beached on the sand the tide seemed to be about halfway out and still going. We tied our boats together and anchored as far out as we could wade back comfortably. Later, walking down the beach, we saw a



large black shark about 8 or 10 feet long swimming in the tide ripples.

We started our short walk West along the beach about 10:30 and then struck out North through the sand hills for the Salt Mines. The land was salt incrustated sand for a short distance back of the Dunes and near perfect shells lay all over the surface. Over one sand hill after another we all walked. The temperature in Yuma was 112, Phoenix, 114, Tucson 110 and the Dunes 150 (it felt like). Literally the sand was too hot to sit on and absolutely no shade. To make the circumstances worse, we carried only one thermos jug of water; the other we left on board the boat.

After about 2 or 3 miles of that we all began to wonder why we hadn't stayed at home with a can of cold beer. About 12:00 changes had gradu-

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(L to R) Patty, Romancito, Ramon, Mrs. Taylor, Lou and Rosella Frazier with Louie and Louella

ally been made for the worse. The Salt Mine was "muy distante", the thermos was 2/3 empty, the sun was hotter than hell. Did you ever try to sit on something that was too hot to sit on?

Anyway, a little bit later, Alice and I leading, after Ramon had pointed the way (he was carrying Ramoncito), we climbed the last high ridge and saw the 'promised land' in the distance. Too distant, in fact. Lou and Ramon caught up with us saying that Patty and Rosella with the three kids had decided to wait for our return in a small draw about 1/4 of a mile back. After looking at the green depression about two miles further on, then at Alice's blistered feet, and the way I felt, the vote went to the women and kids.

We gave Ramon and Lou the two small buckets we had been carrying

so they could bring back fresh (?) water from the Mines. What they would drink for the next 2 miles was their guess as they had left the 1/3 full thermos with us who stayed behind. Camp Desolation could have been the name for the resting spot of Rosella, Patty and the kids when Alice and I returned to them. I took a picture and everyone was so hot and tired they could care less.

It was evident that we had to move. Slowly we plodded back; the little ones seemed to be in trouble all the time from their yelling. But when little Ramoncito saw a jack-rabbit run in front of him, he took off like a shot in the same direction. To make a painful story short, we arrived back to the boats with no water, exhausted and burned feet. The boats were 15 feet up from the water's edge and the tide still going out.

The kids rested about three minutes and started to run back and forth in a pool formed on the beach by the outgoing tide. Alice, Patty and Rosella groaned and grunted, went swimming and then started shelling up the beach. I fell in the water, soaked up as much as I could, crawled up in the shade of the boat and went to sleep.

One hour passed, then another, and by that time I wondered if I had what it took to go back over the hills and keep the buzzards away. However, about 3:00 p.m. here they came, delightfully burned up specimens; Ramon made it to the tide's edge and sat down; Lou went a little

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Ramon With The Bucket

further, knelt down, and then flopped in the water. I thought he was going to drown in one foot of water. They had brought back the prettiest, nastiest looking green water in those buckets that you ever saw. Lou said it was the sweetest water he ever rinsed his mouth with and then spat it out on his tennis shoes to keep his feet from burning up.

Ramon and Lou had made it to the Mines! They are not really mines but a salt crusted sink with fresh water spots enclosed by reeds, grass and cane, making it almost impossible to get into the water. The salt

covered sink would not hold their weight in many places. As they walked they would sink in above their ankles. The wild life is abundant due to the fresh water. They saw quail, rabbit, coyotes, and many species of birds.

The boats being on dry land made it real nice in the long run as everyone shelled to their hearts content, the kids swam in their private pool, we ate watermellon, and the three old men slept in the shade of the boats until almost 7:00 p. m. when the water disturbed us so we had to think about returning.

We floated about 8:00 p. m. for our return to Cholla where we had quite a greeting party. Our communication had not been of the best as the radio station wasn't open; we had left word for someone to call us at 6:00 p. m., but nothing seemed to jibe. The two boat radios were working fine as we talked to each other several times about the Water Wagon's fuel line when it became partially plugged. The Caballo del Mar stopped to change fuel tanks, but other than that, no problems except our boat had no running lights, not

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having thought to check them inas-
 much as we had very carefully plan-
 ned on being home before dark.

The red light was a fine sight as
 we had lost Black Mountain some
 time back in the dusk. Thanks to
 the Sandersons, and the Jarvises
 and the Douglasses and others that
 waited for us. I believe all the Mexi-
 can population in Cholla were watch-
 ing for Ramon and Patty. It's surely
 nice to know you have friends.

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By Mrs. Dorothy Richardson

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- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

1 cup diced potatoes (frozen hash browns may be used just as well)
1/2 green pepper, chopped (dehydrated peppers are an excellent substitute for fresh ones.)

In a skillet, cook pork sausage until brown. Pour off fat. In a large kettle, combine kidney beans, tomatoes, water, onion, bay leaf, seasoned salt, garlic salt, thyme, and pepper. Add sausage. Simmer, covered, 1 hour. Add potatoes & green pepper. Cook, covered, 15 to 20 minutes, till potatoes are tender. Remove bay leaf. Serves 8 - generously.

This freezes beautifully! (I've frozen it in large coffee cans, left it out of the ice chest, and by the time we reach Cholla Bay, it's ready to just heat and eat. This is also great to place in wide-mouth thermos jugs to take along on those all-day fishing trips, especially on chillier days.

TUCSON SCUTTLEBUTT



Members who missed the Aug. 13 meeting lost out on an exceptionally delicious pot-luck dinner. Needless to say, there was very little food left over after the heavy eaters had seconds and thirds.

The attendance at this meeting was very good.

The Tucson Chapter now has 256 members and several more were signed up Tuesday night.

Bob Morris stated we were all invited to the Phoenix picnic which, of course, will be held before the September Chatter is mailed. However, some of those at the meeting hinted they might attend.

Ramon's charter boat came in with a 65 lb. grouper the other day. They also had a dozen large pargos, some up to 30 lbs.

Our door prizes were a canned Morrell ham and a course computer.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE FISHERMAN WHO SPENT \$500 TO CURE HIS HALITOSIS AND THEN FOUND OUT THAT NO ONE LIKED HIM ANYWAY.

Members of the Tucson Chapter who have articles they would like published in the Chatter are requested to submit them to the writer, Art Schwarz, and he will submit them to

Phoenix through the proper channels, and if they are not published, get the reason why.

Please inform me of any members who are on the sick list so we can pay them the respects and show them they are not forgotten. Jane Thornton who was operated a few days ago is getting along nicely and is expected home in a few days.

Three interesting films were shown. Our 1967 Derby - Trout fishing in uninhabited parts of Alaska - A trip to Jamaica.

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My First Rescue At Cholla Bay

By Al Scott

The year was 1946, and I had returned a few weeks previously from San Diego with an eighteen foot all mahogany plank boat (I learned the hard way about plank boats in Arizona). It had a big Chrysler Inboard Motor. The boat was new to me, but had been in use for several years. I worked feverishly remodeling the boat to suit my fancy, meanwhile I had one eye cocked toward Cholla Bay. At last the boat was in shape, and Dr. S. K. Conner and I pulled out for a fishing trip to the fabulous fishing at Cholla. The sand across the railroad at that time was really something to go through, but we did make it. We pulled into Cholla a little after noon, and started to unload the boat. It looked as if the place was deserted, not a person to be seen. At that time there were no cabins, no people. We had the beach to ourselves. We dug a hole in the sand for our 300 lbs. of ice, wrapped the ice in a canvas and covered it over with sand.

We camped across the road from where the icehouse is now at Cholla. I looked up and noticed a man coming full speed down the hill. He yelled at us that two men were out in the Bay and their boat had turned

over. We had the only boat at Cholla that day. We threw all our things in a heap on the ground, and headed for the launching place. At that time there was only a narrow lane between two rocks, later the Cholla Bay Club took dynamite and blasted the rocks out for the place we now have. This was the first time I had launched the boat in water, and I didn't know if the motor would start or not, or if the boat would float, but to hear the cries of "Help, Help" drove us on. We backed the boat into the water and the motor started right away. We were on our way, and as we came close to the ten foot aluminum boat we noticed two Mexican men were clinging to it. One was a very small man of about ninety pounds, the other was a huge man of about 250 lbs. As we came up to the boat I grabbed the small man, and Dr. took the big one. We had a time getting the big guy in the boat, but finally made it. The poor guys were cold, and shaking so badly they could scarcely say a word.

We finally got them to shore, and after they dried out they told us they saw a big turtle out in the water and went out to spear it. When the big man stood up in the boat to spear the turtle the boat flipped over.

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needed anything. We checked and found that we had forgotten to bring bread with us. We asked if we could get bread at Rocky Point, and the big fellow said, "I will bring you bread." The little man spoke very little English, and was so shaken up that he could scarcely speak. It is now late summer in 1968, and I am still waiting for the bread. Sometimes when I go to Cholla I don't take any bread because surely the guy will be along soon now with the bread, but I must say my patience is wearing a little thin.

The little old man, even though he know little English for many years afterward when he would see me at Cholla would always say, "Thank you, Mr. Scott, in one more second I would be gone." He would come by the radio shack for a handout from our radio operator Martinez, and tell him about my saving his life. I have always felt good that this old man had many years, even though possibly a hard life in Mexico. Martinez told me some time past that the little old man had slipped away, and no longer is seen at the radio shack.

These two Mexican men are two of nine I had the privilege of rescuing. I am only sorry that I could not help the ones that were not rescued.

I have been thinking the matter over, and I believe I will start taking bread with me when I go to Cholla Bay, as I don't believe that big Mexican boy will be coming back.



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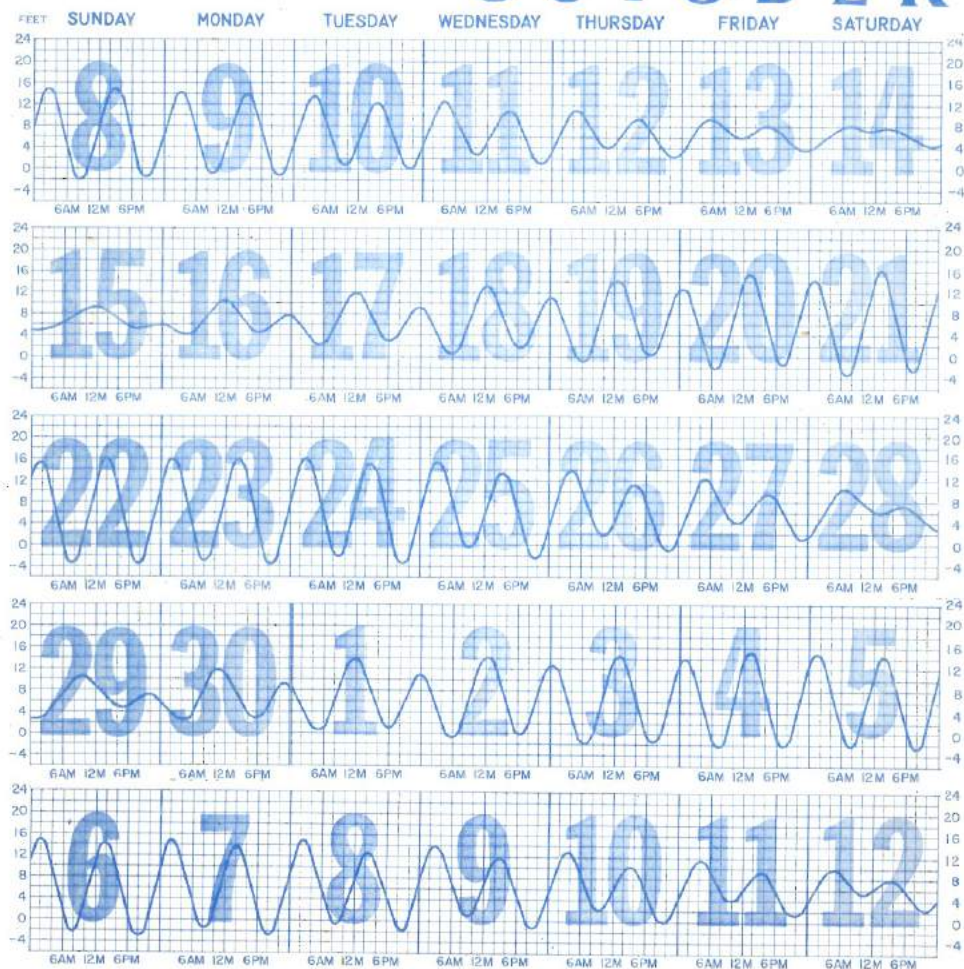
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