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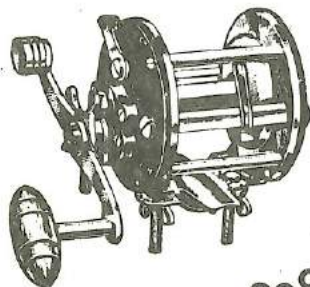
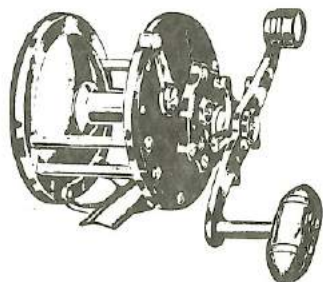
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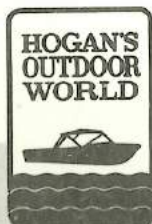
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La Voz del Desierto

The following is taken from the English Section of the Rocky Point newspaper Voice of the Desert of October 12th. Anyone interested in subscribing to the newspaper should see Betty Munro who wrote the following:

"Mr. & Mrs. Chris Tatum from Tucson have been spending some time here fixing up their newly purchased cabin. Chris discovered a new credit card for this area. Needing a little more dinero he went to the most logical place, the Banco, They were not familiar with him so he had to dig for identification.

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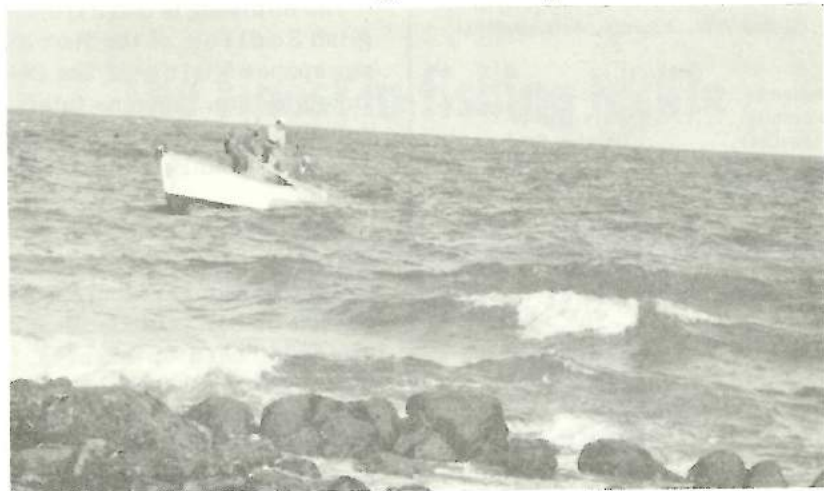
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Gill Netting at Choya



There seems to be two types of gill netting done at Cholla. One is done with large nets such as the one shown on the cover stretching across Pinto Cove. I took the photograph at 9 a. m. on January 17 and it was there in the afternoon. I don't know when it was pulled up or how many fish were obtained. According to Hector Munroe, whose house overlooks the cove, this type of net has a mesh of about 7 inches and is designed to catch larger fish such as yellow fin.

The more usual type of gill netting in the Cholla area is done with smal-

ler meshed nets from small boats. I took the accompanying photographs at 7 a. m. on October 11 between Tucson Beach and Pelican Point. Before the first boat was able to get its net pulled in two others roared up and dumped their nets right beside the first boat. Things looked a bit hectic for a while and I surely thought they were going to get tangled up. After the main school was caught and/or dispersed two of the boats left. The remaining boat proceeded to cast its net again and since there wasn't so much competition, they did it more leisurely and I was able

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Jake McCarley, one of the old time members of the Cholla Bay Club winds in an empty lure while Rocky

Point gill netters scoop up the fish just off Pelican Point at Cholla Bay. October 11, 1969.

to see how they went about it. First a buoy was heaved overboard and then the net pushed over the gunwale as the boat made a large circle back to the buoy. The end of the net was made fast to the buoy and then the boat passed over the net (raised the outboard motor first) and then circled about inside the net pounding on the deck with a large board. After making about a half dozen noisy loops they went back outside the circle and pulled in the net. I couldn't see how many fish or what kind of fish they caught but I understand that sea trout is one of their principal catches--or at least it was. It seems that it's not only getting harder for surf fishermen to catch sea trout, it's also getting harder for the gill netters to find them.

These gill netters are hard working and industrious fishermen. These three small open boats came all the way from Rocky Point on a day that

was so windy and rough that none of the sportfishermen launched their boats. You really have to admire them--even if they are ruining the surf fishing at Cholla.

-Tom Burch

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A lot of details have to be worked out yet but in general all entrants must be members of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club, must have a registration card, must have their catch verified by a committee member or by Patty or Ramon at the Club Radio Station, and a shoulder patch will be given to those who qualify.

The first four of the following list are required plus any six of the others:

1. Dolphin ----- 15 lbs.
2. Sailfish ----- any size
3. Pinto ----- 15 lbs.
4. Grouper ----- 30 lbs.
5. Sea Trout ----- 5 lbs.
6. Mackerel ----- 6 lbs.
7. Pampano ----- 2 lbs.
8. Red Snapper --- 15 lbs.
9. Shark ----- 50 lbs.
10. Cotchi ----- 6 lbs.
11. Skipjack ----- 6 lbs.
12. Ladyfish ----- 2 lbs.
13. Black Sea Bass- 50 lbs.
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Additional details will be published in subsequent Chatters.

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Tucsonans Contribute Medical Supplies to Rocky Point Hospital

During the month of August, a pick-up truckload of medical supplies was delivered to the Rocky Point Hospital. These supplies consisted of needles, syringes, bandages, plaster, splints, sutures, oxygen masks, I. V. units, surgical gloves and assorted other supplies that will be very useful to the hospital.

All of these supplies were made available by Vern French; X ray supervisor at Tucson Medical Center. Vern's hobby is collecting outdated and surplus medical supplies from all over the country and distributing them in Mexico. Vern, who is a CBSC member, knew that the Rocky Point Hospital could use these supplies.

In addition, Dr. Richard Mortland of Tucson has donated an electrocardiograph machine in good condition. Dr. Mortland recently has donated a fluoroscope, an autoclave and other sterilizing equipment.

The U of A has donated approximately 180 twin size beds to the CBSC. These will be distributed to the hospitals in both Rocky Point and Sonoyta and the Red Cross units of both towns.

-Bob Morris

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Fish Register

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Oh, for the return of the good old days! You won't believe this, but I can remember many times, standing on the lava rocks both to the right and to the left of where Patty's radio station now stands, and on an incoming tide, catching from forty to fifty sea trout by long casting feather jigs into the Bay at that Point. I also remember casting jigs and abalone 'killer' lures from my drifting boat on an outgoing tide, and absolutely loading up with bull trout, in that section of the bay by Black Mountain.

I can also remember slipping and sliding over the rocky shoreline between Sandy Beach and Pelican Point (this was before you could drive to either place--you had to walk most of the way from where you'd set up camp) and catch so many dang fish, that I actually needed held to haul them back to camp. Not because I was such a hotshot fisherman, but simply because the fish were there, and all you had to do to catch them, was to stick a lure of some kind in front of their face and then let nature take its course.

Fully realize that that kind of fishing will never return to Cholla, for the simple reason that there are just too many people and too much boat traffic spooking them away. There is also too damn much gill netting! This is one helluva big problem. There are two definite sides to this problem. On the one side are the gill netters themselves. These guys are hard working fishermen, working their tails off in all kinds of weather and conditions to make a buck to feed their families or just to make enough money to live. These hard nosed fishermen could care less for the problems of the sport fishing tourist--Not one dime of the tourist dollar ever reaches their hot little hands, so why should they give a damn about the gringo fisherman--actually, he is their competitor. In all honesty, I just can't blame them.

On the flip side of the coin, are the sport fishermen. The only reason 90% of the tourists go to Cholla Bay, is for the fishing. Of this 90%, about 25% of us enjoy surf fishing. There is a thrill to casting a lure as far out into the mysterious waters as possible, and retrieving it with all the skill you can master to try and fool a cruising fish to whomp it--you never know what it will be--it could be a two pound sea trout or a twenty-five pound Corvina--this, to me, is fun fishing. Surf or spin fishing, in the Cholla Bay--Rocky Point area, is now a thing of the past. The times I've tried it this

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ARTHUR SCHWARZ

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If you were in the hospital or at home with an extended illness wouldn't you appreciate knowing that the club was thinking of you. Whenever you hear of someone who is sick please call the writer (326-9394) before 10 a. m. or after 5 p. m. It can't get in the Chatter unless somebody tells somebody.

We had pot-luck before our October

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back from Cholla Bay.

Paul Colorich — Jack Cameron
Club Members

meeting and was it good. Those who prepared it sure went all out. Our meeting was very entertaining. Chris Tatum spoke on some of the problems connected with radio communications at the Bay. Some people get on the main emergency channel and keep yakking. Please cooperate -- Channel 2182 is the international channel to be used only for emergency calls. Then you should request Patty to transfer you to 2555 for Cholla Bay business. Use 2638 and 2738 for boat to boat conversations. Always leave 2182 open for someone with a real emergency.

THE GOOD BOOK SAYS MAN SHOULD LEARN TO LIVE BY BREAD ALONE. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE GETTING ALONG ON THE CRUST.

There will be a special Christmas issue of the Chatter stating what and how we will conduct our Christmas activities for the children of Rocky Point and Cholla Bay. More about this later.

Our door prize, a beautiful ski rope was donated by Craycroft Marina. Patronize those who patronize us. By the way, the prize was won by the boy who drew the ticket from the hat.

HELPFUL HINTS

- a. Plain old baking soda for a camper, trailer or a cabin is a "MUST". It soothes an upset tummy--good for insect bites--helps make good biscuits--keeps the ice box smelling sweet--and is a good fire-extinguisher when needed.
- b. Having trouble sealing jalousie windows on a dusty trip. Try any sealing compound which will not harden. Place it between the

window panes and around the edges. It will release from pressure on the window crank and will reseal when the window is closed.

A LOOSE TONGUE CAN ALSO LEAD TO LOOSE TEETH.



Talk about ambition. Hector Gugliemo, president of the Tucson Chapter, who is foreign student advisor

WIFE TO HUSBAND--"I AM GOING TO SPEND THE SUMMER WITH MOTHER." HAPPY HUSBAND--"GOOD, THAT'S GREAT. NOW WAIT A MINUTE, YOUR MOTHER LIVES HERE WITH US."

at the U of A has built two 22' inboard-outboard cruisers in the last 18 months--in his backyard.

← Election Notice →

Nomination of officers is on the agenda for the November meeting. A slate will be presented by the nomination committees, but additional persons can be nominated from the floor at the meetings. (However, only individuals who have agreed to take office should be nominated.) Ballots will be mailed to the members and will be counted at the December meeting.

Those who do not attend the November Nominating Meeting have no right to gripe, if they don't approve of the slate of names up for election. Those who don't vote have no reason to complain about who is elected.

Those who don't speak up at meetings on Club issues shouldn't be upset, if the officers don't do what they want them to do.

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By Mel Jarvis

Every so often I go back to some of my old Sparks and Sputters and pick out odds and ends. Sometime it's because I just can't get the old head to working, or because it's worth saying over, or because of Doc. Burch and his deadline. So that's the way it is this month--or a little of all three.

You boys that are picking up the used I/O 120-155's and are lucky enough to get the owner's manual with them, don't believe all they say about the oil filter. You just can't use the same oil filter on the 120 and 155 O.M.C. I/O. They say that it's a misprint!

The 120 O.M.C. should use the P.F. #12 filter or its equivalent. The 155 O.M.C. should use the P.F. #10 or its equivalent.

Oil consumption on new stern drive engines may be noticeable. Many times I've been asked if a new stern drive engine should use oil, and, if it does, why?

First off, you must remember the marine engine is operated at full or almost full RPM. Your auto engine seldom reaches much over 2000 RPM. So, if you have a noticeable loss of oil between oil changes, there is no need to worry. Also when you

check your oil after stopping your engine give the oil time to drain down into the crankpan. Any internal combustion should use some oil to lubricate and cool. It could take up to a hundred hours or more before the oil consumption stabilizes.

We get a lot of calls for cleaning gas tanks. In most cases I don't do this type of work. Your best bet is a radiator shop. They have a caustic tank that will really do a job on them. It takes the paint off too, but it's easy to repaint them. Tempo Paints puts out a special paint for gas tanks.

I've also been asked if using engine cleaners in the fuel tank will clean the carburetor and clean the tank. It will but the other damage it causes isn't worth it. Engine cleaners were not meant for this purpose. They are intended to remove varnish, gum lacquer and carbon. Since the floats in the carburetor are varnished, they will be damaged. The diaphragm "O" rings and gaskets in the fuel pump, carburetor and power head will not stand up under some of the strong cleaners. It's best to talk to your boat shop and let them give the recommended cleaners, if you feel you must use them.

See you at the Bay. ●

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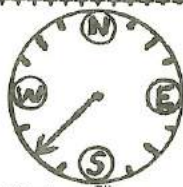
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In the last issue of the Cholla Chatter was an article suggesting that the operation of the proposed atomic desalination plant might change the fish fauna of the upper Gulf of California. It was also mentioned that unless something is done now to catalog and register the present fauna, we won't know how extensive any changes may be. All we'll have is just the "fish stories" of the "old timers" and hence we already know that the fishing won't be like it used to be.

In the present issue are articles on gill netting with the assertion that that type of fishing has made a big change in the local fish population. I don't doubt this at all but it would sure be more convincing to strangers, including officials of the Mexican Bureau of Fisheries, if we could document the changes.

If all, or even most, fishermen cooperate we will be able to back up claims about changes in fish fauna with facts and figures. It will just take a few moments of your time. Special blue slips are available at the Radio Station or just turn your pink launch slip over and write out the following information: kind of fish, number caught, weight or length of largest of each kind, where caught, and anything else you think of interest. If you didn't catch anything, put that down, too.

So far only a few fishermen have registered their fish. I surely do thank them but appeal to all to help on this.

-T. Burch

Tidbits from Pelican Point

By Betty Capen

Well, I thought it about time someone took time out to write some "newsy" stuff for our Chatter from the Phoenix Chapter. Will drop a few tidbits here and there.

What about that fancy "sand buggy" the Woods made for Cholla Bay and when Wayne finished it was so snazzy it's being driven by their son Jerry to school. Just a hint how fancy; chrome roll bars, tuck and roll bucket seats and chrome bumpers. Wow!

The new boats at Cholla Bay, have you noticed? Guess everyone got a tax refund this year. Was talking to George Muench the other night and all we can say is, "we had a new boat when no one else did." That's some consolation.

Congratulations to Don Barbour for setting up the Big 10 and Big 20 of fishing for the club members. That's enough to warrant my going boat fishing along with my surf fishing. Think I've been out yonder about 3 times in 6 years. Strictly a terra firma gal, but I'll do anything to get a trophy.

Have to mention "Jarvia's" sand buggy, you won't find another one like it anywhere, guarantee that. Purrs like a kitten and runs like a tiger.

If you want to see a beautiful view and fireplace visit the Roy Curtis's. Their casa is a dream and their beer cold.

Bud Allison is ready to put a squelcher on his boat for smooth reception for his radio. From what I hear it's a box of stuff and he'll be lucky if he gets it together by this time next year.

By the way, remember the hats the drummer wore at the Luau? Well, the Charlie Reeds made a new one for him. Consists of flowers, birds and bees. From the combination there's liable to be "little ones" before long.

If anyone besides myself enjoys this kind of news and this gets into the Chatter, let me know and I'll dig up some more tidbits. Might try to make it a monthly thing. You members will have to help, just give me a call: 272-2205. ●●●●●●●●

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Along the Waterfront

By Homer Smith

On Wednesday, October 1st, the hot, humid weather took it's departure, and the balmy days of autumn - save for a little wind now and then - have descended on the little community here at Cholla Bay. The Pompano, and a few mackerel are still around; and the trout are in with good catches recorded by many surf fishermen. Nearly all the boats that go out - both near and far - return with good catches of Pinto and Grouper, as well as several Red Snapper. The deep water yields the bigger fish usually, but there the increasing number of sharks present a problem. It is too bad that a technology could

not be developed - doubtlessly requiring subsidization - to harvest the shark, porpoise, etc., resource; and thereby assist nature in it's losing attempt to maintain the balance upset by man.

As for the commercial boats, i.e., the shrimp trawlers, are hitting-the-jackpot! The blue Jumbos, after a cycle of--which science knows little about--are back in greater numbers than ever before. One boat-owner paid tax on 160 metric tons in 9 days. Obviously the crews--who operate on a percent of the take--have no time to fool with the less lucrative "rough" fish brought up with the trawl. Consequently the fish meal plant is shut down.

Renewed activity at the shipyards include the laying of keels for two trawlers at the Montijo Yard; the laying of the keel for a 70 foot yacht at Salvador's. Short supply of some material items has temporarily deferred completion of Hector Munro's 40 foot charter boat (conversion from a commercial craft) to be berthed at Cholla Bay.

A subsidiary of Western Airlines is negotiating with Salvador for the construction of 15 of the 52 foot class diesel yachts (like the two now nearing completion there) to be used for tourist charter at the various waterfront terminals of the Airlines.

Appropriations for the waterfront-drive development has been passed. It includes continuation of the drive on south, around the rocky headland to the beach where the desalting plant, trailer park, and other developments are underway. It also includes a 100 meter pier in the vicinity of the Post Office. The dredging of a deep harbor--a project that has been under study by engineers, and an on-and-off affair for more

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Register of Cholla Fish

AN APPEAL IS MADE TO ALL CHOLLA FISHERMEN TO HELP PREPARE A REGISTER OF FISH CAUGHT OFF CHOLLA. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE WRITTEN ON THE BACK OF THE PINK COPY OF YOUR CHECK-OUT SLIP:

- KIND OF FISH
- NUMBER CAUGHT
- WEIGHT OR LENGTH
- WHERE CAUGHT
- ANYTHING ELSE YOU THINK OF INTEREST

In Memoriam

Amos E. Richardson

We were sorry to learn of the death of Amos E. Richardson on Wednesday, October 15, while working in the yard of a home he owned in Casa Grande. Funeral services were held in Buckeye where he has lived for the past two years.

Mr. Richardson, a native of Sheldon, Ill., came to Arizona in 1942 and has been a member of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club for several years.

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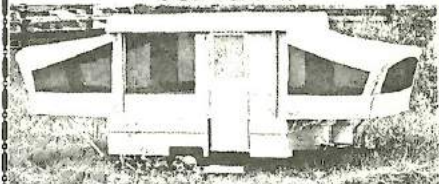
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if living, otherwise to my estate.

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This _____ day of _____

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Witness

Applicant



Shrimp Jambalaya

- 2 cups fresh or frozen shrimps or
- 2 cans (4 1/2 oz.)
- 1/2 cup diced ham
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 cups canned tomatoes
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed whole thyme
- Dash cayenne pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley

Drain shrimp. Cook ham in butter 3 minutes. Add onion, green pepper, and garlic; cook until tender. Add tomatoes, liquid, rice, and seasonings. Cover and cook 25 to 30 minutes, or until rice is tender, stirring occasionally. Add parsley and shrimp; heat. Serves 6.

Shrimp and Peas on Crackers

- 2 tablespoons butter
 - 2 tablespoons flour
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 cup cooked shrimp
 - 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
 - Salt, pepper, and paprika to taste
- Melt butter in saucepan--stir in flour and salt. Add milk and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Now add shrimp and peas and heat until peas are done. Serve over crackers. (You will find that most children think this is extra-special.)

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