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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Remember, members, November is the month of nominations for your 70-71 slate of officers and boards. The Nominating Committees will present their selections, but each individual club member has the right to nominate someone of their choice. Would say November is the most important month of our Club year, and following, December, when we elect. Let's be very particular this year, always keeping in mind our obligation to the Club.

Nominate ones who, in your opinion, will do the most for the Club.

(Ideas from several past Chatters)

- Our Club ideals upheld first, not personal friends and social contacts.
- Willing to do what is necessary for the good of the Club, not for individuals.
- Have an interest in every phase of the activities of the Club.
- Someone we're proud to have represent us here and especially in Mexico.
- Officers who will make us want to participate and express our opinions in open forum.



1970 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party for the Cholla Bay children will be held this year on Dec. 26th, at the Radio Shack. Donations of fruit will be wanted at the December meetings — Such as oranges, apples and etc. Details will be given in the November meeting. Bob Morris, Tucson Chapter is co-chairman.

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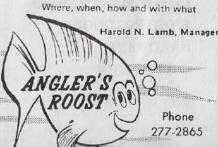
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by . . . MEL JARVIS

With all the new members coming into the club, and new boats showing up at the bay, I think it would be a good idea to repeat our boat equipment list again for boats going to the bay.

- 1. Life Jackets (one per person on board)
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- 8. Signal Glass (metal mirror or other reflective device)
- Flashlights (two heavy duty waterproof type)
- Signal Cloth (international orange water repellent)
- Radio (marine or CB)
- Heaving Line
- First Aid Kit 13.
- Tool Kit (with spare parts and plugs)
- 15. 1 Blanket preferably

Other equipment may be added as found necessary by the S&R committee.

> From Cholla Chatter Issue Nov. 1960

Open Letter to Tucson Salt Water Fishermen

By Wayne DeVore Tucson Chapter Organizer

It is our understanding that in Tucson there are approximately 100 people who are paying dues to Cholla Bay Sportsman Club in Phoenix.

Due to lack of something or other, we in Tucson have not been able to start a chapter here.

In order that we may be more a part of the going on, and know what to do or not to do, we are starting a chapter here in Tucson.

We have reserved the banquet room at the Sands Motel (Congress and Freeway) in Tucson. Our first meeting will be at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, November 20th.

We extend an invitation to anyone interested in salt water fishing to come and artend our meeting.

Remember-you can only get out of something in proportion to what you put in, so do attend.

We are inviting the entire membership of the Cholla Bay Club and especially the board members who have promised to help us get started. (From Phoenix)

If you want a voice in what is being done in Cholla Bay come to the meeting.

Don't forget the ladies and kids-and your friends and neighbors.

For more information call MA 2-3516.

FROM THE NEW EDITOR'S DESK

I'm surprising myself by taking over the Editorship of the Chatter, Must assure every club member I'll give it my very best. I might thank Bub Allison later on. Without the voluntary help offered by Helen Reed, who several times in the past edited the Chatter, I wouldn't have the "gumption" to overtake such a job. We are very much in agreement of the what and why of the Chatter. First and foremost we want to please most of the members most of the time, with stories of fishing, sand buggies, shelling, boating, scuba diving, Mexican do's and don'ts, insurance, details of Search and Rescue and other interesting tid-bits. If you don't think you can write an article. just call me, tell me the details and we'll go from there. Now, naturally, there'll be some changes made in the editing of the Chatter, as every Editor has a few ideas of his own, so you'll see.

Due to the fact, I just took over the Chatter on the 13th of October and have to go to press on the 21st for the November issue, I had problems. But decided, what could be more interesting than excerpts from old Chatters, which seemed so interesting and will be like new news to all of us, especially us newer members. I thought the Club had really just got going in the last few years and to my amazement found its always been on the "Go" from the time it was founded in 1955. As you will read in the articles. When I read the 8 and 10 year old Chatters. I found that very few of us had

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So, here's "Good Luck" to me for my first edition of the Chatter.

Betty Capen.

SPECIAL NOTICE DERBY JACKPOT TICKETS

It was decided by the Council to go ahead and have the drawing for the Jackpot Tickets, that were sold during the Derby weekends.

Additional tickets will be sold at the regular meeting in November. We are hoping this will help off-set the loss on our Derby.

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Most of the new boats coming out now, with permanent fuel tanks, also come equipped with anti-siphon check valves installed at the tank. We have found that in some permanently installed tanks the restriction caused by the antisiphon check valves.

The fuel connections on the engines will cause the engine to run lean at full throttle. This, of course, could cause possible damage to the engine, burned pistons and etc. etc., on some I/O's the valves have been found to be stuck closed and the fuel pumps will not over ride the stuck valve. Cholla boats that stand in storage, as they do some times could have this happen if they are equipped with the valves.

If your boat is equipped with two fuel tanks, and is new within the last two years, it most likely has the anti-siphon check valves. If you run low on one tank and change over to the other tank and you can't get the engine to run, the check valve may be the trouble. If you can get to your fuel tank and if the fitting at the tank is a longated looking valve, it's a good chance it's a anti-siphon valve. Tapping on it will free it up sometimes. If not then your only choice is to remove it.

The purpose of the valves are to stop the gas from siphoning out of your tank if you have a leak in the fuel system. They hold the fuel in your lines for easier starting. Sometimes they over do it. The idea of the valves is good, they could save See you at the bay.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB JAN. 1964

- 1. Visit Cholla Bay often, once a week at least.
- 2. Smile while your buddies tell of their big "catches".
- 3. Attend Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club meetings, at least once a month.
- 4. Smile when a favorite lure is lost.
- 5. Pay your Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club dues.
- 6. Smile when your outboards are hard to start.
- 7. Volunteer for committee work at Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club meetings.
- 8. Smile when the boss cancels your long weekend.
- 9. Attend Board meetings of the Cholla Sportsmen's Club.
- 10. Smile when the kids catch the biggest fish.

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COUNCIL REPORT

by Bub Allison

The Council meeting was held in Casa Grande, Oct. 16th. Reports were given as follows:

Phoenix Chapter — 911 members and solvent. Wayne Wood, president.

Tucson Chapter - 316 members and solvent. Oscar Newman, president.

SEARCH & RESCUE: Not too much to report. Discussion about Insurance. Decals for Search & Rescue boats are being designed. Mel Jarvis.

RADIO: New generator for the radio shack on order. Chris Tatum.

CHATTER: Betty Capen approved as new Editor, beginning current issue.

1970 DERBY: Art Swartz was complimented and thanked by the Council members for all the work done for a Derby that was never held. All perishable food stuffs were given to Mexican families and the orphanage in Soynoita. Special notice on the Derby Jackpot tickets in this Chatter.

The Amendment to the Constitution & By-laws, previously discussed in the Chatter, now stands approved.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Details elsewhere in the Chatter. Ray Curtis.

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ORIGIN

Dear Friends:

This is the way I began my first letter to all the prospective members of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club. So nowfour years later-writing the words "Dear Friends" means much more. I have gained many friends, not only here but also in Mexico. However things may go in the future, I have been already well rewarded.

Many months before I sent the first letters out, I began talking about starting a club. From the reactions of people whom I met, the idea of a club in Old Mexico was favored about half and half. These arguments occurred: "It would be O.K. to have a club, but no dues or asking for money." "If you form a club and try to bargain with the Mexican people, count me out." But still others were for it all the way. Talking to these people spurred me on. I could see more and more people building houses. Except for a few, I did not know any of them. I wouldn't think of going over to some one I didn't know and saying, "My name is Albert Scott and I would like to have you as a friend." The past three years I stop at every place.

After many months of talking to people I started making notes of all the things I thought a club-as a groupcould do to improve Cholla Bay that one person could not do. There are always get-togethers a club could have; a big fish fry and a sail fish derby. I was sure a club could improve the road into Cholla Bay. The "Swan" and I had trouble getting over the big rocks at the launching site. I was sure a club could make it wider and take the big rocks out. It seemed to me a club could remove the sand from around the hill and rock the side to keep out of the roadway. I thought of the good will we could have with the Mexican people, and the many ways we could help better the relations between the United States and Mexico as good-will ambassadors from the U.S.

I made a note of all the towns and states from which people came to fish at

Cholla Bay. I saw two pickups from New Mexico; I noticed cars from Missouri, California, Oregon, and Yuma, and I saw a gray pickup with Pima license plates. I started counting members of the club that hadn't even been started yet. It ran into hundreds. Well, why not hundreds of members?

After many months I decided to get every name I could and write each one a letter of my plans. Nacho's book helped in getting names of people from all states. Then I sent out two hundred letters. I was surprised to get one hundred and sixty letters back. Almost all of them were for the idea of a club. Some said dues should be twelve dollars a year; others suggested twenty-five dollars. After all the response from my letters had come in I was sure a club could be formed. On October 12, 1955, we had our first meeting of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club.

Now as I go through my desk reading the many notes I made, the many letters I have received, the many ideas and plans I had (I don't know why I have kept them all) and going over all the materials I've collected I see many names of people who have helped make the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club what it is today. I see a note about club meetings in Tucson, Yuma, Ajo, Flagstaff. I have a note about having a club paper to get people's views on how to improve the club. It would take too much space to name every one whose name I have seen on my notes tonight so I'll just say again THANKS, "DEAR FRIENDS." Albert Scott

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ARTHUR SCHWARZ

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I have always considered the Scuttlebutt a source of information to acquaint members who could not attend the last meeting with facts they should know and to inform them of items to be brought up at the next meeting.

1. A nomination committee was appointed by President Newman to select names for election of next year's officers. To those interested please attend the Nov. meeting and name vour selection from the floor. Who knows, your man may be accepted.

2. CORRECTION. THE OCTO-BER ISSUE OF THE CHATTER STATED RAY AND JOE MORRIS HAD, AT A GREAT INCONVENIENCE, CAMPED IN A SANDY AREA AND GUARDED OUR DERBY EATING AREA. WE MEANT RAY AND JO MASON. SORRY RAY AND JO, YOU DESERVED A LOT BET-TER THAN THAT.

ECONOMY IS DENYING YOUR-SELF A NECESSITY TODAY SO YOU CAN BUY A LUXURY TOMORROW.

3. I understand we are having trouble again at the Border passing boats over 18' long. Our Council is working on this problem and we hope to soon arrive at a satisfactory conclusion with the immigration officials; one which is more lenient for boats going no further than Rocky Point. At present the officials are going

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strictly by the book which applies to all boats entering Mexico; many for an extended stay, not just for the few days most our our Border boats from Tucson and Phoenix remain. We hope this can soon be settled because both Mexican business people and United States visitors lose. As to gas, beer and liquor most of us have been buying many of these items in Mexico right along. Thanksgiving and Christmas will soon be here and where can we spend more pleasant holidays.

A MAN DOES AGE FASTER THAN A WOMAN. WHEN WE WERE MAR-RIED I WAS TWO YEARS OLDER THAN MY WIFE. NOW I AM 9 YEARS OLDER.

4. Our problem of what to do with our unredeemed Jack-pot tickets was settled by the Council during our meeting of Oct. 16, 1970 in Casa Grande. They decided to hold our Jack-pot drawing on Saturday, Nov. 28th at 5:30 P.M. at Cholla Bay. This is the Thanksgiving weekend when we hope to have many to witness the drawing. This year we will have the drawing of the lucky numbers made by Mexican children. Tickets will be for sale right up to drawing time. Of course you do not have to be present to

LADIES: WHAT COUNTS IS NOT THE MEN IN YOUR LIFE - IT'S THE LIFE IN YOUR MEN.

5. Our club now has about 1,300 members. This represents a good amount of buying of gasoline, oil, Mexican insurance, food, beer, bottled water, tank water, building supplies and hardware, restaurant meals and mercade trade in many other items.

INCOME TAX RETURNS ARE TO BE FILED - NOT CHISELED.

6. We have a large and efficient Search and Rescue Squadron composed of boats, airplanes and dune buggies and they are always on hand to search for lost boats whether they belong to the club or not. They have towed in many a boat that did not belong to our club. Although everyone is liable to help someone in distress we do have special boats assigned to this duty. These will soon have a

decal on the bow to distinguish them.

7. We from Tucson wish to congratulate Betty Capen who has taken over the difficult job of editing the Chatter. Good luck to you and you can rest assured we will do our best to make your job more pleasant to you.

A WOMAN IS NEVER OVER-WEIGHT UNTIL SHE RUNS OUT OF PLACES TO HIDE IT.

8. Preparations are in progress for Santa Claus to visit the children of Rocky Point and Cholla Bay. Last year two club members from Phoenix handled the entire project. That's not fair when we have so many sitting around doing nothing during the holiday week. How about many of you men and women finding a few hours or so for a few days to help fill stockings, sort out fruits and nuts, and pitch in wherever you can. Bob Morris has charge of the Tucson portion of this affair. Give him a call a few days before and offer your help. There are goodies to be packaged, empty cartons to be disposed of, and a few trucks and drivers needed. Do we have anyone in Tucson, who is fat enough to do justice to a good Santa Claus?

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2900ams know Bob is the local representative of the national Boone & Crockert Club. He is also probably one of the best authorities on the love lite of the desert Javalina in these whole United States. We sincerely hope that Mr. Householder will be able to honor us with his presence

Incidentally, Bob has just been made Editor of the 'Wildlife Sportsman Magazine. We should all benefit from his wide experiences in both the field of hunting and fishing.

"Bring in a New Member"



This month is the shank of the summer, when the lighttackle fisherman really has a chance to 'get with it'. The slashing Sierra mackerel are in full strength, and the angler who hasn't tangled with a 4-lb. mack on a light spinning rod has something to really look forward to. The ever elusive Pompano is

present in small schools, and by walking the sandy beaches, casting a SMALL spoon, the diligent caster can soon sack up a mess of these delicious tasting little scrappers. The spooky Sea Trout can be caught casting a light lure also. I've found that to catch these wily, softmouthed battlers, casting will produce 5 to 1 fish in your sack over trolling. They are easily spooked by the shadow of a boat passing over them, and unless you have out at least 75 yards of line, with an almost invisible leader, it is hard to get them to hit. On the other hand, they will strike at almost every cast, when you locate a school, if you just don't make any unusual commotion, either when fishing from a boat, or beach walking.

The ever-popular Pinto and Grouper are still plentiful (when they are located), and an occasional Halibut can still be found by the bottom

This is also the month when the first Sailfish is sighted by some wild-eyed bottom scratcher, fishing saddle reef or twelve mile reef. When this happens, the most fanatic group of fishermen in the Gulf start out helter-skelter to spend a miserable fruitless day, consuming gallons of gas, beer and ripe mullet, and return tired, frustrated, and about half teed-off, empty handed, but grimly determined to give 'er another try tomorrow. MAN WE'RE READY!!!

In order to qualify, the catch must be photographed hanging from the new Club scaffold, in front of Jose's Place. More about the new scaffold in another column.

All pictures sent in will be kept by the board, and placed into a club scrapbook, whether they are chosen as a winner or not.

Please address all entries to: "CHATTER"-P. O. Box 1881, Phoenix, Arizona and be sure and accompany each snapshot with an accurate account as to how the catch was made. PLEASE COME ON AND GET YOUR FEFT WET—YOU MIGHT WIN A HONEY OF A PRIZE, SO SEND IN THOSE SNAPS!!!

"Bring in a New Member"

"KINKS"

If your boat isn't equipped with a depth finder of any type, did you know that the best way to locate reef fish, such as Grouper, Pinto. etc., is to kill your engine over a likely looking spot(?) and using a light monofilliment line, drop a feather to the bottom, and as you drift, jig it up and down. If you start hooking sharks and Cotchies, you're over sand bottom, but if you start getting hookups on rock-bass or Pintos, you've hit a reef. Drop a marker over the side, and drift jig in

"Bring in a New Member"

"FROM THE BAIT BOX"

What widely known fisherman, who does business at 2101 E. Washington, recently lost a rasselin' match to about at least a 6 or 8 pound giant sea-bass, hmmm?? This particular fellow was armed with a 9/0 reel (of which the monsterous denizen of the deep promptly stripped all of the gears from) and heavy metal line. The standard bait, when using this particular type of equipment and fishing for these giants, was, naturally, a number 19 Accetta spoon, with the head of a small pinto impaled upon the hook. Not trolling, mind you, but jes' sittin thar fishin, when along came this sly finny fish, and promptly stripped all of the gears, making the reel inoperative, so that said angler (?) had to attempt to hand-line, with metal line mind you, this bemoth into captivity, so that the damn fish could be taught a lesson. After quite a tug-of-war, the angler and the unknown fish finally parted company, thru the failure of the Accetta jig to have anymore to do with such unorthodox nonsense, and promptly giving up the ghost, allowed the metal ring, with which the leader is attached to the spoon, to open up, and let each go his separate way, sadder but wiser.

'POLICY ON ADS'

Any member who would like to use this paper as a vehicle to advertise, thru the use of a want ad section in this here little ole paper, is sure free to do so, just send us a description of the article or what have you, to Cholla Chatter, Box 1881, Phx. We are going to try to furnish this service for members, free, for the time being. Anyone in business, who would like to place a display ad, we will be only too happy to furnish the first ad free, altho subsequent ads will have to be charged for at a nominal rate. (heh-heh-heh.) Just get the copy to the above address. Please don't be insulted tho, if we tailor it down to meet space limitations. This offer can be withdrawn at any time.

"Bring in a New Member"



At the last Board meeting, held at Pres. Hammer's house, it was decided to establish committee chairman for the following club projects:

Membership, Al Scott; Program, Bill Blair (March thru Sept.), Scrapbook, Mrs. Mabel Stump: Publicity, Red Smith; Feb. Derby

Chairman, Paul Schoonover; Club Publication, Bill Valentine. It was also decided that each chairman would appoint his own committee to work on his or her project. If you would like to volunteer for any of the above committees, please contact project chairman.

Another Project that met with complete board approval, was for the erection of a picture taking fish hanging scaffold, constructed for anyones use, and with the club emblem and name across the top. It will be erected in the vicinity of Jose's place, where almost all of the boat launching is normally done. This will help advertise the club thru photos taken of fish, by people from all over the U.S. who fish at Cholla Bay.

"Bring in a New Member"

OUR APOLOGIES

We would like to apologize to our Tucson, Ajo and other members. Due to the limited time we had before rushing this first issue to print, we were unable to have any local Tucson or Ajo information available. Anyone living in either of the above cities, who would like to contribute copy to the "CHATTER" about their own experience or of any of their neighbors, please correspond with us-your ideas will be greatly appreciated.

"Bring in a New Member"

GRIPES:

Bill Blair

This section of CHATTER is going to be reserved for you, the reader, to give vent to your pet gripes, peeves, constructive criticisms, or just plain sounding off. If you have any suggestions, about anything of interest to fellow sportsmen, please drop us a line, c/o CHATTER, and if it is in any way a reasonable request for which the board members feel that the rest of the membership should be informed, we will do our utmost to see that it is promptly ignored. No fooling tho, write us and we will publish any legimate gripe or suggestion for the betterment of the club. Example: Whenever you are trolling for Macks, or any other surface fish, and you have a long line out, be sure and steer clear of any Mexican shrimp boats moving in the vicinity. I doubt if they would all do it, but the Mexican skippers seem to delight in separating a gringo fisherman from his terminal tackle, by swerving across your wake, so as to cut your line. It's happened to me several times, and altho it doesn't mean much in dollars and cents, it just makes you madder than \$*\$!?7!

Anything in this vein, or in the nature of constructive criticism, will certainly be welcome. Remember the address, CHATTER, Box 1881, Phoenix, Arizona.

"Bring in a New Member"

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Comments From The Chair

Bill Hammer

As we start the year of 1964, the Phoenix and Tucson chapters together now form one club in practice as well as in name. One of the main jobs of Council, is of course to help the routine projects of the Club to keep going. The members of the Council are a very capable group of men, and as such will meet the problems in an intelligent manner.

The main project of this Club, in my opinion, is membership. And as such, every member should bring in at least one new member. I think that if every member who uses the facilities in Cholla Bay would take the time to consider how much their dues dollar do for the, i.e. Radio, road, insurance, etc., it would be an easy task to sign up as members, your friends and other people who use our facilities (also they could be taken off the "free-loader" list).

The biggest advantage of a large membership is, of course, the representation that it gives us all in the event some problem may arise in the area.

The Council is also working on the committee for the forth-coming Fishing Derby; more about this next time,

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by Ed H. Smith, vice president

It has become tragically apparent that we are in desperate need of a "Search and Rescue Unit" for Cholla Bay. We plan to form a committee to establish such a unit immediately. We have banded together as a club for the benefit of all and it will take the combined effort of each of us to make this project a success. We feel that it has become necessary for the club members to know what to do in case of emergency and that will be the goal of this committee. After all, figuring 35 miles of coastline in each direction times 25 miles out makes a total of 1750 square miles of ocean, and that is a helluva lot of water to be lost in.

At the last board meeting a very good outline was submitted by Paul Schoonover. It suggests that a committee be made up of persons interested enough to take the time to qualify themselves and others to carry out an adequate search and rescue operation; that they become familiar with the procedure for calling in other organizations (Coast Guard, Air Force, Border Patrol, etc.); list available members willing and equipped to carry out a search; post in conspicuous places at Cholla signs giving details of who to contact and how to start a search operation: continue work on radio base stations at Cholla and Phoenix.

We have some promising results from inquiries made which will be reported to you at the next meeting, so PLEASE anyone and everyone interested bring your ideas and suggestions to that meeting and let's kick this thing around together.

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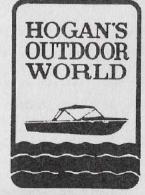
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