

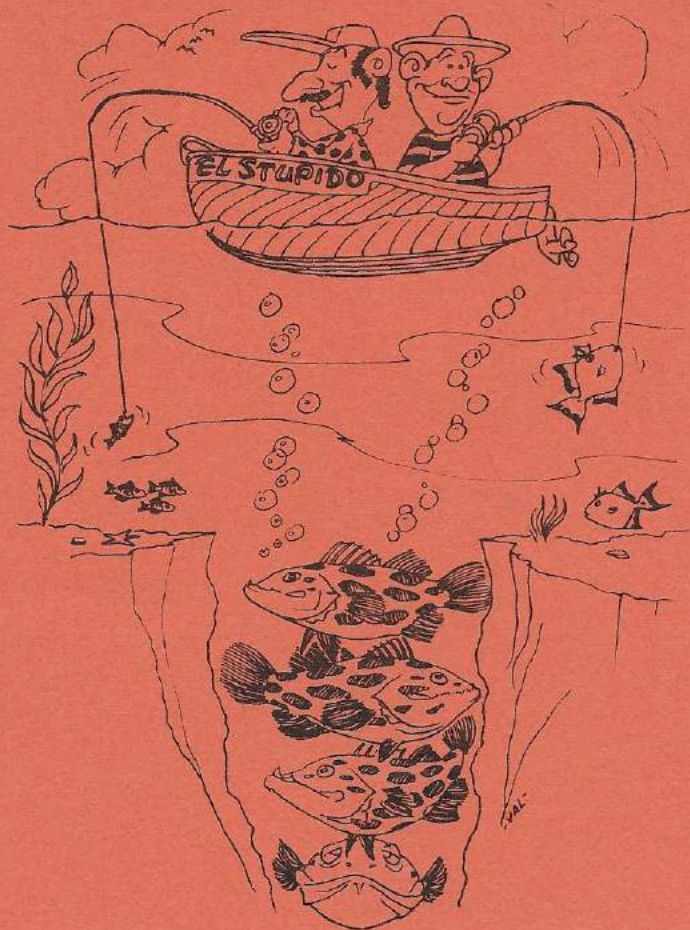


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## 1972 DERBY DRAMA #3

Derby time is approaching once more and your frustrated Derby Chairman is sure that the third time is the charm!

November 24th and 25th are the magic dates that have been set for our 17th annual Fishing Derby. We have the permission of the Port Captain and the Fishing Inspector, Sr. Carlos Salmon Rodriguez.

Our prizes are all assembled --just waiting for the fish to be brought in. Chuck Winter and Harry Barker of Tucson and Don LaPorte of Phoenix have done a fine job--we have a selection that will almost make you cry if you don't win!!

Ticket sales have been good and there are lots more available. See your ticket chairman in Phoenix and Tucson or contact Charlie and Helen Reed in Phoenix and/or Doug and Lee Cashion in Tucson for advance tickets. Betty Munro will also have a supply for sale at the radio shack.

Al Scott of Phoenix will be in charge of the fish frying. You can be sure of some good eating if he is at the fryers. Leonard Reichardt of Tucson has volunteered to clean, and cook the beans. We understand that the bean cleaning is a fun thing and

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I am sure anyone who would like to help in that direction will be welcome. We have our volunteers for the salad - Gordon and Lila Erickson - they will need helpers as the Silvas moved to Ajo and may not be able to come because of the work schedule. We want to extend our invitation for anyone to help -- we need all the help we can get and you will enjoy being part of the occasion, gives you a chance to get acquainted with all our members.

Fish weighers for the Friday competition will be Natalie and Oscar Newman from Tucson. Saturday competition will be Walter Horton from Tucson.

Nonie McKibben is still standing by to aid in identification of fish when they are caught. We are expecting a big turnout--we know we will have a good time and good food and hope everyone will really try to come to Cholla Bay Thanksgiving. It will be fun!

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and Bob Thomas respectively,  
this year, so those catagories  
will not be awarded. We still have  
the lovely first prize of the fishing  
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a fishing derby to remember.

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BOB MORRIS,  
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As Council Chairman, I wish to welcome everyone to the Fishing Derby and hope you have a lucky catches and enjoy our fish fry. Be sure and get your boat permits ahead of time.

On Thursday, October 12th, the Council had a special meeting in Casa Grade, to appoint a special committee to talk to Sr. Salome, the Fish Inspector. The committee selected were Bob Morris, Bob Rumsey, Mary Fran Taylor, Chris Tatum and Dick Allyn. They were to meet in Cholla on Saturday, October 14.

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In the November general meetings of the Phoenix and Tucson chapters, the nominating committees will present their slate of prospective Officers and Boards, for the coming year, 1973. Nominations will be open from the floor for additional nominations. This meeting is the most important of the year, we are helping to choose the ones who will lead our Chapters in the coming year. Please plan to attend and exercise your rights as a Club member.

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The Phoenix and Tucson Chapters collaborated on drawing up a basic set of rules to be used in future fish derbies. The only changes that need to be made from year to year will be the date and time. These rules were presented to the Council at its September 1967 meeting and after some discussion and a few minor changes were ratified.

Classes of fish--Seventeen classes of fish will be eligible for prizes for hook and line fishermen. These are:

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Grouper        | 9. Yellow Fin   |
| 2. Pinto          | 10. Dolphin     |
| 3. Sea Bass       | 11. Red Snapper |
| 4. White Sea Bass | 12. Pargo       |
| 5. Rock Bass      | 13. Skipjack    |
| 6. Sea Trout      | 14. Flounder    |
| 7. Pompano        | 15. Sailfish    |
| 8. Mackerel       | 16. Cochi       |
|                   | 17. Corvina     |

Types of Prizes--There will be prizes for first and second place in each class for each day of the derby. Grand prize will be for the largest fish caught. Also a Grand Prize for the largest fish caught by a lady fisherman. Additional prizes will be first, second and third place for "odd ball" fish. A prize will be given the oldest fisherman with a valid Derby ticket. Prizes for shell fish will be in two categories -- Skin Divers and Beach.

Team Prize--A cash award will be made each day for the boat with the greatest weight of fish caught per person on hook and line. Fish must be in the 17 categories listed and must be bagged or strung. The weight of all eligible fish caught by the

"team" including any prize winners will be used in determining weight of fish caught per person.

Judging--Judging of fish for prizes shall be done by judges appointed by the Council with an equal number from each Chapter. The Derby Chairman is not to be appointed as a judge. Judging of the largest fish will be by weight. Fish will be weighed on a set of P Cotton scales. No one fish can take two prizes except that fish that have trophies donated for the first caught of the season, such as Sailfish and Dolphin.

Tickets--Each contestant participating in the Derby must have a valid Derby ticket before starting to fish. Only boats with valid Team Tickets are eligible for the Team Prizes.

Time--Dates and official times will be established by the Council. The official closing time will be posted at the scales. All fish must be weighed in before closing time. There are to be no exceptions. Two (2) men will be responsible for closing the scales each day of the Derby.

Awards--Presentation of awards will be made the evening of the last day of the Derby. Winners do not have to be present to receive their prizes.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As the Council Chairman announced in the October issue, the Club is in need of a new Editor for the Chatter. I accepted the chairmanship for one more year and that year will be up with the December issue. In my opinion, there are only two qualifications necessary, the member must be active in your Chapter and its functions and totally interested in all workings of the Club, such as the Council. In fact, I guess the overall qualification is his or her dedication to the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club. I'll be willing to work with anyone, for as long as it takes, to get them started. It has certainly been a personal challenge to me and most satisfying.

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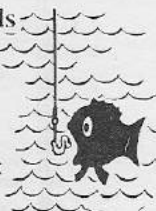
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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK  
PHOENIX

Derby time is coming up. Thanksgiving weekend will combine turkey dinners with lots of good fishing. Hopefully, this one coming will provide the atmosphere and weather to make up for our previous two tries. Be sure and get your boat permits early as well as licenses, so that an easier time will be had by all at the launch ramp.

The Chapters' annual picnic was very successful. All adults and children enjoyed the games and dollar coins were the prizes. A raffle was held and fishing poles and reels were given as well as other donated merchandise. Needless to say, the food was excellent, a virtual food fair, with the variety of dishes. May I say that in the past two picnics, I've never tasted such good cook-

ing at a potluck and I certainly get my share of sampling--to the point of being uncomfortable.

The weather this year was fantastic, made up for last years rain. It was too bad more people didn't attend. Look forward to it next year--this is a family affair.

Nomination time for next years' officers will be at the next meeting. I hope all of you will consider coming to the November meeting and express your choice to be placed on the ballot. If you would like to serve, or know of someone who would be interested in being an officer or director, contact Charlie Reed, chairman of the nominating committee. New people are needed so that more ideas can be exchanged. Election results will be at the December meeting.

Hope to see more of you at the meetings and at the bay---

Dick Allyn

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FISH IDENTIFICATION  
AND THE DERBY LIST  
PART TWO

"Nonie" McKibbin

The derby list of eligible fish has 5 kinds of basses on it. Every fisherman at Cholla Bay knows the pinta: Every fisherman at Cholla Bay knows the rock bass. The "rock" bass is more correctly called the spotted sand bass because he spends most of his time on the sandy bottom. I'll wager it would be difficult to call it anything but "Rocky" because the fisherman always catches him on the reefs off Cholla Bay.

What is the "sardinero"? It is a Mexican name. It is better called leopard grouper because it varies its color, spots, stripes and circles. As a scuba diver, it took me 5 or 6 years to always

recognize him. Sometimes he has spots and stripes and spots like a pinta. Sometimes he is completely golden. Yes, he is the "golden grouper". At about 10 inches a few of the leopard groupers change to a golden color. The most obvious difference between a pinta and a leopard grouper when they have similar spots and stripes is that the pinta has a rounded tail fin. The leopard grouper's is straight.

The black sea bass is a good name. He is a big fish and has a square end to his dorsal fin. Don't confuse him with the big (but not as big) gulf grouper. The gulf grouper has a rounded end to his dorsal fin. There are a number of "groupers" in the Gulf. So let's call this one, gulf grouper and not just grouper as on the derby list.

There are other basses caught at the derby. I have seen the

FISH IDENTIFICATION (cont'd)  
broomtail grouper, the soapfish,  
the spotted bass and occasionally  
some of the other 35 or 40 species  
of bass.

This suggests another ques-  
tion to my mind. An 80 pound  
broomtail grouper is a record  
catch. A gulf grouper of 90  
pounds is not a record catch.  
He goes at least to 200 pounds.  
What fish gets a derby prize for  
"grouper"? In this case the  
broomtail of 80 pounds should be  
the prize catch.

"Derby" is becoming a dirty  
word with those who are concerned  
with the future fish populations.  
So let's keep our derby clean. A  
few ideas which come to mind are  
as follows:

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The Cholla Bay Derby, since it's inception way back when, has sure had a variety of 'taking place' dates. When Al Scott started the annual affair, he picked February 22nd, Washington's Birthday, as the time when everyone should get loose for a competitive weekend at Cholla. At this time of year, the bottom type fisherman is at his best. Big grouper, pinto, snapper and even occasional black and/or white sea bass would be brought to the weigh-in scales. Us lighter tackled - smaller-type fish fishermen, had pretty slim pickin's, altho some of those years, the warm weather kept the sea trout and mackerel within our range.

I'll never forget one year, when my fishing partner and I decided that we'd wipe out the mackerel division. I had a 14' plywood boat (the Miss Maricopa) at the time, powered by a 30 H. P. Johnson. We roared out of Cholla Bay bright and early on a glassy sea, headed for far off Bird Island,

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limped damply back into the long closed up weighin scales, much too late to qualify. After drying out and cleaning up a bit, we found that the hungry derby participants had already eaten everything offered at the free fish fry, but, god love him, old Seth Smith had taken some prime elk steaks down to the bay, and he took pity on us two half drowned clowns, and fed us. Those were the good old days. No one had a depth finder in those days, but the way Al Scott, Bill Blair and some of those other old timers could plank their boat over a productive reef was uncanny.

One of the biggest derby thrills I think I ever got, was when I took a third place prize for a fish I wasn't even fishing for.

As I recall, Paul Schoonover was chairman that year. Realizing that I was completely outclassed in the bottom fishing divisions, I conned Bill Hammer and Lyle Underdown to join me on a boat trip to the First Estuary for some sea trout hunting. We beached inside the 'slough' and started working the shore line looking for trout. After about two and one half hours of flawless flinging fish foolers, I had a big fat zilch while Hammer and Lyle

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had each captured derby winning trout. I spotted a big shadow slowly cruising parallel to the shore line so I half heartedly flipped a spoon in its general direction. The spoon had no more than hit the water when that shadow charged it, inhaled the dang thing then reversed direction to head for some offshore rock pile. I was using an 8' spin rig with 8 pound test mono. For the next twenty minutes that rascal had me running up and down the beach like a crazy man trying to keep him from completely peeling my poor overworked spin reel. When I finally slid his big ugly body up on the beach, I found that I was the proud owner of a big old trout eating grouper. that ultimately won me two dandy Martin plugs as third place winner in the grouper division. I'd given away about two dozen Martin's years before when I'd switched from trolling heavy rigs to light jigging outfits for bottom fishing. Oh well, it was still about the only time I ever won anything, and it made me a hero for a short time -- to my family, anyway.

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By Mel Jarvis

Our radio and check out station is due to get a new face lift, work is already started on the new radio room. The house trailer that has served us so well for so long is to be sold if we can get it out of its resting place all in one piece, and there are some that say it can be done. That right, Harry?

A little history about our little radio equipped trailer that some of our new members may not know. Our radio for years was housed in what now is the Art Cox cabin on the beach. For various reasons the club started to look for a new home for our radios. The idea of the trailer was Ferd Essenwein's. He suggested it to me, I suggested it to Harold Johnson (Council Chairman at that time). He liked the idea and took it to the Club. Harold Johnson found our little trailer in south Phoenix--and a sad lot it was the first time we saw it. A lot of work was done by Club members of Phoenix and then it

was taken to Tucson where it was fitted out by the Tucson members for the radio equipment that was to go into it. The weekend it was taken to Cholla was a real fun weekend. The day we moved the trailer into place we really had a crew, everyone pitched in to make it easier. It will be a fun day the day the trailer is moved out--I hope we can be there. The space where the trailer is now will be a patio for the boat watchers. Congratulations to the Club, it is a great idea!

Search and Rescue took on the job of putting the new radio room in ship shape. We had a lot of help, a big thank you to all from the Search and Rescue Team. Radio room contributions deserving of a special thanks are O'Malley Lumber and Charlie Mann for building material, Mary Fran and Cal Taylor for the ventilator, Pete King Paint Co. and Jerry Tidey, paint and paint equipment, Harold Niles, Niles Radio Corp., lighting equipment, Golden West Campers, special 12 volt D. C. lights. Armondo Herrerra donated part of the labor for getting the Radio room ready. Jim Knight, Dick Allyn and Ferd Essenwein merit thanks for the transport service to the Bay, and the Phoenix Charter members for the moneys needed for the necessary labor involved.

Safe boating.....

## FINDING DEVIATION OF A BOAT'S COMPASS

Most methods of finding the compass deviation are based on taking bearings on objects shown on a nautical chart. I have three government charts of the upper Gulf and unfortunately landmarks shown on all three charts are not shown as occurring at the same place. There is a difference of from two to five miles on the various charts. (1' of latitude equals 1 nautical mile.)

	U. S. Navy	U. S. A. F.	Mexico
Pinacate	31° 45' N 113° 32' W	31° 46' N 113° 30' W	31° 46' N 113° 32' W
Pelican Point	31° 20.5' N 113° 41' W	31° 21' N 113° 38' W	31° 20.5' N 113° 43' W
Rocky Point	31° 17.5' N 113° 35.5' W	31° 18' N 113° 33' W	31° 17' N 113° 37.5' W

Pinacate has been moved around less than either Pelican Point or Rocky Point (possibly because of its size) and since it is approximately twenty-five miles from Cholla Bay using it for finding deviation will not introduce very much error. Preferably the boat should be anchored, but it can also be done with the boat underway, but remaining in as small an area as possible while making the observations. By observing the bearing of Pinacate on the compass as the boat heads in various directions, the deviation can be obtained for each heading for which an observation is taken, by comparison with the magnetic bearing taken from the chart.

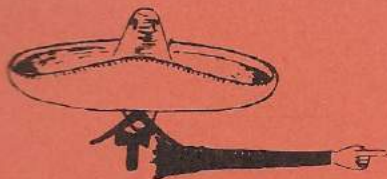


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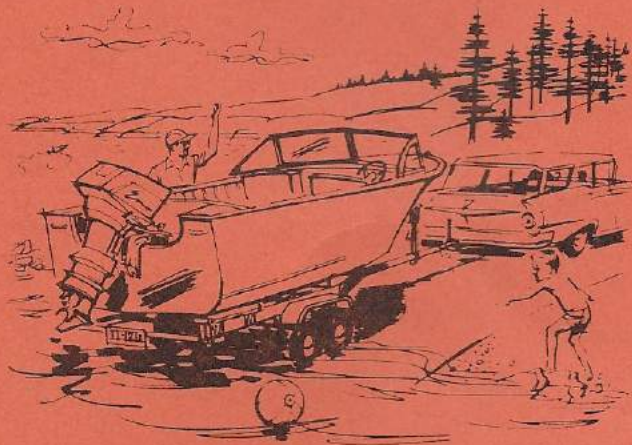
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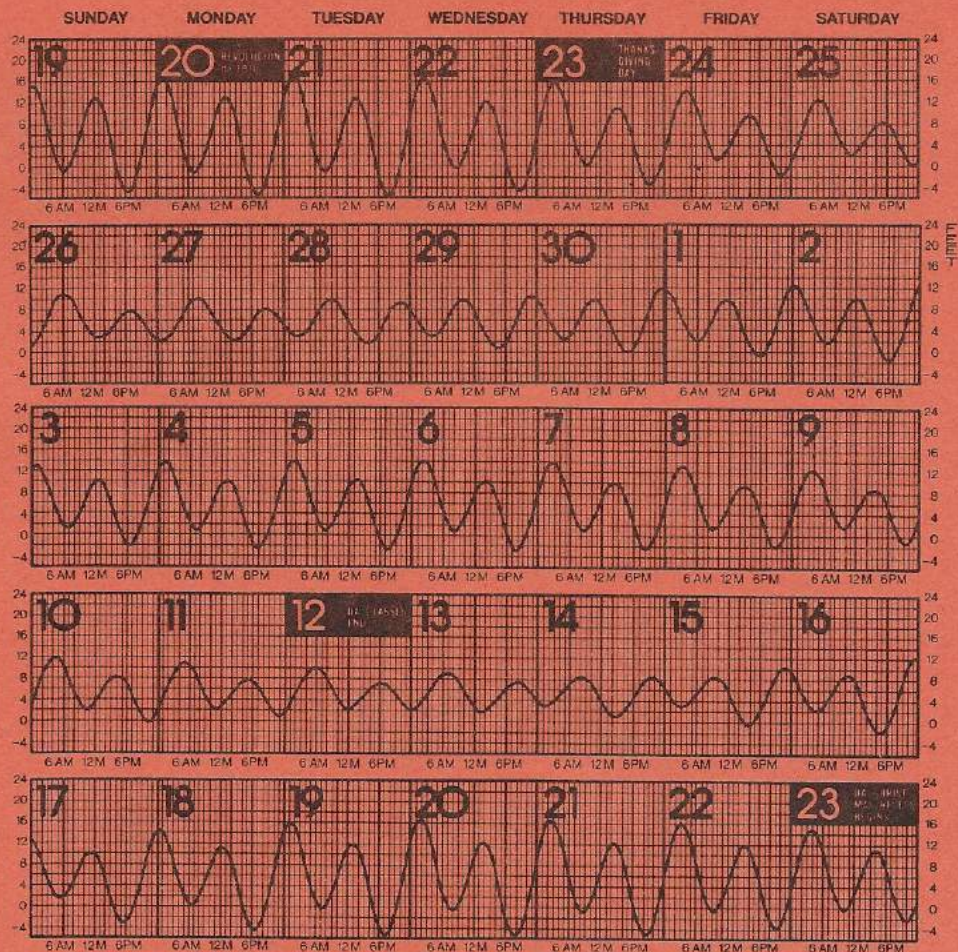
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WIND SPEED (mph)	9.6	N.A.		

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