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## Unusual Fish Wanted

Beatrice Burch, Director of the Choya Bay Oceanographic Station, reports that in response to suggestions from several Club members that she has placed a drum of formalin on the patio in front of the Station Laboratory and anyone with an unusual fish or other marine animal is invited to put it in the drum. A tag with the following information should be made out with a soft lead pencil:

Date  
Where Caught  
How Caught  
Fisherman's Name & Address

The tag should either be tied to the specimen or placed with the specimen in a cloth bag. All necessary material is on top of the drum.

The Choya Bay Oceanographic Station is a pale yellow building with a large covered patio and chain link fence. It is Cabin #245 and is part way up the hill from Dr. Brown's hotel on the road parallel to the Bay front.

### PHOENIX SHELL CLUB

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"Confinement" as used above means "restriction of an animal by the owner or his agent to a building or other enclosure in isolation from other animals and from persons except for contact necessary for its care, or, if it is allowed out of such enclosure, muzzling the animal and keeping it on a leash."

You are expected to observe these requirements as a safeguard against the introduction of rabies. A person violating United States Foreign Quarantine Regulations, which provide for these requirements, is subject to a fine up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment up to one year.

Incidentally the editor had one of his dogs die of rabies. Fortunately the dog had bitten a boy trying to climb in a window and was in confinement when she suddenly went "mad" ten days later. That dog had wild and furious rabies and there's no telling how many persons she would have bitten, if she hadn't been locked up. Rabies is definitely nothing to fool with and just remember that the above regulations are written - and enforced - to protect the public of which you are a part.

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# The Cone Shells of Cholla Bay

By Myrt Johnson

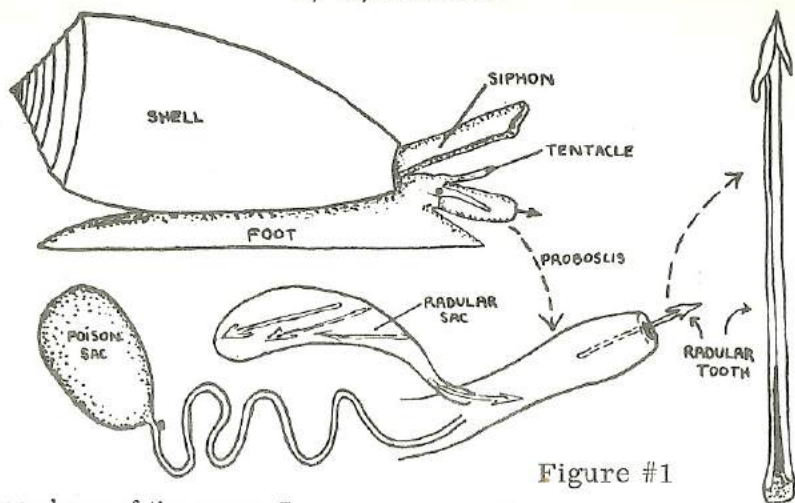


Figure #1

The members of the genus Conus, family Conidae, are freemoving animals that creep across the ocean floor on a flat disclike foot (figure 1). The shell of a typical cone is broad at the top of the body whorl and tapers gradually to a narrow base (figure 2). The spire is steplike or turreted in some forms. Ornamentation with blunt nodes at the shoulder, known as coronations is frequent, or there may be beads. The aperture is long, narrow, and mostly of uniform width. The outer lip is thin and sharp and is very easily broken or chipped as is easily attested by the frequented marked growth flaws. Sculpture varies -- some have axial stripes and some are very smooth

over the entire body whorl. Most cones have spiral lines or grooves on the base of the shell. Most cones have color patterns which make them beautiful and colorful shells. Most frequently cones are most colorful when in the younger days of their growth, changing as the shell reaches its full growth. Often this variation of coloration and even pattern causes the collectors difficulty in identifying species. Spire sculpture and height variations are also a confusing feature.

Most cones have a well-developed periostracum (a skin or horny covering on the exterior of the shell) often so thick it obscures the pattern and for this reason most collectors re-

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move it using caustic solution, usually chlorox. Apparently most species have a small, slender, non-calcareous operculum, a plate serving to close the aperture, with a terminal nucleus, which is much smaller than the aperture and therefore offers little protection to the retracted animal. It is said to be absent in some species but possibly has been overlooked, being so small.

Most gastropods travel in search of their food. A great proportion of the marine gastropods are carnivorous, but some are detritus feeders, others are vegetarians. The mouth parts among the flesh-eating snails have modifications including the proboscis or snout. In some the snout remains very simple and the animal merely pushes the end of its mouth against its food and tears off bits with the tongue - like radula or row of teeth. In others a remarkably long, tube-like extension is developed which, when not in use, is retracted within the snout or head of the snail. The animal of the genus Conus has aroused much interest due to their unique possession among mollusks of a weapon which may cause death to a human being. In all species the radula has developed into a bunch of loosely attached, sharp, hollow teeth, often barbed, each of which is connected with a poison gland (figure 1). The animal is able to extract one of these teeth from its proboscis and "sting" its prey, which consists of such marine animals as annelid worms, small fish and other mollusks -- even cones. A number of painful injuries and a few fatalities have resulted in unwary collectors. This has not been known to occur to collectors in American waters, but it is advisable to handle the larger

species with care and not hold a live cone so that its aperture is in contact with the hand.

A Myra Keen, in her book entitled "Sea Shells of Tropical West America" lists 21 species of cone shells  
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from the Gulf of California. Only three species, however, have been collected from the Cholla Bay - Puerto Penasco area.

Conus (Conus) princeps Linnaeus, 1758 (figure 2). The Princely Cone is of an orange or pink color with dark-brown wavy axial stripes that extend up onto the low spire. It has a heavy dark periostracum with wide-spaced bristly spiral lines. Length is up to two inches. It is usually found intertidally on rocky ledges.

Conus (Chelyconus) perplexus Sowerby, 1857 (figure 3). The Puzzling Cone is grayish white to pale violet and is covered with numerous spiral rows of brown dashes or dots. Axial stripes or blotches may appear on the spire and body whorl. This is the smallest of the Cholla cones being only about one inch long. It is common on sandbars such as those at Tucson Beach.

Conus (Chelyconus) ximenes Gray, 1839 (figure 4). This is a narrower shell than Conus perplexus and has a higher spire with a row of brown dots both above and below the suture. This species is about one and a half inches long and occurs intertidally in Cholla Bay and Nores Beach.



Figure #2  
Conus princeps  
St. Geo. Is. A58-5

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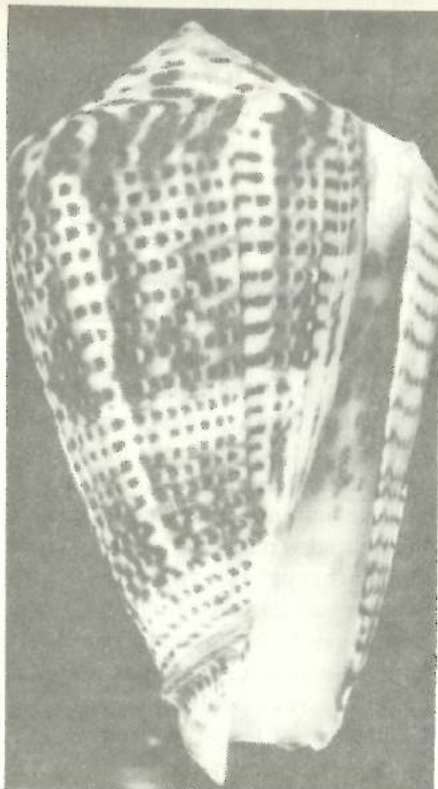


Figure #3

Conus perplexus

Cholla A58-3

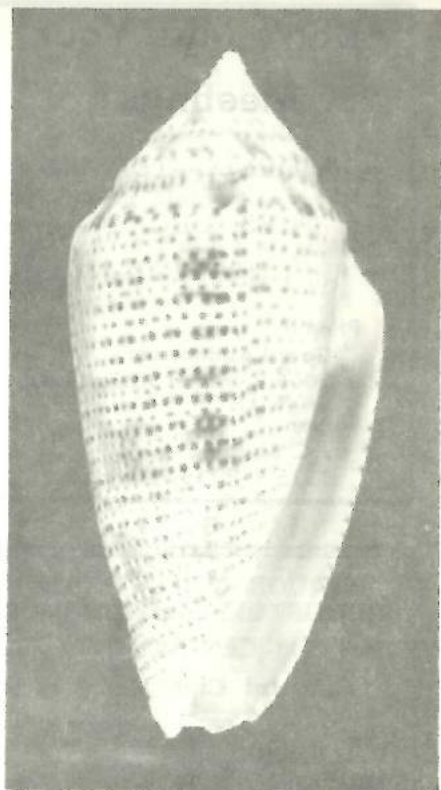


Figure #4

Conus ximines

Cholla A58-12

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There are more darn fish and more ways to catch them in the Sea of Cortez, than the average fisherman can get to, in the limited time of a usual weekend fishing trip.

For instance, starting at the North end, and working south, from El Golfo through Guaymas, the surf spin fisherman can cast lures to a variety of sport fish ranging from the tiny spoon-whapping Pompano up to the gigantic reel peeling Totuava.

In between these two extremes, all of which will readily make a pass at a casted lure, are Sea Trout, Mackerel, Yellowfin Corvina, Sardineros (species of Grouper) Bonefish, Lady Fish, Cabrilla Bass, Rock Bass, Cotchi, Barracuda (rarely), Flounder, small Halibut, Croaker of several types and even an occasional Roosterfish. There are undoubtedly many others I've failed to mention, but the point I'm trying to make, is that there are willing gamefish in just about any type of Gulf salt water you can cast a lure into, be it off a sandy beach, or deeper water surrounding shoreline rocks.

The boat fisherman has such a variety to fish for, that it would take a ream of paper to list them. When I first wet a line in the Gulf, back in '46, I'd fish out of Cholla Bay or Rocky Point from a 14' outboard for small type fish, such as Sea Trout,

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I nailed my first Sailfish in 1950, and shortly thereafter my first Dolphin. If anybody ever figured out a way to get more hair raising fishing thrills than hooking either of these blue water beauts from a small outboard, I'd have to be shown.

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## Letter to Wayne Wood

Dear Mr. Wayne Wood:

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Already he has received the benefit of your rescue team. On August 11 of this year he and our oldest daughter were out all day (he ran out of gas after loaning some of his gas to another boat) and thanks to a very nice man from Ajo, Arizona, they were towed in.

Had this man not gone after them they would have spent the night out there and I'm convinced our daughter would have been seriously ill. She was very burned and dehydrated and we put her in the hospital in Rocky Point and she received wonderful care. There is a very capable doctor in that town. His name is Dr. Roberto Gracida Ruiz. He took excellent care of her.

There are some kind and caring people in the town of Rocky Point. They helped us in every way possible. I am telling you this because I am so glad to have the opportunity to tell someone about them. If any of your members are ever in need of medical care, I hope they won't hesitate to go into Rocky Point to get it.

I wish I knew the man's name who towed my husband's boat in, but all I know is that he lives in Ajo and I think he owns a service station there. Anyway, I'm very grateful to him.

Thank you again for your invitation.  
Sincerely,  
Mrs. J. D. Peed



### CLAM FRITTERS

- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 egg beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons melted shortening
- 1 pint of clams

Sift all dry ingredients together, then add milk, egg and shortening. Drop a tablespoon at a time. Pan fry in butter until browned on both sides.

-National Fisherman 5/67

Tasty treats for a quick meal are clams prepared in the following manner. Try them and you will find this recipe will become a favorite with your family.

### BAKED CLAM CAKES

- 24 fresh clams
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 3 strips cooked bacon
- 1 teaspoon minced parsley
- Salt & pepper
- Bread crumbs
- Butter

Wash and scrub clams well and place in a pan with 1/2 cup water. Steam for about 10 minutes. Remove from shells, save liquid, chop and combine with clam liquor, mushrooms, parsley, salt and pepper. Chop the bacon and add to mixture. Add enough bread crumbs to thicken. Mix thoroughly and fill clam shells. Sprinkle with bread crumbs, and place small piece of butter on each. Bake in moderate oven (350°F) until brown on top. About 12 minutes.

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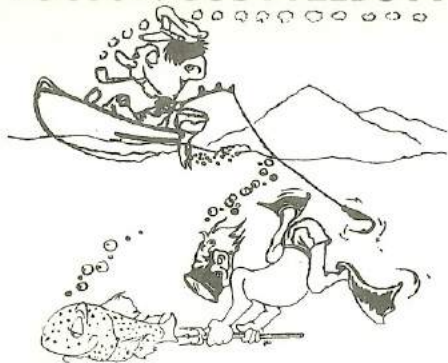
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A new "Cholla Bay boat flag" was shown. They can be purchased at \$2.00 each at future meetings.

The meeting was turned over to Dean Fisher, Nomination Chairman. He presented a slate of officers suggested for the following year. Members will be notified by mail and if you wish you can insert other names. Oscar Newman is voting chairman and ballots should be returned to him.

I hope the "Chatter" will be mailed in time to reach Tucson mem-

bers before the next meeting. The magazine loses most of its value if it cannot be used to convey to members important doings at the next meeting. Two months ago the Chatter arrived a week after the meeting and last month it arrived the day after the meeting. Our next meeting will be election of officers - try to make it. If you don't like the selection of officers you can still enjoy the refreshments.

A RANCHER HAD A STREAK OF BAD LUCK. HE LOST HIS RANCH, HOME AND EVERYTHING HE HAD. ONE DAY HE WAS WALKING IN THE SHADE OF A TREE. HE FELT A SOFT THUD ON HIS HEAD AND REACHED UP TO SEE WHAT IT WAS. THEN HE LOOKED UP AND SAW A MOCKING BIRD OVERHEAD. TEARS CAME TO HIS EYES AS HE MUTTERED "FOR SOME PEOPLE THEY SING."

Mrs. Gene Holdeman is at T. M. C. Hospital -- Mike Jungen goes to St. Joseph's on the 13th. The Club wishes both a speedy recovery.

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If you come in at night, watch out for the shallow tide and the rocks along the shore line. The red light is up in the air so it can be seen a long way out. When coming in to the landing the blue light should be directly under the red one. That will bring you in to the landing for the launcher to pick you up.

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-Lyle Rogers,  
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 You're sure to see some faces  
 That from out the shadows loom.  
 They are always at the meeting  
 And they'll stay until it's through--  
 The ones that I would mention  
 Are the always faithful few.

They fill the many offices  
 And are always on the spot,  
 No matter what the weather,  
 Though it may be awful hot.  
 It may be dark and rainy,  
 But they are tried and true.  
 The ones that you rely on  
 Are the always faithful few.

There are lots of worthy members  
 Who will come when in the mood.  
 When everything's convenient  
 They can do a little good.  
 They're a factor in the meeting  
 And are necessary, too.  
 But the ones who never fail us  
 Are the always faithful few.

If it were not for these faithful  
 Whose shoulders at the wheel  
 Keep the institution moving  
 Without a halt or reel,  
 What would be the fate of meetings,  
 Where we claim so much to do?  
 They surely would be failures  
 If we lacked the faithful few.  
 -E. C. Watkins

### Ship To Shore Marine Radio

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## Inflation-Load Recommendations For Trailer Tires

Tire Size	Ply Rating	RUBBER MANUFACTURERS ASSN.	
		Maximum Load	Tire Rating Inflation
4.10/3.50- 6	4	360	65
4.80/4.00- 7	4	520	65
4.80/4.00- 8	2	380	30
4.80/4.00- 8	4	600	65
4.80/4.00- 8	6	725	90
4.80/4.00- 9	2	410	30
4.80/4.00- 9	4	645	65
4.80/4.00-12	4	790	65
4.80/4.00-12	6	960	90
5.30/4.50- 6	2	355	25
5.30/4.50- 6	4	565	55
5.30/4.50- 7	2	385	25
5.30/4.50- 7	4	620	55
5.30/4.50-12	4	915	55
5.70/5.00- 8	4	710	50
5.70/5.00- 8	6	900	75
5.70/5.00- 8	8	1030	95
6.90/6.00- 9	4	850	40
6.90/6.00- 9	6	1080	60
6.90/6.00- 9	10	1450	100
6.90/6.00-12	4	1010	40
6.90/6.00-12	6	1290	60
7.50-10	10	1780	75
9.00-10	10	2200	65

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