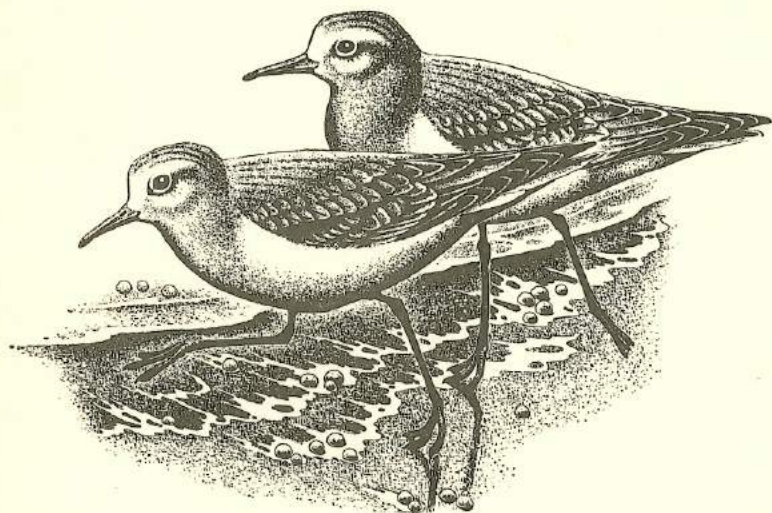




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## A LETTER FROM SANTA

As some of you have probably heard, Santa and Elf, Lew Frazier (now known as "baggy pants" due to the pinned up Santa outfit he was wearing), and helpers Mary Fran Taylor and her daughter Bell, and Ray Hemphill, delivered Christmas packages to 131 children and 28 families in Cholla Bay on Sunday, December 22, 1974.

Each family received:  
1 frozen turkey or 1/2 turkey depending upon size of family  
1-2 lb. fruit cake in tin box  
1-10 lb. bag of potatoes  
grapefruit, oranges, tangerines, walnuts, pecans, Christmas candy, and 1 small can of Rosarita Refried Beans for each member of the family.

Each child received:  
In a paper sack with his name printed...  
1 toy - and children under 5 also received a stuffed animal  
Christmas candy wrapped in foil  
oranges, tangerines, walnuts, pecans and grapefruit.

Among the helpers were:  
Mary Fran Taylor and daughter Bell  
Lew Frazier  
Ray Hemphill  
Bob Parnell



Adele and Erwin Seyk  
Jack Erbg  
Charlie and Marge Roth - who took the Christmas packages to Cholla Bay  
Louella Frazier - who with Bell's and Betty Munro's help, supplied names of families.

Donors included:  
Lavern and Betty Groves - tangerines, stuffed animals  
George and Dorothy Vercruysse - lollipop candies  
Rosarita Mexican Foods - refried beans (which Jim Urban picked up)  
Terry Beasley - oranges and pecans  
Don and Nancy Schmidley - pecans  
"Wimpy" Jaskowiak - grapefruit and oranges

Also some one donated crackerjacks  
Wes Douglas - \$25.00

My apologies to anyone I haven't listed... To one and all, thank you very much. And I wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year... from Santa Claus who has returned to the North Pole.

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# THE OSPREY "Fishing Hawk"

By Mary Fran Taylor

Of all the birds we see at Cholla, the Osprey is to me at the top of the list. He is classed as a rare or uncommon bird. We are privileged to have at least a pair to observe. He is found along the seacoasts, and at lakes or rivers. He feeds predominantly on fish he catches and small rodents.

The Osprey is one of the largest of the hawks. His average length is 22" and his wing span is 54". He flies with a conspicuous crook in the long wings. This and his black "wrist mark" confirm his identification at great distances. The young have the same characteristics. His plumage is dark above and white below.

Every morning I watch the bird fishing for his breakfast between Pinto Point and Pelican Point. He seldom misses. The wing beats are more a flap than a sail. He hovers only just before the plummeting drop into the water, talons outstretched, and sometimes going clear under the water. He emerges, gives two or three surging wing beats and is again airborne. His prey — a rock bass, a mackerel or sea trout is firmly clenched in his talons — and in spite of terrific wriggling — the Osprey has his breakfast.

Sometimes the gulls harass him for his catch. He flies evasive action, but never loses his catch. His flight after he emerges from the water is heavy and awkward due to the water on his feathers. After he feeds, he preens and becomes again the skillful bird of the skies.

We have at least a pair in Cholla, maybe more. One was shot and killed this last year, to the disgust of all of us. I have no idea where they nest — and don't want to know. They should not be disturbed. I have not been able to mark any differences between the male and female or the young birds.

Normally you see them at the Bay sitting on someone's antenna. King of all they survey. They have come to perch on our fence corner within 15 feet of where I am sitting. Completely magnificent, his eyes fierce and always on the alert.

Their call is a series of loud, clear whistles. It carries a great distance. Sometimes I think they are on the porch and they are sitting clear down by Phil Lahr's.

Our Ospreys do not migrate, but stay at the Bay year 'round. Others do migrate and fly at great heights, and at this time do sail or glide in flight.

Do me a favor if you can... I have seen only two Ospreys at one time. If any of you see more than two at the same time, let me know. I would like to know that young are raised. If not a pair are left, but two males, perhaps someone would import a pair to ensure survival.



By Mel Jarvis

You can't say it hasn't been as cold a winter as it was hot last summer. This brings to my mind the thought that maybe some damage could have been done to the rig that's been parked in the back yard.

There really isn't too much danger if your boat is powered by an outboard, unless you have the engine tilted up high enough to trap water in the water pump housing. The same holds true of the inboard/outboard, as the water pump housing is made of a zinc aluminum material and if water is trapped in the housing, freezing will damage the pump.

Whenever you park your boat, always put the engine or outdrive down. This will allow water to drain from the power head and pump of the outboard and the small water passage and water pump of the i/o's.

In the Salt River Valley and at Cholla it just doesn't get cold enough or freeze hard enough to damage engine blocks. I am not too sure about Tucson or the countryside around Tucson, but in the foothills and higher areas out of Phoenix, I would drain both blocks and manifolds. Some engine manifolds are self-draining, so you would have to check this out on your own rig.

The only stern drive I can think of that would hold water, would be the Mercruiser, and only then if the small drain holes are plugged in the lower gear housing. We spoke of this earlier in the year: If water was trapped in the compartment, freezing temperatures could crack the gear housing.

Just in case you haven't thought about it, don't forget the pressure water system in your cabin cruiser if you have one — and also maybe take a look at the pottie, depending on the type you have. I know of some types with holding tanks that I wouldn't want drained in my bilge if they should crack from freezing.

Good fishing, see you at the Bay...

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By Mary Fran Taylor

Everyone take note: Betty Munro is now retired as the radio operator. Marcello, as of now, is the new operator. Please give him the benefit of handling calls and having to translate from Spanish to English. He will be operating under a difficulty, and we all should try to help him as much as possible.

The annual Christmas party for the families of Cholla Bay was more than a success. Our thanks to Eldon Annis who was Santa Claus and his "elf," Lew Frazier. Each child received a package with his or her name on it, and in addition a present of a fruitcake for the mother. The boxes contained fruit, candy, nuts, and assorted canned goods for the family. Also, a turkey and a bag of potatoes were given. For several years I have helped on this party and I am used to the lightened faces of the children. This year it was the lightened faces of the women — food for the table. Thanks to all of you who helped and donated things to make this party a success.

The best joke of the year is on the pickers of the fruit for the Christmas Party. Pickers were to meet at a certain location to pick from the Jaskowiak's grove. The Seyks and others met at the wrong corner and picked fruit from another grove. No one objected so we owe our thanks to whoever the grove belongs to for ten crates of oranges and grapefruit.

To get down to local gossip — there has been very little lately. Over the Christmas holidays there were only about five American families in Cholla — the Heldts, the Rennees, the Davidsons, the Smiths, and the Thompsons and their family from Texas. I'm sure there were others but because of the weather we did not get around much.

The Power Squadron made a showing of people for the New Years — the Schoonovers, the Ormsbeys, the Friedhoffs, the Rothsweillers, the Cubittos, the Youngs, the Leasons and the Brooks.

After Christmas people started showing up — the Bill Browns of Tucson, Hohlenkamps, Piersons, Geibelhaus', Jarvis', Jaskowiaks, Pearlmuellers, Maletiches, Newmans, LaPortes, Manginos, Hodges, and the Sandersons — both Ray and Adeline, and Bill and Mary. Also down were the Seyks, the Douglasses, the Marvin Smiths, the Shippis, the Jay's Joy Johnson, the Melchers and the Hubbards.

Before the New Year there was a very big party held at Wayne Reichart's. It

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## SCUBA FIELD TRIP

By Nonie McKibbin

The Desert Dolphin SCUBA Diving Club made the eight-hour trip to Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, the day after Christmas. Camps were set up on San Antonio Beach. Next morning we were awakened at sunrise by Mexican Brown Pelicans hitting the water where sea lions were feeding on the school of numberless half-grown mullet crowding the edge of the water at the beach line. We could hear the sea lions breathing and snorting. We could hear the pelicans plummet into the water, and then the swish of their wings as they rose from water level into the air. It wasn't long before the pelican's crops were full and they had a more difficult time in taking off from the water. There must have been a half dozen sea lions and at least one hundred pelicans.

By 9 A.M. ten divers were aboard the U of A marine sciences 35-foot boat and were heading toward Isla Venado (Deer Island) to do a fish count. Air temperature was 69 degrees F.; water, 62 degrees F. We anchored at a point of rock 800 yards east of the island. From this rocky point reefs run north and south to a depth of 60 feet. Underwater visibility was 25 feet. Each set of buddies was assigned to a different area. In 40 minutes, all were back aboard. We were not accustomed to exertion in water as cold as this and I noticed with dismay that a number of divers felt a little nauseous. We'd had two study meetings on identification of fish but were we in good physical condition?

The greatest thrill in doing a count is when we sit together afterwards and compile our results. We are thrilled by what we see and by the fact that we have learned to recognize several 'new' fish. Everyone feels "Let's do it again."

We identified 29 species of fish. One pair of buddies saw the garden eel. Not long ago it was believed they did not exist in the northern Gulf. The following day the group scattered for various kinds of dives. Some divers like to explore, others to take pictures or to spearfish.

On the third day we had a dive to remember. Eight of us in two small power boats went 35 miles north to Isla San Pedro de Nolasco. The dive took us to 50 feet. We saw beautiful seascapes. We saw fish not seen on the count. On our return to the boat we were in 30 feet of water when half-grown sea lions joined us. We let out a little air from our buoyancy compensators, stood on the bottom, and watched them. They would zing down from the surface to our level, then zoom toward us, slow up opposite us, then zoom away. Two times I was able to run my hand down the length of the body. Once I thought my buddy was out of balance and hitting the top of my head, but when I looked up a sea lion was gently pulling on the hose to my buoyancy compensator. Then he gently pulled on my snorkel. I didn't like him investigating my equipment and

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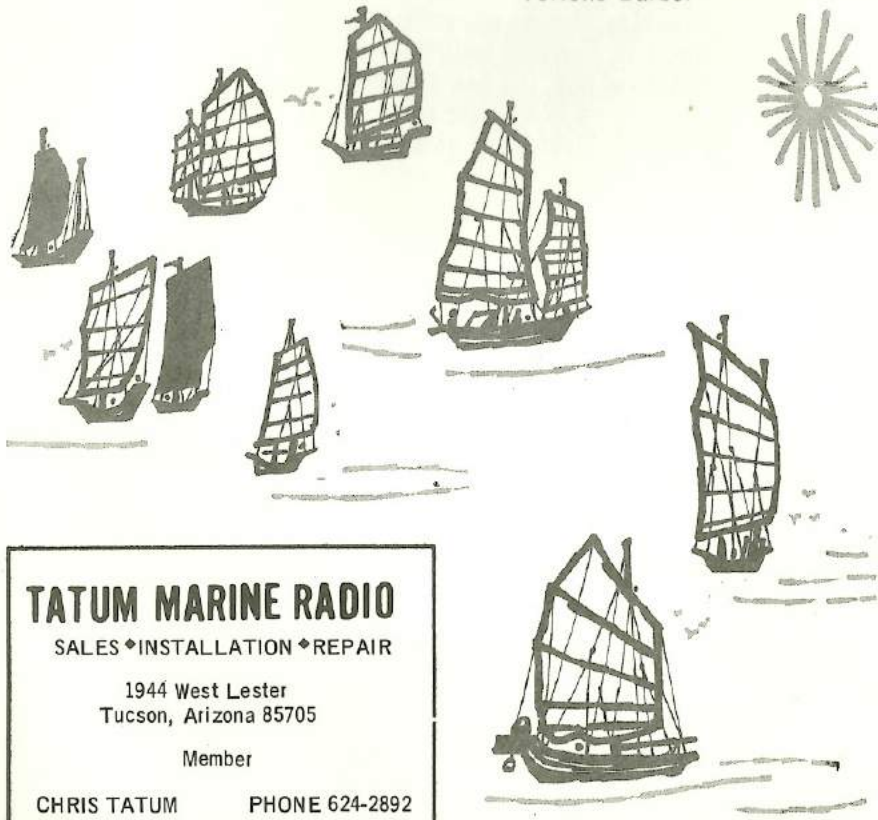
Special thanks to Sammy Hodges who diagnosed my problem and aided me in my need, and to Lew Frazier who rode up to Phoenix and made sure that everything was okay all along the way.

I just can't say Thank You enough for all the help and assistance...from Everyone. Isn't it lucky we have that First Aid equipment down at the Bay?

It's a really great feeling to know that folks will drop what they are doing to come and help when help is needed. Thanks also for all the cards and letters.

See you soon at the Bay...

Verlene Barber



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was a reception for the marriage of Maya and Roberto Pineda. They finally went to Ajo for the ceremony — Maya's papers took too long to come from Mexico City. Everyone in Cholla was in attendance at the party. If anyone had ever sung to me the way Roberto does to Maya I would go to the end of the world. Much happiness to both of them.

Lew Frazier has set some kind of record — three times in Cholla Bay in one week.

The second edition of the summer gang of kids was in very prominent evidence. Scott Thelander was missing, but Kem and Mary Smith were added. Each house was a haven of sorts. Food, drink, etc. disappeared quickly.

The break-ins are still taking place. Everyone is at the end of their patience. The Mexican people are trying to come up with a plan for policing the area. Others of us who are down are trying to break the pattern of the robberies. The plan now is to take anyone who is caught straight into the police in Rocky Point. This will apply to Americans and Mexicans alike. Two episodes involved American kids — one of the boys breaking into a cabin and the other three boys hot wiring a sand buggy. Parents were informed and the matter was shrugged off. This won't happen again. A few hours or days in a Mexican jail might bring an end to

this wanton action.

A new sign has been erected at the edge of Cholla Bay. It prohibits any type of motor cycle in the town area. It is being strictly enforced. Bikes of all kinds and sizes are being placed in the compound. There is plenty of space for bike riding outside of the town limits. It was a pleasure to not have the roar and to be able to drive down the streets and not dodge a bike every other minute.

So much for the news of Cholla — come see us when you are down.

POSTSCRIPT: Verlene Barber is now home from the hospital and doing fine. Her doctor says he'll have her ready to go for the first dolphin or first sail of the year. She is aiming for that.



## When in Mexico

**Carry Your Boat Permits and Your Fishing Licenses on your boat at all times... This is a MUST.**

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# LETTER OF THANKS

Grace and I wish to publicly thank the skipper and crew of the "Parisio," Erv and Adele Seyk for coming to our rescue at Bird Island on Sunday, the 22nd of December, 1974.

We also wish to thank the skipper and crew of the "Nordic Prince" for launching and assisting in the rescue. We hope to meet you personally very soon, so we can thank you in person.

To all members of the Phoenix Chapter of the Cholla Bay Sportsman's Club we say thank you and love you for your care and understanding and may God bless each and every one.

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Remember that if the operation of your automobile was not controlled by traffic laws, true chaos would result.

The FCC has set up a system of rules and regulations in order to govern equipment and its operation.

These rules are for the one and only purpose of service improvement. Sometimes certain of these rules may appear burdensome, but a little thought will assure you that they are actually for your benefit.

It is imperative that you carefully read Part 83 of the Commission's rules. Much of this part is technical and does not directly concern you. The portion dealing with operation, however, is your "roadmap of conduct."

### DIGEST OF OPERATIONAL LAWS

For priority calls be sure to give name and position of vessel.

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### LOG OF EVENTS: BIRD ISLAND CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

boats to effect our rescue.

May God bless each and every one of you... and that most certainly and substantially includes Betty and Hector who we know initiated the search. And also includes the two airplane pilots, whose names are unknown to us.

Grace and Bob Morris sincerely appreciate the love and devotion accorded us. Cholla Bay Sportsman's Club and all our Mexican friends this side of the border... to all, goes an "A" OK.



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| Emergency message concerning safety of vessel or person..... | Pan—Pan—Pan                |
| Safety of navigation or important weather information.....   | Security—Security—Security |

1. **Maintain your watch** — It is mandatory that all marine telephones be equipped with 2182 K.C. When not in communication with another station, you must guard this frequency. (Rule 83.223)
2. **Listen before you talk** — Avoid interference with calls in progress. (Rule 83.181)
3. **Identify your vessel** — Give your call sign and vessel's name at beginning and end of each communication. (Rule 83.364)
4. **Make calls correctly** — Call other vessels on 2182 kc/s then switch to intership channel. (Rule 83.366) (b) (1) — Call public shore stations in general on an appropriate working channel (Rule 83.361) (a) (1)
5. **Use Channels properly** — 2182 kc/s for emergencies and brief calls and replies. (Rule 83.353) — Intership for safety, operational or business communication. (Rule 83.358)
6. **Watch your language** — Use of profane or obscene language is a criminal offense.
7. **Be brief all the time** — Limit calls to 30 seconds; conversations to 3 minutes before reestablishing contact with same station. (Rule 83.366) (f) (g)
8. **Keep an accurate log** — Make entries as required by Rule 83.368.
9. **Have required documents** — Ship Station license; Operator license or permit; Part 83 of the FCC Rules; Log Book. (Rule 83.367)
10. **Have equipment checked** — Periodic checks insure safety and good operation. No adjustments may be made to the transmitter, which could result in improper operation, by any but duly licensed personnel.

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By Susie Bos

To those under the weather we hope to see you up and around before too long.

We are off to a great year ahead. There are some new faces on the Council for '75. We are going to do our jobs the best we know how.

Chris Tatum is our new Radio Chairman and it's good to have him aboard.

Our Chapter meeting was great, with some new faces present. So nice to see so many there, and hope to see you all again...

Our door prize winners were David Barker, gas can; Daisy Tatum, spout; Oscar Newman, flares; and Dennis Hohlenkamp.

Thanks to our coffeemaker, Francis Crossman, for great coffee and good goodies.

Incidentally, Annie Faulkenbery is our new Sick Bay and Calling Chairman in Tucson.



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The dictionary defines "fritter" as a shred or small piece — and that's just what a fritter is: a small batter cake, usually fried in deep fat though it may also be sauteed in a frying pan.

Fritters were considered 'native' to New England until the trek to the West began; and of course the receipts and procedures went along with the people. The old Yankee fritter has its counterpart in almost every foreign cookery book, and even the Papago Indian Popover (see Cholla Chatter, Sept. 1974) is essentially a fritter of sorts.

Most of the recipes for fritters mention fruits, such as peaches, apricots and apples; we like much better the ones that make a hearty main dish — with corn or clams.

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Cold weather and fritters seem to go together. We are reminded of ice skating parties on the ponds and rivers of Connecticut, followed by corn fritters, sausage and cocoa. Or boat-beaching days in the fall on Long Island Sound, followed by clam fritters. The best fritters we ever ate were lobster fritters... on Cape Ann, Massachusetts... and these climaxed several days of rain and cold and fog!

The Bisquick box used to give a pretty good recipe for fritters, but no more. We swear by this one, though, and have found that the secret to success lies in "allow to stand." The longer the better.

Batter  
for  
Fritters



1 cup sifted flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1/4 tsp. salt  
2 eggs  
1/4 cup milk  
2 tsp. lemon juice  
clams, corn or whatever

Sift dry ingredients, add well beaten eggs, milk and lemon juice, and beat well.

Allow to stand for a few hours or overnight. Add clams or corn, fresh or canned, draining off juice first. Heat up bacon fat or other shortening to smoking-hot, drop in batter by spoonfuls, and cook til golden brown.

If using fruit, add 2 Tablespoons sugar to batter and with tongs dip fruit into the batter.

## SOMETHING OF INTEREST

Ramon Cabrijal from Mr. Brown's office asked for the following message to be printed:

There is a sign as you enter Choya Bay notifying people no motor cycles... or scooters allowed inside Choya Bay limits. Violators will have their bikes confiscated.

Reservations can now be made for the motel in Choya by calling 3-22-64. This number can be used for EMERGENCIES ONLY — In the event of death or sickness — and not to be abused. Also Ramon can be reached by mail at Apdo. 200, Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico.

### SCUBA FIELD TRIP — CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

so I offered my gloved hand. Twice a sea lion mouthed my hand — very gently. I saw several sea lions adjust their buoyancy by letting out air — one to lie on the bottom, one to float in midwater in order to study us. One sea lion investigated my air bubbles and I hoped I didn't have 'bad' breath. On other dives small pups have swum close to us but mothers immediately warded them off by swimming between us and them. This day there were no adult sea lions protecting these half-grown pups.

When we were back in our boats a pod of huge whales swam toward us and the island. They were finbacks. First their huge heads surfaced to blow and inspire. We were so close we heard a metallic ring (like a small explosion under the hood of a truck) in the sound of the blow. After the head the huge and tremendously long back rolled to the surface, the dorsal fin and then the fluke. We held our breath. We guessed they must have been at least 50 feet long. They made a number of turns and circles in front of our boats. They obviously were feeding. On what? We were cold, air pressure in our tanks was low, so we couldn't go down to find out. Or maybe we were just afraid? We were glad to start the motors and get back to camp.



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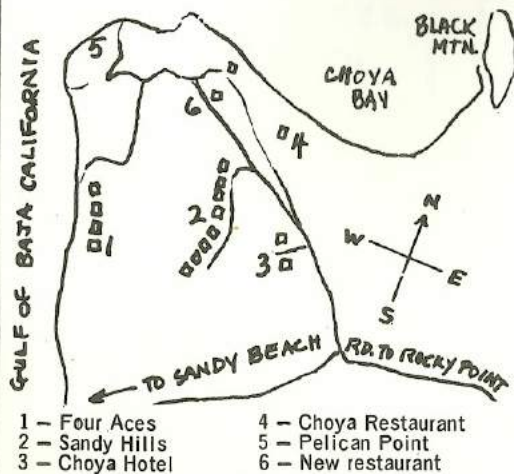
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