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The New Year came in very cold at the Bay, but the spirit of '76 kept everyone warm, along with the fireplaces and pot-belly stoves.

The Ray Hemphill's had a full house, lots of food, funny hats, noise makers, and music by Roberto Pineda and Hector Munro. Phil and Jane Hunzinger got back from a Tucson Christmas to entertain New Year's guests. Bob and Alice Taylor got back to the Bay after spending Christmas with their family and friends in Phoenix. In the middle of January, Bob fell (up the stairs) and chipped his elbow, he's carrying around a very nasty looking arm. Eldon and Maggie Annis stalled their sand buggy on the sandy beach with the tide coming in. By the time the sand buggy was on dry land, they were both soaked, and with the cold wind they thought they were frozen. The beautiful new orange Baha sand buggy you see at Cholla these days, belongs to Phil and Jane Hunzinger, a Christmas present from their children.

Manana Maybe ended 1975 with a big splash. She brought in a 270 lb. Black Sea Bass. At this time it is believed to be the biggest fish brought into Cholla Bay.

The weekend of January 10th, there was a 212 lb. Grouper weighed in along with a beautiful catch of pink Grouper by Tony Rimsa, and Buddy Boat. The George Rodgers Oso Group brought in a 9 foot thrusher shark. So it sounds like the fishing out of Cholla is coming alive. The 50 and 70 lb. Groupers haven't been giving much notice, but there have been several caught.

On March 19, 1966 Jack and Barbara brought in a 311 lb. Black Sea Bass. It took them an hour and a half to get it to the boat, then they had to radio for help to get it on the boat. Jack had him hooked on rod and light line, so for a while, Barbara said she thought they would end up in Guymas. So there is still the record to be broken on rod and reel. When there are records to be broken, there are always fishermen out trying to break them. Come on and give it a try. There were many regulars not at the Bay this year for the New Year, they were missed.

By

Verlene Barber



TUCSON SCUTTLEBUTT



EILEEN COURTRIGHT - FEBRUARY, 76

Hope all the bouts of colds and flu have abated and everyone is feeling better and looking forward to Spring at the Bay. Our members were greatly distressed to hear that Thelma & Blair Saylor's son was involved in a very bad car accident over the Thanksgiving holiday. At this writing, he is still in very serious condition. We are all hoping his recovery is soon.

We were able to spend 10 wonderful days at the Bay over the Xmas holidays and saw a lot of other lucky people down. Weather was nice for December, but nights were downright cold.

Hector took his young nephew, Herman Palacio, fishing on December 29th, and Herman had his mind set to catch a big fish, and he sure did. He hooked into a 372 lb. Black Sea Bass and with Hector's help got the monster up into the boat - such excitement at Cholla Bay. As far as anyone can remember, this is the biggest fish ever caught at Cholla.

Our Ospreys have found a lovely new roost for fish eating. One of our members was good-hearted enough to install a gigantic new television antenna at considerable cost and work. The Ospreys are most appreciative.

Our new officers for 1976 were installed at our January meeting, we wish them every success for 1976. Bob Morris reported on the Sonoyta Orphanage Xmas donation. He was informed that Rev. Espinosa had passed away in May, 75, and that his elderly wife was now running the orphanage. They are having a hard time just keeping open, their need is great. Our Xmas present to them was paying their passed due, utility bills, and helping to keep them open.

We were pleased to hear that Bill Brown has volunteered to be Derby Chairman this year, and know he will do a fantastic job. Bill announced that the Derby will be different this year. Instead of a one weekend Derby, the Derby will start May 1st on Saturdays and sundays, for 7 (seven) weekends. Scales will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. June 12th will be the last day. Bill has made arrangements for fish donated to the Fish Fry to be stored in Rocky Point until June 19th Fish Fry, which will be at 1:00 p.m. Tentative award ceremony will be 11:00 a.m. prior to the Fish Fry. March Chatter will have last details.

We were sorry to lose Susie Bos as Chatter Editor, she has done such a wonderful job, but do realize, that after three years she needs the rest. Enjoy the Bay Susie. Eldon Annis of Phoenix, will be our new Editor. "Rots of Ruck" Eldon.

Door prize winners were Mary Brown, First Aid Kit, Oscar Newman and Bob Courtright, Propane tanks, Walter Warwick and Chris Galanti. Hope to see you all at our February 5th meeting. We need your support.

DERBY PREVIEW

THE 1976 C.B.S.C. FISHING DERBY IS GOING TO HAVE A DIFFERENT FORMAT. HOPEFULLY EVERYONE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO COMPETE.

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THE AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN AT 11:00 A.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH. FISH FRY WILL BE AT 1:00 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH.

DERBY RULES WILL BE MUCH THE SAME AS IN THE PAST, WITH SOME MINOR CHANGES. OFFICIAL 1976 DERBY RULES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE CHATTER.

I HOPE THAT THE DURATION OF THE DERBY WILL ALLOW EVERY C.B.S.C. MEMBER TO COMPETE. IT SHOULD CERTAINLY INSURE THAT WE WILL NOT BE "BLOWN OUT."

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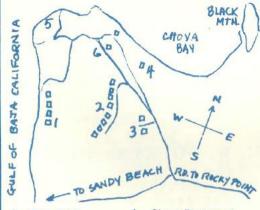
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SHIRLEY HEMPHILL'S FATHER HAS BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL, HE IS VERY ILL. HE SHOULD BE HOME BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

OLD TIMER OF THE CLUB, MARVIN SMITH, IS IN VETERAN'S HOSPITAL AT THIS TIME. HE IS VERY SERIOUS.

ALSO, WE WERE INFORMED AT THE TIME OF THIS PUBLICATION, THAT VERLENE BARBER'S FATHER IS VERY ILL. SHE MAY HAVE TO GO OUT OF TOWN TO BE AT HIS BED SIDE.

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This year, our new Chairman, Gordon Erickson, has appointed two Vice-Chairmen to assist him. The Vice-Chairman from Phoenix is, Don Barber and the Vice-Chairman from Tucson is Bob Courtright.

The new chairman, Gordon Erickson, really came in with a bang; his first initation rescue was, searching for a 9 day missing sail boat. More details will be given in the March edition of the Chatter.

Search and rescue was also very busy with other small rescues at the same time. One of the rescues was Harley Lisherness; Harley made a distress call to Betty Munro at the radio shack, that his boat was taking in water. (Can you imagine Hector on this boat?) Three boats came to his rescue, "The Margarita", "The Reel Ezy" and "Dondos". Our new chairman, Gordon Erickson was aboard the Dondos."

Fisherman: Check your drain plug to make sure it is securely tightened, and positioned so that a fishing line will not push it out.

Phil Hunzinker is working on a new system to correct and caliberate your compasses at the Bay.

Due to certain recent lack of communication and in cases of no radio on board, Search and Rescue will be putting out a new pamphlet with hand signals and distress signals. This will be of help to communicate in cases of emergency at all times. Pamphlets should be available at the radio shack within the next 30 days.

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To answer two of the most popular questions asked daily: "How's the weather?" and "How's the fishing?"

Weathers like summer, people on the beaches working on suntans and some, like Vi Schmerfeld, even swimming.

With the appearance of the first Black Sea Bass of the season, we can say fishing is exciting.

Steve Kawcheck, all the way from Colorado, and Cholla's fishing guide, Pete Salazar, proudly displayed 164 lbs. of a Bass we will call, "Active Agatha". (If hurricanes can have names, why not Black Sea Bass.) A couple of days later Cholla's Marcelo Salazar, brought in the little sister of Agatha, 130 lbs. of "Burbling Bertha". The great grandmother of them all was brought in by Herman Balacio and Hector Munro, aboard the Manana Maybe. Bill Sander and party, from Phoenix, chartering the boat could not believe their eyes when they looked into the water and starred into the cup-sized eyes of 270 lbs. "Charming Charlene". When they reached Cholla, Hector had to radio in the Batico to bring out his launcher for Charlene. She was just too big for the dingy. Ed Gard believes in staying fairly close and it paid off when 2 miles from shore, he. brought in 212 lb. "Dazling Diane", the biggest fish ever to ride in the Five Bar Flys. To beat the middle of the week drag, Merle Graber, brought his guests to Cholla for a fishing trip, aboard the Chapparral. Merle seldom goes out without his friendly fisherman, Ramon Perez, and sure enough Ramon took them to the spot. Cleve Stauffer, from Nebraska, hooked "Eager Ethel". Merle ran to assist Cleve. When he looked back, he saw his own pole bending. He reached it just in time, as it was leaving its holder. Result: Cleve's 57 lbs., and Merle's "Fancy Francis", 240 lbs. Ramon then showed them how to land one with a Mexican fishing pole, the famous, "Hand Line". His "Gorgeous Georgia" weighed 227 lbs. So far the fish totalled up to, 1,452 lbs. of exciting, enjoyable fun, and lots of good eating.

When a call came onto the radio from Hector Munro, who was guiding on the 24 ft. Harley Lishness, all listeners knew it was a real "May Day". Hector reported they were taking in water fast. With the bilge pump working, and all five men bailing, they could just barely keep up with the water. Their location was about 24 miles out of Cholla. Search and rescue crews were already in the Bay regarding the over-due sailboat. Bob bos, who was manning the radios at the time, dispatched Bob Jones, who was just coming into the Bay on his Reel Ezy. Don Barber and Gordon Erickson were on their way to Rocky Point, when they heard their call. They made a U-turn back to the Bay and the Dondos was launched. In the mean time Marcelo was fishing aboard the Randolf boat, the Margarita. Fortunately on their same frequency on C.B. radio, Marcelo and Hector in their native tongue, and common fishing experience, in the area, talked and went wide open, to the rescue. All three boats reached the sinking boat almost simultaneously. The tired, scared bailers were mighty glad to see help reach them. There were about 30 minutes of daylight left, and they were still 18 miles out. Mark Austin, one of the group on the sinking boat, donned his wet suit and plugged up the hole, thus enabling the boat to be towed in.

Everyone is excited about beginning a new year, and feel it is going to be one of the best yet. Much to look forward to. Plans already forming for the 1976 Fishing Derby. It sounds great to us here at the Bay.

When using the radio, remember the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." In other words: "Speak to others as you would have them speak to you."

Ву

I would like to thank all the people who helped me make the Christmas party for the kids at Cholla, a success.

The biggest thanks goes to Bill and Mary Brown of Tucson. Without their help, I would not have been able to buy the toys that the kids received. Another big gracias goes to Sally and Oscar Newman and Wes and Nel Douglas, for their donations of money. For donations of toys, food, and candy, thanks goes to, the Jaskowiaks, Don Cox, Mary and Bill Sanderson, George and Vera Vercruysse, Hunzingers, the Grove's, Sam Hodges, and several others.

To all my helpers for wrapping the presents, Jackie Brown, Mary Delathewer, Lee Cashion, Ethel Heldt, Cora Burnwell, and Maya Pineda, muchas gracias.

Special thanks goes to Santa Claus (Eldon Annis) and his Elf, (Lew Frazier), and to all my friends who I volunteered to help me.

Again thanks to everyone for their support, help, and advice.

Belle Taylor Xmas Chariman '75

Dear Santa Claus,

All us Choya muchachos want to say, "Un Mil Gracias" to you and all the members of the C.B.S.C. for bringing a Merry Christmas to us.

Who was that funny looking Santa with you guys? We guessed like New Years has Old Father Time, so you too, have a shadow of the past. Anyhow, gracias to him too. He was nice, even though his suit needed cleaning and bagged a little.

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BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO ONE OF MY REPORTERS ON HER 29TH (??) BIRTHDAY (JANUARY 17TH) WHILE HER HUSBAND WAS AWAY ON A 9 DAY SEARCH AND RESCUE CALL.

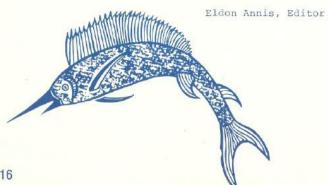
THIS PAGE RESERVED FOR:

the younger generation set

Favorite past-time for the younger generation is to go to Javier's Curio Shop, and watch the TUMBLEWEED RACES.

We would like to thank all of the younger set who contributed such a big article to this Chatter. Hope you can do better next time.

A special thank you to Search and Rescue, not only do they rescue members in boats but also in "Sandbuggies!" Thanks to, Don Barber, Lew Frazier, Ray Hemphill, Harry Smathers and Launcher #7, Victor and his friend for coming to my rescue. To Betty Munro, who so faithfully called for help. It sure was a good feeling to see such friendly guys coming to my rescue. To each and everyone, and others whose names I may have left out, (there were other kind persons whom I do not know), "Muchas Gracias!"



THE CHOLLA BAY CHATTER BOX

Christmas and New Year's at Cholla Bay has come and gone and all survived.

We had weather -- rain, cold, and biting winds. A few beautiful days for the boating fishermen -- they fell during the week though -- seldom on the weekends.

The Christmas party for the Cholla Bay children was a complete success. Santa and his helpers stopped at every home. As the procession went up and down roads, children and parents alike, were standing outside waiting for their turn. One unexpected stop was children at Sandy Beach seeing Santa, and chasing his pick-up. He backtracked to pass out stockings to the unknowns except for Santa's role. If anything is worthwile in the C.B. Club it is the faces of these children waiting for Santa's visit.

We all waited quietly for New Year's, and it happened after a fashion. The Hunzinger's and the Hemphill's entertained for the New Year. Plus the Schoonover's for the Power Squadron, and the Reichardt's.

Tourism has fallen off 2/3 over the last 2 years. 600 boats, three years ago, 400 boats last year, and 200 this year. Where have we all gone? Somewhere else I'm sure--recipients, take note--Cholla Bay has lost it's image of where anyone can go for retirement, fishing, and

The lovely sand filled road from the arches in, has now been switched over to a section of that new road. Sand dunes are now replacing a section of the old road. Do any of you know what a "snow fence" is? Could it help us now with the drifting sand?

Among these in residence during the holiday's and New Year's--The Cashion's with daughter Kathy and husband, the Taylor's and daughter, Belle, the John Tubb's, and daughter Theresa. The Ray Sanderson's and the Power Squadron group, the Bill Freidhoff's (new members), and the Schoonover's, the Matt Cubbitte's, the Skip Melcher's, with 17 guests from Nebraska (guess what they were here for), Ed Fieldhouse, the Maletick's, Painter's, Reynold's, Conners, Allison's, and Lahr's for two weekends before Xmas, the Lusk's the Schmelling's, the Schmerfeldt's, the Ryans, and Schmidli's, and guests, the Dagues, the Copes, the Barber's, and the Frazier's, the Annis', and the Jaskowiak's. Those I've left out are remembered with Xmas spirit. The Bill Brown's and the Holenkamp's from Tucson were in for New Year's.

Betty Munrc and Lee and Doug Cashion came up with some beautiful shell wreaths for some of us for Christmas, done with shells and casting resim. Did you see Betty's at Radio Shack?

Had an interesting evening at Homer Smith's showing slides of boat building at Cholla Bay several years ago, this for Doug's benefit.

And of course you have all heard of the big fish Hector Munro brought in off a charter. A 3701b. Black Sea Bass, caught on a hand line by Herman Palacio Jimeniz. Who claimed the sea monster was anyones guess. Everyone at the launch area was having their picture taken with him.

Things are never dull here--we are either eating out or having the crowd in. Something all the time.

As an aside on our problems, Bill Valentine said it well in his Sunday column in the Arizona Republic. There has been some improvements made in this last month of January. Inoccupied trailers and

junk, and eyesores, are being hauled out due to rent not being paid. For a first in my knowledge caliche has been put on some of the bad spots of the roads. At long last our landlord is fulfilling some of his contracts. But as always the road improvments and such is just before an influx of holiday or weekend crowds, or rent hikes.

Do to all of you, a good New Year, and I'll see you at the Bay.

By

Mary Fran Taylor

HOW DO SAND DOLLARS MULTIPLY?

The sand dollar we find on the beach looks somewhat like a forgotten cookie. Actually, it is the limey, pasty, white skeleton of a living sand dollar that once nestled itself down in the damp sea sand. When it died, the skin and other living tissues were washed away. The flat skeleton, perhaps three inches wide, was left to dry on the sandy beach.

The sand dollar is related to prickly sea urchins and leggy starfishes. While most of the earth's animals favor a two-sided body pattern, these smallish sea dwellers are designed on a five-sided body plan. We see this in the five arms of the starfish. It is there also in the sand dollar, even though he seems to be as round as a pancake.

When you find a sand dollar skeleton on the beach, you will notice a design on one side. It is shaped somewhat like a flower with five pointed petals. This marks the region of his breathing tubes, arranged in the basic five-sides pattern.

The living sand dollar is covered with a leathery skin, which is crowded with tiny spines. These movable spines measure about one-sixteenth of an inch and look like velvet. Its color scheme is a mottled mixture of purples and grays.

As a rule, we find sand dollars along warm shores, where the tides do not disturb the sandy bottom. They share their watery world with a host of friends and relatives. Some will lie flat, covered with a thin layer of sand. Others will be half-buried standing on end. The sea brings their tiny wave scraps of floating food into their mouths.

When time comes to multiply, the adult sand dollars pour vast numbers of male and female cells into the sea. Most of them are devoured by fishes, sea anemones and other hungry sea dwellers. Some escape and pairs of male and female cells meet and merge to form fertilized eggs. Most of these are devoured. Now and then a lucky egg survives long enough to hatch into a larva, with a furry collar and a tiny waist. The minilarva swims around for a while and then settles down to grow into an adult sand dollar.

In the sea, the tiny creatures provide food for the larger ones. This is why sand dollars and other sea dwellers usually produce many thousands of eggs. Most of the eggs and free-swimming larvae are devoured. Among 10,000 sand dollar eggs, maybe only one escapes and lives long enough to become an adult.



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