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A stylized illustration of a crab and a fish. The crab is on the left, and the fish is on the right, both rendered in a woodcut or linocut style. The background shows a simple horizon line with some stippled shading.

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The Listening Sea Shell

by
VERLENE BARBER

The Dinner Dance is coming up fast. The girl's have been working very hard getting everything ready for your fun. I do hope you all have your reservations.

The first of July, we made arrangements with Bill Pearson to go to the Bay and take Alan & Libby Danes. It has been so hot in July here in Phoenix, I dreaded this weekend. It finally got here and we took our grandson Jerry Cox and headed for Cholla.

One of the first sights we saw was two shrimp boats in the Bay. They are so colorful and such a picture on their sides after the tide went out.

The weekend weather was great. I couldn't wish for it to be any nicer for July. There was a nice breeze. The nights were cool, zipped up sleeping bag weather. There weren't many fish being caught but there's always next time.

We've heard it all now. The last time he went shelling at Black Mt. by boat. This time he's scuba diving and gets a bloody nose. He got kicked in the nose by his own spear gun.

An old landmark on the Bay is gone. About 30 years ago an out house was erected on the old Hammer place. It was the only one and accommodated several families. The last of July, the Blue Out House was torn down. That's progress.

Chuck and Iris Hoyt braved the elements for a weekend of fishing and fun. This just wasn't their weekend. Their boat ran beautifully, but the trailer had wheel bearing failure. George helped Chuck find repairs in Rocky Point. So finally, a couple of hours later, the trailer was repaired. Chuck hooked the Scout to "Gerry Rider" and headed up the hill for the boat house.

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About half way up and Crash Bang! Out goes the rearend on the Scout. So now for a weekend to tow down a flat bed trailer to bring the Scout home. Now, you'd think that was enough for one weekend, but they still had to get home. When they stopped at the border to get their visas stamped, they got back to their car, the battery was dead. Chuck walked across the border to Lukeville and bought a new battery. Better luck on the trip down to bring home the Scout.

Carl and Sophia Maletich sold their boat, "Sophia". It was one of those fast sales. Carl didn't even have a chance to change his mind.

The last part of July, Beto and Maya Pineda were in Phoenix for fun. Visiting friends and family. We were with them one evening for dinner and swimming. Was nice to enjoy them in our home, and look forward to more visits.

TO THE EDITOR

Thank heavens for good club members, always ready and willing to lend a helping hand.

Recently in towing our Maria to Cholla, we had bad luck with a tire and the wrong wrench along to change it. Ed Cravens and his wife of the Ajo Bar annex, followed along behind us until we reached a bar in the desert. Then he interpreted for us in borrowing a wrench.

We are new members in the club and really appreciated their help as it was also our first time to Cholla.

Sincerely,
Cleo & Dick Harris

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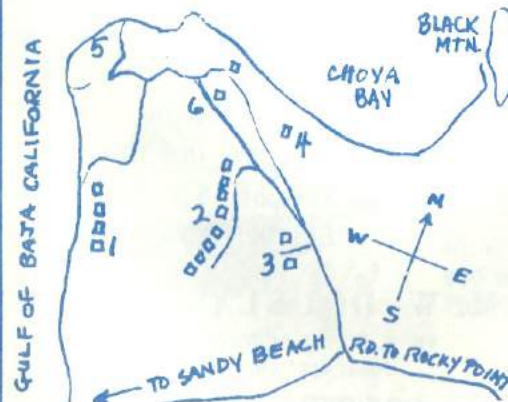
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by M. W. DOUGLAS AGENCY

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Announcements . . .

MEMBERS TAKE NOTICE: As of the 1st of August, you have a new membership chairman here in Phoenix due to Marlene Sternberger's resignation. Her name is Jaynie Jaskowiak, her phone number is 967-3331 or 268-0221. Let's all try and renew our membership and make things as easy as possible for her. We all wish you alot of luck Jaynie!

We are sorry to hear that Pauline Murphy (Charlie's wife) has been ill. She went to visit her daughter in Texas, who had undergone surgery, and while she was there, Pauline hurt herself. We hope she and her daughter recover real soon.

Congratulations to Marcelo and Marie Salazar who had a baby boy on June 30th. His name is Armando Ignaco, We wish the proud parents alot of luck and happiness with their new addition.

Phoenix door prize winners at the meeting were: 1st prize was one by Jo Morris who visited the Phoenix Meeting. She won a Cholla Bay Cap. 2nd prize was won by Sue Maletich - Cholla Bay License Plate and 3rd prize was won by Dotty Lee - Annual Book.

We are sorry to hear that George Hamann has been sick with pneumonia and we wish him a speedy recovery.

What's this about "Mystery of the Lost Guitars"? No more music at "La Ranita"?

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"The Incredible Oscar"

by AL SCOTT

Oscar was a Mexican National who hung around the immigration office at Sonita. He wore a taxi-type cap with the lettering, "Official Guide of Mexico". I never knew for sure if he was a guide, but he said he was. You couldn't believe anything he said, or leave anything around that he could steal, yet he was excellent to take along as a guide to Rocky Point. He spoke good English, had a cocky personality, and would fight anyone who crossed him, including law enforcement. He was of medium stature. He wore a glove on his right hand at all times, and the fingers were curled into a fist, he only used the left hand when he was in a fight. I only saw his right hand one time. He had been injured at some time and his hand was black, and had turned to stone anyway, so it seemed. He never spoke of the accident and I never asked.

The year was early 1942, and my first trip to Rocky Point. A group of men from Litchfield Park and Buckeye planned a fishing trip, and I was invited to come along. There was a group of sixteen men, and we were to ride in the back of a truck they used to haul cotton pickers. The boss of the trip had a new 1942 Chevrolet Pickup. We were to follow him. We met in Buckeye and each paid \$25.00 for expenses of trip. Ralph, a well known business man in Buckeye, was to act as treasurer. We all climbed in the back of the truck, and with our trail boss in the lead, started for a wild trip to the fabulous fishing in the Gulf of California.

About one hundred feet out of Buckeye the first bottle of Seven Crown started to make the rounds, as it was passed to each they would take a big swig and pass it on. When it came to me, since I am a non-drinker, I would pass the bottle to the next man. I do not recall how many bottles were emptied before we reached the border, but it must have been several, as the group was really high by the time they reached the border. (continued)

The immigration office at that time was in Sonita, and this is where I met Oscar. When Oscar spotted this group of fishermen, he knew what he could get from this bunch. Oscar was hired and we went to the cafe in Sonita where each ordered a big steak of horse meat-supposedly beef, but we all felt sure it was horse meat. After the luscious meal, we headed for Rocky Point. Oscar rode in the back of the truck with us and enjoyed sharing the bottle with the boys.

Fourteen miles north of Rocky Point, the clump of trees on your right is where the gravel road ended and the sand road began. The road went in between those trees. The place at that time had a cantina, windmill for water, and a few knick knacks. This is the place where you took a deep breath because the next fourteen miles were to be a bugger, and it really was especially with fifteen drunk men and myself trying to push a big truck out of one sand hole after another for fourteen miles.

We finally pulled up in front of Rocky Point Hotel. The only building besides the hotel at that time was the two story fish house, one cantina, drug store, and that was it. The hotel did not have a roof on the rooms so the sky was your ceiling. We took a couple of rooms and camped out in front of the hotel. The number one room in the hotel was a very large room, so we set up card tables as everyone wanted to play poker.

I figured I could hold my own playing poker, besides I was the only one that hadn't been drinking. That was wrong thinking. We all sat down at the various tables. It was one dollar ants, Jacks or better to open. Sounded good to me, as I had experience in this before, so I thought, deal the cards boys. I had the first chance to open. I couldn't so I passed. The next guy said, "I'll open for \$50.00." I never played for this kind of money, so I thought to myself, I better stick to Hearts. I threw my cards on the table and walked out the front door of the hotel. Just as I reached the porch two policemen walked into the room and arrested the group for gambling.

At that time, and I suppose it is still true, gambling was not allowed in the State of Sonora, Mexico. They took Ralph and our money, as well as the rest

of the men who were gambling and all their money. After a heavy fine they were released. By this time my friends had quieted down considerably. We all took our bed rolls and bedded down for the night. The night watchman came by and assured us all would be well because he was on the job. Oscar didn't have a bed roll, so he slept in the cab of the truck I wanted to tell the night watchman about Oscar, but they seemed to get acquainted.

The night was hectic. I **awoke** with a start when I heard a gun shot, and a body fell close to where I was sleeping. The night watchman had caught a young Mexican boy stealing some of our equipment. He said "I tell him to stop, he no stop, so I keel him". Needless to say I did not sleep anymore that night. I was still awake when the sun came up over Rocky Point Mountain. We brought plenty of food, but asked the lady who managed the hotel to fix us a good breakfast. She was from Los Angeles and spoke perfect English which helped us a great deal. Since we couldn't depend on Oscar it was nice to have someone to translate for us.

We chartered a big shrimp boat and it was ready at the appointed time. The water was fair, a bit rough, but not bad. The captain headed southeast from Rocky Point, where he said the big fish would be waiting. The boat was scarcely out of the harbor before the dice came out, and they did roll. Ralph in all his excitement rolling dice, and a little drink now and then, fell overboard, but was rescued about the time he hit the water. By this time we were about fifteen miles out and the water was very rough. The men all became seasick, one by one they would put their feet against the railing, and the Seven Crown was really boiling. At last the captain turned back. Everyone was deathly sick with the exception of the captain and me. The water became worse. I stood in the doorway of the cabin, and watched the water above this big shrimp boat. I was looking at the aft of the boat, when I saw a sight I shall never forget. A big herd of porpoise came past the boat, what seemed to be hundreds of them! As far as the eye could see there was a solid body of porpoise going west. At last and with a sigh of relief we rounded the Rocky Point into the safe water of the Bay. So ended my first trip in

the Sea of Cortez.

We couldn't find Oscar, but after some searching we found him drunk in jail. The boss bailed him out and he promised to be good. The water did calm down and we did get a couple of days of good fishing in. I suppose I could say I enjoyed the trip, but it was good to get back to Buckeye.

For the next few years we launched out boats at Rocky Point, and the fish we caught on those trips were unbelievable. We took Oscar with us many times but we finally got to where he was undependable. Oscar fell in love, and got married. He built a home at Rocky Point. The only thing wrong was he didn't know whose land it was. When the police came and told him the house was not built on his property, and they told him to move his house because it was on government property, there was trouble. That fist of stone went into action. Why they didn't kill him I will never know. He at last gave up, and moved back to Sonita. In the years that followed, we old timers would gather on the porch of the Rocky Point Hotel and talk about the good old days.

I lost track of Oscar, but did hear that he was a highway patrolman in another state in Mexico. One day I happened to be in Rocky Point, and saw Oscar astride a motorcycle with a highway patrolman's uniform on, and two big guns strapped to his body. I asked him how come the police didn't kill him. He said they were afraid of him, and I believed him. I noticed his right hand didn't have a glove on as before, and asked about it. He said he didn't know what happened, but someone told him to go see a certain lady in a green house, and he did. He spoke with her and the hand was soon normal again. This seemed amazing to me.

I never saw Oscar again, but heard he was killed while chasing a speeding car. His motorcycle went out of control. This is the way Oscar met his maker, and if you never knew Oscar you missed an incredible character.



by
DON BARBER

HOW ABOUT GIVING SEARCH AND RESCUE A BREAK? USE
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A worthwhile degree of safety afloat can be achieved if certain actions are taken routinely before departing. If it is to be an extended cruise, most of these items should be done each day. The following items are of general applicability; and all may not be needed, and others will need to be added.

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- 4 - All loose gear stowed securely.
- 5 - All guests aboard have been properly instructed in safety and operational matters, both do's and don'ts.
- 6 - Check oil levels, both engine and reverse/reduction gears, and water in closed cooling systems. After starting engine, check overboard water flow of cooling water.
- 7 - fuel tanks have been checked for quantity of gasoline or diesel. Know your fuel consumption at various RPM's. Make sure there is enough fuel aboard for cruise and a reverse if you must change your plans for weather or other reasons.
- 8 - A second person aboard who is capable of taking over if the skipper is disabled or fatigued.

Before departing, a very responsible person should
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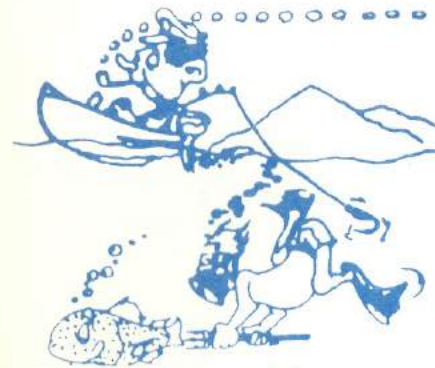
know where he intends to cruise and his time of return; making sure this person has a good description of the boat.

An excellent means of accomplishing the foregoing is through use of a "Float Plan" (called a "Launch Slip" at Cholla). A Float Plan is a must anywhere in the Sea of Cortez and all major waterways. A Float Plan is to be filled out COMPLETELY and CORRECTLY. The Port Captain is in complete command so don't get caught without one! It is up to the skipper to do this. To new boaters in the area: don't be afraid to ask questions, any "oldtimer" will be glad to help you.

Just remember, if you get in trouble, that Float Plan is all we have to go on for your safe return.

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TUCSON SCUTTLEBUTT



EILEEN COURTRIGHT

It's always good to see so many familiar and friendly faces at the meetings and compare notes on our mutual interests at Cholla, July 12th meeting was no exception, even our handsome young Butch Gray attended.

We were sorry to hear that Bob Bos lost the beloved Aunt who raised him in Iowa. Bob, and Susie flew back to Iowa for the funeral and Susie stayed to take care of things so Bob is sharing his sandwiches with the cat.

Mary Brown read the minutes filling in for our secretary, Win Sims who was enjoying herself at the Bay. J.J. "Dynamite" Faulkenbery gave us the treasurers report.

Lou Frazier has volunteered to be chairman of the Xmas Party for Cholla Bay Children this year and would like anyone who is interested in helping on this project to contact him or Pete Scott, Sr. who volunteered to coordinate for this project for Tucson. The tentative date for the party is Dec. 19, so anyone with a big heart and a little time contact either of these two generous persons.

The big social event of the year for Rocky Point and Cholla Bay is coming up on Thanksgiving weekend in November - the Black and White Ball. We need candidates to represent our club. We will be taking nominations at the August meeting and will vote for our favorite candidate at the September meeting.

Bill Brown gave his report on the 1976 Fishing Derby and received a big ovation, we all feel he really put on a great derby. The first time an extended derby has been held and it gave everybody a chance to participate. He reported that 629 boats were launched during the Derby and 1300 to 1500 people were served at the fish fry. Incidentally if you didn't taste any of that fish, you missed out on a delicious treat. The fish that was left over
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89 trophies were presented. Was glad to see Joanie take 1st place for women in the grouper category with her 88 lb. grouper. She still has the head and we were allowed to touch the sacred head once again. Plates to be attached to the trophies were also presented at the meeting.

Bill also read some of the new fishing rules in Mexico. Briefly, the limit on salt water fish were, one of a kind on Sail and Marlin, Two of a kind on Grouper, Halibut, Rooster and Dolphin and five of a kind on Skipjack, Bonita Rock, Bass, Red Snapper and Mackerel. Bill is going to have copies of these rules available later.

Another sad story on the fishing derby. George Fisher, a fisherman celebrating his 80th birthday, went surfcasting bright and early before any ticket sales persons were on duty so failed to get a derby ticket and wouldn't you know he caught a 8 lb. yellowtail and of course it was too late to get a ticket then, the deed was done. A lesson in this for next year. This was reported to us by Mr. Charles Moore, who is a longtime member of the club.

Door prizes were won by Shirley Peterson - Knife, Carol Scott - Flashlight, Joan Nichols - Styrofoam Chest, Frances Crossman - Fish Hook Remover, and Alan Peterson a Castmaster.

Coffee and delicious cookies were served by Pat and Frances Crossman. See you at our next meeting on August 9th!



News From The Launching Ramp

by BETTY MUNRO

What's happening at the launching ramp? Not much launching that's for sure, but the few sticking it out with us are being rewarded. Jack Gill's Nu Centarus zoomed out to the blue waters with Frank Head, Jim Hasse and Walter Hellwig on board. The water was choppy, so choppy that some boats returned to shore but that didn't stop this crew. When they rounded the point returning to the bay they looked like an international traveling vessel, sporting three red flags for their three sailfish and four green flags for their four dolphin. Beautiful show!

Rose Sanders from Wickenburg brought her parents, Harry and Sarah Mullen and sister Debbie, to Choya for a fishing trip on her husband, Sandy's boat the Dizzy Dee. They didn't set any records fish wise but it was their first time out to deep sea fish and also their first time out of the State of Ohio.

While on the subject of Wickenburg, Polly Coffinger whisked in and out of Choya. She got out way too fast to suit her Choya friends.

Any time you want to hear a "little plastic raft" story, go out to Davis Airforce Base in Tucson and talk with anyone of the following men: John Madrid, Dave OConner, Terry Day or Ed Perez. Winnie Sims was on shore when their rescue boat the Mona Lisa brought them in and if she has her way the Tucson people will see them and hear their story at the next meeting.

Here is my version of the ordeal. About 9pm Ajo Red brought Ed and Terry to our home to report their buddies John and Dave had boarded the 6ft. raft about 3 that afternoon to do a little fishing in the bay. On board they had with them a little fishing tackle, maybe one coke and a few tequilas inside their bellies, and one little oar. They were last seen drifting toward Black Mountain area. When they were reporting
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this, they were not only concerned about their safety but at 7:30 am the following morning the missing pair would be AWOL. Realizing there was nothing we could do at that hour and seeing no signal of any sort, on the beach or the immediate area and also very optimistic the pair would be hiking in to camp any minute, we agreed to meet at the radio shack at daylight and group our forces if a search was needed.

Daylight arrived and so did Terry and Ed, still no sign of their companions. We took our problem to Phil Hunziker, bless him for being a Choya resident and helping out with S&R. Ed Perez was sent to Penasco to call the base so the boys wouldn't be in worse trouble with their Commander and Terry joined in the land search. Phil dispatched two sandbuggies, Ajo Red and Ben Gay, in one and Phil's nephew Kenny Burns and Terry in the other. Radio communication was kept with the buggies and by 10:30 Ajo Red had searched as far as Soltelos and no sign of the men nor their raft. Vidal Gomez had his Mona Lisa gased up so he loaded up some of his guests and in case a nurse was needed, Vi Schmerfeld was included and last but not least, Hector Munro headed out.

As soon as Ben Gay and Ajo Red returned from ground search, Ben launched his Jokesha. His crew, Ajo Red of course, Pablo Pineda and Ben's son Kevin Gay.

3:10 Vidal radioed they spotted the raft. It was pulled up high on the beach. No sign of the Naufragos.

3:20 Vidal radioed they had the boys spotted moving at a snail's pace down the beach. At this time we heard Eddie's voice saying "All together now 1-2-3-" and then a big shout. Next we heard all sorts of yehs-wows-whoppers, etc. Later we were told the reason. John and Dave were so weary having been in the water approximately 23 hours, their thirst buds were crying for water, their parched skin was crying for relief, their stomach walls were crashing into each other and their feet were feeling as if they were wearing cemento zapatos that Dave said he was actually talking to his feet. "Lift yourself up, move forward, put yourself down...now the other one, etc". Vi said when they finally turned and saw their buddy, Ed and help they just plunged into the water. Fortunately, they were in the right waters and the tide high enough, they could get them aboard with very little effort. (Continued)

Jokesha was notified the boys were found and on the way back so they headed back for Choya. 4:45 everybody back on shore and celebrating their safety. Vi was gracious enough to offer the boys (I don't know why I keep calling them boys when I know anyone serving in the U.S. Airforce has to be a man. I guess by now these four had become all our sons. Everyone who was here at the time had a special interest in this foursome.) a shower to get the salt water off their aching bodies and get some medication on. Then we all stood around and listened to the different reactions. As Dave was drying his shoulders off, he remarked how the soft towel felt like industrial sandpaper to him. Someone said they hoped the Commander would understand and be gentle with them, when Dave took another little puff on his pipe and quipped, "You guys just have to face the Commander, I have to face the Commander plus a wife".

The next day Hector, Kenny, Vi and yours truly, went in the sandbuggy and picked up the raft. It is now gracing our porch and we are thinking of offering it to the Davis Base Hall of Fame - Leaks and all!

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Summer in Cholla Bay

by MARY FRAN TAYLOR

The perspective changed when this summer we became permanent residents of the Bay. Summers before, I knew I could leave at any time. Now, no matter what, this is our only roof.

Can't establish any particular routine. The house has to be cleaned, cooking done, and dishes washed. The wind blows and the sand and dirt blow in one door as I push it out the other.

Have learned a few tricks to help. To wet mop and have the floor tile shiny and polished, use $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of kerosene in about 2 gallons of water. I couldn't believe it would get up kitchen spills, but it does. Also, I've learned to put a pallet down where the breeze blows through for the afternoon siesta. During the muggy, muggy days, step under the shower enough to get damp, clothes and all, and then continue working as you evaporate dry.

We manufacture our own entertainment. Hardly a day that we aren't having someone in for dinner, or going to someone else's. It is usually the late hour, waiting til after the sunset.

There have been fewer and fewer people since the 4th. We have peace and quiet. Fireworks and motorbikes none of us miss.

We have lost two of our ospreys in the last few days. One was shot off his perch near Pelican Point. The other broke his leg diving for a meal. There is no way he can survive without diving with both legs. He could hardly fly, the dangling leg affected his balance.

No bingo games now, just not enough people for it to be fun. The big gathering place now is in Town at the laundramat. We gossip there, and it's air conditioned. So you can see we move at a slower pace, mostly to keep from dripping. Small diversions are always at hand.

There are even three or four coyotes that have been hanging around in our area. They play with the dogs and are not remotely afraid of humans. Yells and rocks don't faze them. Can't say I'm very comfortable with a coyote standing about ten feet from me.

There has been some sprinkle, lots of thunder and lightning, and many, many, shooting stars.

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By Mel Jarvis

Just about every time I take a carburator apart and that carburator is off a boat with a built in gas tank, and if I find water in it then there has to be water in the gas.

My next move is to the boat to see where the fuel tank vents are installed thru the hull. It is surprising sometimes where you'll find the vent. Boats with bow tanks will have the vents installed on the flair of the bow, in a two foot sea the vent would be under water half the time.

At 3500 to 4500 RPMS the vent tube to your fuel tank becomes a vacume line. Any water getting close to it will be sucked into your fuel tank. So check your vent, if its where water can get to it move it. If for some reason it can't be moved, covering it with a small clam shell will help.

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How long has it been since you have pulled the prop off your engines or outdrives and cleaned and greased the prop shaft before it salts up so tight you can't get it off. See if there is any fish line wrapped behind the prop while you're at it,

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I wish to thank John Gentile for frying the fish in my absence. Also, I think a big hand ought to be given to Cathy McAllister for doing such a fine job on laying out the Chatter in my absence, and thanks to her young teenage sister, Pattie, who gave up her own time to come over and help address and segregate the Chatters for mailing. Thanks to Ed Perlmutter, Bill Brown, Don Barber, and Lew Frazier, just to name a few, who helped out.

I would imagine that Pete Scott, Council President and Bill Brown, Fishing Derby Chairman, gave a big sigh of relief when the Derby was completed and such a success. A big hand should go to Bill Brown, your Derby Chairman.

I hope each and everyone of you received your July Chatter and please accept my apologies for it arriving to you late. Also, please accept my apologies for this Chatter arriving late, but we will try our best from now on to have it to you before your next general meeting. It is quite difficult to come back from vacation and find you are already late with your dead line to go to press.

While visiting my son and his wife and my daughter in Wisconsin, we did quite a bit of lake fishing. The large type of fish is the walleyed pike, it is the most popular other than the little sun fish, which we caught several of. They were very delicious pan fried. My wife stated that if we were in Cholla Bay, we would use the sun fish for bait!

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