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The Dinner Dance

By Marie MacGill

I think we owe Iris Hoyt, our dinner dance hostess a great big thanks for the splendid job she did on the party. The dinner was delicious and everyone seemed to be having a great time. It was great.

The Chief of the Fisheries of Puerto Penasco, Senor Geraldo Portugal attended the dinner dance and made a very interesting speech. He should have some good news for the fishermen of the Bay in the near future.

Dennis and Sarah Holenkamp, Pete and Carol Scott, Sue Bos and her guest and Bernie and Eve were up from Tucson to join in the fun.

During intermission, our Club President, George Rodgers presented his lovely wife, Maxine, with a trophy for the first sailfish of the year. Then he presented Judy Swainston a trophy for catching the first Dolphin of the year. They were two happy gals. Sorry men that you were done out.

Sorry that those of you that didn't attend the dinner dance affair missed out on the fun. Perhaps you'll be planning on going next year.



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ROCKY ROAD TO LIBERTAD

By Al Scott

A couple of weeks after our trip to Puerto De Lobos, we three dare devils had our trip planned for Puerto De Libertad. It was the last of May, so we knew it would be a little on the warm side. We were young and could take it. Another party wanted to go along with a boat and truck so we said fine. Before we left Bill Blair's Garage, Bill put new bearings in the hubs of the boat trailer and I took the old ones and put them in the boat. We got a late start, but did get to Corborca near sun down.

We had complete directions so really how could we go wrong. We passed the Catholic Church, as we had before. It seemed to have deteriorated since we last saw it. We went down the alley and across the high bridge over the canal. We stopped at a beer joint and inquired about directions. A Mexican who spoke good English said sure, got out to the edge of town and take the well traveled road to your left. The only thing that he didn't tell us was that there was four well traveled roads to your left. Bill was driving so he picked one of them. We traveled forty five minutes and then we saw lights. We figured it was the little mining town one goes through. We kept traveling and we could see more lights. We thought this must be some mining town. Then we noticed we were going along a canal. Then we came to a street and Bill turned left and there was the same bar we had stopped at an hour before. The same Mexican was still there, but by now he had partaken of a few more beers. He said what's the matter with you Yankees, don't you know where you are going. We know now what they mean when they say all roads lead to Cororca.

After midnight we arrived at the mining town and awakened everyone, and every dog trying to find our way through town. There was only one fellow in the group that was known to down a few now and then. It had been a hard night. He opened the glove compartment and two bottles of Old Grand Dad fell out. He took a long shot, and he and the truck had the DDT's and shakes for two miles. At last the sun came up, and we started the long drive down the hill to Libertad. The Mexican rented us two of the white adobe cabins to the East of the Sportsman Lodge. We got within fifty feet of the cabin when fifty million flies came out to welcome us. We got the flies out and bunked down for a couple of hours sleep. We had a Palm Leaf ceiling and soon the scorpions started falling all over us. We moved outside and felt it was safer.

After a rest we got ready to go fishing and met a Mexican who would get the bait for us. He had only one arm and we realized why when we watched him. He had a small boy rowing the boat and hestood on deck with a small piece of dynamite and when he came to a school of Mulletts he lit the fuse and threw it real quick--one time he must have failed to throw it fast enough. As it turned out, we didn't use the bait as there were King Mackerel all over the place. We learned that when you catch a mackerel, cut its tail off at once and let it bleed good, and it will stay nice and firm.

The next day we spent sail fishing. Sails were every where. The Mexican had got us some small mackerel and we cut the inside out. We just used the two sizes to troll with and it really worked. I caught one sail that was the largest I had ever seen. We brought him up to the boat, and he was

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so frightened that he was quivering all over. We splashed water on him and petted him and then like the others we caught, we let him go.

We spent three days fishing at Puerto De Libertad. By this time we were bushed. Chet was ready to take off for home right away, but we encouraged him to wait until the next morning. A short distance from Libertad a blow out on the trailer, that was exasperating. We used the spare and a few more miles and the bearings on the other boat trailer were gone. They thought we were really in trouble until they found out I had saved the old bearings and put them in the boat. A few miles from Corborca the rocky road got one tire on the other boat trailer. We put the spare on but just as we pulled into a station at Corborca another tire blew out. We couldn't find a tire that would fit so cut a section from an old tire and used bolts to put it together. It took all day to travel from Libertad to Corborca. It was night fall again. We drove several miles out of Corborca and thought we would stop and eat. Chet wanted hot cakes. We lit the lantern and got the grill ready but we had competition. Everytime he got the grill ready a thousand bugs appeared so we finally gave up. We settled on Spam. The next morning we discovered we had camped in a cattle lot. The next day three tired boys arrived in Phoenix.

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By Guest Reporter

Helen Dowers

Many friendly faces and people helped to get this month's meeting off to a good start!

We had a much larger attendance at this meeting that at last month's. It was good to have some of the old members back again.

Forest and Joy Cooly, Mary Simpson, Gordon and Ruth Manning and Dr. and Mrs. Heim. Many I don't know personally yet, but am looking forward to meeting everyone individually in the near future. Welcome back.

Susie Bos reported that we have 280 members.

Ann Faulkenberry reported no one in Sick Bay. Good health for all members is sure good news.

I hear from Pete Scott that last weekend at the Bay was bad for fishing. Winds were 50-60 knots--no boats out Saturday and only a few out Sunday but not for long though due to the winds, everyone returned early.

Despite the hot and humid weather at Cholla, people seem to be showing up and enjoying themselves.

The one and only Mr. Glen Sykes showed up at the Bay over the weekend but made himself entirely too scarce.

Al and Joan Nichols talked with him only once, at which time he expressed a desire to show some of his movies on pintoshots to the members of the Club--I'm sure none of the fishermen would want to pass this up. Dennis Holenkamp is trying to make arrangements.

Al and Joan wanted to feed Glen one of Joan's home cooked meals but couldn't find him again. Boy Glen, did you miss out. Better check with Joan more often--word has it she cooks a mighty fine spread.

Chuck Hoyt, Search and Rescue Chairman from Phoenix was a welcome guest and speaker to this month's meeting. He reported a recent accident to the members. On July 17th a boat sunk within a matter of 20 minutes leaving three people afloat for nearly three hours without life jackets. Thanks to Shrimper Loretta the needy people were spotted and brought in safely. No one was aware a boat was out.

Chuck urges all boats to check in and out with Betty and also to use the buddy boat system. It is a must to avoid accidents such as this. Also the map that Chuck and Hector Munro have done so much work on was shown, explained and made available to members through the ships store.

Thanks Chuck for all concern shown members of CBSC. I'm sure I speak for everyone.

For all members who can't resist a sale. The ships store is having a clean out sale. Some items are marked down 50%. Let's see if we can't help Mr. and Mrs. Walt Horton clean up a little and also profit our own organization in doing so.

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As I'm sure everyone knows, Betty Munro is on vacation during the month of August-- a much earned vacation. A wonderful person missed by all. Not just fishermen but by all the ladies that stop by the radio shack also. Hurry back Betty--we all miss you.

A debutante is needed to represent Tucson at Puerto Penasco. Rita Grey was nominated, Vicki Morris was also mentioned. The subject will be discussed further at the next meeting. So if you have anyone in mind be sure to attend the next meeting on September 12 which is Pot Luck.

A movie this month was furnished by Doc Harold Dressler and starring in one of the lead roles was none other than Doc himself. He made everyone want to run off to Acapulco or La Paz for those hugh pinto and sail fish it showed him dragging in. What a fisherman that Doc is, a 100 lb. sail fish--does that sound like a fish story or not? Well it's not and Doc has the pictures to prove it and believe me everyone enjoyed them.

Door prize winners were Chuck Dernberger, Mary Simpson, Chris Tatum, Bob Bos and Ruth Manning.

For anyone concerned, last month's visitors, 3 lovely kittens brought by Chris and Daisy Tatum have all been placed in a good home. Daisy felt all were happy in their new surroundings. They were sent to Daisy's daughter in California. The happiness felt by Daisy's daughter is not know as she's not speaking to Daisy.

Looking forward to meeting everyone at Pot Luck--and I promise to bring something good to eat to make up for any flaws that may have appeared in this article - HA HA!

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PEÑASCO CINCUENTA

The Penasco 100 will be held on October 29.

For further information call or write Mr. Vern Flanders at Flanders Glass, 1801 E. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85034

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by Marie MacGill



The last time we were at Cholla Bay we noticed that the hot weather has pretty well scared people away. It really wasn't so bad, just one night was a little rough for sleeping.

The last of July and first week of August Ray and Shirley Haenfler were braving the heat and enjoying it. Zulma Oliveri has been down there for some time, but she hasn't had time to think about the heat.

Two hound dogs that Bob Lounsbury named Kitty and Festis have been roaming around on the Point begging for a hand-out from the first kind person that comes along. Well, Festis turned out to be a female and early one morning Zulma awoke with the dawn and discovered that skinny Kitty has given birth to six little ones at her front door. This kept her busy for awhile trying to get them located and stirring up enough food for the gang.

The wind was really too strong on the water to do much fishing, but some of us tried.

Maggie Annis was down with her daughter Sherry and her girl friend and Eldon Jr. Eldon was back East visiting his elderly father who isn't too well.

Eldon Jr. went fishing with us and caught a few, but the sea was angry with us and I didn't feel like doing any fishing.

We could have had more members at our August meeting; however, we all had a nice get together. It was nice meeting a new member Greg White. We hope to be seeing more of him, his wife Peggy and their daughters Julie and Jenny.

We also enjoyed another new member, Bill Stewart, and hope he brings his wife Lida next time, as we are looking forward to meeting her. Bill Sanders, who we don't see very often at the meetings, was there and also Gabby Gabbert of Gabby's Marine on North Cave Creek Road. Lou and Mary Parker were there as usual and Roma and Joe Blunk brought their cute little grandson. Most all of the regulars were there. Chuck and Iris Hoyt came too.

Chuck had the new map of the landmarks of the Cholla Bay waters finished and every one was delighted that they could buy one for only a dollar. They are something else.

I almost forgot to say the Ray Hemphill was the lucky one and won a nice radio at the drawing at the meeting.

George and Lydia Panek have purchased a place at the Bay, so now we will be seeing more of their happy faces.



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News From The Launching Ramp

by BETTY MUNRO

Miracles...do I believe in them? Yes, I do and the ingredients that went into making up my miracle was a little white handkerchief, a shrimper, a young boy, a helpless foursome and of course the watchful Eye of the Almighty.

Sunday, July 17 started out to be a so-called normal windy day in Cholla. Not windy enough to put up the red flag to close the port but windy enough to post a warning sign in the window stating, "Rough waters, launch at your own risk. If you do launch, you are advised to stay local". Three boats checked out that day and when I checked the radio room at 4 PM I had three pink slips to match the three white ones. Locked up and went home feeling secured for the day.

I wasn't home too long when I received a call from Ajo Red, "I just picked up and brought to shore four passengers off the shrimper anchored in front of the Bay. Their boat sank about 6 miles out". "My boats are all in and accounted for; they must have launched from some other port". Puzzled, I questioned Ajo Red, "Are they Mexican or Americans?" "Americans" Red came back, "and, Ahen, they said they didn't sign out". Zap...I flew to the radio room. When I saw who it was, I couldn't believe they hadn't signed out because two of them had been here many times before. Upon questioning four wet, wide eyed, still scared people this is the story I got. If I skip from one detail to the other, it is because that's the way their answers came..fast, excited and thankful--

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I still asked, "why didn't you sign out. I would of had no way knowing who you were (even they were familiar to us, they weren't regulars that we could identify by the launcher or the trailer) where you went, when to expect you..just nothing".

"We weren't going out very far", was the answer given for this neglect. We knew the water was rough so we thought we would just go out a little way and get right back in, they continued to explain.

Four of them, two men and two ladies piled into a 1959 14 ft. boat and took off. About six miles out one wave caught them and put them in the right position for the second wave to swamp the boat. One of the gentlemen, a handsome six footer (way too good looking to have perished at sea) said as he used his hands to give a sinking motion, "Within twenty seconds the boat sank". No chance to grab for anything. They had no safety equipment such as the basic life jackets, etc., so they were left at the mercy of the open sea. Fortunately, one gas tank floated and one water container which kept taking in water but they managed to empty it and use it for floation.

Leaving our foursome floundering for their lives at sea, we turn our attention to the Bay area. In front of the radio room sits the shrimper, Laurita. She is anchored with a load of Mexican people having a party...cooking, singing, etc. The Skipper pulls anchor to take the group for a little joy ride. While they were making this little cruise, one young lad was pretending he was Captain and sat in the lookout position. Soon this youngster spotted something white in the water. He kept watching and sure enough the white object was waving. The make-believe Captain went to the real Captain and reported what he

thought was a signal for help. The Captain strained his eyes and sure enough there were some objects in the water and the white flag now moving to and fro desperately. Laurita altered her course and went to the rescue of the now very tired foursome.

At this time, they figured they had been in the water at least three hours. Laurita returned them to the bay and signaled Ajo

Red who was just rounding the point in his 16 footer after giving the mackeral a whirll. Red brought them to shore and you know the rest of that story...

While they were reporting their adventure to us, Oscar Newman was on the porch listening. So they would be impressed just how fortunate they really were, he told them he just had returned from a cruise on the Sea of Cortez and in the twenty five days he was at sea he never saw a shrimp boat.

Miracles..do I believe in them? You bet I do and I know a certain foursome who do too. How about you?

A few days after writing about the rescue made by the Laurita, the Skipper came to our house and to my surprise it turned out to be in the family. The shrimp boat, Laurita, belongs to Hector's uncle, Oscar Palacio and the day of the rescue it was skippered by another uncle, Melchor Palacio. Tio Melchor explained they had been anchored in the bay on a party trip. It was a family group just cooking, eating and singing. They had pulled anchor and swinging around to head back to Penasco. This is when his eleven year old son spotted the signal and the rescue was the result. He said his boy will spend the rest of his days on the water looking for people to rescue. It seems the handsome six footer gave the boy his waterproof wrist watch for being so alert. (Cont'd)

The guardian angels of the Sea of Cortez are working overtime. The charter boat Manana Maybe was to end up her season July 31st and pull into dry dock for general check up and paint job. Well, she didn't quite make it and she ended the season with a big splash. A group of nice healthy big strapping men from Ajo made up the charter. For what they went through they deserve to see their names in print. Bud Smith, H. Perks, Fred Barboa, Tom Gary and Wesley Mileham, Bob and Terry Golladay and Ben Gay. About 22 miles out, four of the guys plus Manuel Palacio, the skipper, were on the back plank fighting a huge sting ray when the plank gave way... splash went all of them. Fortunate for the group Art Powers with his fishing guide Pete Salazar were fishing near by and came to the rescue delivering the sputtering group back to the mother ship. The guys were so glad to see land when they returned to shore they didn't even wait for the dinghy to bring them in to shore--they just dove off and swam to shore. That swim must have seemed like child's play after the experience they had at 22 mile reef. Thank goodness for the Guardian Angel of the Sea of Cortez.

Nothing is more frightening in Cholla Bay than the sight or smell of fire. Jack and Georgine Gill were the victims of the latest fire at the Bay. Their cabin caught fire and burned to the ground taking with it so many precious items that told the story of Jack's life as a super fisherman. Things than can never be replaced and ending stories that can never be retold.

I don't have many fishing stories to report because I have been in Phoenix escaping the heat and humidity of Cholla but I do know the Pattersons, Pat and Doris, had a successful fishing trip. Doris called to say both of them brought in their sail.

They took the expert fishing guide, Pete Salazar, who put them in the blue water and Doris' sail weighed about 45 lbs. and Pat's 83 lbs.

Last month I neglected to get this unique fishing story in and I hope it isn't too late. Leo and Leonne Rossi's 14 year old grandson, Troy Kenniger, was visiting them from Washington State. While at the Bay, he arranged to go fishing on the Manana Maybe. When Troy left Washington he told his teacher and classmates he was going fishing in Mexico and going to catch a 50 lb. grouper. When Troy arrived in Mexico, his mother, Syliva, made the reservation on the fishing boat but every morning the wind blew and the day's fishing was cancelled. Troy still insisted he was going fishing and more determined than ever he was going to catch a 50 lb. grouper.

The windy days kept up and soon the rest of the family had to return to Phoenix. Syliva and Troy decided, via Troy's pleas to wait one more day. Patience paid off and the next morning, the charter took off. Once they were on the reef the hours began to fly by and no fish. Troy still kept telling everyone, "Today, I am going to catch a 50 lb. grouper". By now Troy had become the rock bass catcher on the boat. Finally, he got a rock bass on that suited him and he left it on stating that this was the bait for his 50 lber. Believe it or not it happened just as he said. With that bait he hooked and landed the only fish of the day--a 55 lb. grouper. His faith paid off. On shore Troy declared it was too much fish for one family and shared with the others on board. His only disappointment was he couldn't get a filet back to his teacher and classmates so they could see his faith and determination paid off.



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Here is a quick hot lunch idea for the spinnaker crew when you've been running free for a long time and don't want to spend all afternoon in a galley heated up by the following wind. Land lubbers call them "pronto pups" or "stick dogs".

POUR 1 cup of pancake mix into a shallow bowl. Add 3 tbs or so of corn meal if available.

MOISTEN with ginger ale, 7-Up or Fresca to batter consistency.

WIPE excess moisture from franks with paper towel as franks are sure to have picked up beads of moisture in the ice box.

ROLL franks in batter. Insert a stick or skewer into the franks and twirl to coat with batter. If no skewers are on board, roll dogs in batter and drop into boiling oil with fork.

FRY in bubbling deep fat until golden.

FISH-COOKING TIP: You can use the same batter for small pan fish fillets. Just coat on both sides and pan fry about 2 to 3 minutes on each side.

Sick Bay

Speedy recovery to Claude Coker who broke his heel.

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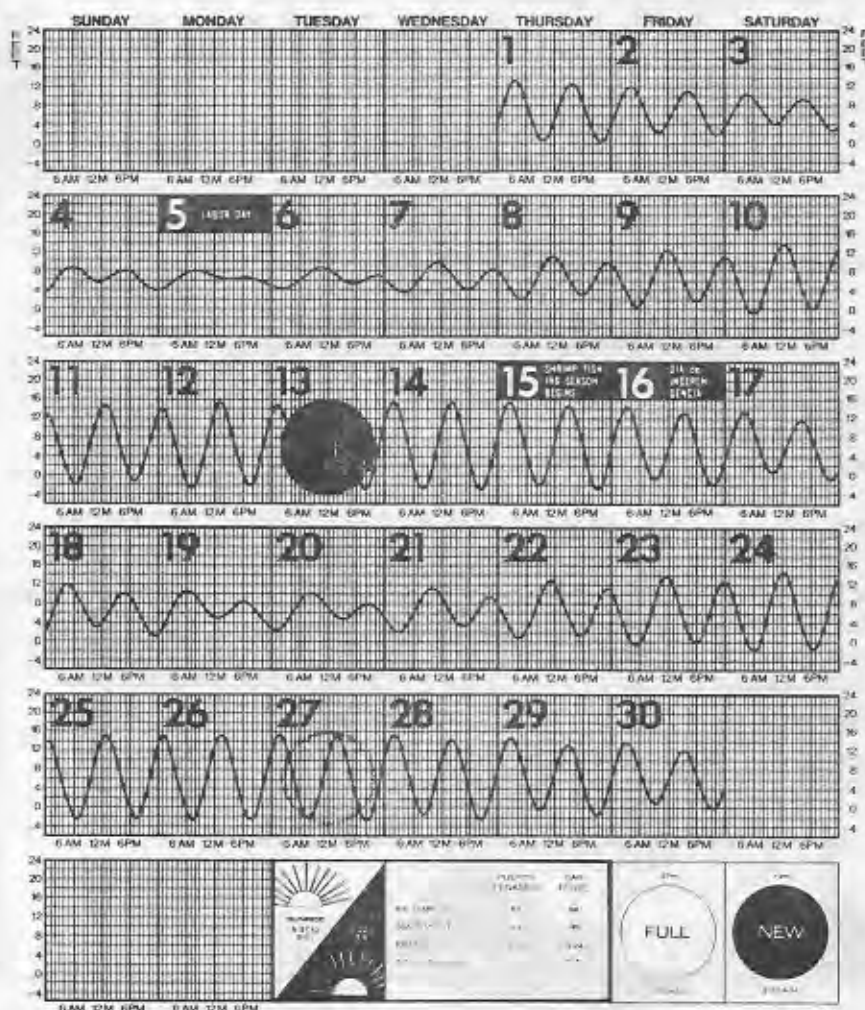
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