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THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF OUR GOOD FRIEND
GERARDO PORTUGAL CORONADO



AMIGO --- GERARDO PORTUGAL CORONADO --- FRIEND

Three words that are synonymous. Sr. Portugal was, without a doubt, one of the best friends that the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club ever had. We lost this dear friend in September of this past year when he succumbed to a heart attack. We lost a friend, but Heaven gained one. One thing is certain -- they gained an active worker.



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SR. GERARDO PORTUGAL CORONADO (Cont.)

During his 63 years on earth he held many political offices.
 To list a few:

- 1952-57 He first arrived in Puerto Penasco as manager fo the first ice plant. Anyone who had been going to Choya knows what an asset the ice plant was to the growth, promotion and comfort of the Choya-Penasco area.
- 1959-64 He was in charge of the District of Transportation for Puerto Penasco.
- 1964-67 Sr. Portugal was active on the Puerto Penasco City Council and at the same time in charge of the Purina Plant.
- 1964-66 He was President of the PRI -- the largest, most powerful political party in Mexico.
- 1967-70 Sr. Portugal was the Presidente of Puerto Penasco. While holding this office he was presented the keys to the City of Phoenix by the Phoenix mayor.
- 1970-73 He was in charge of the Department of Tourism. While holding this office he went out of his way to promote good relationships with the Gringos and the Mexican people.
- 1970-74 Sr. Portugal was the Fishing Inspector and extremely helpful to the Club in this capacity. He also founded the Lions Club in Puerto Penasco.

His activities were countless and the fruits of them are yet to be yielded. Not only did he hold these political, community minded positions, but he used them to help people.

He was regal--when you were in his presence you felt you were in the company of authority, yet he had an air of humility about him that made him approachable. He mastered the English language in order to be able to communicate with, and better understand us. He took an active part in the fishing derbies and gave speeches at the awards in impeccable English. He praised the CBSC's ideals and their sportsmanship. He strove to get other groups to organize similar clubs up and down the coast of the Sea of Cortez. He wanted to have fishing tournaments up and down the coast at different times so as not to interfere with each other and yet utilize the best fishing for each locale. He took extra time to record data from the Club derbies and various activities and sent them to Mexico City so they could be permanently recorded towards this end, and to

SR. GERARDO PORTUGAL CORONADO (Cont.)

establish a good name for the Club. The list of his good deeds and the list of things he has done for the Club could go on and on--just like he will in eternity.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to the entire family of Sr. Gerardo Portugal Coronado. We pray they find consolation in the memory of the intimate years they were privileged to spend in the embrace of this great man.

St. Francis de Sales has been quoted as saying, "If when I die, I can say I have made one true friend, I die a wealthy man." I would like to turn that quote around and say for Sr. Portugal -- "If when I die, I have been a true friend, I die a wealthy man". If that be the case, Gerardo Portugal Coronado died the wealthiest man ever to have lived.

Amigo -- Gerardo Portugal Coronado -- Friend

May you rest in peace.

Adios Amigo.....

Written by Betty Munro



Gazette Staff Photo

Looking over materials used in Arizona school at State Department of Public Instruction office are Augustine Cortez Chavez (left), engineer and city councilman in Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico, and Gerardo Portugal-Coronado, newly elected mayor of Puerto Penasco.

WEEKEND AT THE BAY!



Today, Saturday, November 13, 1982, formal launching ceremonies were held for SHIRLEY HEMPHILL'S AND TERESA CONNER'S new sea craft, appropriately named "Mini-Paz I". With safety in mind, it is equipped with a depth finder (yard stick), bilge pump (one pound coffee can), head, (two pound coffee can), life preservers, CB radio (only channel 9 will be operable as soon as we can figure out how to carry a battery). It is twin powered (two paddles), and very economical, you would be surprised how far a couple of rum & cokes can take us. Truly a delight for our Search & Rescue team. As soon as we master the art of rowing, daily trips to Black Mountain (one passenger at a time, two if extremely friendly) will be chartered. Passengers must be prepared to stay at least 24 hours as we go with the tide. Plenty of time for you members who like to shell. One way trips are encouraged, it will be faster to walk back as we have a tendency to go round in circles a lot. Soon our skills will improve and trolling will be added to our excursions. WIMPY of the "First Time" even offered to tow us to Bird Island. What fun... One of these days, we will be so good at our rowing, we will have the last laugh, be ready to go fishing with all of you big buys and your big toys..

Esta Lumbeco
(See you at the Bay)

TUCSON CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING

By Lynn Skwiat

Our December 1st Pot Luck sure was good. Not a whole lot of members were there though. We need better support of our Club. The meetings are alot of fun. So, show your support and come to the meetings, they are the first Wednesday of each month.

We'd like to thank our outgoing officers of 1982; President, Lee Reid, Vice President, Dr. Del Heim, Secretary, Jonnie Arhens and Treasurer, Peggy Drake for the fine job that they all did, and to welcome our new officers of 1983

President	Alan Peterson
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Our door prizes were won by Don Christian a can holder, Alan Peterson, Booby prize. Christmas raffle prizes were won by: Lynn

Happy Birthday, Gene Reid (39 again, huh?)
Welcome to Dennis Laudraback of Search and Rescue to our meeting.

Our door prizes were won by Don Christian, a can holder, Alan Peterson, Booby prize. Christmas raffle prizes were won by:

Lynn Skwiat, camera, Dennis Lauraback, ceramic Christmas tree, Peggy Drake, a shell candle and Alan Peterson, a shell candle. Thanks Joan Dernberger for some of the Christmas donations.

We owe a great deal of thanks to Butch Wilda for all his efforts towards setting up the Sick Bay at Cholla Bay and the help he has given several of the members of the Club.

Thanks again, Butch.

Be good and see you at the Bay.

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Sleep now my love without a care

By Nancy Childress

A HAPPY NEW YEARS WISH FOR OUR MANY FRIENDS

May the blessing of light be on you... light without and light within.
May the blessed sunlight shine upon you and warm your heart till it glows
Like a great peat fire, so that the stranger may come and warm himself
at it... and also a friend.
May the light shine from your eyes, like a candle set in the windows of a
house, bidding the wanderer welcome from the cold and the storm.
May the blessings of the rain be upon you. Let the soft warm rain fall
upon your spirit as upon you as upon the waiting fields, that flowers may
spring into bloom and brighten the morning.
May the blessing of the earth be upon you.... the earth that mothers you
and nurtures you and talks to you in the night and by day. May you
have a kindly greeting for those you pass along the roads and may your
step be lighter for passing them. May the sod be soft under you when
you rest upon it. May it warm you when you lie under it at last.
May it rest lightly over you as your soul goes off to be with God.
May the Lord bless you and keep you and smile upon you...
this day and every day till the judgment day.

Author unknown

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By Marie MacGill

And the rains came again for the November meeting, but that didn't put a damper on anything. The house was packed, and spirits were high. George Rodgers led the Pledge to the flag as always. The Directors and Board members announced themselves as usual and so did all the other members. It was fun, and so good to see so many familiar faces. Believe it or not, we could not find a single guest. They were all members. Membership, Wanda Lee reported 859 members in the Phoenix Chapter at present time. It would be nice if we could all help to bring in some new members. TELL A FRIEND.

Jim Westfall of Ship's Stores is still reporting a good deal of business. There is no wonder, he has so many nice things to sell.

Sick Bay had some sad news. Marcus Miller, a long time member that was with us only a few months ago passed away recently. Also, Mary Fran Taylor dies in her home of a heart attack on December 5th. The family suggested donations to the heart association and cancer funds. We all send our deepest sympathy to these families. Doris Davis is home from the hospital after a few days stay, and a card was sent to her for a speedy recovery.

After the ballots were counted, the new officers and board members were announced by Trudy Murphy. They are as follows:

President	-	Wil Williams
Vice Pres.	-	Glen Davis
Secretary	-	Joe Blunk
Treasurer	-	Fran Johnson

The Board of Directors are:

Howard Beesley, Nancy LaPointe, Bill MacGill, Joe Reinert, Butch Wilda and Chuck Woodward.

The outgoing members sure did a great job and will be missed. We all thank them VERY MUCH. We are all sure that our new President Wil Williams, Vice President, Glen Davis and Secretary Joe Blunk will also do a fine job, and of course treasurer, Fran Johnson always does a super job. Thank you.

Due to the new compulsory insurance law, it was reported that you will have trouble getting vehicles licensed that are insured and driven only in Mexico unless you have written across it "Not used in United States" and give them the name of the insurance company and policy number along with effective and expiration date of same.

Glen Davis is still working very hard to get pledges of \$100.00 for the largest fish caught during Derby Days of 1983. The following ones have made their pledges for the \$100.00, George Rodgers, Jerry McCoffert, R.T. Harmon, Tim Bottcher, Bill Hoffman, Wil Williams and Chuck Woodward. Anyone wishing to pledge should contact Glen at the meetings or call him at 969-2277. He needs your support and the Radio Shack and ramp needs lots more done on it for service and beautification.

The first raffle was won by Marie MacGill. I drew my own name and won the beautiful afghan that Roma made and donated for the Christmas Party. Thank you, Roma. Second raffle was won by Betty Williams, the cute BOY DOLL.

Winners for door prizes were:

Nancy LaPointe, a copper tea kettle
Jackie Beem, a brass ship's bell
Dollie Ramos, a poinsettia plant
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By Marie MacGill

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Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Smith of Cabin #450 will be spending most of the winter at Cholla. Grady Hendricks had returned to his place down there at the present.

Ken and Mary Fran DeHoff have returned from a lengthy trip to China, London and lots of places in Europe and Mexico. After such a long stay, even though it was lots of fun they are ready to settle down at home at least for awhile. Ken and his friend, Walter Anderson did some fishing for six or seven days in Guaymas and caught a lot of red snapper and other good eating fish, but are glad to be back home.

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