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## SUMMER MEMORIES IN MEXICO

By: Marie MacGill

There were very Happy memories for six lucky people that returned on May 9th from La Paz and parts of Mexico. Roy Ong, Esther Ong, Clarence and Bea Allums and Eldon and Jewell Travis left by plane from Phoenix May 2nd, then on to Tucson and on to Mazatlan. They did some fishing there and then flew on to LaPaz and did some fishing and sight seeing and a lot of Shopping. They had very good luck with fishing. Eldon and Bea each caught a nice size yellow tail, while the rest caught grouper, red snapper, cabrillo and etc. Of course Roy went around for some time seeing all cockeyed, as he broke the frame on his glasses. They kept looking for Crazy Glue to mend them but the Mexicans didn't understand that, so Esther said, "perhaps if we ask for Cemente Muy Loco they will know and have that", but that was to no avail. Finally they found some glue and Roy made that do until he could get to an optical company.

In LaPaz they rented a three seated van and drove to Cabo San Lucas where they had a ball. They stopped at beautiful Buena Vista along the way. While in Cabo San Lucas they rented a boat for fishing. They had their meals at Sol Mra Hotel, and also rented their boat from them. Their food was so very good. The water was a deep, deep blue that sparkled like a million diamonds from the suns rays. There were Marachas singing in the streets that made you hum and sing. Roy got started on their song of Carbo San Lucas cucuru-cacu and they thought they might have to leave

him behind, but after his voice started failing he decided to go home with his party. They drove back to La Paz, then back to see the sleepy little village of Buena Vista once more, then back to LaPaz where they took a plane to Tucson and then on to Phoenix and home, arriving on May 29th.




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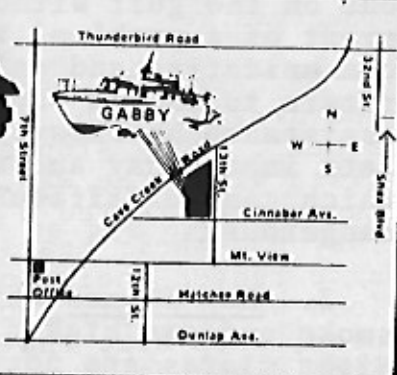
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Written By Chuck Woodard

TEAM MEMBER C.B.S.C. SEARCH & RESCUE

The Search and Rescue unit at Cholla Bay is a group of people with the knowledge and equipment necessary to assist you in case of an emergency. This article will cover some things which you can do to help Search and Rescue help you when assistance is required. Lets look at some things which should be done before you launch, after you launch and in the event of problems while on the water.

First, before you launch, make sure you have the necessary basic equipment on your boat. In addition to the equipment required by the Coast Guard, the Search & Rescue unit strongly recommends you have on board:

1. A marine or C.B. transciever in good working condition. You would be amazed the number of people that venture out on the gulf without a radio. In the event of a problem, they have no way of communicating and only after they fail to return to Cholla Bay will the necessity for assistance be known. This is frequently late in the day and requires a night search which can be difficult and potentially dangerous.

2. Day flares which produce orange smoke and are highly visible in daylight. Night flares are not an adequate subsitute since the light they produce is visible at night, but is not easily seen in daylight. There have been instances where boats have passed other boats which were in difficulty without realizing there was a problem. Use

of the day flares leaves not doubt you need assistance. In the absence of flares, you can use arm signals or wave a red or orange flag but they are not as easily seen.

3. Night flares which produce light. these may be the hand held type, but a flare gun which shoots the flare into the air is much more effective. In the event that you are disabled at night, the flare can make the difference whether search boats can locate you. It really gets dark on that gulf at night. Both day and night flares are available from marine dealers at reasonable cost.

After you launch, should you change your location from the one indicated on the launch slip filed with Cholla Bay, advise the Cholla Bay radio of your new location. Should search and rescue have to look for you, in the absence of any other information, they will look in the area indicated on the launch slip.

Also, if you will be in later than the time of return on the launch slip, let Cholla Bay radio know. If you can't reach Cholla directly, try having another boat relay the message for you. If we know you will be late but are in no trouble, it saves worry and most of us get gray hair soon enough anyway.

If you have a problem first check the little things. You may be able to correct the problem with the tools and parts you hopefully have on board. You should always carry come basic tools and spare parts such as gas filters, fan belts etc. If after a quick check of the little things you still

have problems;

Communicate your problem to Cholla radio. If you are out of range, get another boat to relay. Give your name, compass heading, estimated distance from Cholla Bay and the nature of the problem. If we know the nature of the problem, many boats carry extra parts which can be brought to you to help you get underway. If you are dead in the water, get an anchor down. Once again, it is nice for the search boats to go where you are and not where you used to be before you drifted.

Unless your batteries are in very poor shape, keep your radio on so we can communicate with you. C.B. radios use very little power, especially when just monitoring and not transmitting.

Of course, one of the biggest things you can do to help is to use the buddy boat system. It certainly is nice when that engine gives a last cough, or the outdrive goes crunch, to have a buddy boat there to give assistance.

It seems that if we venture out on the gulf long enough, sooner or later we all need some assistance. Help Search and Rescue to help you. It makes it easier for all of us.

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And watch the clouds go by?  
As driven onward with the wind,  
They drift across the sky?

Some are black as thunder-clouds  
Some are fleecy white,  
Some are as the mountain snow  
When tinged with golden light.

And as you watch, queer shapes and forms  
Come strangely into view,  
An elephant, a polar bear  
And a jumping Kangaroo.

Wagon trains of pioneers  
And ships that sail the seas,  
And birds with wings out-stretched in flight  
Go by before the breeze.

Clouds are such Mysterious things  
All humans they disdain,  
Yet to a dry and thirsty land  
They sent us refreshing rain.

So if you'll watch the clouds go by  
All sorts of sights you'll see,  
From Knights in shining armor  
To hosts of Cavalry.

Its fun to let the mind run free  
And imagination stray,  
It passed many a happy hour  
And liven'ed up a long long day.

continued..

So now dear friends you know my mind.  
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BY JERRY NUNN

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**GENERAL MEETING**

By: Marie MacGill

The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club meeting of June 13th had about the same attendance as there was at the May 10th meeting. Although we were short of officers, Chuck Woodward, Treasurer and Secretary Von Gottbreht took over and did a very good job.

The speaker that Shirley Hemphill had arranged to attend was unable to make it, so the meeting was shorter than usual.

Roma Blunk made a pretty stole that was raffled off for the Christmas fund, and won by Mary Parker. It netted the club \$14.85. George Rodgers won the drawing for the Choya Bay License plate. The Wheel Bearing certificate will be raffled off after two more months of purchasing tickets, that is for it.

Dick and Dotty Reynolds came all of the way from Buckeye to be with us--was real nice having you join us again. We were also glad that George and Dorothy Vercruysee could come. George and Dorothy's place is #119 at Cholla Bay. June 25th they are going to the bay for the entire week. Their friends Charley and Joan Tully are also joining them for the week. Their place is #26. Was nice having Homer and Betty Green with us. Thanks for coming.

Chuck Woodward told us that Gene and Hilda Erkert have finished their beautiful 32 foot motor-sail boat and are having the

launching June 26th at Cholla Bay. Good Sailing and may your joys be many. I guess we will find out the results of the boat later.

George Rodgers said that people have been buying all sorts of toys and things at swap and shop to donate for the Christmas Club. I think that is really a good idea.

Don Barber, (DONDOS) told us about all of the work that Betty Munro does to benefit the club. He said she keeps a log on all of the days activities each day of the year. By checking she can tell you what happened and when and where both day and night. I'm sure we all appreciate your effort Betty and THANK YOU more than you will ever know. Dondos said there were 517 boats out during the month of May.

I also would like to say that we really appreciate the excellent job that Dondos is doing for search and rescue. He doesn't just work, he puts his whole heart into it for our safety. We THANK YOU DON/ We all hope that the gasoline thieves that emptied Dondos gas tank on the day he went to the Sand Dunes to rescue a boat feel real Happy and good about such a sneaky thing as I don't think Don did when he ran out of gas in the dark with this boat in tow. That's the day the town ran out of gas. There should be a reward given for anyone that identifies the thieves.

Jimmie and Jerry Nunn with their boat FIER BALL TWO, and Noel and Clyde Jordan with their boat THE SUN DANCER took off for San Felipe on May 26th and ended up staying at an estuary at El Golfo from

Saturday afternoon the 26th until Tuesday afternoon May 29th. The wind was so strong that they couldn't move in any direction. They were some very happy people to set foot on dry land once more. That episode is what inspired Jerry to write the nice poem for Chatter.

Have you purchased your tickets yet for the Clubs big annual dinner dance that is being held August 11th at Tom Sharps. The address is 2801 W. Medlock, Phoenix. I think the dinner dance tickets are most reasonable. They are \$9.50 each. Where else can you go for a dinner and evening of entertainment for that price? Jane Ebert is chairman of this affair. Shirley Hemphill was filling in for Jane at the meeting, as she was unable to be there. I am sure that Shirley also has a lot of tickets for sale. Elenora Westfall is always a big ticket seller also.

Just a reminder that Paul Schoonover, at 21412 N. 11th Avenue, Phoenix, 85027 is still wanting your stories and news.

Have a Cool time until next month when we meet again.

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## PENASCO PRATTLE

By: Maya

Easter and Memorial day brought record crowds this year, and with it a large amount of accidents. Hospitals and the local police force were kept on a constant stand-by schedule. The sad part about these numerous accidents is the fact, that the biggest majority of them could be avoided by a little forethought and knowledge of the Mexican laws. I had a very interesting talk with Sr. Venceslaus Trujillo, Chief of Police in Puerto Penasco, in reference to the traffic problems on large weekends, as well as the usual problems the american traveler may encounter in Mexico. Basically, he explained to me, the same laws that apply to safe driving in the U.S.A. also apply to Mexico. Excessive speeding, drinking while driving, unsafe sand buggies, people riding on tops or hoods of vehicles, or standing up in cars present danger, not only to themselves but also to other drivers on the road, and will be apprehended by the police. It is also against the laws to let any Mexican national drive a car or sandbuggie registered in the USA, unless accompanied by the legal owner, and could result in the confiscation of your car and a very stiff fine. According to Mexican laws you are responsible for your car at all times, even in the case where your car is involved in an accident, but you were not in the car or driving at the time. In case of an accident all parties involved in the mishap will be held until the Policia Federal de Caminos can get to Penasco to investigate and establish who caused the accident. Another very interesting fact, that Sr.

Trujillo pointed out to me, was the fact that, in passing a scene of an accident and not stopping to help, you can be held responsible for not giving help to people in need or injured, and be prosecuted. At the scene of an accident, the first person there is responsible for taking the injured to the hospital or the nearest doctor. (No fear of lawsuits involving good samaritans in Mexico) Naturally any accident or death in a foreign country involves mountains of red tape and paperwork, not even speaking of the heartaches and sorrow involved. So, please, in driving in Mexico, be extra careful about obeying the laws and save yourself and the police a lot of trouble.

A really delightful occasion last week was the little theater presentation of Oscar Wildes "The importance of being Earnest". Under the able direction of Sr. Memo Munro the play was an interesting and new diversion for Puerto Penasco. And did you also know, that Hector Munro has, on top of his other diversified talents "star abilities"? The presentation was given for the benefit of the "Escuela Montana". This school for retarded children and children with hearing and speech problem is the special dream of a group of interested people and parents in Penasco (El Patronato de la Escuela Montana) who realize the great need for this kind of school in Rocky Point and the surrounding areas. There is absolutely no government help available, so this dream of a school depends strictly on interested people for its existence and support. American help in any form, or advice on teaching methods and management would be greatly appreciated and help a very worthy cause.



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### The Chatter

Look at the date above! That is the Canadain style, as well as that of much of western Europe. However in Scandanavia it is written 79:6 : 7, and in Mexico 7/6/79. I suppose there is some logic in each, but I prefer 7 VI 79, for today is of first consideration to most of us. But Thrus. 7 VI 79 would be even more Explicity.

Did you know that primitive man has been living in this area for more that 11,000 years? That was the closing decades of the last Iceage, and the Pluvial period in this area. The 600 sq. mile valcanic area of the Sierra Pinacate must have then been a paradise for Homo Sapiens. What with all the craters filled with water - and bass - and the sloper covered with roving bands of antelope, mountain sheep, whitetailed deer and jackrabbits of enormous dimensiona. The cottonwood-lined, trout-filled Sonoyta River ran a cool, clear, dug-out canoe-navigable stream all the way to the Golfo. Marshlands covered a large area northeast of Pinacate. The predators were mainly cougar and wolf that nature provided to keep the ungulate population in balance. Oysters, clams and turtle eggs on the Golfo shore were in abundance for the digging of the beach comber. Sweet water springs and streams were in every draw.

Then came the Arid Era (Altithermal) and with is a clear cut and prolonged hiatus in which mankind ceased to exist. Not so much for the reason that he himself could not adapt to the new conditions, but rather for the reason that the flora - upon

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which the fauna feeds, with man at the end of food chain - could not. It took thousands of years for tis coversion to desert plants, and more thousands in the searing heat for them to learn to product abundant seeds and fruites, such as mequite beans and sahauro fruit.

Thus it was in pre-Columbina times. Certainly as early as 700 A.D. and perhaps even a thousand years earlier. The entire area had been re-occupied - but with a sparse population which was much the same as when Father Kino and Manje found it (c) 1701 A.D.

The Pinacatenos were on the mountain, and the dunes to the west and south; The Arenenos were on east with the Papagos beyond; to the south were the Trincheros; to the north were the Hohokams; and to the west were the Yumans. RadioCarbontech dating is difficult in this volcanic enclave due to radiation, so dates are mere postulations. The Pinacates had little commuicaion with the surrounding tribes, other than the Yumans on the Colorado River and lower Gila. Doubtless this was due to the fact that there was - and still exist - two living waters on the connecting trail - each spaced a day's travel apart, of the three days it took for the journey. One of these can readily be seen along side the new Mexican Route 2 from Sonoyta to San Louis R.C. The numerous tinajas (water holes) on Pinacaye Mountain confined the limits of foraging and hunting for most of the year - to an enclave - which had limited carrying capacity in terms of human occupancy - certainly not more than two to three hundred inhabitants.

In a future column I promise a brief out-

line of the historical period 1701 to 1939. But before I sign off let me comment on Hoarding! Today (16 V 79) north of the Border it is gasoline! In Calif. it is reported that people having bought every container in sight - are filling their garbage cans with gas. Even Uncle Sam is filling from tankers a cavern in alabama with imported crude oil. Do you remember the sugar famine? Doctors and Lawyers were closing shop, coming to Mexico and filling their car trunks with 100 pound bags of sugar that had been subsidized-produced, price-controlled by the Mexican Government. All it took to start coffee hoarding was the news of a killing frost in Brazil! And Real Estate! For 20 years it has been the "Legal" substitute for chain-letter ripoffs, and perhaps the underlying roots of our runaway inflation.

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From Cholla and Penasco we frequently over night at Gillespie or San George Bay. The J.R. Nunns began accompanying us in 1978. We've never been much beyond the sand dunes of the west.

### Our Story

Saturday May 26th, 1979

The weather - a little unsettled but looks good. We disembark with sign out to El Gulfo as Jimmie & Jerry Nunn, Clive and I wish to see this new experience. A Yuma Radio Station gives favorable weather report for the holiday weekend. We also know that there is "some" protection at El Gulfo as my brother P.G. Burgbacher Jr. has flown over in years past. We fish for Sierra at Sand Dunes, boating a nice number, then with still fairly good weather but an afternoon breeze out of the East we cruise on to El Gulfo. By 5:00 pm the wind is picking up. We decide to beach our boats in shallow bay, one mile west of El Gulfo. Boats are high & dry 1 hr. later.

We have fish fry and go to bed.

Sunday: morning tide out wind up to 20 knots - cloudy and raining lightly. No way do we go out to sea! We sit in our boats on the sand in the bay and are entertained by young motor cyclests speeding all around us on the sand. At "day" high tide we anchor boats high in bay to afford maximum protection--when waters begin to recede we move 1/2 way down bay to afford maximum protection at 1/2 tides. Also this allows us to get out to sea at 1/2 tide. The day passes as we sit on the sand -- at Sunday night cocktail hour Jim Nunn steps on a Sting Ray, Whew! What Pain! We doctor it with peroxide and pain killers from M.D. kit. We also have a supply of antibiotics. Clive and I go up the hill to see if a Dr. is in area, no Dr. We do meet a nice american of mexican descent; Bob Martinez. He knows the local equivalent of Green Hornet trouble shooter Rey Perez. (He always monitors channel #5 on C.B. day and night) Rey advises us all's O.K., Jim's pain subsides in 4 hours --- he was lucky. Please note, Sr. Perez is the good samaritan of El Gulfo and it's his job to take care of all kinds of problems. The wind is up to 30 knots -- we hit the sacks!

Monday - Memorial Day: The wind is at very high velocity! Perhaps 50 m.p.h. We sit tight in boats dry docked in sand. Whew, can it Blow! Looking out to sea with extreme currents and wind the sea looks like HELL'S OCEAN! We are prepared with food and water for 2 weeks if need be! If we have to sit, we sit. The wind has to be 50 m/p/h/. Our heavy anchor ropes really stretched out at high tide and high winds. Monday noon was our return time - No way could we go! Clive and I set out with our

new friends to find a marine radio to call Betty. We sent our message to Penasco Via the Shrimp Fleet's Co-op radio that we were safe and would return when the wind quit.. Clive sent our water ski boats registration number--not the Sun Worshipers number! Lovely Betty figured that one out and knew it was us. Thanks Betty! Also 1 Gulfo's shrimp headquarters marine radio did not have Cholla Bay's frequency. That's why they called Penasco who then called Betty. A little confusing eh? At 8:00pm the wind dropped but there were still some heavy gusts. Because of this we did not want to go out at 3:00am high tide because of possible surge, we slept soundly til sun-up.

Tuesday: One day over due. Beautiful day lightbreeze -- seas calming -- no water under boats! We sit! Incoming tide will reach our boats at 1:30 pm. All tourists gone and kinda lonely - just us. The tide lifts us at 2:00 pm and we churn our way to open water and head to Cholla. We use caution thou because of still heavy swells. The wind is light and out of S.E., but still some gusts. It takes 4 hours (56 miles) to Cholla. We make contact with Cholla Bay 10 miles out from west side of Adair Bay. We arrive at Cholla at 6:00pm. Our launchers make boats out and to motor homes at old generator. The high light of the trip is meeting Don Barber who has stayed over with search and rescue - plans if we hadn't returned. It makes one feel good to know there's an efficient Search & Rescue Team at Cholla Bay.

We have dinner and trade stories about the sea of Cortez.. Nice guy! Don Barber!

Boaters please note there is always risk and danger on the Gulf. Understanding and patience are the keys. We must at all times have enormous respect for the ocean.

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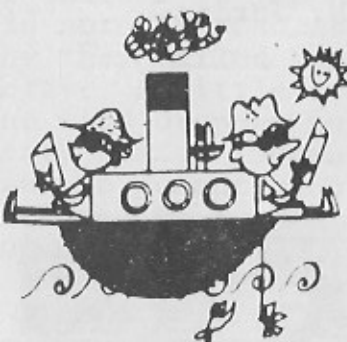
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HAPPENINGS AT PELICAN POINT  
IN CHOLLA BAY

By: Marie MacGill

What! no gas, were the words that echoed through Cholla Bay and Puerto Panesco the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, and the first day of the fishing derby. It didn't seem to keep the fisherman from trying for the Jack Pot prize of Derby Days, however the sound of the roaring dune buggies was almost silent, but after dark they were off and running again after gasoline was brought in.

The weather was beautiful and a perfect day for everything but fishing on Saturday the 26th of May, but it still didn't keep some of the pros out of the water. It was also reported that several Sail Fish were seen that weekend.

By the way, if you heard about the hoards of flies that were at the Bay, in Rocky Point and miles out to Sea at Easter time, or perhaps you were there and got chewed up a bit by them, there was a reason, so I have heard, I understand that the government dropped sterile flies to rid the place of Blow Flies. I am inclined to believe that is correct, as there doesn't seem to be very many around any more.

It seems that spring time is dog bite time. I was told that a lady at Cholla Bay was attacked by several dogs and was chewed up so badly that she was taken to the hospital in town. After this happened I understand the police went through Cholla

shooting most all dogs that they could find. Then on Friday night of May 25th about 7:30 pm, a nasty pooch ran up behind Allie Bays and nipped him on the calf of his leg. The police was called in, but I don't know what they did about it. Luckily for Mr. Bays he is doing fine with no adverse condition. Looks as though if this continues the police will need to make the rounds again, so keep your guard up if you are strolling, or just don't go period.

The Allums, Clarence and Bea have been keeping the HONEY BEA busy going out to the reefs. They went to Cholla Bay on May 17th and returned on May 31st. Roy Ong, owner of The CHINA DOLL Restaurant at Osborn and 14th Avenue in Phoenix and his manager, Esther Ong have also been helping out in the fun. Eldon and Jewell Travis with their boat THE DRIFTER were fishing with them. Also Don and Betty Hoffman and Darrell and Carol Back and Allie Bays was along fishing also. Sorry that wife, Helen didn't go. She doesn't know what she missed. Bea is always showing off her fishing skills, and this time she brought in a 95 lb pounder, while hubby, Clarence tagged along with a 75 pound Grouper. Carol caught a 45 pounder, and Darrell a 35 pound, I think, grouper. I didn't know how lucky the Hoffmans were.

The Allums were so proud of Bea's fish that they invited a lot of their fishing friends and wives to join them for lunch at the China Doll. Roy and Esther were excellent hosts. The Chef at the China Doll, Park Tsang is fabulous at preparing fish in many ways: or in fact just anything that is eatable. We all stuffed ourselves until we were miserable. Thank you so much

Clarence and Bea and Roy and Esther. Its great to have such hospital people in the Cholla Bay Sportsmens Club. While I am thinking of them, I want to tell you about their Fried noodles. We brought a bag of them home with us, they are so good in soups and salads. They are available at the China Doll.

Art Power and Marvin Sorensen stopped by our place at the Bay on Friday the 25th of May, looking for our next door neighbor Bill Dunn. Mr. Power has a place at the Bay and wanted to say hello to Mr. Dunn whom he hadn't seen for many years.

Walda and Frank Peterson were at the point with their wall to wall guests for memorial day. Zulma Olivier was at her cottage for the holidays. Had a nice visit with Bob and Thelms Lounsbury while there. Mr. and Mrs. Carontu were very busy around their place. Al and Linda Owens came for the holiday to do some work on their place and Al did a little fishing. Rob and Linda Krewson were busy helping their son David celebrate his 18th birthday at their cottage on the point.

George and Olive Bluell have left for the summer. Virgie Burel has also left for the summer. Homer and Florence Smith will be leaving for their summer home soon. Pauline Murphy went to Phoenix at Memorial time and brought back grand-daughters Kimberly Hamlin and Kathleen and Kellie Murphy. She plans on keeping them until July when she goes to visit daughter, Judy Burris in Texarkana.

I received a card from Munchen Germany from Maggie and Eldon Annis, They said they were having a great time in the rain

and snow on May 3rd, and to give their best regards to all.

One May 24th Don and Cora Burwell entertained friends and neighbors with a big delicious Mexican dinner. Their guests included Betty Munro, Ruth Boll, Oscar Newman, Don and Lee Cashion, Butch and Ethel Heldt, Ed and Marty Perlmutter, Vi Schmerfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, John and Gladys Hopkins, Florence and Homer Smith, Jane Hunsiker and another couple whose name I didn't get. Sorry about that.

I was informed that Cal and Fran Taylor have sold their home at the Bay. We will all miss them.

Mr. Bo Odel who purchased Mel Jarvis boat and cottage at the bay stopped by our place a few days ago to say hello. We were going to Buddy boat out together, but the wind had other plans. Lou and Mary Parker finally have their boat ready to launch again, but on Saturday May 27th when they were ready there was no gas to put in it. Better luck next time. Wimphy and Jayne Josawiak finally finished remodeling on their lovely cabin and put FIRST TIME in the water for some fishing on May 26th. Now they will spend more time with their friends.

Our sympathy goes out to Eldon and Jewell Travis over the death of Jewell's mother.

I will have to take back the part of the flies being gone from the Bay. Don and Verlene Barber returned from there on June 10th and Verlene said they were bad again. I would say the government must have had to make a second drop.

Don't you think it is going to be real nice having twenty four hour police protection at Cholla Bay? It makes me feel real good seeing them patrol all of the neighborhoods.

See you at the Bay.

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News from the Launching Ramp  
Betty Munro

Fantastic is now a household word and as the ads say will do anything and everything. However, it is the only word that comes to mind to describe the spirit and drive behind the derby chairman, Pete Scott and his vivacious assistant, Verlene Barber. They launched the 1979 derby off on one "fantastic" start. Their enthusiasam has rubbed off on all who have come in contact with them. Even a little wind didn't slow us down too much. One hundred and sixty boats were active for the opening of the derby and if the wind hadn't made its threats we would have had many, many more. At least we know we have more weekends ahead of us so we all still have good chances to walk off with the prizes. Every place you look in the bay you see Mexican and Americans both wearing new T - Shirts with the famous Pelican emblem for the Cholla Bay Sportsmens Club and commmerating the 24th annual fish derby for the Club. Pete really hit up a jackpot idea with these shirts and we hope everybody will be wearing one by Sept. 2nd.

So far the biggest fish turned in for the derby was a 65 lb grouper caught by Manuel Arviso on Ed Miller's Barbara M. Harley Guinn from cottonwood is running a very close second with a 63 lber caught aboard his River Witch. It is going to be a very interesting derby so you better get with it. The sailfish have been spotted and the outriggers are up on several boats. May the best man or woman win.

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Last month we wrote about the outstanding catch made by John Hornick and Ernie Theroux on board the Mona Lisa. The following week after this catch John Hornick came back to the bay, went out again on the Mona Lisa and caught the granddaddy of them all...a 370 lb black sea bass. It weighed in 2 lbs short of the champion caught by Herman Palacio a few years back while fishing on the Manana Maybe. John's may have even been larger but when they were holding up the tail to get all the weight suspended the scales broke so the official weight went down as 370 lb.

The Slettelos brought their guest, Cecil and Shelia Hamick, for their first trip to Choya. Fred said they had a great day loading up the decks of his White Pelican with trigger, sea trout and rock bass.

Newcomers to the Bay and the Club are the Hendry Family from Buckeye. They really did a lot on their first trip: 1st they made a good beginning by joining the club..2nd they towed in a troubled boat.. and last but not least they cought fish. Twelve year old Quentin was the champ and supplied the family with dinner when he caught trigger and mackeral.

Sandy and Rose Sanders also had first time guest this weekend, Joe and Rohda Tighe from Wickenburg. They were all enjoying a day's fishing aboard the Rosa when Rohdo hooked a pinto. Just as she got the fish to the surface it came off the hook. It wasn't but a minute or two and Sandy had a bite. When he brought it in it still had the other half of Rohda's bait fish in his mouth..That's right..same pinto.

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I overheard a pelican ask a sea gull, "Did you see that proud peacock strutting around Choya Bay?". The sea gull answered, "That wasn't a peacock you saw. That was Jim Swainston right after he came off his 7 J's and weighed in his catch..a 65 lb grouper." He just puffed up and strutted all over the bay.

Ed and Barbra Miller had their mother with them and took her deep sea fishing for the first time in her 82 years. How beautiful!

Power Squadron minded Bill Friedhoff picked up and towed to shore a huge piece of wood drifting in the water. Jesus Arviso, launcher #9 met him at the water's edge and pulled it to shore. Good people make safer boating for all concerned.

The weekend of the 19th we went from sunsuits to jackets within as hours time. A real cold spell took over for a couple days. Wish we could have bottled it up and opened it say around the 2nd of Sept. during the fish fry.

Dick Hoffman took the Pryors, Tom, Joanie and Brian to his favorite fishing hole on his Mindy Sue. Joanie and 9 year old Brian stole the show and got all the big ones. Brian caught a 20 lb grouper while Joanie caught a grouper and two pinto Ken Butts bragged about landing the biggest fish he has ever seen. All in all they had a fun day.

Did you hear about that Sneaky Snake from Tucson who Caught a 3 lb sea trout off the rocks the opening day of the derby ..and didn't have a derby ticket..And he is

a personal friend of the derby chairman.. shame, shame..you'll never live that one down.

How com Dick Harmon took a plunge off the Dotti H? Could it have had anything to do with the plug??

Hats off to Betty Horten who is about 30 lbs lighter. She looks like my opening word..fantastic.



Manuel Arviso proud of weighing his 65 lb. Grouper. The largest fish caught the first weekend of the derby.

Our front cover was gracesously submitted by Noel Jordan.

The Cormorant

By Mary Fran Taylor

One of the regulars at Cholla Bay is the Double-Crested Cormorant. He is a web-footed bird, dark in color with a slender hook-tipped bill. He swims low in the water with the neck erect and the bill pointed upward. He dives from the surface and swims underwater.

The Double-Crested can be identified from other Cormorants by the orange throat patch. The crest is seldom visible, but could be seen as a knob on the top of the head. The immature is white on the breast and dark on the belly.

They migrate in V-formation and are usually silent. They are most often seen perched with wings half open to dry.

Several summers ago when two trawlers were being overhauled in the tide flats a bird was seen every day perched on the trawlers--wings half spread. I see them often in the same position on the rocks below the cabin.

We may also see in our area Brandt's Cormorant--a similar short-tailed bird but with a blue throat patched edged in buff. It ranges from Canada to the tip of Baja, breeding locally on the islands off the west coast and in the Gulf of California.

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## 1979 DERBY RULES

1. Each contestant participating in the derby must have a valid derby ticket and a valid Mexican fishing license before starting to fish. All boats must have a valid boat permit and must fill out a launch slip prior to entering the water. Fish must be caught with hook and line.
2. Classes of fish eligible for prizes:
  - a. Grouper
  - b. Pinto
  - c. Black Sea Bass
  - d. Sea Trout
  - e. Pampano
  - f. Mackerel
  - g. Dolphin
  - h. Red Snapper
  - i. Pargo
  - j. Skipjack
  - k. Flounder
  - l. Cochi
  - m. Sardinero
  - n. Leatherfish
  - o. Sailfish (see note)
3. Judging and prizes:
  - a. Judging of fish for prizes shall be done by judges appointed by the derby chairman, with equal representation from each chapter.
  - b. Fish will be judged according to weight (except sailfish - see note).
  - c. There will be a grand prize winner for men, women, and juniors 15 years of age or under. Fish taking a grand prize trophy will not be eligible for any other cash prizes; additional prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place, adult class; and first, second and third place, junior class, in each category of fish (except sailfish - see note).
  - d. Prizes will consist of cash and trophies.
  - e. NOTE:
    - (1) In the interest of sportsmanship and to prevent unnecessary waste, the following special rules apply to sailfish:
      - (2) Awards will be presented for the first sailfish registered only, regardless of weight, for each division, men, women and juniors 15 years or under. Sailfish will not be eligible for grand prize trophy.
      - (3) In addition a special "Sportsmans Trophy" will be awarded to the person catching and releasing the most sailfish. The sailfish must be brought to the boat and released at the leader. This must be witnessed and verified by at least two (2) persons. Since this is an honor system type of judgement, we trust everybody will act in the best interest of true sportsmanship.

4. Registration and weighing of catches: The scales will be open for weighing from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. each day of the derby, except Sunday, September 2, scales will close promptly at 5:00 P.M. Derby days are as follows - May 26, 27 and 28; June 16 and 17; July 21 and 22; September 1 and 2.

### 5. Derby tickets:

a. A derby ticket entitles the purchaser to fish all nine days of the derby may be purchased prior to or during the derby for the sum of \$10.00 per adult or \$5.00 per junior. Daily derby tickets may be purchased on the day you wish to fish only for the sum of \$2.50 per adult or \$1.50 per junior.

b. In either case, a valid derby ticket must be in your possession before you start to fish.

6. Jackpot tickets: Jackpot tickets will be sold prior to and during the derby and will be available to anyone wishing to purchase them. It is not necessary to participate in the derby in order to buy a jackpot ticket. Cash will be awarded to winning jackpot ticket holders. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Awards Ceremony. Several drawings will be made, depending on the size of the pot. Winners need not be present.

### 7. Fish fry and awards:

a. Our annual fish fry will begin at 6:00 P.M. on the last day of the derby, September 2, 1979.

b. The awards ceremony and jackpot drawings will immediately follow the fish fry.

c. Our fish fry and awards ceremony is for all to enjoy!! Everybody is welcome!

The council will be publishing a book that will be pocket size. This book will contain names, CB handles, and boat names. This will be strictly voluntary. If you would like yours entered, please submit the information to your chapter secretary.

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