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79-lbs. grouper wins for Guinns

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By C.E. CRUM
Sports Editor

CHOLLA BAY, Mexico — Doris Guinn, a resident of Cottonwood for most of her life, won the Cholla Bay Sportsman Club Fishing Derby women's trophy for catching a 79½ pound grouper Saturday, May 22.

The 25th annual Derby ran for two consecutive weekends, May 22-23, and May 29-30, although the winning fish were caught on the first weekend.

The grouper was caught 22 miles out from Cholla Bay, which lies on the Baja Peninsula in Mexico.

Her's was the largest grouper caught in five years, Guinn said, but the next day another contestant caught one that weighed in at 82 pounds, to win the men's and the overall winner trophy.

Guinn is an avid deep-sea fisherman. "Our boat doesn't leave the dock without me," she said. Two years ago it didn't, and she won the women's trophy in 1980 with a 38-pound grouper.

"That was just a little baby one," Guinn said.

The fishing had dropped off the last few years, Guinn said, but seems to be picking up again in that area.

Guinn's husband, Harley, caught a 59-pounder during the contest, which was also one of the bigger groupers to be caught in recent years. Several years ago, he caught a 327-pound black sea bass in the same area, although not on a contest weekend.

Groupers are tough fish to pull out of the water, Guinn said. They are bottom feeders, usually found from 85 to 180 feet down, and since they're too large to be reeled in with con-

ventional tackle, they have to be "hand-lined" up.

Guinn was using a deep sea rod, and a 9.0 reel with 300-pound test line. "You feel a quick jerk," she said, "and you have to head them up as fast as you can. Otherwise they'll sound and swim in among the reefs. If they do that, the only thing you can do is cut your line."

With her husband on hand to help land the fish, Guinn said it didn't take more than 10 to 15 minutes to bring it up.

The Guinns are members of the Cholla Bay Club, and often fish that area on the Baja. She has many stories about what can happen on expeditions of this nature.

"I remember one time we were there, and some guy was out past dark," she said. "You are supposed to sign in and out so if you're late getting back you'll be missed and looked for.

"Anyway, this guy went out with no buddy boat, and somehow his batteries went dead, so he couldn't start his engines. The wind came up, and the fog rolled in, and he was really in a dangerous situation. He finally found a flashlight to signal with, until the batteries in the flashlight went dead. Then the battery that powered his radio went, too. They finally found him around 3 or 3:30 in the morning.

"The search and rescue team down there has got to be one of the finest in the country," Quinn said.

Other experiences include encounters with dolphins, whales, and once a member of their party caught a manta ray. "We tried to get it into the boat," Guinn said, "but the thing was so big there was just no way."



GIANT GROUPER — Doris Guinns won the Women's Champion trophy by catching this 79½-pound grouper during the first weekend of the Colla Bay Sportsman Club Derby, held May 22-23, and May 27-28. Guinns, a native of Cottonwood, also won first prize two years ago in the contest.



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Our June meeting was a good one. All you members that are not in beautiful Cholla Bay should come to the Moose the first Wednesday of the month and enjoy a steak dinner for \$4.50, plus the air conditioned meeting room.

Our Fishing Derby and Fish Fry was a huge success. Joan Dernberger sold 19 Big Ten cards also. Over 1375 plates of food were served. We would like to extend a big thank you to Manuel Vasquez of Vasquez Liquor Store for supplying free drinks for the Fish Fry. The Reids would like to give a special thanks to everyone that helped out at the Fish Fry, especially Martha, who cut up the cole slaw and cut bread AND the whole crew of the WAHOO, who caught the fish for the Fish Fry and all the people from both Tucson and Phoenix chapters, for without your participation, it would not have been the fastastic success that it was.

Speaking of happenings at Cholla Bay. I'd like to report that someone stole little Billy Drake's ATC from his yard while they were working at the Fish Fry. If anyone happens to see it, call the Police or Bill Drake at 886-6500 in Tucson. It was a custom ATC 110, frame No. 2013614, engine No. 2014173. It has probably been stripped down and sold by now, but just in case, please keep an eye out for it. Maybe everyone should start locking up those sandrails and ATCs - at least then they will have to work a little before they steal them.

We have a new member in our Chapter, Larry Carillo. We would like to welcome you to the Club, Larry.

Dr. Heim showed us a beautiful film of the Sea of Cortez. It was a recent one that Debbie Reid got from the Mexican Council. Thanks for the film - it was very enjoyable except for too many girls in what they call bikinis. They needed more men in the film, Doc!

Door prizes were won by Lee Reid - a set of mugs, Mildred Heim - a Cholla Bay Club jacket, and our new member, Larry Carrillo - a floating key chain. That was nice of Dr. Heim to give up getting the Booby prize to a new member.

Our Sailfish Derby will be held the last weekend in August and Labor Day weekend. Hope to see you there.

Until next month. Be good to yourself - visit Cholla Bay.

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By Marie MacGill

The June 9th meeting was short and sweet. Vice President, Jack Ebert was acting president in Dave Conners absence. Secretary, Mary Reinert was there, as was Treasurer, Fran Johnson. Jim and Elnora Westfall of Ship's Store were not there to bring the door prizes, but we didn't mind, except that we missed the Westfalls. Hilda Erkert of Sick Bay left her book at home, so therefore we don't know who is or was ill. Wanda Lee, of Membership, said that a lot of people had fallen behind with their dues. Please pay and hurry back. We need you. We did not have a movie or entertainment, but don't get me wrong, we still had a nice meeting and a good time.

A new member, Will Smith, John and Marilyn Robson that has Taco Bell Boat, and Mildred and Lloyd Clark of Cabin #324 were with us. Thank you so much for coming. We enjoyed having you. It was a delightful surprise when Ed and Marty Perlmutter walked in. It is so very seldom that they can get to the meetings while living at Cholla Bay. Everyone was reminded not to forget the dance at The Western Saddle Club on September 11th, and the picnic at Squaw Peak on October 9th.

The question was brought up about the terrible roads from the railroad tracks to Cholla Bay. It was said that too many people are getting stuck in the sand and giving to have their boats and vehicles pulled out. Surely there must be a better way!

Joe and Roma Blunk reported that the Fish Fry was a big success. A big hand goes to all of the people that worked so diligently to make it so enjoyable. That is what happens when Pete Scott is in command.

At the conclusion of our meeting, members were gathering together for a refreshing drink, fun and laughter. I'm sure a good time was had by all. Hope you will be there next time.

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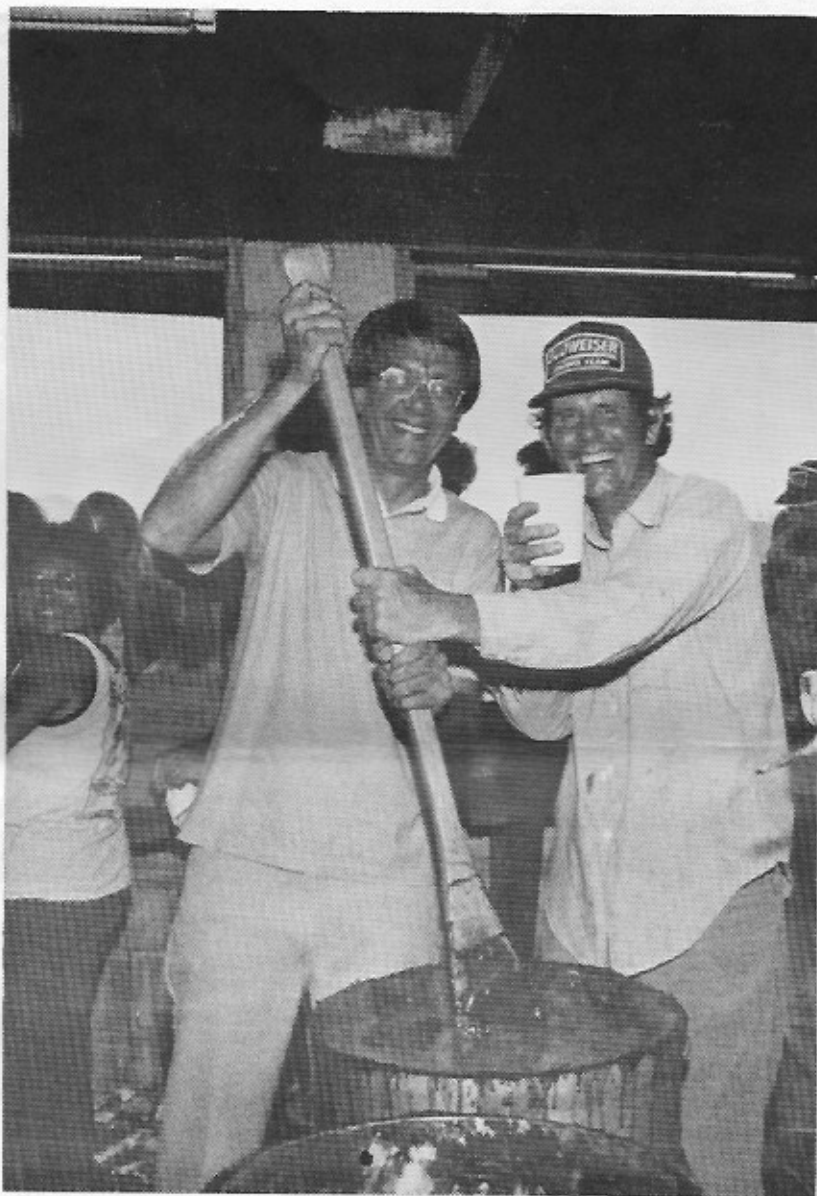
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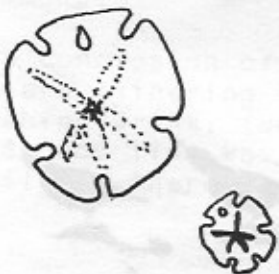
The Tucson Chapter hard at rest after completing a fantastic meal for all to enjoy.

OR

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HAPPENINGS AT PELICAN POINT
By Marie MacGill

Derby days brought forth much fun and laughter with cocktail and dinner parties. An open house was given by Nub and Stevie Moore of cabin #450 on the point. Everyone on the point came to welcome them and to enjoy their delicious drinks and goodies.

Also on Saturday night of the 29th of May, Joe and Mary Reinert of cabin #91 were hosts for a big fish fry with various other food that different people brought. Pete Peterson and wife, Shirley and their two daughters, Lee and Kay were there. Joe and Roma Blunk, with their grand-daughter, Punkin, they call her, who has grown to be quite a young lady was there. Will and Betty Williams, Ed and Marty Perlmutter, also another charming couple came, so did Bill MacGill and yours truly. Forgive me if I left someone out.

During Derby week some of the ladies decided to stay at the bay while their hubbies went back home. They were Mary Reinert, Evelyn Lozser, Doris Davis, Shirley Peterson, Betty Williams, Jo Barnes and others. There were card games, story telling, shell hunting, lots of walking and dieting. I know Shirley said that she lost three pounds, but the rest didn't tell.

Governor Bruce Babbitt, his lovely wife Hattie, and their sons, Chris and T.J. honored us with their presence at the bay Memorial Day weekend. Sunday morning they were fishing guests of Jimmy and Jerry Nunn in their boat for a very relaxing time. The boys, Chris and T.J. especially enjoyed the fishing.

Memorial day afternoon, Ray and Shirley Hemphill were hosts at their cabin for a cocktail party in honor of Governor Babbitt and Mexican officials, Sr. Rios and Sr. Limon. Governor Babbitt attended with Mr. and Mrs. Clive Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. James Numm and Mr. and Mrs. Al Gibbons. The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's

HAPPENINGS AT PELICAN POINT (Cont.)

President, Dave Conners and wife, Teresa, Council Chairman Pete Scott, and council members came. Radio Shack operator, Augustine and his son, Luis Alejandro and a very charming little lady that brought a beautiful bouquet of flowers for Governor Babbitt attended along with various others.

When the lines had formed and people were waiting to be served, Governor Babbitt came to the fish fry to say hello. After we had all eaten to overflowing and all the food had been devoured, Sr. Rios and Sr. Limon made speeches welcoming all the fishermen to Mexico. There were too many trophies and awards to mention in this article.

I must say that it was very heart warming to see George Rodgers receive the AL SCOTT award for his outstanding good deeds and warm kindness to everyone. If anyone ever deserved it, George did. We truly thank you- George for giving so much of yourself. God Bless you! Also, much deserved trophies were won by Paul Edge (Rojo) and Wally Schmerfeld for all of their kind deeds to and for people at the bay. We all love you for it and THANK YOU.

And last, but not least, we must truly say that our dear friends of VASQUEZ LIQUORS were there working their hearts out to keep our spirits high and to make us happy with those delicious cocktails and sodas. BENNY and MARIA MENDOZA of VASQUEZ LIQUORS were awarded a beautiful trophy to show them how much we care and how much we thank them for their kindness and generosity.

And, also, but not least, there aren't enough THANK YOUS to tell PETE SCOTT what a fine job he did on the Fish Fry. And to tell him how delicious the food was and to say thanks to all of the workers that helped to make it a success THANK YOU PETE.

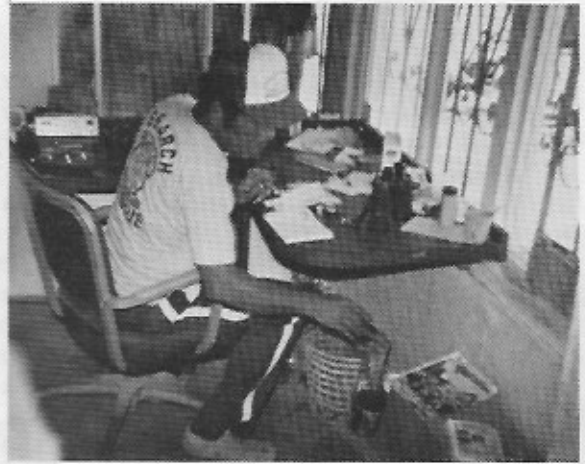
Until next time, have a happy day.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joe and Mary Reinert who celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on June 22nd. May you both continue to enjoy each other for the next 36 years.

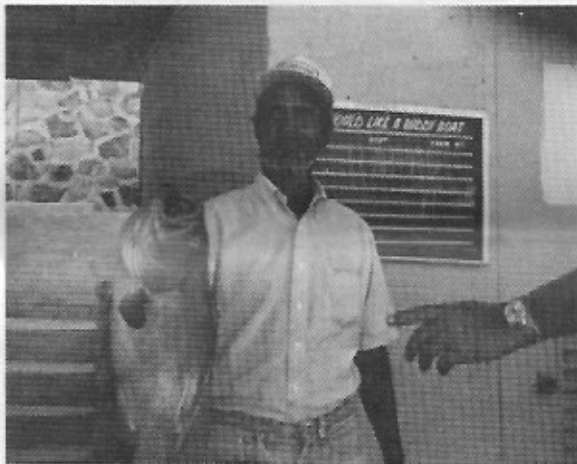
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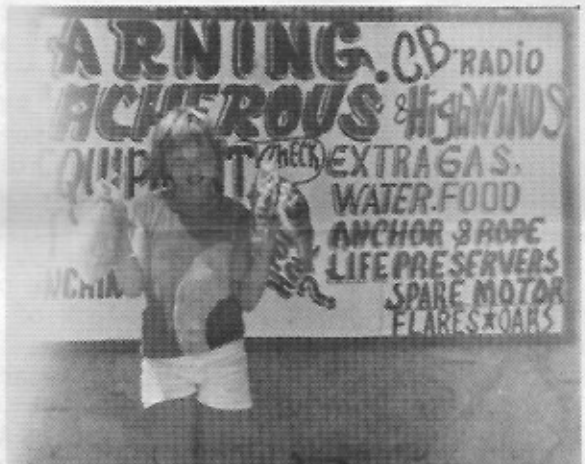
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NANCY LAPOINTE, our Chatter Editor and Council Secretary, has added a new talent to her list. She's an artist. As shown above, an original finger paint Derby shirt done with fish batter. On her left, is her model, Jerry Provost of Phoenix.

Bucky, who happens to be a very smart guy, had brought along a 12-volt light system which he runs off his buggy battery. This was one modern convenience we really enjoyed since we were really "roughing it". After a delicious steak dinner cooked over a roaring camp fire, we all surprised Ed with a surprise birthday party. Glenda had made a cherry cheesecake and we sang "Happy Birthday Eduardo" to him as he blew out, or tried to blow out his giant sparkler. It was a fun night and a little tired out from the days excursion, we decided it was time to hit the hay, or sand actually. Earlier that evening, Marty had made beds for herself and Ed on chaise lounge chairs. As the rest of us were slowly drifting off to sleep, we heard Marty giving Ed instructions on how to get gracefully into his bed. Ed said "Okay Marty. I know how to do it. For Christ's sake. Leave me alone." The next sound we heard was the chaise lounge chair breaking and crashing to the ground as Ed gracefully jumped into bed.

We all awoke, not so bright but early, the next morning. The air was clean and crisp and after a few pots of hot coffee and a big breakfast we saw what a beautiful morning it was in the bay. We soon loaded the buggies and drove back down the beach for the trip home. About 15 miles down the beach, the tide had come in and we found we could not get across at all. We turned around, going back to the ponga village and asked a fisherman if there was another road to the salt mines. He told us to drive up the sand hill to the right of us and it would lead to a road that would take us there. The road was very sandy and hard on the buggies but it did seem to lead in the right direction. Along the way, we came upon a huge caterpillar tractor which looked like it had been there for years. This is when we began wondering if the fisherman had ever been on this road before. Well, he was right. The road eventually led us back to the salt mines. By the way, we picked up a 10 pound block of salt off the road as a souvenir, which is now on display at Bock's cabin if you have any desire to see a 10 pound block of salt.

It was around lunchtime when we arrived at the mines, so we casually swung back over to the beach for some hot dogs and other goodies. The shelling on this particular beach was fantastic. Afterwards, we went a little crazy and raced around the double dunes. The view from the top of them is quite spectacular and the dunes themselves are also a pure and beautiful site.

Well, it was time to move on, so we did. Back on the road we came across an old man, his old dog and his old broken down 55 chevy pickup truck. He had been out rabbit hunting when his truck just went kaput. The guys, with all their knowledge of motors, had the truck running in no time at all. The old man was very grateful indeed. We had been running low on gas so we thought this was a good time to ask the old man for a favor. "No problema." he said. "Wait for me at the railroad station and I'll help you out." He was a kind, friendly old man. When we got to the railroad station, he told us he had lived at the railroad station almost all his life and was very happy. We said goodbye and told him we might be back someday to visit.

We were on our way back to Cholla now. It was a quick trip to the 1st railroad station with only a few drinks and popcorn stops. We stopped at black mountain for one last drink as the sun began to disappear into the dark of the ocean. Glenda said "Boy, I sure had a great weekend, but I'm a little tired of having so much fun." We all agreed. This was one trip which would always be memorable, but now it was time to go home to Cholla Bay.

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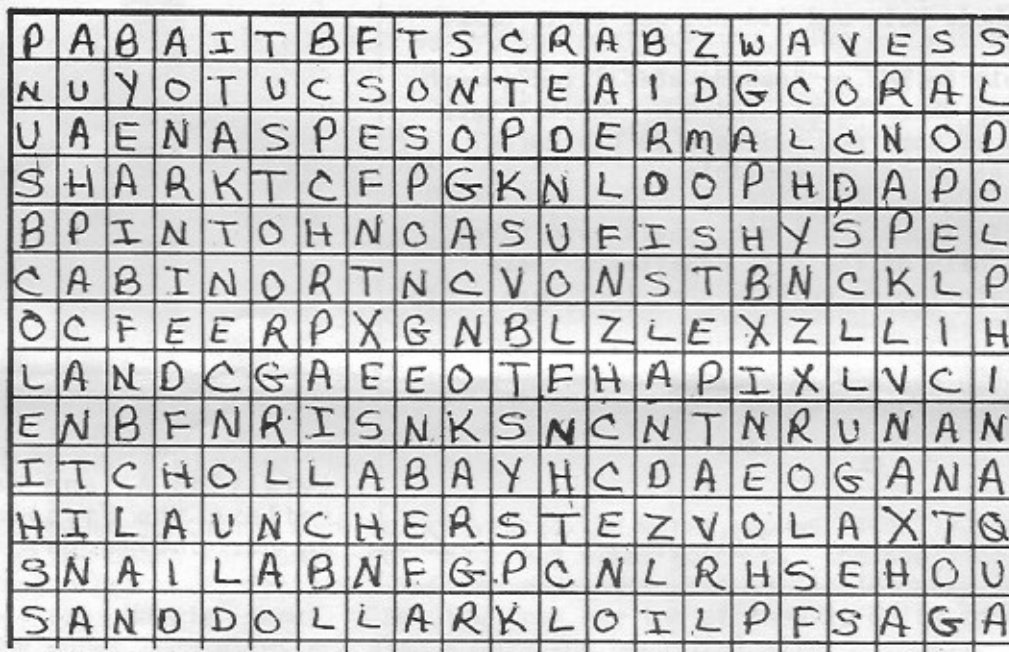
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27th ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

By Betty Munro

It was May 22nd, opening day of the 27th annual Fishing Derby held by the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club. Approximately fifteen boats were scattered over the 22 mile reef. Everything was running according to schedule except for the water and it was kicking up swells three to four feet high. You could hear the slich slouch of the boats as the swells made their anchor ropes taunt and put the anchors to a test. Occasionally you heard the pop of a cervaza can giving in to the hands of an eager early morning drinker. About 8:15 a.m., from the decks of HARLEY GUINN'S boat the RIVER WITCH came a war hoop that would make any Indian take a back seat. The source of this cry was the usually sedate DORIS GUINN. Capt. HARLEY and his guest crew GLEN & DORIS DAVIS snapped to attention. Fast thinking GLEN jumped off his seat to assist DORIS, who by now had that, "I've got a whopper on my line," look on her face as she bent in half over the side of the boat. GLEN moved but his swim trunks didn't. They were caught on the seat GLEN jumped out of. Have you ever seen "a streaker" in 22 mile reef? Yep - GLEN DAVIS "mooned" every boat around him before he got command of the situation and lend a helping hand to struggling DORIS. Whatever the price of pride paid off, as DORIS brought to the surface a 79½ pound grouper. GLEN was ready with the gaff and helped to flog the giant on the decks. That 79½ pounder won DORIS top honors for the biggest fish brought in by a woman. We all thought DORIS had the whole derby sewed up including the GLEN DAVIS \$100 pool. For those of you who haven't heard about this pool, it all began four years ago when GLEN got the idea and talked a small group of guys into uppting up \$100 wach to enter their boats in the contest. The boat bringing in the largest fish during the derby won one-half the pool money and the other half was donated to the CBSC to purchase special equipment for the betterment of the radio-search and rescue operations. One year they bought the solar panels to generate power to keep the radio batteries charged. Last year's money was turned over for a new directional finder for the CB radio in the radio room. Almost

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every boat now has a CB aboard and if a person gets in trouble on the water and can transmit a radio signal, the home base radio operator can pick up their signal and pin point their compass heading out of Choya. GLEN says this year's money, \$1000, is going towards beautifying the launch area and make it more enjoyable for the spectators and more eye appealing. Watch for some interesting changes. GLEN also said his is open for good, concrete suggestions. If you have one, get in touch with him.

May 23rd, second day of the derby.... Word had passed throughtout the bay that the big one had been caught on the 22 mile reef, so the second morning there was a mad exodus to that reef. As PAT PATTERSON siad when approaching in his BORRACHO GRANDE, "It looks like a floating city." To mention a few of its residents; MARY LEE, CONCHITA, TOOTH FAIRY, BANANA BOAT, SWAMP FROG, MARLIN I, WAHOO, MUDDOBBER, of course, RIVER WITCH, and several others.

DENNIS HENDERSON, DICK HOFFMAN and a couple buddies were drift fishing on the WAHOO when all four of them got a hit. It wasn't long before DENNIS managed to land a 82 pound grouper which won him the champion 1982 derby prize from the CBSC and \$1,000. cash from the GLEN DAVIS pool.

The following weekend, second weekend of the derby brought in more ish, but none to top DENNIS' 82 pounder nor DORIS' 79½ pounder.

Once again, a great derby goes down in the history of the Cholla Bay Sportsmens Club. PETE SCOTT and his helpers deserve a round of applause for the operation and management of this one.

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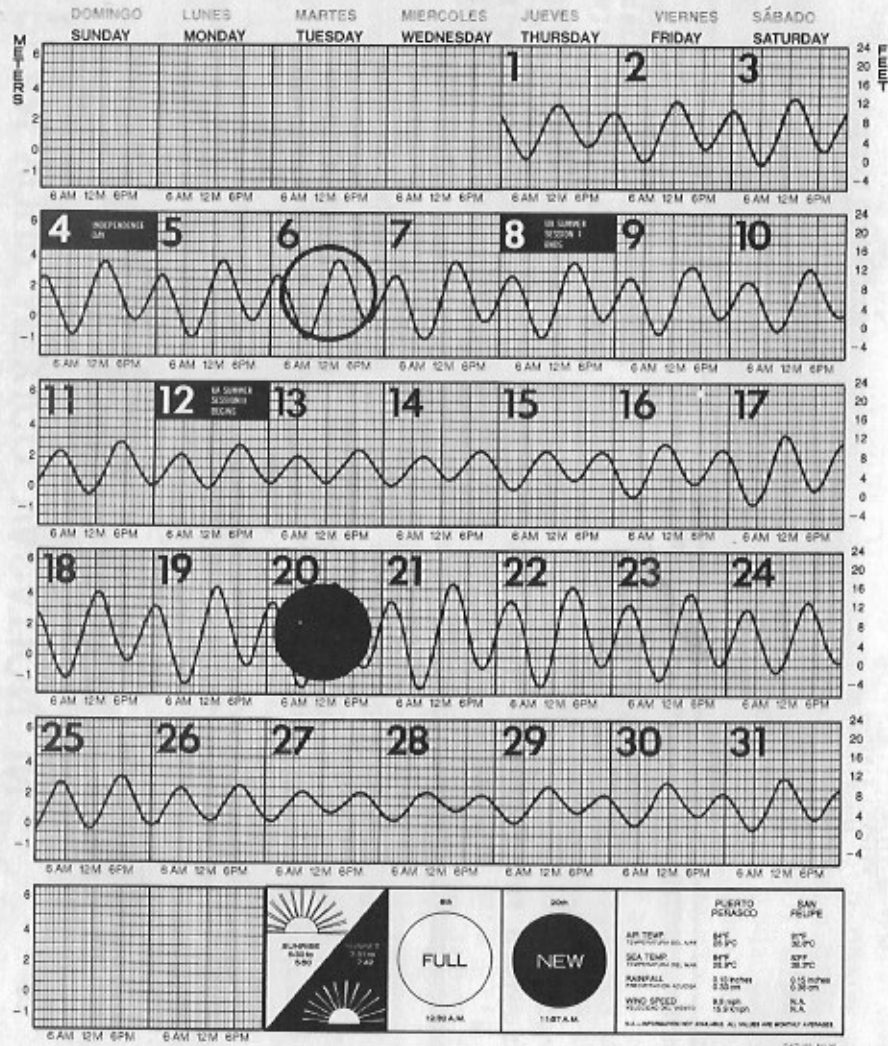
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