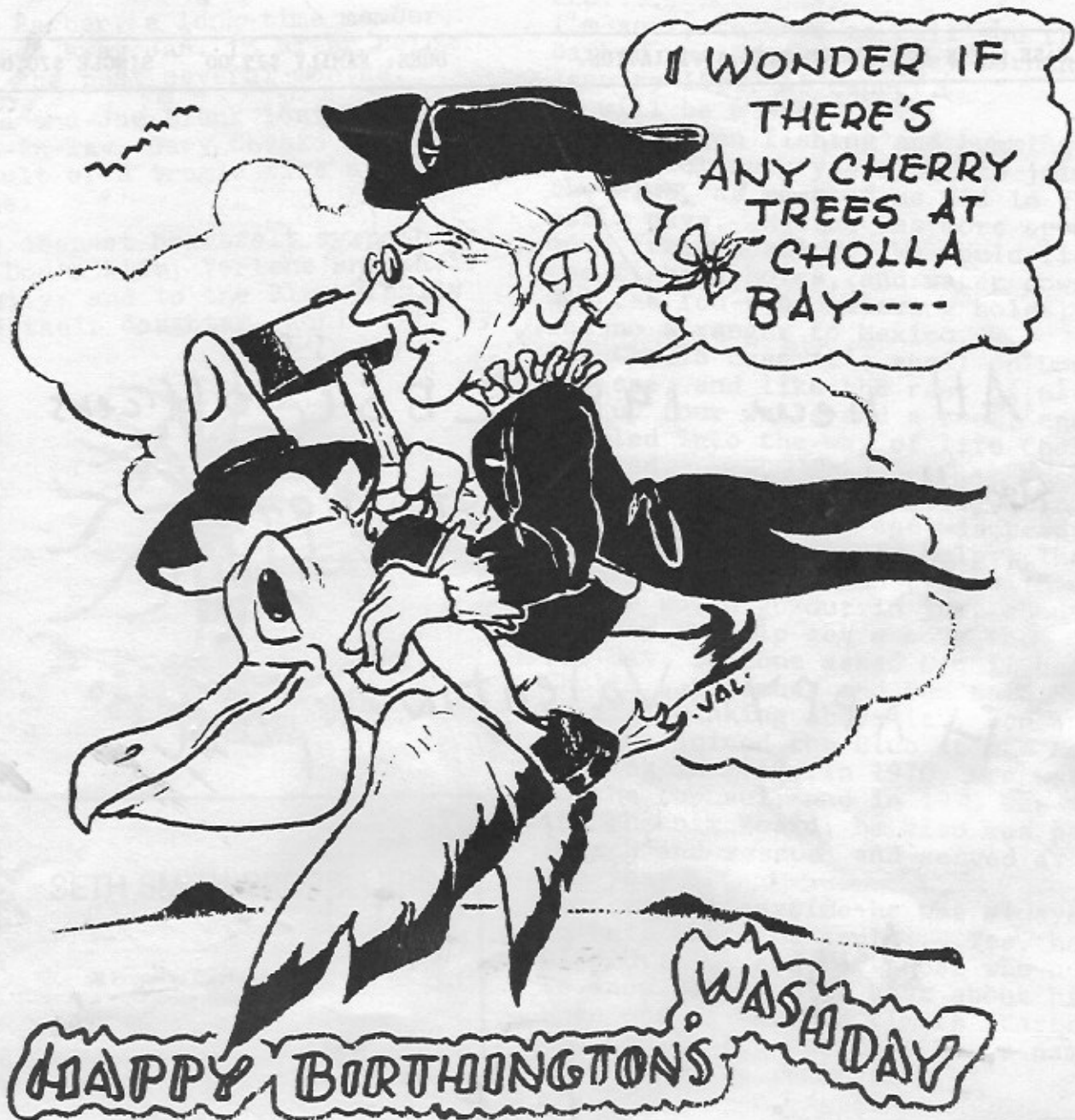




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HAPPY Valentines DAY



SICK BAY Phoenix Chapter

Walt Kirkwood has been ill, but his family says he is doing much better. We wish you a speedy and full recovery, Walt.

Don Barber, a long-time member, passed away Jan. 15 after being ill the past several months.

Roma and Joe Blunk lost their son-in-law, Gary Chesko as a result of a tragic fire at his home.

Our deepest heartfelt sympathies to Don's wife, Verlene and their family; and to the Blunk family and their daughter, Roni.



CHOLLA - THIS IS DON-DOS

If you have fished at Cholla Bay on a spring weekend, and had a radio in your boat, and you were fishing on some reef, I'm sure you have heard that call and wondered what was coming next. Most of the time, it was only, "Cholla, I'm coming in; is every thing OK on the 18?" But then sometimes it was to say "Cholla, this is Don-Dos--I have a boat in tow" etc.....

I'm sorry to have to tell you that Don Barber passed away Sunday morning, January 15th, of cancer. He will be missed.

Don had been fishing and bumming around Mexico for many years before joining the club, as most of us did in those early days. Mexico was more open and more free-wheeling. We would fish all the fishing holes, and water down at all the fun-type watering holes; So Don was no stranger to Mexico.

But Cholla cast it's spell on Don and Verlene, and like the rest of us, he put up four walls and a roof, and they settled into the way of life Cholla Bay offered.

Don was interested in every thing that went on at the Bay, and was ready to jump in where ever he could help. There wasn't much he couldn't do with a boat, and he would go out in just about any weather to help get a boat in.

One day, someone asked Don if he was a Cholla Bay member and Don said "no, but we are thinking about it". Don and Verlene joined the Club at the May meeting in 1968. In 1970, Don was elected to the counsel, and in 1973 was voted to the Phoenix Board; he also was part of search and rescue and served as Chairman one year.

Anything or anytime-he was always ready to help where he could....Yes, he will be missed..... and for those who never got to know Don, you'll hear about him. When one of the old timers starts telling old Cholla Bay stories, Don's name will be one of the remembered.

Goodbye, Don.



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We decided we would do the Chatter another year. We appreciate your support. If you see something in the Chatter you like or don't like let us know. A special thanks to Arlene and Marty Martin, Lew and Von Frazier and Fran Johnson. For their help above and beyond the call of duty. THANKS GUYS Sharon & Skip



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On Christmas morning Austin Schillinger and I distributed over 600 new and used reconditioned toys, plus 350 bags of candy to the less priviledged children in the outskirts of Puerto Penasco.

Our thanks to all who donated toys which came from Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico and Washington. Many thanks to Bill Beam and Jackie Nub Moore and Stewie, Margaret Omar, Rose Line, Ashley Jester and Of course, the Gollipop Gourmet Lollipop Company for the candy.

Special thanks to Adele Curtis, who donates the use of her home as "Santa's Workshop." The job could not be done without her generosity.

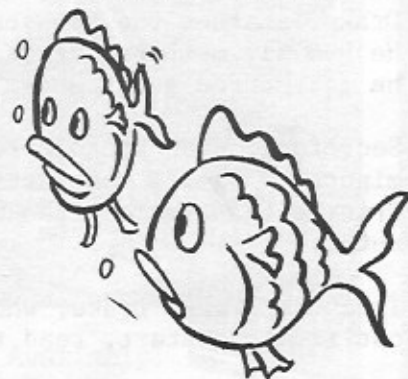
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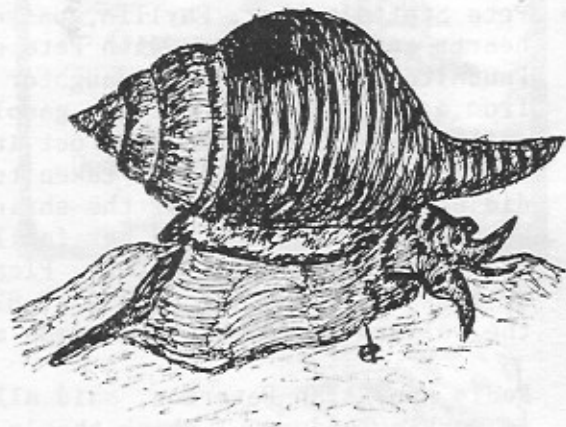
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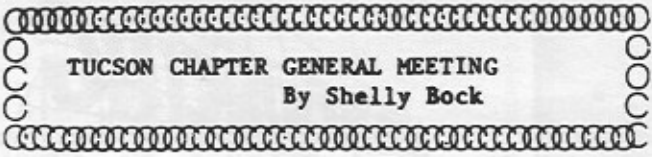
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FISHING DERBY



Better tell all your friends to get their fishing gear ready Watch for the fishing derby dates in the chatter.





TUCSON CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING
 By Shelly Bock

A very nice group of people attended Tucsons January meeting. Many members, myself included, missed this spectacular occasion due to the onslaught of the dreaded winter colds.

Our new courageous leader, President Bill Drake, started the new year off with zealous. He had all members introduce themselves then he introduced guest Shawn La Bonde.

Secretary, Joan Nichols read last months meeting minutes. She is most articulate I know as I'm writing this article thanks to her very precise notes.

Treasurer Peggy Drake, who's had it all figured out from the start, read the treasurers report.

We are proud to announce our newest members. They are Tom Foust, William Bogulas and Nancy Masland. We're thrilled to welcome these wonderful people to the club.

Sick Bay, Irene Drake, said Bob Rothrocks father is in the hospital. We hope he will have a quick recovery. We were very saddened to hear that Pete Scotts mother, Phyllis, passed away. Our hearts and prayers are with Pete and his family. Panchito's five year old daughter caught on fire from a fire she started with gasoline. Chollio's quick thinking put the fire out in the cabin and on the little girl. She was taken to the clinic but did not need the help of the shriners burn center. We all pray that she and her family are recovering from this terrible disaster. Please contact Irene at home (327-0236) or work (748-8294) regarding the welfare of former or current members.

Radio Man, Alan Peterson, said all the radios are in working order. I think that's because of the fantastic job he's doing.

Search and Rescue had no rescues to report. What a blessing.


Shirley Peterson reported that the X-MAS party was a big success. Chairman Sue Kudis and Shirley did a fantastic job. Also a big thank you and HO HO HO to Sal Otanez who put lots of smiles on all the sweet childrens faces.



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The Ships Store honey, Johnnie Ahrens, now has the new tide calendars for sale. She also had many other goodies for sale on display.

Bill Drake announced that the restaurant will start serving dinner at 6:30 p.m. and urged those who want to eat dinner to arrive at that time so that the business meeting can start at 7:30 p.m.

Interesting Tidbits:

Bobbi and Lee Reid celebrating a wedding anniversary on January 12th. Irene and Roy Drake celebrated their 38th. The Hagers celebrated 43 years together on December 11th, but the big excitement was the birth on November 22nd of their first great granddaughter (they already have four great grandsons).

Program Chairman, Bob Rothrock, announced that next meetings program would be a member of the Tucson Fire Department going over fire safety, particularly for Cholla Bay residents. He is also collecting tips for a manual of emergency and repairs. For instance, pepper in a radiator will stop a leak until you can get to a garage - or is it best to use pantyhose or the string from a sleeping bag on a leaky hose? Anyone have a special tip? Call Bob.

Door Prize Winners:

Water hose	Maxine Hager
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Tide Calendar	Gene Reid

Raffle Winner:

Glass Bowl	Shirley Reid
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January 12 - Council Meeting
Feb. 7 - Tsn board meeting - Bock house (we've moved- call 299-0491 for directions)
Feb. 14 - Tsn General meeting - 7:30 p.m.
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Hope you all have a great start on this new year!

Joan Nichols and Shelly Bock

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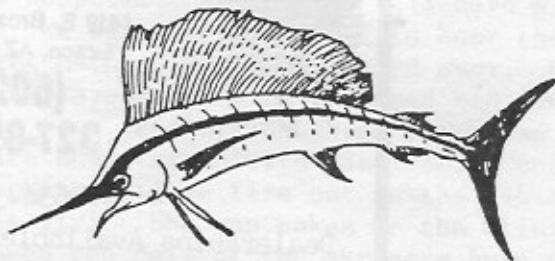
OPEN LETTER
TO THE CHOLLA BAY FISHERMEN

This article won't apply to all you old salts, who know everything there is to know about the Sea of Cortez, but is addressed to our weekend sport fishermen.

Sportfishing is no longer the 10 kilos of bait, launch your boat and come back with a boat load of fish. It has become a specialized sport of lures, down riggers, outriggers, depthfinders, lorans, rapids and exact knowledge of water temperatures, feeding habits and "Hot" areas.

Our fishermen take their time (usually 3 days), and their money (gasoline, bait, motels, and booze) to spend the trip in frustration. We have a number of men here in the bay whose livelihood is dependent on a successful fishing trip for you. Hiring a professional fishing guide is not an admittance of weakness or lack of knowledge on your part, it is a method of updating your knowledge on fishing techniques and the current areas of good fishing. The extra expense (average \$40 per day) is negligent compared to the overall cost of the trip and in most cases will make the difference between a successful trip and several days of boat rides.

Over the next several months, we will try to introduce you to some of these men and their backgrounds, through a series of articles on the local fishing guides. We sincerely hope that the information will be of some use to you and may even lure some of our discouraged fishermen back to the bay.



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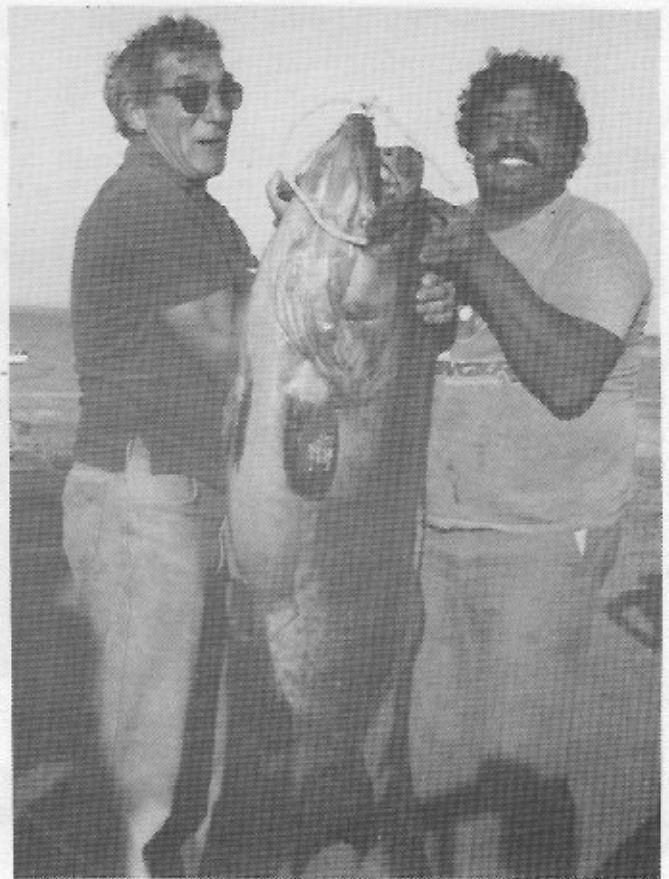
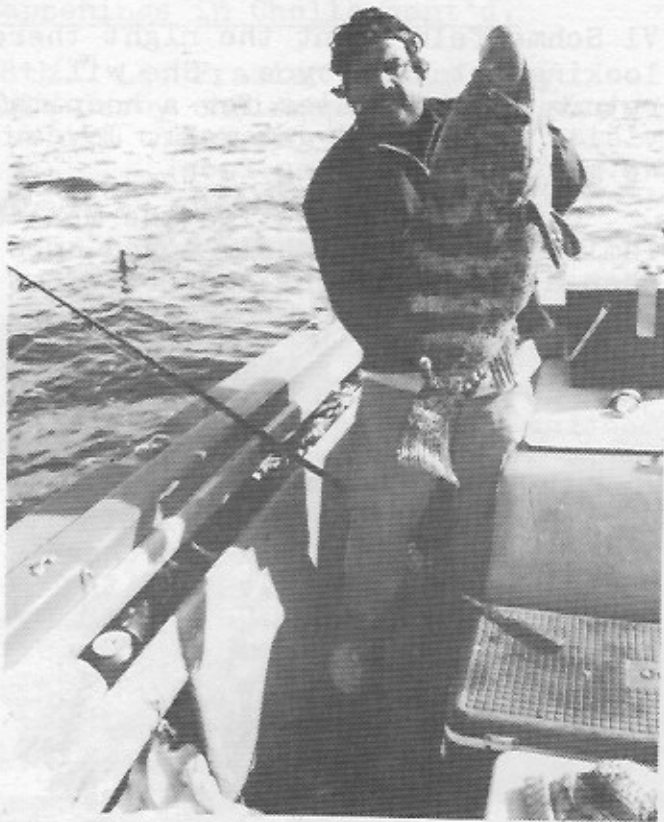
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At age 6, Charlie's parents moved to Puerto Penasco. Charlie attended the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades of school in Mesa, Arizona and result of this Charlie's English is quite extensive.

Charlie is 31 years old and has a wife, Norma Alicia. He has two children, Francis Denise (2½ years old) and Jose Carlos (2½ months old).

Charlie can usually be contacted on UHF channel 26. As can be seen in the pictures has done a fine job of guiding for our Cholla Bay Fishermen.



Happenings in Cholla

Christmas in Cholla was wonderful, as always. The annual Christmas party was a huge success, largely due to the tremendous effort put forth by Sue Kudis. Many thanks, Sue, a job well done.

The Cholla people held their 5th Christmas party at La Curva. About 60 friends gathered for the evening. After a good dinner and gift exchange, dancing was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to our "Super Santa", Rojo.

The Ralph Smiths had all children and grandchildren in Cholla for Christmas, coming from Maryland, Kansas, Arkansas, and California. It was a momentous occasion.

Feliz Año to all! There was a grand New Year's party at the OBSC building, well attended. Lots of good food and flowing spirits. The start of a New Year.

See the picture in this issue of smiling Elaine Rimsza, holding her 14 lb. flounder caught aboard the "Lucky Pollock". That boat supplies lots of good eating to Cholla residents, thank you, Tony.

Bruce and Jane Beidler are at their cabin on Pelican Point. Jane is a very talented lady, always painting shells or making something beautiful to present to her many friends. They plan to spend a lot of time here the next three months. Bruce is quite a chef. They entertained friends with a fish fry the other evening - of course prepared by Bruce.

Activity going on again at our Fry Shack. Looks like it will be finished in plenty of time for our spring activities. Thanks to all who are helping, or have helped. Special thanks to Butch Wilda who brought down roofing wood and to Ralph Smith who brought windows and roofing paper.

We are all so sorry to learn of Joyce Hitchcock's illness. She has been hospitalized in Puerto Peñasco and we understand her Angel of Mercy,

Vi Schmerfeld spent the night there looking out for Joyce. She will return to the states for a hospital visit. Hurry and get well, Joyce. We miss your smiling face.

Our hearts go out to the Mexican families who lost their loved ones when a shrimper went down below St. George's Bay. The water has been very rough.

The CBSC will hold the Feb. 14 meeting in the form of a Valentine Party at a downtown restaurant (yet to be chosen). T-Shirt is arranging this party. Anyone wishing to join this group, please purchase tickets from any officer of the club. Keep in mind that a weiner roast is planned for the March meeting.

Also this spring we hope to arrange a trip to the Piñacates. Would like to make this at least an over-night trip. Any suggestions?

I'm sure you have read this elsewhere but please keep in mind our Chili Dinner, Rummage and Bake Sale to be held March 17-18 at the Fry Shack. Proceeds to benefit Search and Rescue. Chili on the 18th only. The club will store any rummage items you care to bring down in the coming weeks. We need your help!

Recently we have discovered CEDO and the wonderful programs they sponsor. So much information on this country that we all have come to love. Why not join and take advantage of this knowledge?

Lots of remodeling going on in Cholla, which makes it a greater place to live. Spruce up your surroundings by planting.

The prices at our restaurants in town continue to soar. What do they think we Gringos are made of?

Wally has volunteered fish for a future CBSC meeting. We gladly accept. Thank you, Wally.

The Fishing Derby dates are May 12-13-14, 26-27-28. The fish fry and awards dinner will be the

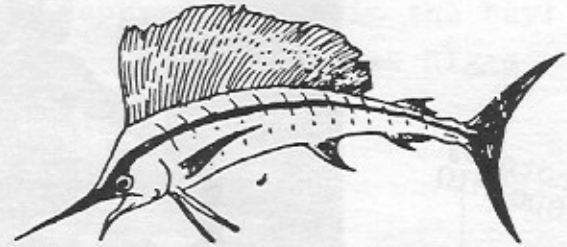
Happenings in Cholla cont'd.

28th. Lew Frazier is our very able derby chairman. Please give him all the support possible.

And so goes our days,
Phyl Smith



nice fish! Olsons



The Old Boys' Social Club would like to invite the Women's Auxiliary, the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club members and members of the Homeowner's Association to participate in a "CLEAN UP CHOYA" project the weekend of February 18, 19, and 20.- President's Day weekend.

Dump trucks will be provided by the Company, Cia. Impulsora Deportiva de La Choya, S.A. and a barbeque will be hosted Saturday evening by Gus Brown for all participants.

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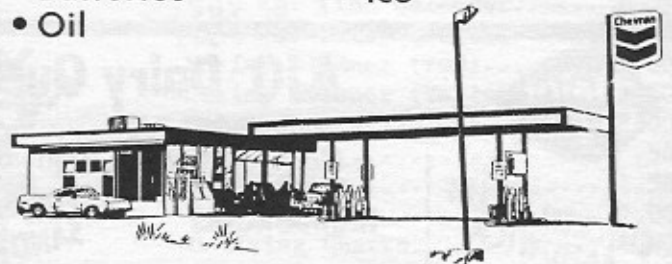
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Hector's house. With alot of help from Victor and his truck we hauled this man-eater back to the scales. He weighed 360 pounds and measured out to about 12 feet 9 inches long.

After conferring with our fishing expert, Vicente Bercoviech, we decided to fillet Orca and take him to town and trade him for shrimp. After filleting the shark we checked the stomach for any rings or wallets. No such luck.

We loaded the huge fillets into Rojo's jeep and drove to the water's edge to wash them. Ramon thought that Rojo was one of the fillets and tried to wash him.

Well, we are still eating shark because they wouldn't even buy this prime catch. If this story sounds fishy, it's because it is.

Happy swimming in the bay!
Mike Riggs

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CHOLLA BAY CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING

By Margie Dumas

Our January 10, 1989 meeting was opened by President Ralph Smith

The secretary and treasurer's report were accepted as read. Hannah Jordan, Membership Chairman reported we have 383 voting members, 65 sponsored, 1 honorary, making a total of 444.

Betty Horton of Ships Store is doing a great job as usual. She has a lot of new things in, so we must pay her a visit.

Joyce Hitchcock has entered the hospital in Puerta Penasco suffering from kidney stones. Joyce we are all remembering you in our prayers.

I have never had an occasion to visit the hospital in Penasco and was very much surprised when I was told they have no heat and a patient must provide their own meals. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a project could be started to remedy at least the heating problem???

Rojo of Search and Rescue reported 1 tow in, guess who that was, none other than 'good ol boy Wally, who by the way has volunteered to furnish fish for some of our future meetings.

Phyl Smith announced we are having a garage sale and a bake sale on March 17 and 18, with a chili cook on the 18th. We are hoping to have everyone help by selling tickets for \$5.00 per person. These proceeds will go to Search and Rescue. You can purchase your tickets from Phyl or anyone of the club officers.

We are hoping to have the Fish Shack completed real soon.

Vi Schmerfeld has volunteered to be our Sick Bay Reporter.

For our March meeting plans are in the works to have a cook out at Playa Encanto. We have 160 members from that area and are looking forward to visiting them.

Door Prizes were as follows:

- Rojo.....T-Shirt
- Vi.....300 gallons of water from Ramon and Patty's Store.
- Hannah.....2 free dinners at La Curva

Raffle Tickets:

- John Larson.....Wind Chime
- Stan Christon.....Wind Chime
- Margie Dumas.....Wind Chime
- Rojo.....Parrot
- Elaine Rimsza.....Bottle of Booze

We will be looking forward to seeing all of you at our Feb.14th, meeting which will be a Valentine Dinner Party and will be held at a restaurant in Penasco yet to be chosen. The tickets are \$10.00 per couple. Tickets may be purchased from anyone of the club officers, please make your reservations early.

SEARCH & RESCUE PRESENTS
CHILI FEED & RUMMAGE SALE

On Saturday, March 18th, 1989, Search and Rescue will have a fund raiser at Gus Brown Plaza. Ralph "Lucky Tiger" Smith is heading up a Rummage Sale so if you have some "stuff" to donate, please contact Ralph. As in past Chili Feeds we will provide all the chili and lots of cheese, onions chips AND green (St Patrick's Day) chilies and chili powder for the tough who like it "hotter".

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Early Thanksgiving Day 1988 in Cholla Bay we'd heard Los Angeles KNX radio weather report that a storm was heading our way.

All day it was cool, cloudy and relatively calm, but slightly unsettled seas.

At about 5:30p.m. we had just finished stuffing ourselves with turkey -when Augustine announced over the C.B. that all boats from Cholla Bay were in. Which was a relief because the winds were picking up and it was getting cold.

Just at sunset on VHF a call came in from a boat named Whiskey Dog. They were dead in the water, as they had run out of gas in their main tank and were unable to change to their auxiliary tank because of a faulty switch. their location was 3 or 4 miles north of Bird Island.

Search and Rescue organized three boats and crews: Hustler, Seabreeze and Sunworshipper to assist Whiskey Dog. Their plan was to take them fuel. Sunworshipper was last to launch so Clive had some distance to travel to catch Hustler and Seabreeze. He had following seas.

All three rescue boats met at the first estuary and proceeded together to find Whiskey Dog. They had to shoot off several flares to find Whiskey Dog. I only heard Augustine's transmission, my handheld VHF was unable to pick up the boats.

When the rescuers finally located the Whiskey Dog they transferred 5 gallon fuel tanks by floating them to Whiskey Dog tied to a rope. this was necessary because of the rough seas. Whiskey Dog then started his engine and headed to his port in the 1st estuary (Espinozas!)

All during the rescue operations Brown Bug (Louie Bock), Ellen Coughlin Sue Kudus and Belle Taylor were in the radio shack standing vigil. Von Frazier and I were doing the same in our cabins. I returned to the radio shack shortly before our rescue team returned.

We are all grateful for the caring and efficiency of Augustine Leon in these emergency situations. Augustine has an excellent sense of humor, when we were all in the radio shack worrying about our men out at sea in the windy conditions--Augustine amused us with anecdotes of family life in Mexico.

Our men had a bouncy trip against the seas on their return. They said the biggest seas were from Rocky Point past Sandy Beach, especially rough at Pinto Point and Pelican Point.

The winds were from the north so it was difficult getting on the launcher. Thank you Tico! When all the boats were on their trailers it was a relief for all.

We hooked up to the Blazer and trailered our Sunwhorshipper back to #403 and hit the sack at 3:30a.m.!

It's good to know this was a well planned and successful operation - Thank you all! Noel

PHOENIX CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING
By: Marie MacGill

After Dave Conner opened our January 11th meeting and the Pledge of Alligance led by Bill MacGill we had the introductions.

The Secretary's report was dispenced with. Belle Taylor's Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Mary Reinert's membership report had not changed very much. She said we had 721 voting and 130 sponsers with a total of 851 as of the last of the year. Sick Bay reported that our Dear Friend (DOND) Don Barber is still very ill. Also that Bill Valentine is not doing very well. I'm sure that our Prayers are with them both. May God Bless and keep them.

Ship's Stores New Managers Marilyn and John Robson were in full command of all of their goodies. They had lots of sweat shirts and all kind of goodies. Marilyn said the Tide Canendars were to come in the next day. Wayne Kudis of Search and Rescue said that 200 boats with two towins were for the month of December.

Sharon Allen of the Chatter, said she is still getting complaints of people not getting their Chatters, and they must give their change of address when they move if they expect to receive them. She also is still begging for articles from anyone that they would like to tell. Thanks Noel Jordan for your nice Article in the January issue.

Sue Kudis said the Christmas party went off very well and was very nice. The weather also played a big part in it and was real nice. Thanks Sue for all of your kindness and hard work in making so many Happy,

When the old business was finished our President Dave Conner turned over the busin-ess for 1989 to our new President Joe Blunk. After Joe took the Gavel he presented our going President with a beautiful Plaque for his fine service.

Mary Reiner will continue with Membership.. Arlene Martin will keep Sick Bay. Sharon and Skip Allen will keep The Chatter, and I told Sharon I would help again this year. Susan Baldwin will be chairman for the Door prizes

and Raffle tickets. There will be a list of the people with their titles in the February issue.

Secretary Nancy LaPointe said that we should all dig in and work hard to get the club going like it was a few years back and bring in a lot of people and have a lot of fun like we used to do. Our Program chairman Rick Elder would probably welcome any good ideas on helping us to bring things back as they were.

Wayne Kudis said the Chili dinner will be March 18th this year with a charge of \$2.50 each, This will be at the Bay,

President Joe Blunk said he needs a Chair-
man for the Fall Picnic.

We had a fun time visiting with each other at the long intermission of our last meeting.

I would like to make a correction on my mistake in the January Chatter. I mis-
understood when I said that Jim and Elnora Westfall went to Hawaii. It was Joan and Paul Vanover that went to Hawaii for their 40th wedding Anniversary and had ten days of a Glorious Honeymoon. It was the Westfalls that went to sixteen different states and had a great time. Sorry about that folks. I'll try listening better next time.

I also pulled anothe Boo-Boo when I said Gabby Hayes instead of Gabby Gaynes celebrated his birthday at our December meeting. Sorry Gabby.

We want to Thank everyone that came to the meeting and thank those of you that brought guests. We were happy to meet Arlene and Marty Martin's guest Doug and Shirley Conklin and to see Joe and Roma Blunk's Grand-son Danny who has really grown up. Some of the names I did not get, but we were happy to have you also.

The Drawings for Door Prizes were as Follows:
Bill MacGill A Shower Radio
Roma Blunk An Alarm Clock
Wanda Lee A Stool & Ladder
Bell Taylor Dinner for two certificate

Newton Grefenson won the Raffle Certificate.

Sorry that my typewriter got Sick and I must stop, so Stay Well and God Bless †

1988 CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's party was held at the Sportsmen's Club Building (aka Fry Shack) and Mother Nature cooperated perfectly.

Marty Perlmutter decorated for the occasion beautifully with the help of some of the taller elves. Thanks to Pete Peterson, Christmas carols filled the air.

Hot chocolate and cookies, delivered by Susan Baldwin, were served to the moms and dads and working "elves", thanks to Cindy Hall, Mike Riggs and Bulé. Ed Perlmutter appointed himself official taster for the occasion.

Our Santa, Sal Otanez, did a wonderful job listening to those long lists while Mrs. Claus, Joann Otanez, kept the tots semi-orderly while waiting their turn. Bryan Kudis was the official candy cane "passer-outer" and even wore an elves' hat - under protest!

Everything went smoothly - even the piñata breaking, although Lou Bock and Bulé really had their hands full working the ropes. This is one job that's really reserved for the bigger and stronger elves! Thanks to Vasquez Liquors for providing the beautiful piñatas that were loaded with candies with Marilyn Robson's and Debbie Maughn's help.

Food boxes and toys were passed out by Shirley Peterson, Joe and Mary Reinert, Stan Christen, Don and Bev Glasenapp, Betty Yeates and many others.

Tiny ornaments worn by the elves were pinned on the children as the party drew to a close.

All the guests left with arms loaded with goodies, and smiling faces.

Special drawings were held for additional toys, bikes and a decorated Christmas tree.

Some of the elves invaded Ben Gay's casa for a well-deserved Bloody Mary party. I'm sure Santa was first in line!

Later that evening, many elves met for a relaxing dinner at La Curva. A perfect end for a perfect day!.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people that made this year's party such a success. These are the people that donated food, toys, boxes and their precious time.

Thanks to Tom Faust of the Arizona Daily Star, Jim Smidt of Mattel Toys, Mike Riggs, Bulé, and Bryan Kudis who packed the food boxes in record time, John Robson for the boxes, Warren Spencer, Johnnie Ahrens, the Reinerts, Jordans, Betty Yeates, Jane Hunziker, the Tinermans, Melissa Lenon, the Hortons, Perlmutter's, Robsons, Blunks, Coughlins, Belle Taylor, Martins, Glasenapps, Stan Christen, Susan Baldwin, Rick Smith, the Bocks, Cindy Hall, Bryan and Wayne Kudis. There were many more elves involved and my personal thanks to all of you.

Thanks to Shirley Peterson for her valuable assistance.

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Saltwater fisherman Hector Munro remembers Rocky Point 40 years ago.

"It was a fishing area, not a tourist area."

Mike Ging/The Arizona Republic

Hector Munro is a tall, distinguished-looking man of 53. He is quick with a smile and friendly.

He also is probably the best saltwater fishing guide in northern Mexico, specifically the northern Gulf of California.

I say this not from my experiences, which are limited. But Arizona veteran outdoor writers such as Bill Valentine and Bob Thomas sung his praises. Valentine, also a saltwater expert, was quick to cite Munro's expertise.

A talk with Munro is fascinating. His English is good, and he is sharing his experiences with those visiting the Arizona National Boat Show at Civic Center, which runs through Sunday. He is working in the Randall Marine booth.

Munro spent his early years around Kino Bay, but moved to the Puerto Penasco, or Rocky Point, area when he was 13.

"My father was a fisherman all his life," Munro said. "He had a commercial boat. Really, we were nomads on the Sea of Cortez (Gulf of California). There were no roads, so we moved by boat as the fish moved.

"There were no roads, so there weren't many Americans. It was a fishing area, not a tourist area."

That was in the late 1940s and early '50s. Munro followed his father in commercial fishing. There were shrimp, white sea bass, sea trout and sharks.

"We sold the fins to the Chinese," he said of the sharks. "I don't know what they did with them. But we sold the livers to a company in California that made vitamins out of them."

The money was good, but Munro wasn't happy.

"There was no future," he said. "It was hard work and kind of boring — especially shrimping. You had to run the nets every two hours day after day."

About 1960, when more tourists hungry for a saltwater experience began visiting Rocky Point, specifically Cholla Bay, Munro became a guide.

"The main thing that made me decide to go to sport fishing was that I wanted to learn English," Munro said. "We only got seven years of school, and no English was taught then. I wanted to learn."

"I also wanted to be helpful. The Americans didn't speak Spanish, and few of us spoke English. They were lost. It was difficult for them to find help. I wanted to do it."

"Guiding didn't pay as well as commercial fishing, but it was exciting."

Munro lives in the Cholla Bay area, which is comprised mostly of American citizens. Currently, he has no boat of his own, but guides for other captains.

For instance, a boat with captain rents for about \$60 a person for each weekend day. On weekdays, it's \$40 per person. For another \$50 a day, you can add Munro,

which can be a wise investment for those wanting to catch big fish.

Munro said the fishing year is broken up into two segments. One runs from November through April. Fewer fish are caught then, but there's a chance for a big one.

During that period, anglers catch two species of white sea bass (the California and the totoaba, a much larger fish that lives only in Sea of Cortez) and the huge black sea bass (up to 400 pounds).

In the spring, summer and fall, there are three or four kinds of grouper, sailfish, dolphin (the fish), red snapper, skip jack and others.

"There is fishing all year," Munro said. "There aren't as many fish in the winter, but they're bigger."

Although the Sea of Cortez is one of the most fertile fisheries in the world, Munro has seen a general decline. He attributes that to Japanese fleets that use nets miles long to catch everything.

"The United States in a friendly way needs to encourage Mexico to protect its fishing," Munro said. "The head of our

fisheries is a political job. The person doesn't always know a lot about fish."

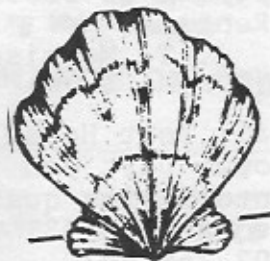
But he made it clear that he is not taking a confrontational position. He would like to see compromise and a reasonable solution.

He said two species, groupers and pintos, actually are growing in numbers.

"That's mainly because our commercial fishermen all have turned to shrimp," Munro said. "Fishing for those two is very good. And even if fishing overall isn't as good as it once was, it still is very good."

He got me excited. I might have to forget about largemouth bass, crappie and striped bass for a time.

Munro's phone number at Cholla Bay is 3-32-09. English is spoken there.



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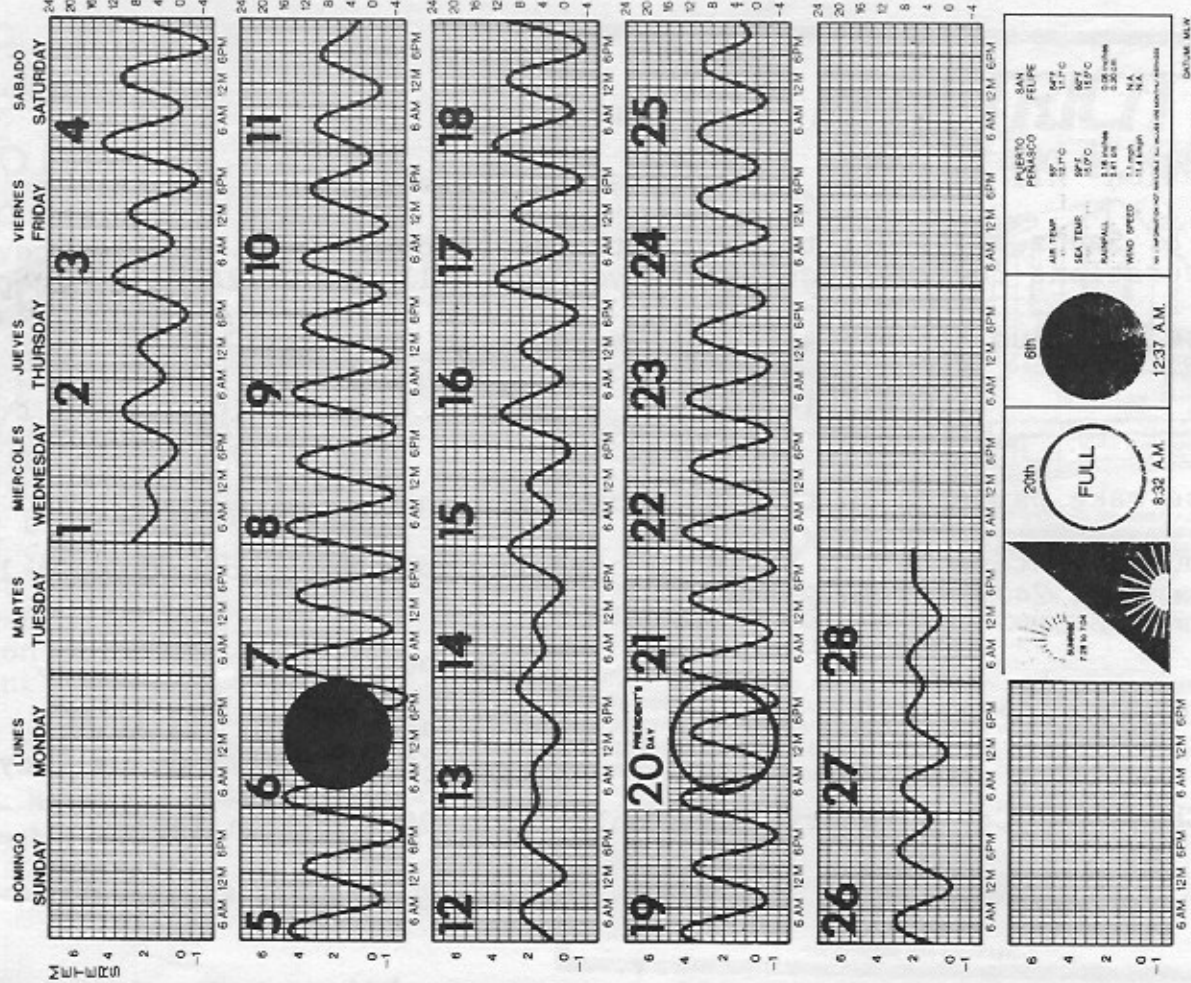
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