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'94 Calendar of Events

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- 18 Chatter Articles Due To Editors

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MARCH

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A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS...

Happy New Year! 1994 is here, and I'm still wondering where '93 went. We're sorry that this issue is late, we have our excuses ... "We bought a new computer, and don't know how to run the new programs" ... "It is the start of a new year and we had to re-type page 2, that took a week itself! (I'm a slow typist.)" ... "The dues changed - something else to re-type" ... "It is the Holiday's and I was busy shopping and stuffing myself with all those Christmas goodies." Would you believe all of the above? We apologize, we know that you all look forward to receiving the Chatter each month, we'll try harder next month.

We would like to thank all the Officers and Chairpeople of 1993, it was a pleasure working with them, and look forward to working with some new people in the year to come. We still are in need of advertisers, articles, pictures, jokes, etc., and appreciate anything that we can get our hands on. Let us know what you would like to read about, what you do and don't like about the Chatter, anything else that we should know.

As we elect new Officers and Chairpeople for '94, we have to change page 2, please - help us fill in the blanks, and fix our typos. If your name is listed - is it spelled correctly?, has the right phone number?, in the right place?, etc., etc., let us know so that we can make any correction needed. Thanks.

We hope that you all have a Happy & Prosperous New Year!!

- Kelley & Dave

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YARD SALE & CRAFT SALE A HUGE SUCCESS

YARD SALE - By: Shirley Haenfler

The wind blew, the clothes blew, but the cash registers kept ringing. We took in about \$600. in nickels, dimes and quarters.

We would like to thank Walt & Betty Horton for the help and storage space. Colleen Burge, Estelle Curtis, Marge & Jim Dumas for all their help.

Our children were great help and worked hard all weekend. The daughters comment was "Mom, don't do that again", but is great to watch someone's trash turn into someone's treasure.

- Shirley & Ray

CRAFT SALE - By: Pat Goodin

We had a wonderful sale! We made lots of bucks! Over \$800. So with the proceeds of the sale, plus donations from the Chapters, it looks like we'll have plenty of money for this year's Christmas Party for our Cholla Bay Mexican Friends.

Most of the crafts which were sold, were the result of our Cholla Bay Craft Sessions, headed up by Nancy Schmidli - who pushed us, taught us, and inspired (?) us. Many of the things she made by herself, working day & night. We had a few other donations from members. However, we would like to thank the following people who donated crafts and/or time: Jane Beidler, Cecelia Bean, Thelma Brown, Colleen Burge, Marilyn Childers, Marge Cleveland, Joanne Claridge, Adele Curtis, Ruth Delbrugge, Joan Dernberger, Linda Eger, Evelyn Fought, Wanda Gill, Pat Goodin, Betty Horton, Hank Kaestner, Wanda Lee, Barbara Martin, Sandy Moore, Glenda Maud, Linda Palmer, Shirley Peterson, Janet Pisciotta, Shirley Reid, Edith Reeves, Mary Reinert, Nancy Schmidli, Nancy Warren, Velma Wiswall and Tere Wilson. Some of these names may not be spelled correctly, if so, we apologize. We also apologize if we left anyone out, we tried to keep a list. We thank everyone who participated.

This was a good money-making event. We're planning on having another one next year. We hope to start our crafting sessions in January, and are looking for new and different ideas, as well as more help. Come on members!!! Lots of you have ideas and do crafts ... we need your participation!

- Pat

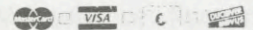


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TUCSON CHITTER CHATTER

By: Irene Drake

We had a full house at our December meeting with some new faces and many Christmas gifts to be given away. After four years of service, as President of the Tucson Chapter, Bob Rothrock was given a round of applause and many thanks for his service. Sammy Rothrock was even caught giving a little smile. The new officers slate was given unanimous support with Bill Drake as President, Jerry Kitchens as Vice President, Sandy Messinger as Secretary, and Joan Nichols accepted Treasurer for her second year.

Irene Drake reported that Clarence and Teresa Wilson were in Pennsylvania having a check-up on Clarence's eye. Gene Reid was recovering from surgery, Don Christian had cataract surgery, and Alice Christian was doing well after being hospitalized. We wish everyone a speedy recovery.

Everyone was pleased to hear from Shirley Peterson, that the rummage sale made \$500. and the arts & crafts fair, held Thanksgiving weekend, raised \$800., to be contributed to the Christmas Party. Shirley also informed us that the ladies will be working once a month making crafts for next years sale. Anyone having any ideas or time to help is encouraged to let Shirley know. Thanks for a job well done. Shirley even had plans to clear off the top of their pool table before the family arrived for Christmas. Did she make it?

Gifts for the Christmas Raffle were donated by Pete & Shirley Peterson, Mary Woods, Irene Drake, Hilda Tozi, and Sandy Messinger. The poinsettia decorations were given as door prizes. Dean Tozzi shared in the Christmas spirit and gave Mary Woods one of his poinsettias.

We would like to thank everyone who made the year's Christmas Party successful and memorable for our Mexican friends. Shirley & Nancy did a wonderful job organizing everything for the Christmas party. Thanks again for everyone's help and support in putting this party together.

The 1994 Dues have been raised to \$30.00, for single or family membership. We would appreciate it if everyone would send their dues early in January to help save the Club some postage money.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting!

Irene

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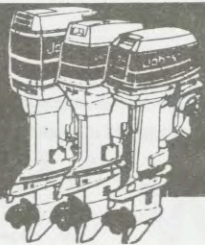


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Phoenix Chapter General Meeting

By: Marie MacGill

Our December 8th meeting was a fun party! Most everyone brought a wrapped gift that was part of a gift exchange, where gifts were chosen by numbers. That was a lot of fun. Lots of delicious cookies, candies, and goodies were brought to the meeting. Many of us had dinner before the meeting, here at the Arizona American Italian Club. Instead of door prizes, we were all given a free drink ticket.

It was nice to have Nancy & John Warren at our meeting with us. It was their first visit in about 2 years. They are now living in Las Conchas, and loving it.

It was a pleasure meeting Mildred Clark, she has been a member for about 10 years. We hope you don't wait so long to visit us again.

When we asked for a Sick Bay report, we were all saddened by the news that Rojo's girlfriend, Debbie had passed away a few days ago, services were being held in Idaho. Flowers were sent to Idaho on behalf of the Phoenix Chapter. We all send our sympathies to Rojo and Debbie's family. Marlene Cliffords has made a few trips to the hospital with a kidney infection, we hope she is doing better by the time this is printed. We hope to see her and husband Greg at our January meeting.

The Phoenix Chapter had raised \$400. at our November Meeting/Raffle, to benefit the Christmas Party for our little friends in Mexico.

Ship's Store had lots of goodies for sale, great ideas for Christmas presents, most were reduced in price almost 50%. They offered nice jackets for only \$20.00. We thank Jim & Elnora for their hard work.

The OBSC is having their New Years Eve Party at their Club in Cholla Bay. There is a limit of about 125 people, so please reserve your place early.

Elections were held for our 1994 Officers. President: Martin Sturhahn, Vice President: Mike Hagerly, Secretary: Pat Scalberg, Treasurer: Diane Sturhahn. Board Members were also elected.

We would like to thank our 1993 Officers for their fine jobs done well. We wish our 1994 Officers good luck and smooth sailing.

Until next time ... Have a Great Holiday Season and a Happy, Happy New Year!

Goodbye Jim, We'll Miss You!

We would like to send our sympathies and prayers to Evelyn Fought and family. Jim Fought passed away in early December. Jim leaves us with fond memories and we are better people for having known him. Cholla Bay will not be the same without him. *Jim, you will be missed by all.*

CHOLLA CHAPTER CHITTER CHATTER

By: Pat Goodin

Hola! If you've made it to "the Bay" recently, you know that we've been having beautiful weather here. But keep in mind that I'm writing this the middle of December and by the time you read this the weather may have changed.

If you were here over the Thanksgiving weekend you may have stopped in at the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Yard Sale and/or Craft Sale. It was a busy weekend here with the "Vecinos" meeting, CBSC sales, JJ's auction, fishing, good turkey dinners, a trip to Gillespie's Gold Mine and I'm sure some things that I didn't hear about. Look for a separate article in this month's Cholla Chatter regarding the Yard/Craft Sales.

Santa's helpers are now working on the Christmas Party for our Mexican friends. I see Christmas lights and decorations around the Bay; plans are under way for the annual "American's Christmas Dinner and Party and the OBSC's New Year's Eve Party". All in all it's a busy time here.

Cholla Bayer's and our friends in Rocky Point and Los Conchas were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden deaths of Debbie Maughan, and Jim Fought. We send our sympathy to Rojo and both families. A memorial service was held on December 11th for Debbie.

Our December Cholla Chapter Meeting was held on the 14th at La Curva Restaurant. About 45 people turned out for the meeting. Members were asked to bring cloths or canned goods for La Casa Hogar (Old Folks Home) in Rocky Point. The Chapter donated a turkey.

Election of Officers resulted in the following for 1994: President: Don Schmidli, Vice President: Tony Rimza, Secretary: Nancy Schmidli, Treasurer: Roy Haenfler. Auditors: Hal McKenzie, Harry Wilcox. Board Members: Wanda Gill, Pat Goodin, Betty Horton, Bob Lounsbury, Emil Nasser, Lois Osborn, John Warren, Irving (Wiz) Wiswall.

Bob Lounsbury has been appointed Membership Chairman and Betty Horton will continue Ship's Store. Elaine Rimza will be Reporter and Wanda Gill will be Sick Bay.

To the right is another form for the Cholla Chapter Members to remit your 1994 dues. The P.O. Box has been corrected, but if you mailed it to the address on the form in last month's issue, don't worry - it will get to the Membership Chairman. Several have already been received, thank you.

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Santa and his helpers arrived safely in Cholla Bay on December 18th. They were given a warm welcome by the kids and adults alike. Santa took to his work, and by the looks on the little kids faces, he did a great job. Approximately 100 families showed up to take part in this festive event. Santa (John Warren) and his Helper (Sandy Moore) did an excellent job convincing the little one's that he was the real thing!

This issue of the Chatter went to print before the Co-Chairman's had a chance to write an article. They put in a lot of long hours and did a great job, and they deserve a big round of applause. The February issue should be full of the details and thanks for all who participated.

We can only hope that next year's Party will be as much fun. Thank you Shirley and Nancy for doing such a great job!



GOOD BYE DEBBIE "DEAR"

"OK, Dear ... Thank you, Dear ... Have a message for you, Dear". How often we have heard these phrases on channel 26. The sweet lady who loved to call everybody "Dear" will not be heard anymore. Debbie, Alleycat, Maughan, Rojo's Dear died December 5th. She took ill while they were at home watching TV and Rojo called for the ambulance to get medical assistance for her. It was immediately determined she needed more help than they were equipped to do here. They took her to the border where AIR-VAC was waiting to transport her to the hospital. Debbie never made the trip ... she died enroute.

Rojo's loss is without a doubt the greatest because he lost his life mate, but Debbie also leaves one hell of a void to this whole area. That lil ole Alley Cat was very unpredictable. She was definitely her own woman ... she did things at her own pace. For certain she leaves no enemies ... just friends. All who came in contact with her during her 41 short years of life will remember Debbie Dear, with affection.

About the only way we can close this is to say "over and out, Debbie Dear". We will definitely miss you.

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By: *Dick Gardner*

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A few folks that didn't care to go down this shaft, went to the easier and higher horizontal shaft that didn't require much climbing. As they ventured into the dark with their flashlights, they noticed a mysterious glow in the distance. Some mentioned retreat, but as they carefully inched forward, they discovered two shrines for the victims of miners buried by a tunnel cave-in. Apparently someone drives the 74 round-trip miles from Puerto Penasco to keep the candles lit.

The mine owners no longer work the mine. However we discovered 6 young men who freelance on their own. They demonstrated how they manually crush the ore and haul water in 55 gallon drums so they can use gold pans to retrieve gold. One of the fellows let us peek at a small gold nugget he had found.

We left the mine area at 4:30 pm when we were able to locate a turquoise shaft nearby. We stopped at the second estuary to look at the remnants of the piers the Spanish Conquistadors and later the English had built. It is easy to dream and visualize the early miners hundreds of years in the past, loading their gold aboard wind powered crafts for the voyage half way around the world to their home port. The ancient English narrow gauge locomotive is rusting away on the beach, not far from Gillespie's stone house.

We were so engrossed in our adventure that darkness overtook us & forced us to retreat back to our camps. Join us in our next adventure, have you been to the Pinacates? *JOIN US FOR FUN!!!*

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In the meantime, it is important to understand that a liability insurance for Mexico must be written by a licensed Mexican Insurance Company. As with any insurance, it is important that you ask tough questions of your agent to insure that what you think is covered - is covered!

The most common coverage is Mexican Auto Insurance. There are a number of U.S. insurance companies which provide coverage for physical damage in Mexico; ask your agent if your U.S. policy covers damage or theft sustained in Mexico.

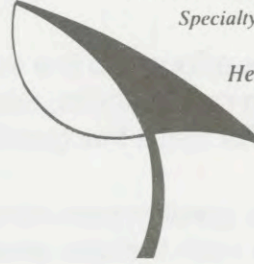
Liability insurance policies for Mexico can be confusing at best. There are daily auto or trip policies, annual policies, and Driver's License policies. Each of these policies differ in what they do and do not cover. For instance: most trip policies do not provide towing coverage and driver's license policies do not cover vehicles over 1 ton. For specific coverage, read you policy or ask your agent to see the facts in writing.

Perhaps the most important issue to consider when purchasing Mexican Insurance is "What happens if I have a claim?". If it is a physical damage claim, the most important thing is to report the claim in Mexico to a local adjuster. You can then worry about whether or not the vehicle must be repaired in Mexico or if the claim is to be paid in U.S. Dollars. If it is a liability claim, you should be comfortable knowing that you have a high enough limit of liability.

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GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS, GOOD NEWS

By: John R. Greer

GOOD NEWS #1:

is for those of us fortunate enough to live in Arizona and to be in a position to "Go outside and play!" here, or in or near the ocean out of Cholla, San Carlos, or points further south.

What percentage of the USA has it this good?

BAD NEWS:

is for great weather plus a great ocean compounds the problem of cumulative exposure to seriously harmful UVA and UVB Rays from the sun, which penetrate cloudy & overcast days in the winter, as well as in the summer, and literally "bounce" off the water. Just because a cool breeze is blowing does not mean you are safe from the "Bad News". No one is 100% safe, but the fair or ruddy complected are really at risk. I fall into the latter category and in 1970, started paying the price. First it was "Pre-Cancerous Lesions" and then the real thing. All that time I spent between 1958 and 1965, fishing out of Cholla, Guaymas, Baja, etc. with the tweeds, hammer, underdown, and others wearing the typical cotton T-shirt (if anything), swim trunks, go-a-heads, and dark glasses. I have been fully retired since June 1992, playing golf almost daily. In June of this year my dermatologist referee me to "FROGWEAR".

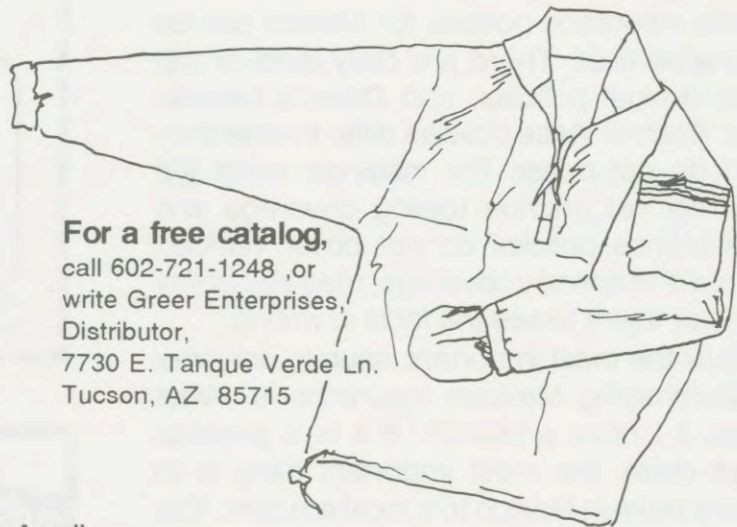
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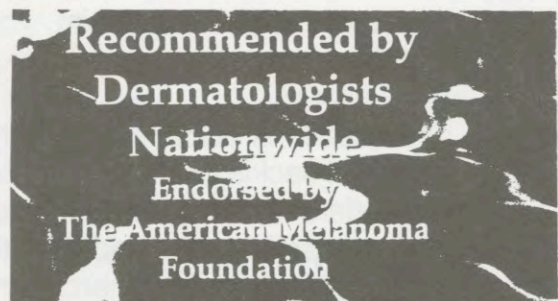
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By: Steve Rothbard

As the waters of the Northern Gulf cool with the coming of winter, species that prefer cooler water migrate to the area. One of these fish that I love to catch and eat is the Halibut.

The Halibut, a member of the Flounder family, is sometimes called a "flat fish" because of its flat shape and unique characteristic of having both eyes on the same side of its head. These adaptations help this fellow do his thing on the flat sandy bottom of the Sea. He hides himself in the sand, watching for food out of both eyes, on the top side. He is a clean eater and prefers live food, which it takes after pursuit from its hiding place in the sand. They are also taken on metal jigs, plastic baits and plugs used to simulate live edibles. They are almost always taken close to the bottom.

The color of the Halibut often matches the bottom of the Sea, and is somewhat spotted. He has a large mouth that extends past the eye and teeth like that of a big dog. Halibut have a soft membranous mouth which expands for eating, so it is easy to remove the hook from this soft tissue. Play them carefully, especially near the surface.

The Halibut prefers soft, sandy bottoms and will come into the shallows in early March to spawn.

Every Halibut fisherman has his own method (rig) for catching this fish. I prefer and have successfully used the standard dropper with slight modification. I like to tie a dropper about 24" up the main line. The loop should be about 30" long with a live bait hook of 2/0 to 4/0. I use a torpedo ring sinker of 8 to 16 oz., depending on the tides (currents), tied to the end of the mainline. Put on a lively small mackerel or rockbass and drift over a sandy bottom

next to your favorite reef. With any luck, you will hook and land one of these tasty critters.

If you have any questions on this or other rigs for Halibut, give me a call at 968-3868 or stop by and chat.

CBSC Member
Mike Baltzley with
a nice Halibut
taken in the Cholla
Bay area.

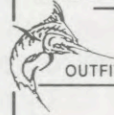


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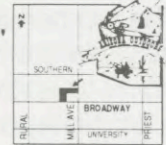
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With all the happenings in Cholla Bay, Christmas Parties, New Years Parties, etc., we have neglected having our fish fries and some people have mentioned they missed the getting together and talking with friends. We will have to check the fish bank & see if we can't come up with enough fish for a January fish fry. If the bank is low, maybe we can just have a pot luck dinner. Listen for an announcement for the date.

Again... Happy New Year and the very best to one and all for 1994.

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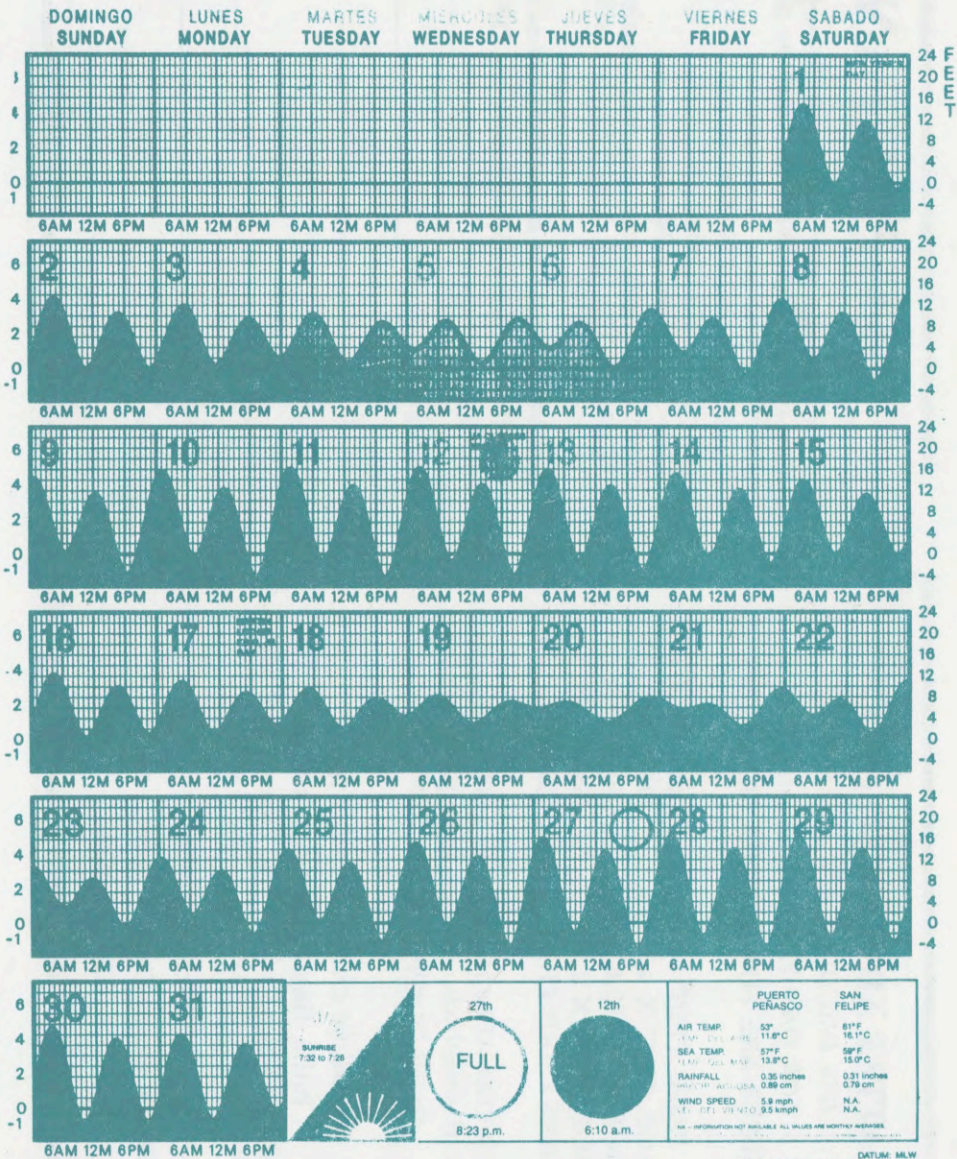
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