

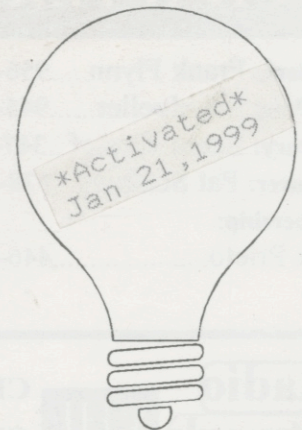
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Power Coming To CHOLLA BAY



Alan Peterson announced at the board meeting in January that Cholla is ready to be tested for further power dilemmas and address any other obstacles. The future is looking brighter for Cholla and the electricity is about to become a reality. May be a "cooler" time THIS 1999.



Social or Fishing Club?

As a fairly new person being active in the CBSC, it was a little confusing as to the REAL purpose of the CBSC. Some say that the CBSC is a fishing club, some say its a Social club. Well, the Articles of Incorporation actually give us the answer as to the true Objectives of the club and the basis upon which the club was founded. Article II states: The objects, purposes and general nature of the business in which this corporation shall engage in are as follows:

1. To aid and assist in the development and improvement of conditions of Cholla Bay by research, studies, investigation and educational activities, and matters related thereto.
2. To develop, prove and make available techniques, designs, practices and plans of every nature and kind, applicable to the development and use of Cholla Bay.
3. To enter into, provide and participate in research studies and plans with respect to the public use of Cholla Bay, and to aid and assist and cooperate with individuals, businesses, industries.....in fulfilling the needs of better public relations between the citizens of the Republic of Mexico.....
4. To donate and provide funds and equipment to assist in advancing and furthering sanitary conditions, roadways, ship-to-shore radio communication, and such other

matters as may promote the health, safety and comfort of the general public and sportsmen in the Cholla Bay area.

There are 4 more entries which mostly deal with legal issues. The above section was incorporated in 1961 and didn't get amended until 1989. June 21, 1989 amendments added to the 8 Objectives,

9. To promote among the members of this corporation, pleasure fishing, from boats and/or shore; skin diving; water skiing; shell collecting and/or other related pleasure boating and water connected activities for members of this corporation which do not conflict with the Laws, Rules and Regulations of Mexico.

10. *Basically says that we have to abide by all the laws of the Political Constitution of Mexico and specifically the clause regarding foreign relations.*

So the idea of focusing on water activities didn't come into play until 1989. Article 3 lays out plans to be "educational and charitable". Hum, still don't see the mention of social club in any of the amendments. Perhaps it's a natural occurrence when many of these people spent years together



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February

- 9 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 9 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 10 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 13, 14, 15 **JJ's Cantina** - Angler of the Year in Cholla
- 14 Whiplash Race (**JJ's Cantina**)
- 14 Trip to the Spit (see page 11)
- 15 Poker Run (**JJ's Cantina**)

March

- 9 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 9 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 10 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 11 Council Meeting
- 13-21 Trip to El Golfo (4x4 trip)
(More details in March for this trip)

MEETING DAYS & LOCATIONS!!

-CHOLLA-

2nd Tuesday of each month
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-TUCSON-

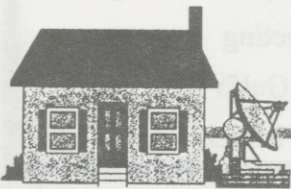
2nd Tuesday of each month
Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30 pm
Las Margaritas 3602 E. Grant Rd.

-PHOENIX-

2nd Wednesday of each month
Meeting: 7:30 pm
Arizona American Italian Club 7509
North 12th Street Phoenix

attempting to make La Cholla a better place than when they arrived. It's interesting when people view the club in two different ways and insist that their view is correct. In reality the function was to make Cholla better in whatever way they could. Did the focus change and these ideals got ignored? Did Cholla change and make these ideals obsolete? Did the members change and these objectives became unimportant. Whatever the objectives were in 1961, they certainly aren't what the club is focusing on in 1999. The progression of 38 years has certainly created dilemmas for the CBSC. What is really important to the members now? CAW

Best Wishes to Betty Munro, who has had some mobility issues and Thelma Brown, who fell and broke her hip. Speedy recovery and warmest wishes from all of us in the CBSC!



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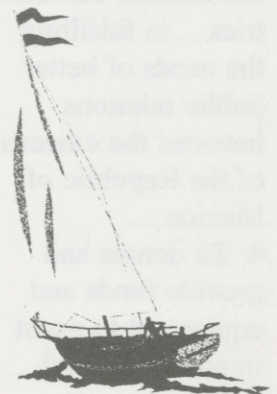
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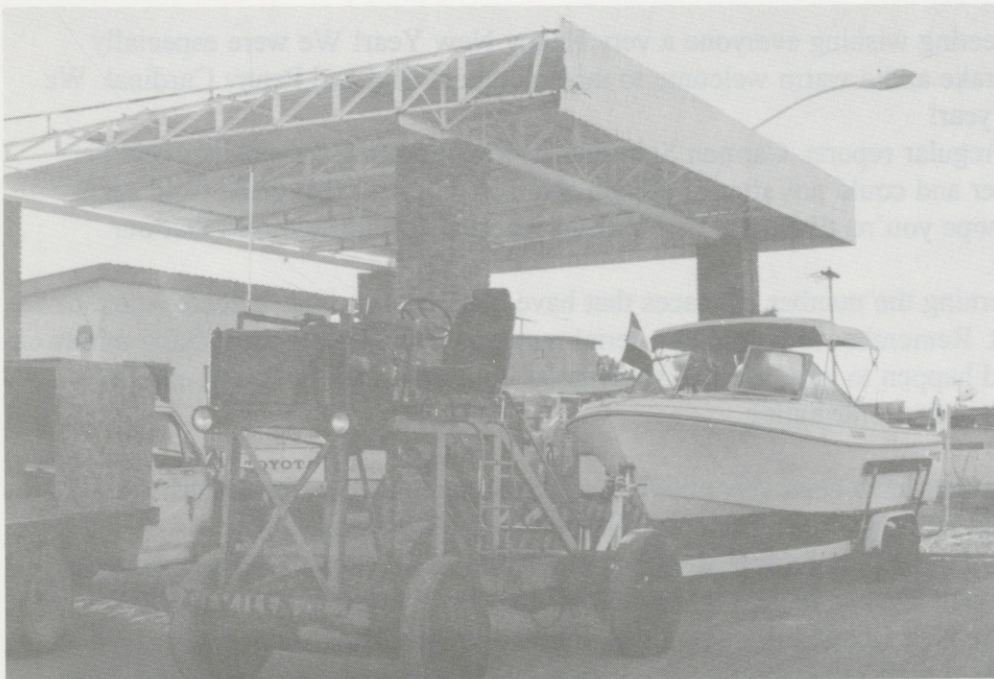
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Gas: A Thing of the Past?



Finally restrictions were lifted to print this story, even though it has been known since Thanksgiving Weekend. The gas station in town will no longer be selling gas to patrons in La Cholla. The operation has not shown enough profit to take on the much needed repairs. Pemex has imposed standards that would take thousands of dollars to upgrade. Our town is very small and the business is just not there to bring in the kind of cash needed keep this once convenient little operation alive or to modernize it at this time. The launchers and boats will be hit the hardest.

JJ'S CANTINA

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Calendar of Events 1999



Angler of the Year - Phase I

February 13, 14, 15

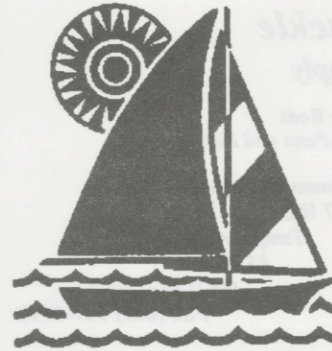


WHIPLASH Race

February 14th

Poker Run

February 15th



SAILBOAT RACES

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Tucson Chitter Chatter

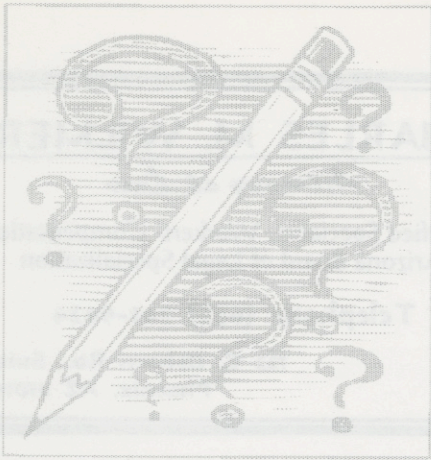
Ken Harnett opened the January meeting wishing everyone a very Happy New Year! We were especially delighted to welcome back Billy Drake and a warm welcome to new members Bud and Penny Cardinal. We look forward to seeing you all this year!

The meeting commenced with our regular reports. Carmen Schwartz is now reporting for sick bay and her husband Rick was under the weather and could not attend. We are also sorry to hear that Gene Reid spent 5 days in the hospital. We certainly hope you're all better. Teri Wilson reported for Shirley Reid that our membership is now at 88 members.

There was quite a discussion concerning the number of places that have been broken into. It seems most of them are located on the water front. Remember to record any serial numbers or any other identifying marks on your possessions in case this should happen to you. We had some great door and raffle prizes to end the evening. We sincerely thank everyone for contributing.

Member profile - Ken and Anne Harnett have been very active in the Sportsmen's Club for the last couple of years. Ken is now serving his second term as our President of which we are all grateful.

Ken actually started going to Rocky Point when he was attending college at ASU. (I can't believe someone from Tucson has to report this. Oh well.) When he and Anne married they both loved the ocean and spent a lot of time in San Diego and Hawaii. Ken would still come down but he thought Anne wouldn't like it. He was wrong. They started coming down with Jerry and Sylvia Kitchens, their neighbors in Tucson and Anne just loved it. Their son, John, really loves it. After spending time in the area, they finally decided to invest in Cholla and have purchased a house they just love. Thank you Ken and Anne and we are glad to have you as neighbors. Carla



Derby Drawing Anyone?

For anyone interested, you can submit a drawing or artwork of your own creation for the Derby T-shirt designs and have it worn by just about everyone that participates in the FISHING DERBY. A friendly little competition is currently being promoted by the Derby workers and you can be considered just by contacting Kelly Adams at (602)345-0623 or send your design entry directly to 6824 S. Hardy Drive Tempe, Az 85283. All entries must be completed by the 15th of February and gotten to Kelly for a winner to be chosen. Be a winner and show off those talents with flare!

Phoenix Chatter

The Phoenix Chapter December meeting was held January 13th at the Arizona American Italian Club. Twenty members were in attendance. A warm welcome (literally) to members Jerry and Nancy Poyser who recently moved to the Valley of the Sun from Idaho. Treasurer Pat Scalberg ran the meeting due to the absences of President Frank Flynn who was out of town on business (hope he's not losing all his money during his "spare" time in Vegas!) and Vice-President Ed Mueller was sick. Hope you are feeling better, Ed! After the treasurer and secretary reports were read and accepted, it was on to new business. One of the main things on everyone's agenda was the Fishing Derby. It appears our own Brad Moen has graciously accepted the position of Derby Chairman. Way to go, Brad! At the end of the night, we celebrated the "29th" birthdays of three of our members. Happy Birthday to Lylia Hagerty, Pat Scalberg and Carol Wood! Congratulations also go out to our three raffle winners of the night. The winners include Frank Prieto and Kathy Curtis, who each won a bottle of booze, and to Bob Carr, winner of the exciting board game Fishing Frenzy. Hope the new year is going well for everyone. Take Care! L.K

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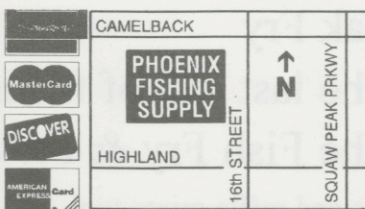
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Weather wise the first month of 1999, we have had beautiful spring like weather. However, we know we still have some time left for some winter weather. Fishing has been good with boats bringing in a variety of species.

Wade Brewer from Sedona usually brings the wind with him when he comes in but he did manage to sneak in on a calm weekend and went home with a nice catch of black sea bass. This is just one catch of many, many more good ones that have come ashore.

February is a short but fun month for everyone...everyone's favorite holiday - Valentine's Day combined with President's Day equals a long weekend. Between the events offered by the CBSC and the OBSC, many fun events are planned and February's 28 days are fun filled. Just be sure you get here to enjoy.

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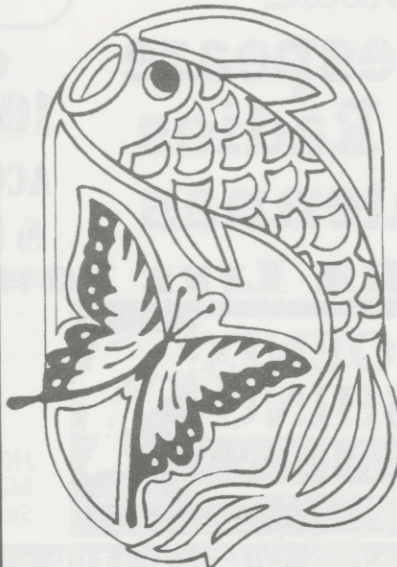
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Brad Moen was appointed as **Derby Chairman** on January 14th. Dave Adams is the co-chairman. You can contact either fisherman to offer assistance for the event

Brad Moen
938- 5798

Dave Adams
345-0624



**CBSC Fishing Derby Dates
& Schedule of Activities**

April 9th, 10th & 11th

May 1st, 2nd & 3rd

May 28th, 29th, 30th, & 31st

May 30th Steak Fry

June 11th is the last day of fishing

June 12th is the Fish Fry & Fiesta

Trophy Presentations and raffle prizes too!

CHOLLA CHAPTER CHITTER CHATTER

Dear Readers,

Cholla Chapter met at JR's BBQ on January 12. Over 130 dinners were served. There were 28 guest. The new officers took over their jobs for the year. They are President - Bob Belk, Vice President - Ken Goodin, Secretary - Pat Goodin and Treasurer - Donna Blair. Membership reported we have 205 paid voting members. Sick Bay representative Bev (3-6468) says that as far as she knows we are all well. We did hear though, that Robert Lee is going to have surgery this week. We send him our best! We don't have a location for next months meeting yet. Listen to your radio or contact an officer. Take Care and Stay Healthy, L.D.

P.S. I didn't write my usual long letter this month, because I would like to use some of my allotted space to express some views and concerns of my self and some other members of Cholla Chapter. They are as follows:

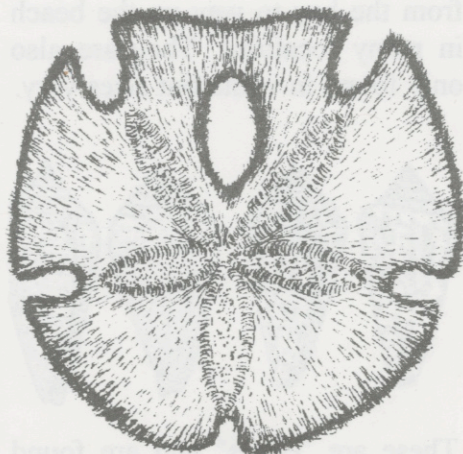
Many of our members do not know that:

1. There are three chapters. (Tucson, Phoenix and Cholla)
2. Each chapter has a Board of Directors.
3. There is a general council of the CBSC.
4. Each Chapter is represented at this Councils meeting.
5. Phoenix Chapter has four (4) representatives; Cholla has (2) and Tucson has (1) representative.
6. Membership and geographical location are decided by the Council representation.
7. One paid membership - (single or double) equals one vote.

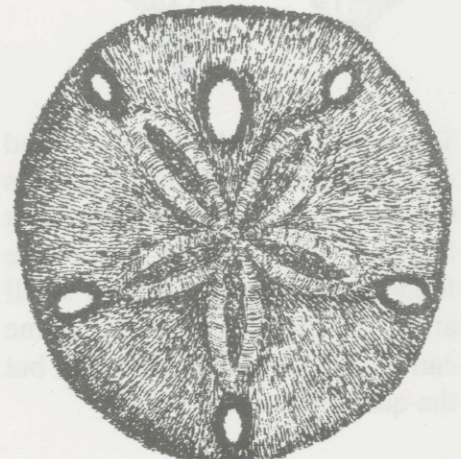
Cholla Chapter has tried since last June to get action on a proposed amendment to the bylaws. This amendment would guarantee equal representation to each chapter regardless of geographical location or Chapter affiliation. Cholla Chapter had to agree to pay for the ballot and mailing before the proposal would even be considered. Then we had to agree to allow comments from each Chapter to be enclosed with the ballot when we send it out (if we ever do!). In October, we asked for a membership list of all paid members and have not received if as of this writing. I don't know if this has made any sense to my readers, but I have been asked to explain this so many times that I thought I would take this opportunity to offer an explanation of what is happening at this time. I would encourage all members to attend a Board or Council meeting if at all possible. These meetings are not secret. Anyone who is a paid member of the CBSC can attend. All of the business of the club is taken care of at Council and Board meetings, enabling the general membership to have a fun evening out each month. I hope that this has answered the questions that many of you are asking, about what is going on.

Shelling

Ever wonder where the sanddollars are hiding in Cholla Bay? Ever pick up a shell and wonder what in the world is that little curly thing? Well, we'll try to answer some of those mysteries and maybe enlighten you on the beach gifts that come to us in variety each day. Here are just two examples of sanddollars and



The Keyhole Sanddollar

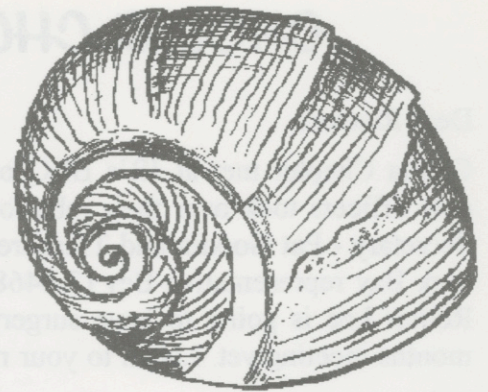


Sanddollar

you really can find them in Cholla Bay. The key is to head out at low EXTREME tide and begin your walk from the boat launch and head directly toward the other side. You will begin to spot sanddollars about a mile across or halfway across the bay. If the sanddollar is all black in color, it's still alive (recommended to leave alone). Some of the Sanddollars are simply huge and remind us of Ellie Mae Calmpet cookies. They are thick, grey and in all kinds of conditions. Really fun to pry out of the mudd!



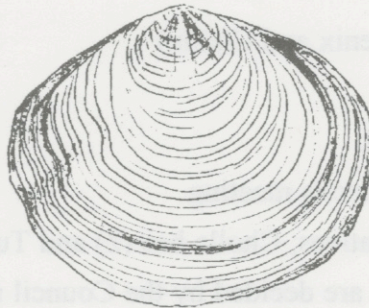
These are called "Spindles" and they look very similar to the Whelk. The top shaft is longer and they are not as common as the Whelks. A few have been found across the bay at different locations along the shore



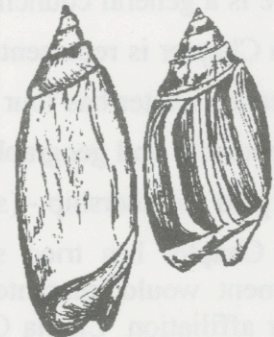
This one is the "moon" snail shell and they come in muted tan or yellowish color. Many can be found near the water at the black rocked point across the bay.



These are called "turrets" and they can be found literally by the thousands on a beach near the 1st train station going north from Cholla. You have to take the road along the railroad tracks and then head to the beach at the train station. There are all kinds, sizes, and colors to choose from.



These are called "semele" and they are generally found in the same locations as turrets.

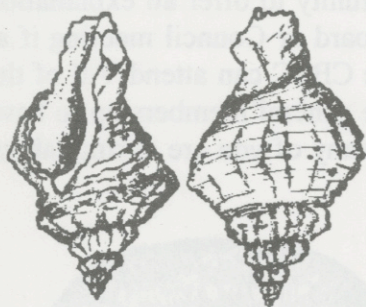


These are called "Olives" and they are rare to find in full color. Most are sun bleached but available on almost any beach.

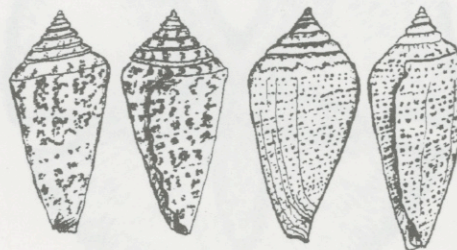


These are called "razor or Jack-knife" clams. They are found in great quantity on the beach across the bay. They are very plentiful from the bay to way up the beach in many locations. They are also only found in white but sizes vary.

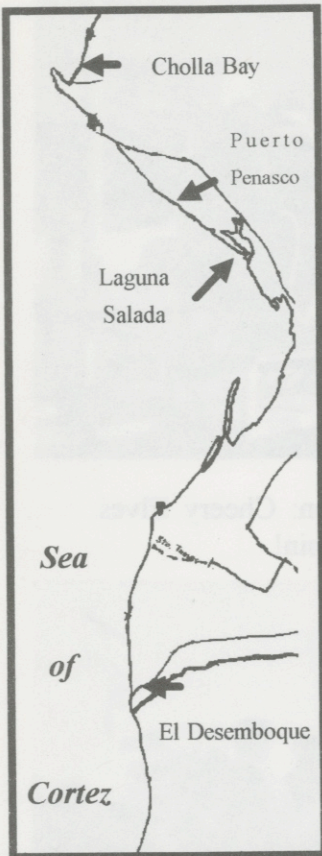
Want to get rid of those barnacles and other foreign matter off your shells? Soaking in vinegar will get rid of a lot but use caution on the length of time you dip your shells. Vinegar will generally remove junk but if the shells sit in for a whole day, the vinegar will eat the shell too, especially if it is of delicate nature. Bleaching will remove color from the shell and some shells are less desirable without their color. Plain fresh water doesn't hurt anything and a toothbrush scour can improve your find. Happy Hunting!



These are called "Whelks" and many can be found right near JJ's Cantina to the left of the boat launch. Many small ones are found there but they are not small at all on color and variety. Some can be found at Tucson Beach but the quantity is near JJ's.



These are "cones" and are found everywhere.



El Desemboque

A vehicle trip has been planned to Desemboque for Presidents Weekend. This is called a 4x4 trip but a rating was not been assigned. *[Ratings are issued on 4x4 trips to indicate the difficulty of the trip. They are rated 1 thru 4 with 1 being easy and 4 being most difficult with lots of experience needed]*

You would need to get a vehicle permit for all vehicles you plan to take (including 3 wheelers and quads) at the border and take care of a Visa for yourself. This trip is out of the "free zone". Contact Pat Scalberg at (602) 978-1039 for further info since flyers didn't make it to the editor's hand in time for publication.



Labels, Labels, Labels

Have you taken a look at your mailing label lately? There are misspellings of names or divorces that have occurred and information has not reached us to correct these misdeeds of the label maker. We respectfully request everyone this month to check out your mailing label and help us with the corrections. You may have requested it before and it didn't get through. If you will fill out the little form on the inside back page and send to your chapter membership chairman, every effort will be made to correct the records. We would like to make sure that every person with a subscription gets an accurate label....*Thanks!*



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“T’was the Day of the Party...”

T’was December 19th and all through the Bay
The wind was a-howling to welcome the day.
We rushed to the Fry Shack; Pete was already there.
He found that the bathrooms were in great disrepair.
Pete ordered the water but when it was put in
The pipes had been cut and it came out again.

Lois came early to decorate the tree
But the wind blew it over and would not let it be.
Lots of tape and big rocks wouldn’t hold it at all,
So then she, Don, and Nancy wired it right to the wall.
The wind tried its best to blow decorations away
But eventually four rolls of tape had its way.
Santa and Mrs Claus arrived in their sleigh
Having driven through town, jingling bells on the way.

The Moms and the kids in grand repartee
Sang “Las Posadas” in voices so gay.
They visited Santa and sat on his lap.
And told of their wants as the camera went “snap”
Mrs. Claus and the elves gave candy canes to each one
To coax out the smiles and add to the fun.

Then to Santa’s workshop they hurried, post haste
Where they made picture frames using glitter and paste.
The kids all ate a hot dog, some cookies and punch
They gobbled them up. It was a good lunch.
The children of Cholla had practiced for days
And sang with great gusto, the crowd was amazed.

Pinatas were hung, the kids swung the bat
Each one got some candy, we all saw to that.
Santa and Mrs. Claus then climbed in the sleigh
And waved to the children. It had been a great day.
And we heard them exclaim as they drove out of sight.
“Nos vemos esta noche!” We will see you tonight”

But wait, there was more to this marvelous day
They went to the Moore’s to pack up the sleigh.
And all of the workers were in a good mood
As they loaded the sleigh with the toys and the food.
It was off to the houses, we went full of joy
With a gift for each family and for each girl and boy.

At every house there were smiles, hugs and song,
This memory of Christmas will last the year long.
Let’s keep building friendship and pass on good cheer
To our Cholla neighbors each day of the year.
And remember, “A day that starts out a mess
Can end up with joy and much happiness”



Sal Otanez and Teri Wilson: Cheery Elves taking the sleigh out for a spin!



Mrs. Claus (Teri Wilson) handed out candy canes



Children wanting to take a ride in the sleigh. Santa (Sal Otanez) doesn't mind.....



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Cast of Characters

Santa Claus.....Sal Otanez
Mrs. Claus.....Teresa Wilson
Santa's Helper....Enidina Otanez
Santa's Workshop...Linda Eger
Elves....Lois Osborn, Cathy & Jeff, Libby & Arthur
Master of Ceremonies.....Agustin Leon
Sound Manager...Pete Peterson
Photographer....Nancy Schmidli
Pinatas.....Shirley & Pete Peterson
Food Service....Chuck & Joanie Dernberger, Don Schmidli, Glenda Maud
Choir Director...Sandy Moore
Orchestra.....Lew Felton
Choir.....David & Citali Villa, Francisca, Grecia & Diana Green, Susana Martinez Susana, Nancy & Claudia Estrella, Alva Patricia Perez, Monica Carruche Felix, Yalmalith, Felix, Abram and Aaron Arvizu, Mario Green, Teresa Green
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Post Script

On the Monday following the Christmas Party, Agustin Leon packed the "Cholla Children's Choir", Cholla parents, Lou Felton, Nancy Schmidli and Sandy Moore into his new shiny white tour bus and whisked us all to "Cas Hogar" the senior care home in Puerto Penasco. Our Cholla children sang Christmas songs along with all of the adults present to 17 precious residents who showed great enthusiasm. As a finale, Agustin sang a beautiful Mexican ballad in top voice. The children personally spoke to and gave hugs to each of the seniors and we all plan on doing it again next year.



Cholla's Childrens Choir



Waiting to hit the pinata



Monica Carruche Felix doing a song and dance

Letter to the Editor

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Dear Members,

As past president of the Cholla Chapter of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club, I am writing this open letter to all members. I do believe there are something's that need to be said about the CBSC.

The by-laws were written approximately 25 years ago, and were written for those times. Our club, the Cholla Chapter has been trying to change those by-laws. The one by-law we were concerned with is Article 1, Section 1. Which would give all clubs equal representation at the council. We have bent over backwards trying to comply with

the council and its by-laws to no avail. Every time we would take one step forward we would get pushed back two. The Phoenix Chapter doesn't want change and we know why, they have total control over the other clubs with their voting power. I think the Phoenix Chapter needs to know things have to change with the times. Its also time for the "Good Ole Boys" to step back and take a real good look at what is happening to the CBSC. The CBSC have done a lot for Cholla Bay and the surrounding area, but they could do more. It's time for all chapters to get there houses in order, as we all know the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing. As you have probably heard, there will be a new club in Rocky Point, and it will not be affiliated with CBSC for obvious reasons. The CBSC has become very political and not very fair.

I hope Cholla Chapter can get everything they started through this year, as they have worked very hard. I wish them GOOD LUCK!

Yours truly,
Patricia A. Foss



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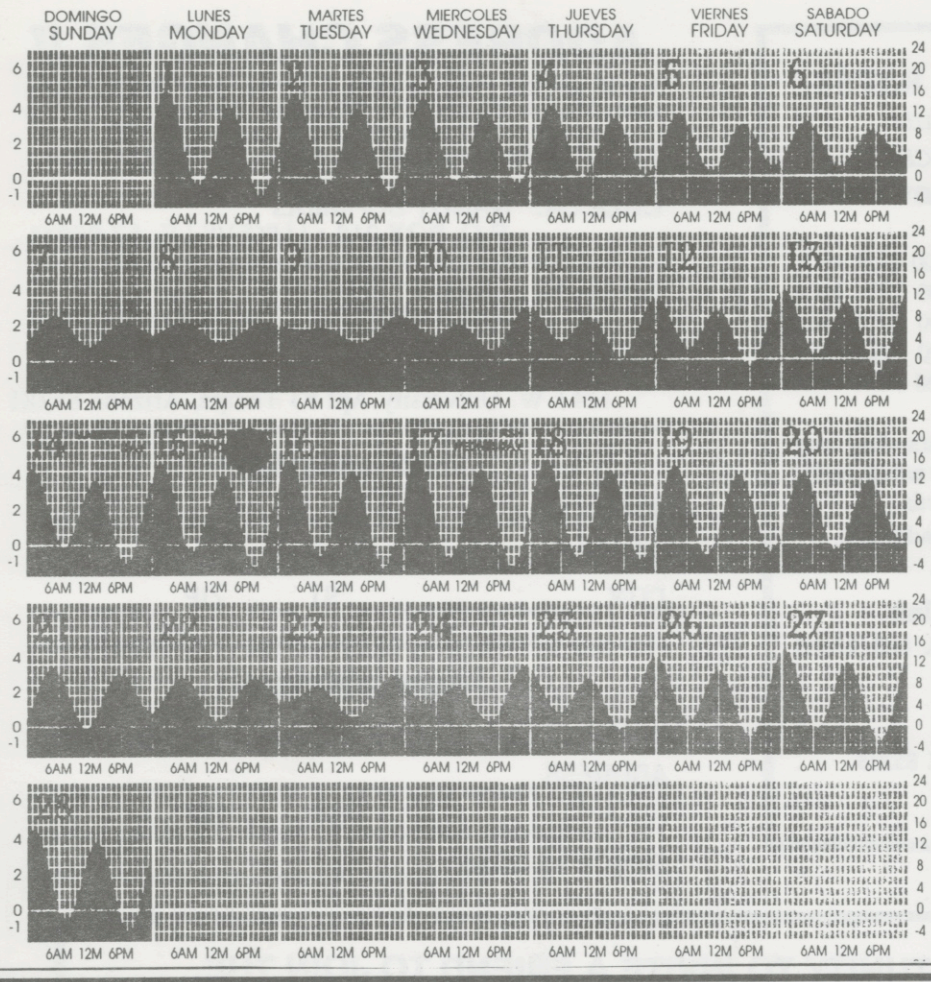
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