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### APRIL

- 1 JJ's Golf Tournament
- 8 JJ's Jetski Races
- 8,9 JJ's Sailboat Races
- 11 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 11 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 12 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors
- 21-23 CBSC Fishing Derby Begins
- 22 JJ's Chili Cookoff
- 29 OBSC Bash
- 29 JJ's Bathtub Races

### MAY

- 5 - 7 CBSC Fishing Derby Continues
- 9 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 9 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 10 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors
- 26-29 CBSC Fishing Derby Continues
- 28 CBSC Steak Fry

### JUNE

- 9-10 CBSC Fishing Derby Final Phase
- 10 Fish Fry & Awards Ceremony
- 13 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 13 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 14 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors
- 23-25 JJ's Angler of the Year Tournament

## AUGUST CAMPOUT SET HOSTS NEEDED!

August 9th - 15th is the date for the annual August Campout. This year we have reserved the Kiwanis Moqui Campground, 30 miles north of Pine. This new campground offers the following: water, garbage cans, grills, tables, restrooms, fishing & boating at the Blue Ridge Reservoir, hiking, wildlife, a store appx. 10 miles away, and more.

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#### Phoenix Chapter Welcomes:

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## F.Y.I.

Iva Henry gave a fantastic demonstration on how to make a sand casting at the Phoenix Chapter March meeting. We hope that her avid students will bring to the April meeting examples of what they learned from Iva. Also mentioned was the fact that no one does this art form in Rocky Point. So save those sea shells and maybe we can talk Iva into teaching the school children and the Cholla Chapter this exciting hobby-skill. Wait until you see Frank Flynn's sand casting.

If you always wanted to visit the Gillespie Gold mine near Rocky Point and never had the chance. Stop at the Playa Elegante RV Park Saturday morning April 1st at 8:00 AM and try a new adventure. High clearance vehicles are best. Bring your lunch, beverage, flashlights, cameras, binoculars, etc. Rumor has it that a foreign company is buying the mine and this may be our last chance to explore this historic area.

Future trips are being considered for the Pinacate Volcano field, the Spit south of the second estuary, and the Box Canyon in Arizona, let Mike Hagerty, our off road chairman, know of a trip you would like to make, your ideas are appreciated.

Does anyone know what happened to the new buildings that were built about 15 miles south of the border and have been abandoned? Rumor has it that General Motors was going to build an assembly plant there but ran into a snag. What is the true story?

## Steak Fry

Once again this year the CBSC will have a steak fry with all the fixings. May 28th is the date and the Fry Shack in Cholla is the place. There are a limited number of tickets being sold for this fund raiser, so don't delay purchasing your tickets today, or you could miss out on a great steak dinner and a great get together! Tickets are available at your club meetings or through your club officers. If you have been to one of these in the past you know how good it is!

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## EDITORS NOTE

Well it is Derby Time already. This year Dave has been busier than usual. He and Frank Flynn will be Co-Chairmen for the 40th Annual Fishing Derby - What a Job! (Jobs?) It takes a lot of work & planning for such a big affair.

This will leave little time for the Chatter in the coming few months. We need your help. Please submit articles, pictures, fillers, etc., our files are about empty and we don't have the time to make stuff up. Any article of interest, no matter how short or long will be greatly appreciated, and everyone love pictures.

As far as the Derby goes, we need a lot of help, there are a lot of jobs to be done, during the Derby and during the Fish Fry. If you have helped out in past or can help out this year, please let us know as soon as possible. It's a lot of fun and a great way to meet people.



## Derby News

by Dave Adams

Time is fast approaching for the 1995, 40th Annual Fishing Derby. Trophies are being looked at, Derby Tickets are available, posters are up everywhere, raffle tickets are mailed, T-shirts are at the printer and donations for raffle prizes and trophy sponsorship are starting to come in. There are still a lot of donations needed for the raffle, such as ice chests, fishing tackle, flashlights, dinners, gift certificates, safety equipment, etc. Any prize donations for the raffle will be greatly appreciated. Please remember if you get any donations to get a copy of their company logo or business card so they can be recognized and thanked for their generous donation. There is still a lot of work to be done, but so far it looks like it's going pretty well, thanks to all the helpers out there.

This year there will be 4 weekends of the Derby, April 21st-23rd is the first weekend, then May 5th-7th, Memorial Day weekend May 26th-29th, and the big finale on June 9th & 10th. Hopefully this will allow everyone a chance to participate.

This year we will have a special "All Around Fisherman". This award will be based on a point system of accumulated points over all 4 weekends.

- 1st place for any category of fish = 10pts.
- 2nd place for any category of fish = 8pts.
- 3rd place for any category of fish = 6pts.
- 4th place for any category of fish = 4pts.
- 5th place for any category of fish = 2 pts.

This year there will also be a minimum weight set on some of the fish. And remember all those who fish the Derby are required to have a valid Mexican fishing license, a valid Mexican boat permit as well as fill out a boat launch slip (all of which are all now available from Augustine at the Radio Shack in Cholla Bay). Please be sure to take the time to read the 1995 Derby rules.

Well here's wishing for great weather, lots of good fishing and a great 40th ANNUAL FISHING DERBY!

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# Cholla Chapter Chitter Chatter

by Elaine Rimsza

Spring weather and spring break are in full bloom as of this writing, with the former being thoroughly enjoyable. Giving credit to Augustine and dedicated police efforts, most locals feel that spring break in Cholla has been more subdued this year, and we very much appreciate their prompt response to many calls. The police station/jail recently built at the entrance to Cholla may have deterred some of the high-speed daredevils. It's very presence makes a statement. We understand from Augustine that the City of Puerto Peñasco is responsible for its being put there, and we think it's a good reminder to obey the rules and regulations of the city and tourism department, which were published in the March Chatter.

March 14th was the date, La Curva was the place, Cholla Chapter Sportsmen's Club meeting was the event that brought 78 jovial people together. We welcomed our friends from Tucson and Phoenix chapters and introduced new members and guests. Our membership is holding strong, with 281 total adult members (162 voting memberships) as of the beginning of March. A warm welcome was given to Pat Scalberg, president of the Phoenix chapter. And welcome back to our club to Sylvia Turman of Playa Encanto, "Mama T." Sylvia was a regular member of our chapter and on our board of directors a couple of years ago, until business took her away.

Our best wishes to Wally Schmerfeld as he undergoes more radiation treatment. We say Elizabeth in town, and she said "he's hanging in there!" We hope Wally will soon be back in Cholla. Adele Curtis, our treasurer, was sick and unable to attend this meeting. Special prayers for Larry McDowell, who had a heart attack in Cholla on March 16th and was transported to the boarder for helicopter airlift to Phoenix.

The 40th Annual Fishing Derby will be chaired by Frank Flynn and Dave Adams. The first of four weekends will begin April 21-23. We're sure these chairmen need and want help, so volunteer a little time now and then during these weekends. There are many duties to be filled, and they'll need many helpers. The Steak Fry will be hosted by the Phoenix chapter on May 28th.

Linda Bleeker says the Fall Fiesta is tentatively scheduled for November, but unless more people are willing to help to commit to help the Fiesta cannot be held.

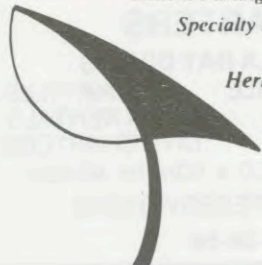
Much appreciation for donations to our raffle prize drawing: Joe & Glenda Anacleto, a bottle of rum - Bruce & Jane Beidler, a minute timer and a jelly jar - dinners for two from La Curva. A great deal of excitement was generated by Elmer & Char Slavey with their donation of an evening (sunset?) cruise on their boat, won by our hard working president and secretary, Don & Nancy Schmidli.

At our April meeting, we're going to have another very special prize. Bob Fleetwood announced that he will donate a 9/0 fishing reel, and this is a very fine reel, as all of you fishermen know! We'll surely have a lot of interest for this, and just in time for the fishing derby, too! Thank you, Bob.

Special recognition is due to Dave and Kelley Adams, editors of the Cholla Chatter. Only those who have had this job realize the extent of work involved, but some of our members who have done it have made us a little bit more aware. Our club wishes to let you know we think you're doing a great job! We'll try to get more ads from down here. Thank you, Dave and Kelley!

Next meeting on April 11th at La Curva. Happy Springtime!

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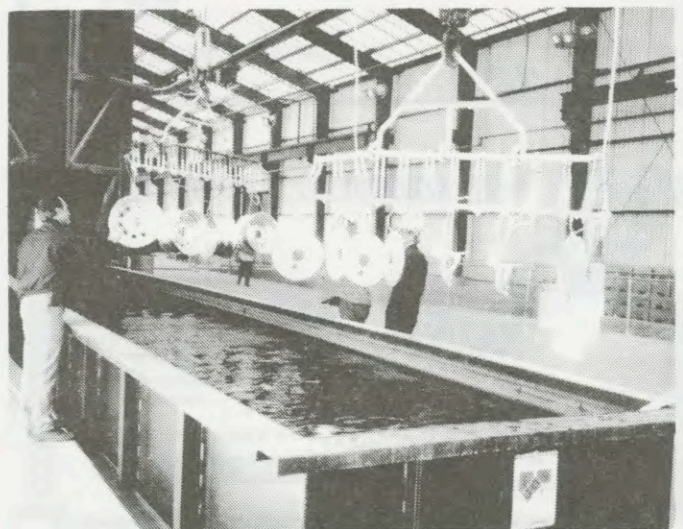
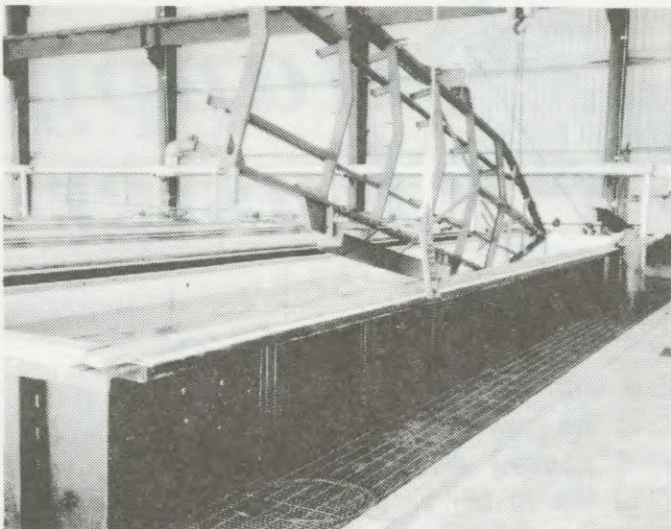
All running gear such as axles, springs, shackles, brakes, brakes actuators must be stripped before hand. The final dismantling can be done in their yard. In our project, we did every possible item we could including steel wheels, axles (spindles must be capped to prevent the bearing surfaces from getting galvanized). The only items not galvanized were the springs as they would loose their metal temper. All tubing must be vented top and bottom, to let the galvanizing in and out or the slightest moisture inside would cause an explosion during the galvanizing.

The process is this! First after lifting the frame on huge overhead hoists, the items are put in a alkaloid solution tank for twenty minutes to degrease them of any oils or grease. Second, they are put into a neutralizer tank. Third, the next processing is called pickling and the parts are put in a heated tank of 12% sulfuric acid to etch the metal and remove any surface rust. This can take any where from fifteen minutes to an hour depending on the parts (the galvanizing will not adhere to paint or rust). The metal must be perfectly clean. Fourth, back to a neutralizer tank and then the fifth step is to dip into a hot flux tank. Finally after several hours the trailer is ready to be galvanized. Sixth, the kettle is the next step, which contains zinc melted to 830 degrees. As the trailer was ever so slowly lowered by over head hoist into the molten bubbling metal, it seemed to disappear as in a sink hole. The molten zinc actually molecularly combines with the steel surface at this point and then after five minutes underneath the surface it is again ever so slowly lifted out and drained of all liquid zinc, as workers clear any zincoxide floating on the top of this molten kettle. The seventh step is to submerge the trailer in a cooling tank containing chromate to keep the luster of the final surface. Eighth, the finish area is to touch up and grind off any excess zinc that may have dripped (icicle) or run.

Your reassembling now takes some doing as all predrilled holes are undersized and galvanized bolts oversized. With some tedious shaping, all parts are reattached and the wood bunks put back on and the boat is now ready to go back on the trailer. The trailer should last 15 to 20 years, even in the salt water dipping of the Sea of Cortez.

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# Tucson Chitter Chatter

Well folks, I'm like the rabbit in "Alice in Wonderland Story" "I'm late, I'm late." For that certain deadline. Dave and Kelley Adams, the editors of this great little booklet, are very patient and congenial.

The saying goes "No news is good news," and this how I am today. I don't know nothing about anyone. I just want to report I was late getting to our March CBSC and the meeting was in charge of Joe Wood. Maybe, I should say Joe Wood had the meeting well in hand in absence of Bill Drake, El Presidente. The reports were given by the usual members Sandy Maeser, Joan Nichols, Shirley Reid, Irene Drake, Alan Peterson.

Welcome to some guests and newcomers. Truman Nussbaum, Carla Stephens, John Byrum, Mike and Jeri O'Callaghan (Irish?), Karen Peitsmeyer, Pete ?? from I-3. Hope to see you again. We really have a good time, when nothing serious is going on.

A break and the door prizes were handled by Joe Wood and helper Kitchens young son. Sorry, guy, didn't write down your name and you know how some of us ole' folks are with our memories. Donations were made by Woods, Drakes, Kitchens and Wilsons. Sock it to me if I missed someone. Winners: John Byrum-plastic tumblers & pitchers, Marion Hotchkiss-barbecue scrub brushes, T. Wilson-Liquid Wrench, Jeni O'Callaghan-sombrero, Dean Tozzi-tumblers, Jerry Kitchens-plastic tote, Marion Hotchkiss-Thermos drink holder & mini paper pads, Mary Wood-pillow shams, Joe Wood-napkins and coasters, Jean Drake-gift wrapping and large shawls, Jeni O'Callaghan-gas can tote, T. Wilson-cutest little chair and bear doo-dad. Brandon is that your name? Brandon Kitchens was given the cold drink tote by M. Hotchkiss which he really wanted. Brandon wouldn't take my cute bear doo-dad. He is all boy. Meeting adjourned, proceeded by some private scuttlebutt.

Spring break is over. St. Patrick's day left a few big heads. I bet some people will have some stories. We look forward to Easter and Memorial weekend.

*Respectfully, Tere*

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# Happy Easter

## Good-bye to a Friend

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Thankfully, good friends following came to the rescue. New members Bert and Mindy Hagen had enough room on their trailer to carry a totally demolished ATV and trailer back to Phoenix. Members Joe and Jan Baselice and others also helped in my time of need. Jan found the spare tire, that had been padlocked, a hundred yards out in the desert. A beautiful young lady and her partner, who turned out to be Pinicate Park rangers, happened by to direct traffic. The aluminum trailer canopy, veneer interior and styrofoam insulation was scattered all along the road. The attractive lady ranger who spoke english, volunteered to return the next day and remove the debris. However we all pitched in and filled her truck with the wreckage.

The nearest insurance adjuster on the list was just a few miles away in Sonoita at the border. A telephone call brought him to make his report. But would you believe, he contends he does not represent my insurance company even though it is his name, address and telephone number listed as the adjuster. He says he doesn't even have the forms to fill out, but we could use him as a witness to the damage incurred. He also notes that when the policy was written they forgot to list the ATV as covered.

Is there a lesson in all this? YES, first of all I was so dumbfounded at the scene I forgot to take pictures. Second, always examine your policy before leaving the insurance office. Third don't forget to thank everyone who took time out to help. Would you believe I even forgot to get the name of the my bonita simpatico Park Ranger?

THANK YOU AMIGAS, AMIGOS

Even though I have lost a \$3,000 Honda that now costs \$4,000 to replace and a \$700 trailer, lets look at the bright side, at least no one was injured.

I guess we could call this a growth experience.

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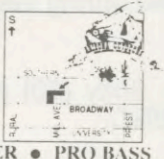
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## 1. Each contestant participating in the Derby must:

- Have a valid Mexican Fishing License
- Must have a valid Mexican Boat Permit
- Must have a valid Derby Ticket prior to fishing
- Have filled out a Launch Slip prior to entering the water
- Not launch prior to Derby date
- Catch entered fish on hook and line
- Be launched from Cholla Bay

## 2. Classes of fish eligible and minimum weight for prizes:

* Black Sea Bass - minimum 50 lbs.	Mackerel	Sardinero - minimum 8 lbs.
Cochi (Triggerfish)	Pargo	Sea Trout
Dolphin (Dorado)	Pinto - minimum 10 lbs.	Skip Jack
Flounder - minimum 8 lbs.	Pompano	Yellow Tail
* Grouper - minimum 40 lbs.	Red Snapper	
Leatherfish	* Sailfish	Shark ***

\* Limited to one (1) per person per day, regardless of weight

\*\*\* Sharks will not be eligible for the Grand Prize Award (Largest Fish) or the JACKPOTS!

**IT IS PROHIBITED TO CATCH AND KEEP SPECIES OF TOTOABA (WHITE SEA BASS)**

## 3. DERBY TICKETS:

Derby Tickets which entitle the purchaser to fish the entire Derby may be purchased prior to and during the Derby for \$20.00 per adult and \$5.00 per junior. Weekend Derby tickets may be purchased for the weekend you wish to fish for \$8.00. These tickets will be available each day of the Derby at the Radio Room and Launch area in Cholla Bay or at your monthly club meetings. There will be no refunds on the Derby Tickets or Super Jackpot donations. With the purchase of an adult full Derby ticket, a set of 6 Raffle Tickets will be included.

## 4. SUPER-JACKPOTS:

**BOAT JACKPOT:** Entry fee will be a donation of \$100.00 per boat (non transferable).

**MINI JACKPOT** (women only): Entry fee will be a donation of \$25.00 per individual.

Participants must be 16 years and older. Half of each Jackpot (Boat and Mini) goes to the two individuals catching the largest fish of the Derby (Jackpot Participants Only). The other half goes to the CBSC. **All Derby Rules Apply.**

## 5. RULES:

Boats may not leave the Bay prior to 6:00 am EACH DERBY DAY, and must return each evening. A person may only win one prize per category of fish.

## 6. REGISTRATION AND WEIGHING OF FISH:

The scales will be open for weighing from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm each day of the Derby except on the last day, Saturday June 10th 1995, when the scales will promptly close at 2:00 pm. These closing times will be strictly enforced. Any fish presented for judging must be accompanied by the Derby Ticket of the person claiming the catch. The date, species and weight of the fish will be recorded on the back of the said Derby Ticket at the time of weigh-in.

## 7. JUDGING AND PRIZES:

Fish will be judged according to weight. Fish under the minimum weight will not qualify for prizes or awards. There will be 1 Grand Prize Winner for Men, 1 for Women and 1 for Juniors (15 years and under). Fish taking the Grand Prize trophies will not be eligible for any other awards. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category of fish. Awards consist of trophies and/or cash. There will be a special "All Around Fisherman" award for the 40th Annual Fishing Derby 1995. This award will be based on the most points accumulated by one person during all four weekends of the Derby: 1st place for any category of fish = 10 pts. • 2nd place for any category of fish = 8 pts. • 3rd place for any category of fish = 6 pts. • 4th place for any category of fish = 4 pts. 5th place for any category of fish = 2 pts.

## 8. FISH FRY AND AWARDS CEREMONY:

The Fish Fry will begin at 5:00 pm on Saturday June 10th, 1995 at the Fry Shack (Gus Brown Plaza) in Cholla Bay. Derby participants, CBSC members & guests, and residents of Cholla Bay are welcome to come to the Fish Fry. The Awards Ceremony and Raffle Drawing will be held during the Fish Fry.

## 9. CASH AND PRIZE RAFFLE DRAWING:

Tickets will be sold at 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each individually. Sixty (60) percent of this money is for the cash drawing held at the Fish Fry and forty (40) percent is for the CBSC.

## 10. All decisions of the Weigh-in Judges and Derby Chairman are final.



# Grunion

## The Fish That Spawns on Land

by Dick Gardner

This old timer has been enjoying the wonders of the Gulf of California for over 40 years, but one of the most remarkable spectacles is to see the Grunion run, the fantastic fish that comes ashore to spawn.

Relatively few people ever see the Grunion's astonishing performance, for it occurs only in two areas of the world. Along the California Pacific coast and the northern Gulf of California. The Gulf Grunion may breed on the beach either day or night, but it's Pacific cousin spawns only at night.

The adults are only six to eight inches long, but scientists are amazed as how these small fish know when to go ashore, where a female shimmies tail first into the wet sand and buries herself vertically with only her head showing. Within seconds, 30 that is, she deposits between 1,000 and 3,000 eggs. This activity excites the males and they flop around the female. Two to three males, or up to eight attach to each female where they emit their milt which sinks into the sand to fertilize the eggs.

The baby Grunion are ready to hatch in about 10 days. The returning tide immerses the eggs and the rolling sand causes them to hatch in two or three minutes and they will then swim out to sea.

This often happens at Rocky Point, but the most prolific I have ever seen has been to the north at El Golfo. I have seen the Mexicans scoop shovels full of Grunion into their trucks where they overflowed back onto the beach. About 20 years ago the tide calendars used to show precisely when the Grunion would spawn. Since then they have not shown this date in an effort to slow down the overkill and save the Grunion for future generations to enjoy.

In California a license is required and only bare hands can be used to catch these fish. The season usually runs March thru August. None may be taken in April or May, the height of the spawning season. Deep fried and rolled in flour and cracker crumbs, they have a delicate savory flavor.

I have been to the Great Lakes where the annual Smelt run occurs. The people use boats or they wade out to net the Smelt. But nothing beats the sight of the Grunion run where excited fishermen dive headlong as the fish come ashore in our Gulf of California.

April is probably the best month to observe this spectacular sight. However, people from Yuma contend the Grunion spawn all year round at El Golfo.

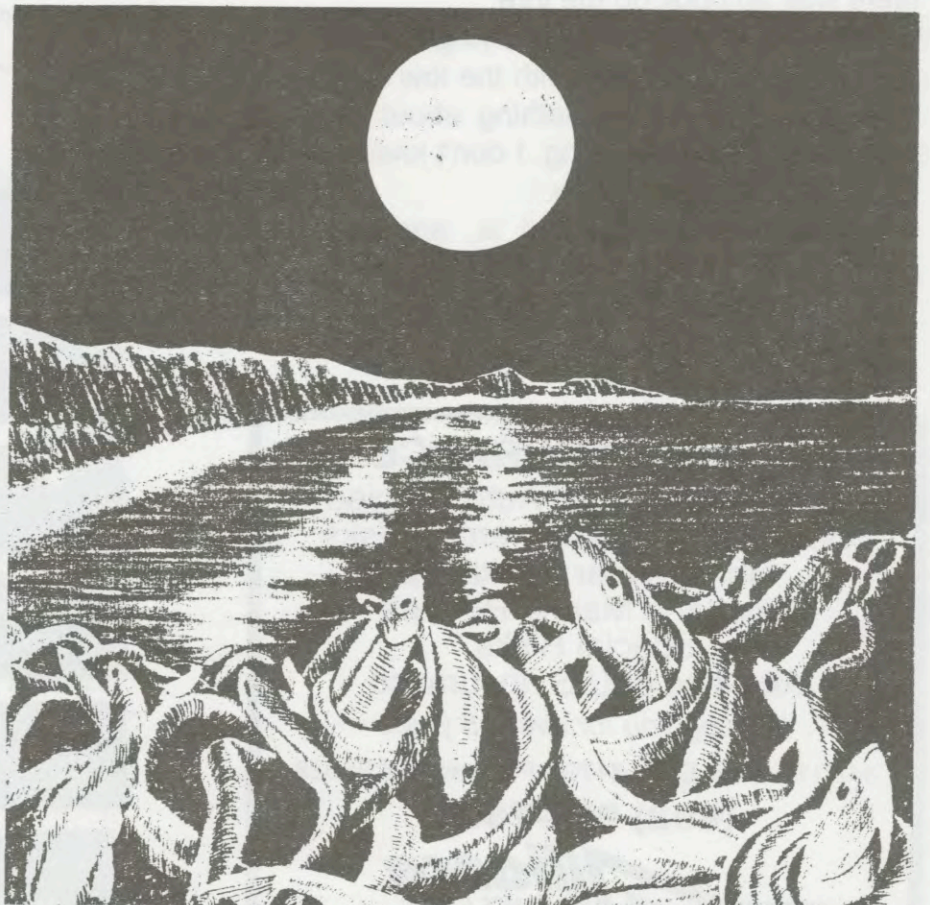


Illustration by Jenean Thomson



## I wasn't gonna tell

A couple weeks ago this guy I know was sitting on his front porch at his house in Cholla sipping on a cold beer and watching the sun go down. He knew that the tide was coming in and it should be a good time to try a little surfcasting for Seatrout. So he gathered his fishing gear and down to the shore he went. The sun had just set and everything looked great. On the second cast, a hookup, the fish jumped beautifully several times but then spit the hook. That was OK though because several casts later he hooked another one that he barely managed to land. As he pulled it up on the rocks the fish fell from the line, it was a nice Seatrout about 4-5lbs. He cast for another twenty minutes or so, getting lots and lots of bites but not another hookup. It was now getting dark, so he picked up his one fish and headed back to his house. Once at home he started to clean his catch and prepare it for the grill, and deep inside the mouth of the fish was a hook. He thought about it and decided he should go check his lure, and sure enough there was no hook on the lure.

He said it was the rush of trying to cast back to the school, combined with the low light and I think he mentioned something about the new brand of lure he was using. I don't know what it was, but it sure was funny.

So I guess the question is, are you sure Dave is qualified to be this years Derby Co-Chairman???

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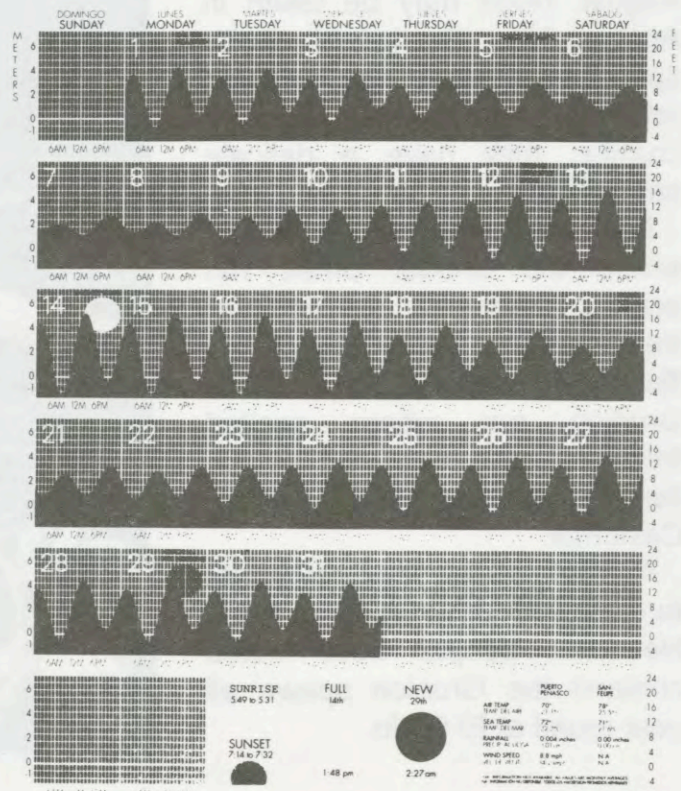
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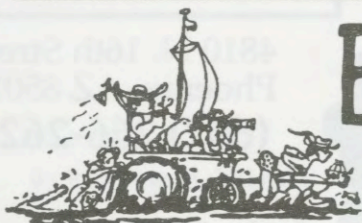
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# CIA. IMPULSORA DEPORTIVA DE LA CHOLLA, S.A. DE C.V. CHOLLA BAY HOMEOWNERS

For those of you who have been down to Cholla lately, you were probably surprised to see a new structure just as you come in to town in front of where the horses used to be rented. This is the new Police station for Cholla and we have the new Mayor of Rocky Point, Mr. Oscar Palacio Jr. to thank for having had the vision to have it built for our benefit. This has resulted in a major change in Cholla which was especially noticed during Spring Break.

Also very pleasing is how far along the road from Sonoita to Rocky Point is. For Spring break there was only two detours remaining and they say they will conclude the widening by September of 1995. We certainly hope this is true.

In reference to the deeds of trust for Cholla Bay, we want you all to know that we have put forth a lot of effort to try and find some form of financing for those who have not been able to purchase their lot. The Mexican interest rates which were always high have become totally prohibitive, and in some cases have gone as high as 100% per year. At the start of the year we approached a major Arizona bank and they showed a lot of interest in the possibility of giving mortgages for Cholla Bay homeowners. However, as the year progressed and things in Mexico became more complicated, they decided not to offer any loans for this area because Mexico has been classified as a high risk place to lend to. At this time we are still working on an alternative to solve this situation and the only possibility we can visualize would imply a 12 to 15% annual rate. If this becomes available as an option we will immediately let everyone know so that they can make a decision as to whether they could use that financing. We feel that if you have any kind of a chance of getting a loan in the States at a lower interest rate, you should make every effort to do so.

Cholla Bay in April is a fun place to be with all kinds of activities so come on down and enjoy the sun and sand.

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# CABO STRIPED MARLIN REMAIN THICK, BUT UNPREDICTABLE

by Dave Palmer of Fiesta Sportfishing

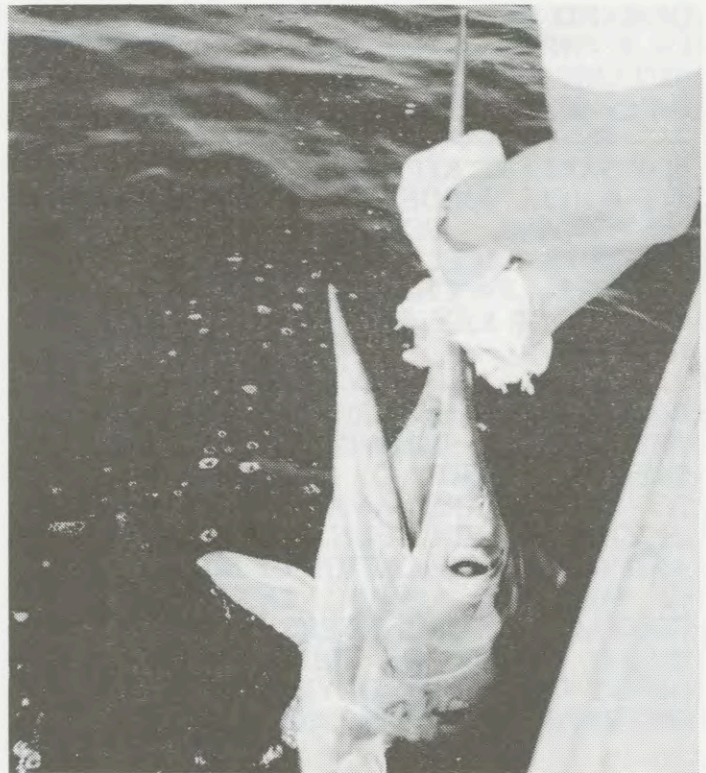
Striped Marlin numbers began to drop slightly in Cabo San Lucas as water temps cooled to around 70 degrees. The numbers definitely won't match last years, but seem to be on par for years past. Large amounts of Mackerel in the area continue to make the fish very selective, making timing and presentation very important. Boats are sighting 10-15 tailers with most uninterested in eating. Anglers lucky enough to find the hungry fish are returning with 1-3 releases. Most fish that are biting are taking live bait on light line.

Dorado and Tuna have scattered. The large Tuna seem to have moved on with the few catches coming in running only up to 45lbs. Tuna catches are primarily around the Gordo Banks running with the Porpoises. Dorado are few and far between but those caught are large up to 45 pounds. Most are hitting trolled Marlin lures.

Should you run into a slow day, try your hand at catching a Rooster Fish. The Rooster Fish bite is full on from in front of the Solmar Hotel on down to the lighthouse in San Jose. The fish are just average size this year 5-15lbs. but are still one of the hardest fighting game fish. Roosters feed in the shallows just where the waves begin to break usually 10-30 feet from shore. Rocky areas are best, but sometimes dangerous to fish. Be patient with these bandits of the ocean. Most are taking live bait on light line only. When they hit be sure to give them 4-10 seconds before you set the hook or you'll never get hooked!

The spring around Cabo should be great for Whale watchers. The season began late this year and the Whales with their babies can be seen playing in the Sea of Cortez from San Jose to Cabo and on up the Pacific. They should stay until April or possibly even May. Keep your cameras ready!

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