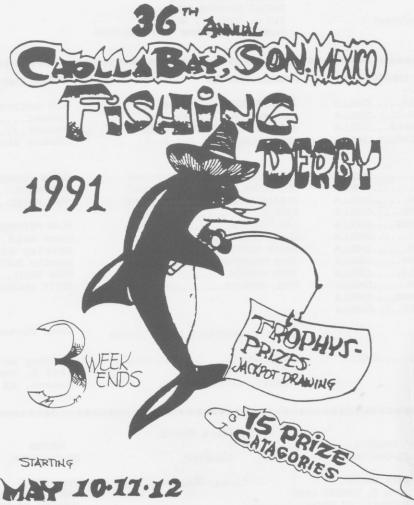


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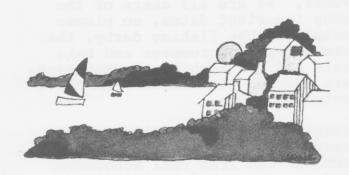
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HAPPENINGS IN CHOLLA

The Cholla Bay Chapter of the Sportsmens Club met April 9th at the Playas Del Rey. There were 52 members and quest present. Mr. & Mrs. Duff Smith attended and are our new members. Welcome aboard! Ralph and I were thrilled to have our son from Maryland and two granddaughters and their quest from Redlands, California.

The business meeting consisted mainly of events in the coming weeks. We are all aware of the many important dates, so please help with the fishing derby, the steak fry, the rummage and bake sale and the fish fry. Many hands are needed. Lets make them all a success.

These many tasks should be made easier by the contributions of an exhaust fan from Paul Schoonover and an evaporated cooler from Wimpy and Jane. Both to be installed in the fry shack.

The next Cholla Sportsmens Club meeting will be May 14th at the Villa Granada Hotel on the patio. Board meeting at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00.

Thelma Brown has been in the Bay this past month, entertaining her many friends. What a pleasure she ia. It was good to see Marty and Ed Perlmutter. Also Lou, Shelly and Tara Bock. Faces we see all too seldom here.

The planned trip to the Penacates was poorly attended. We hear they had many adventures.

Several dune buggies enjoyed a beach ride and picnic a few days later. Its finally getting warm enough for out door fun.

Don't forget the rummage and bake sale May 25th. It isn't to late to bring your donations to the Bay.

> See you later, Phyl Smith



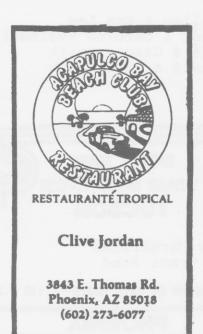
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PHOENIX CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING By: Marie MacGill

President John Perrotta opened our April 10th meeting at 8:00 pm with about 80 people in attendance. Doug Conklin led with the Pledge to the Flag After the Secretary's and Treasurer's report Joan Vanover of membership said we have a total of 833 Phoenix Chapter members.

I didn't get a report from sick bay, but I understand that Noel Jordan had the flu. We missed you Noel, and hope you are over it by now. We missed Shirley Hemphill at this meeting. Hubby Ray said she had word that her brother was very ill with leukmia, and was leaving the next morning for Portland, Oregon. I am sure that we all wish them well.

Diane Sturhahn is going to be the new Chatter Editor as of June 1st, as Sheila Chamberlain is carring such a heavy work load that she will be unable to continue with the Chatter. We will miss Sheila, but I am sure we all undestand and will give our full support to Diane.

Clive Jordan of Search and Rescue didn't have any troubles on the water to report. He said they need more help on Search and Rescue and would appreciate hearing from you if you can assist with the job. Please contact him and let him know. Thanks.

John Perrotta said they do not have a Chairman for the Christmas party. If anyone can take this Chairtable job please contact John or any of the other officers. They need you. We were reminded not to forget the camping trip in the Pines on August 8,9, and 10th.

Dave Conner gave an informative speech about the land Trust at Cholla Bay and answered what questions he could about it.

It was said that the front page of the Porte Penasco News paper will carry the cover page of the Chatter issue. Guess we will want to have it. (That is The APRIL ISSUE).

It was nice having Elnora and Jim Westfall with us. They said their daughter Nancy will be joining her husband John Petrnsek who left Aril 11th for Dhahran, Sauda Arabia. He has a two year contract with McDonnell Douglas teaching the Saudie the care and Maintenance of their aircraft. Good Luck to them.

During the introductions Rick Elder introduced his bride of I believe he said of two days, Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Elder. May you have many, many Happy years. Also the same goes to John and Nancy LaPoint Warren. John said Nancy had been his Bride for one month and two days.

Connie Nordworthy said her and John's cabin was broken into and burglarized in Cholla Bay about two ago. Several things were taken, but the place wasn't torn up. That was at least nice of the thieves. They were very greatful that they were notified so quickly. Lets all keep a close look out on our neighbors place and perhaps stop the thieves before they can get away.

One of the old timers that we were happy to have with us was the widow of Don (Dondo) Barber, Verlene. She brought slides and photos of yesterday that we enjoyed. Thanks much for coming Verlene. we hope you can return soon.

Some of the Old Timers on the list included Paul Schoonover, Dick Gardner, Frank Bianelli, Jim Bryant, The George Rodgers, the Joe Blunks, The Bill MacGills and Bill and Betty Waggoner, Paul Schoonover, Dick Gardner George Rodgers and Bill MacGill told some old stories of many years back on the happenings at Cholla Bay. It was fun.

The winnings were as follows:

Frank Gianelli A Photo Album
Lucy Tasker A nice bowl set
Bill MacGill A nice Tool Box

Wimpy Jasowaik won the Christmas Raffle Certificate.

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4. Registration and weighing of fish:

The scales will be open for weighing from 8:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. each day of the Derby, except the last day, Saturday, June 8, 1991, when the scales will close promptly at 3:00 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 said Derby Ticket at the time of weigh-in.

5. Derby Tickets:

Derby Tickets which entitle the purchaser to fish the entire Derby may be purchased prior to and during the Derby for \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per Junior. Daily Derby Tickets may be purchased on the days you wish to fish for \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per Junior. These will be available each day of the Derby at the Radio Room and Launch Area. There will be no refunds on tickets after the Derby Starts.

6. Fish Fry and Awards Ceremony:

THE FISH FRY WILL BEGIN AT 5:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1991.

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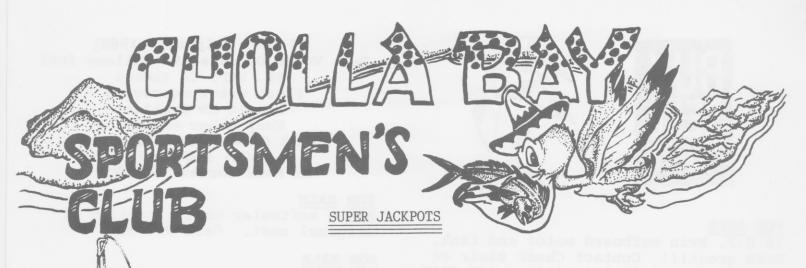
7. Cash Jackpot Drawing:

Tickets will be sold at 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each individually. Sixty (60) percent of this money is for the <u>CASH DRAWING</u> held at the Fish Fry and Forty (40) percent is for the C.B.S.C.

8. Super-Jackpots:

MENS: Super-Jackpot entry fee will be a donation of \$50.00 per individual. WOMENS: Super-Jackpot entry fee will be a donation of \$50.00 per individual. Participants must be 16 years and older. Registration by boat is not permissible. One half of each Jackpot (Mens & Womens) goes to the two individuals catching the largest fish on Derby Days (Jackpot Participants only). The other half goes to the C.B.S.C. Derby Rules Apply.

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



For the Fishing Derby of 1991 we will once again have the SUPER-JACKPOT for both men and women. You will notice that some of the rules have changed slightly. We hope this will make it more enjoyable to the participants. Please read carefully.

The SUPER JACKPOT prizes will be for the largest fish caught on Derby days by the participants. Registration by boat not permitted.

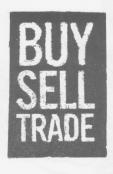
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The other half of each JACKPOT goes to the CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB.

Anyone interested in entering either of these JACKPOTS should contact the Derby Chairman. Registration must be paid before leaving the launch area if you wish to participate in the SUPER-JACKPOTS. No refunds will be made after the Derby Starts. Derby Rules apply.

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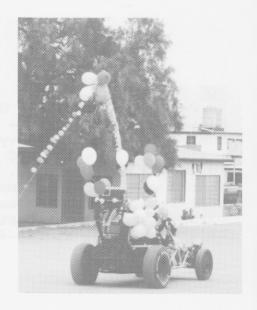




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TOP OF THE HILL VIEW POINTS

March came in like a lion with winds and rain. Our son Bill left his new bride to bring me to the Bay on the 15th. We were in rain from Phoenix to Cholla. Not much fun. He left early St. Patricks Day.

Virgie Burrows and her two daughters Pam and Darlene and great grandson Casey were in their cabin. I think Casey will be a shell collector, he's learning at 3.

Strong winds are intermittent. Sweeping seems to be a losing proposition.

The Hill residents came in masse St. Pat's weekend. Busfields, Evie and family, Chuck and Betty Horton and guests, Whites and Wells, Bill and Juliene Wallace, Vi Schmerfeld and I had a terrific corned beef and cabbage dinner at Wallace's. I imagine there were alot of boiled dinners served over the St. Pat's weekend.

It took a big wind to knock down our turtle shell but the sand on everything proved it was a strong one. The Wallace's and Ken Gooden and Carl got it stable.

It only took a morning for the birds and the gray angora cat to come. She takes up residence when any one is here. One look at her and you know, Spring is here. Yes she's pregnant and strutting as if she's proud of it.

I called Jane Beidler at St. Lukes the 15th of March and she'd been discharged the 14th. Music to everyone's ears. She's known as the "Miracle Lady". Her daughter Debbie and Jim and children were down.

Dammons were down St. Pat's weekend. Bob's been very sick with the flu. They will be down again soon. They came back Palm Sunday, Bob was better.

Elizabeth Schmerfeld is graduating thirty-five students from Spanish and English classes. She decorated the class room with balloons and served refreshments. That's a big accomplishment. Congradulations to the students and teacher.

Joyce Hitchcock, Vi and I went to town one day for brunch at the Villa Granada. It was delisious and so reasonable. Health problems are abundant at Hitchcocks. They are managing with the help of so many caring friends. Prayers for them.

Tony and Elaine Rimisza had Tony's son Jim and family visiting. Other family members were to come but other commitments prevented their arrival. Lucky Tigers and Lucky Polocks are such avid fishermen. They brought in a huge Sting Ray that was full of babies when Ralph guted her. They all swam away. Having heard that Sting Rays were good to eat. Ralph got a recipe from Patty Perez and made Sting Ray burros. Elaine said the meat was srtingy, consistancy of shredded chicken or turkey but edible. I got the feeling it was something she wouldn't order for dinner. Since Ralph worked so hard to prepare it. Good sport that she is, she tried it.

The Wahoo went out one day with Wally, Elizabeth, Danny and Vi Schmerfeld and two cousins. Six groupers were caught. Vi caught three of those, one 60 pounder. There are fish out there.

Today the 25th of march, has dark skies, strong winds, a slight sprinkle of rain in early morn, white caps on the Bay. The poor birds are being blown away from the feeders finding some respite in the Palo Verde tree. On a clear day, anywhere there are birds, you'll see sparrows carrying scraps of paper or twigs or any nest material. They're making ready for an egg laying time.

Austin and June Schillinger took a long trip south of Rocky Point. June's descriptions of the places they saw and the places they ate are so interesting. I'm hoping she'll write up some reports of their travels. One point, where

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there were no hotels or places to sleep, the cafe owners let them set up their cots and sleeping bags in the restaurant. The day they started back to Rocky Point, June fell off a curb and hurt her left ankle and right knee. She's now doing fine. Freak accidents can be so painful.

Winds blew many people back to their homes. Tents were knocked down in the trailer parks.

Ken and Pat Gooden, Charlotte and Carl made it from Los Cruces for Easter. Nancy and Jim Huff came with ten quests. The Villa Granada buffets and their breakfasts were enjoyed by all. It's so nice to have the Villa Granada open again for food and the patio is beautiful.

We were saddened by the death of Poncho the bait man. Easter Sunday morning. Many, many years he has lived in the Bay. Our sympathies go to his wife and six children.

The tide flats kept many people busy over the Easter weekend gathering, dead silver dollars in abundance.

Old friends of Jane Hunziker were gald she got to Bay. Thanks to son Richard and Jean, Shawn and Dickie. She looks great. We even got into some Spite and Malice games. With the aid of special glasses, she could see the cards enough to win a game or two.

Jack Thompson let us know of the death of his wife, Lillian, March 11th. She had been ill a long time with heart disease. They have owned the old Rossi house for many years. Jack used to fish with "Sea Cliff". Our sympathise go to the Thompson family.

Several ladies gathered at Pat Goodens to fill Leggs Eggs (about 125) with grass and candy for the Mexican childern. Nancy Huff and many quests Pat, Phyl Smith, Vi Schmerfeldt, Shirley Peterson and I filled them. Pat took the eggs to Augustine at the Radio Shack and he gave them out Easter Sunday. Childern loved them.

Bill and Julene Wallace had guests, Julene's sister Marilyn and husband, Dewey, daughter Leanne from Dallas and son from Kansas City. Their first trip to the Bay gave them good shelling. High tides and mostly good weather and lots of shopping.

Carl Stahmer and Vi Sedlock are going to be in Montana on an assignment for some time, then they will be back in Cholla Bay. In the meantime Vi's childern will be at the cabin when able to take the time.

Did you ever see so many beautiful decorated sweat shirts and T-shirts. The people who make their own designs and paint them are very talented. Pat Gooden, Vi Schmerfeld and her sister are a few of them.

Sally and Oscar Newman still make frequent trips to Tucson for doctor visits. Oscar is doing well, were glad to report.

Ruth Lacey were glad the reports of your death were absolutely false. People who report deaths should be sure of the facts. May your future be bright and a healthy one.

Walt Horton, we enjoyed your fishing story. Write another one soon.

I was gald to see the Larsons before they left the Bay. They sold their cabin to people from Colorado. The Larsons will summer in Oregon. Ralph and Phyllis Smith will first go to Arkansas then join them in Oregon for a month of fun and fishing. We'll miss seeing "Bread Man" and Norma around. Good luck, good health and happiness in the future. They said they'd be back to visit.

Bogie Jordan is wearing a brace on his wrist, a bad strain. Hannah and he do alot for Horace Hitchcock. Also Vi Schmerfeld checks on them daily.

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I only saw Sharon Allen a short time. They are the busiest couple when they are in the Bay. The same goes for Hemphils and the Jasowisk, saw them at Playa Elegante when we were all visiting Betty.

George and Rosie Austin neighbors of Vi Schmerfeld are selling their place and moving to California. They will be missed by all who know them.

JJ's Cantina was jumping for all the college breaks. Kids from all states know about JJ's.

Wanda Gill has been entertaining her daughter and grandson from California for three weeks.

Smith's will be entertaining their granddaughters. We haven't seen Marilyn and Bill Childers for a long time, ten months in fact. Bill had a quadruple bi-pass in Tucson Veteran's Hospital after many problems water retention and gaut, he's doing well enough to come to the Bay. They're gald to be making the trips again. We all wish him good health from now on. Sorry we didn't know it sooner.

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- 1. Walt "Walt's Whim" Horton
- 2. Marge "Tomahawk" Dumas
- 3. "Rojo" Edge & Debbie "Alley Cat"

(If you don't know the whole story ask them - you'll get a good laugh!)

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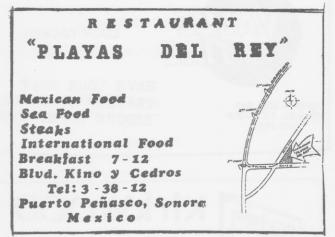
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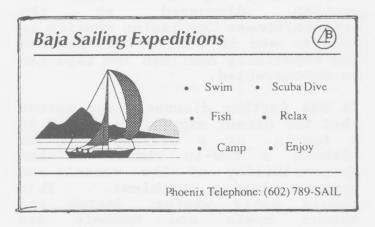
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At a April 14 meeting of Search and Rescue volunteers, "T-Shirt" Bob Lorenc accepted the position of Cholla Chapter S. & R. Co-Chairman. In addition, "Doc 1" Harry Wilcox, M.D. agreed to serve as medical advisor. Along with "Lucky Pollock" Tony Rimzca, they are the core of weekday Search and Rescue when needed in the Cholla Bay/Puerto Penasco area.

The difficulties of arranging airbourne evacuation in the case of severe trauma or other medical emergencies was discussed. several of the Mexican Physicians have recieved training in the medical management of problems, in many cases the appropriate diagnostic equipment, treatment facilities and medications are not available in Puerto Penasco. In addition, the victim and family are usually more comfortable in a near home enviroment. At present the most dependable transportation is by motor vehicle direct to a Phoenix or Tucson area hospital.

Dave Conner agreed to have the problem discussed at the Arizona/Sonora Commission meeting in June to see if some of the Mexican and especially American red tape can be circumvented.

It was further discussed and agreed that the direct expenses involved in a tow-in, or a search, with or without a tow-in should be the responsibility of the vessel and persons having problems. This should apply whether Search and Rescue boats and members are directly involved, or as is the case many times, the search, rescue and tow-in are accomplished by a non Search and Rescue boat and crew.

Additional Search and Rescue volunteers are still needed. If interested see me or any S. & R. member.

Clive Jordan, Search and Rescue Chairman

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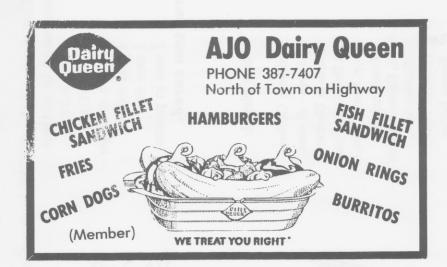
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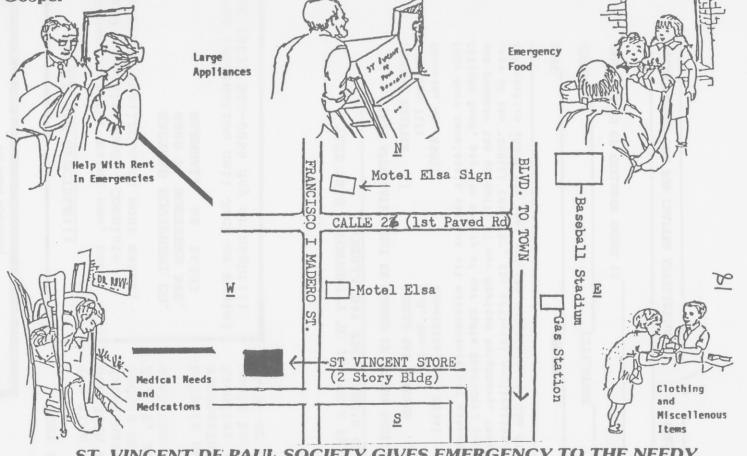
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Grown-Up Grouper

The Sea of Cortez is best known for glamorous species like marlin, sailfish, roosterfish and dorado, but there is another side to this inland Mexican sea that appeals to strong-armed anglers willing to go deep and battle giant grouper.

In this 600-mile finger of the Pacific, broomtail grouper grow to 80 pounds, gulf grouper attain weights of 200 pounds or more, and leopard grouper reach a maximum size of 50 pounds. A gorgeous orange-yellow version of the leopard is the highly-

prized golden grouper.

I've taken smaller grouper, including a 50-pound broomtail on medium spinning gear, but serious anglers realize that tackle can't be too heavy. "Actually, 80-pound test is too light for big grouper," says Dave Cox, an Arizonan who spends several weeks a year on the Cortez. "I frequently go to 200-pound mono and the heaviest stainless hooks I can buy."

Gulf anglers often learn the hard way what it means to be under-gunned for grouper. I recall Phoenix angler Bob Jones, one of the founders of the Cholla Bay Sportsman's Club, describing a trip out of Rocky Point. "We followed a local guide out to 18-mile reef," he began. "Apparently, our anchor dropped 165 feet into a school of big grouper. My partner and I boated 12 fish up to 75 pounds, including a 100-pound black sea bass, while losing twice the number we boated because our 60-pound outfits were too light."

The key to landing a giant

grouper is to stop the fish before it can bore into a cave or wedge between some rocks. This demands tightening the drag almost to the breaking point.

Rocks & Drop-Offs

Grouper are found throughout the Cortez. Wherever depthfinders reveal submerged rocks, or a sharp depression you can expect action. This can be at depths anywhere from 40 to nearly 200 feet. Grouper are resident fish that are basically found in the same areas and the same depths year-round.

Pulmo Shoal, five miles of live coral off the Baja coast, typifies grouper hangouts. Fish over 200 pounds have been boated here, with bigger ones lost. Drift-fishing and yo-yoing heavy spoons and feather jigs are favored techniques.

The advantage in drifting is that the bait covers more bottom. Since Cortez currents can be strong, it pays to use sinkers weighing from eight ounces to a



reels in the 6/0 to 9/0 class.

Hector Munro, a guide out of Rocky Point (Puerto Penasco), praises the grouper's intelligence. "Big ones aren't overstuffed dummies, but extremely cagey," he says. "The fisherman who does best is the one who thinks like a C.I.A. agent and puts his mind on the brain of the fish."

Aromatic Baits

Although jigs, spoons and other artificials take grouper, Munro favors a whole mackerel slashed so it bleeds out the aroma of blood. He tries to keep the bait motionless as it drops into the grouper's sanctuary.

"Although feeling secure in deep water, grouper nevertheless are extremely cautious," he says. "They may eyeball the mackerel for a long time, then gently mouth it before swallowing the bait. I also believe they have long memories when it comes to being hooked and breaking off." On the other hand, Munro claims grouper occasionally go on a feeding frenzy, competing with each other for the bait.

Fishery Holds Up

Joe Anacleto, who operates a restaurant-bar in the shanty settlement of Cholla Bay outside Rocky Point, is another grouper fan. He claims several reefs off this northernmost city on the mainland side of the Cortez

Sturdy tackle is mandatory for muscling a big grouper like this, but brain-power comes in bandy, too.
Sometimes they can take a bait so delicately it's hard to detect.

Angelo Cuanang

(Cont.)

Don't underestimate the size or power of the grouper in the Gulf of California. By Bob Whitaker

abound with big fish, this despite increasing commercial pressure.

Unfortunately, bait-stealers can be a problem on the reefs. Smaller fish like pargo, triggerfish, red snapper and cabrilla inhabit these same fish-rich areas and too often latch onto the bait or lure before it reaches the grouper's lair. When this happens, there is little you can do except switch to lures.

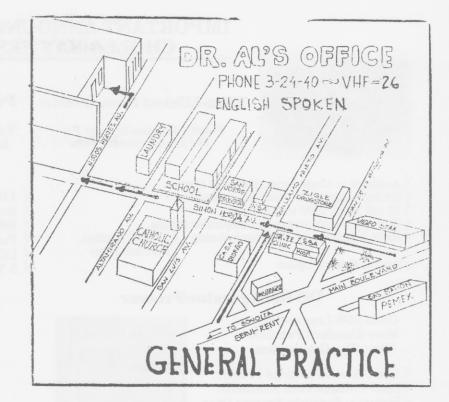
They Bite At Night

Grouper are also nocturnal feeders. Jerry Klink, who lives most of the year in Baja, recalls taking a 250-pound grouper on a mullet while fishing after dark off the rocks at Punta Colorado.

One of the best areas for grouper is the Midriff. This narrow neck of the Cortez is sprinkled with island and reefs. Such islands as Tiburon, Partida, Raza, San Lorenzo, San Esteban and Isla de la Guarda all boast excellent bottom fishing. Farther north, Puerto Lobos also is famous for grouper action.

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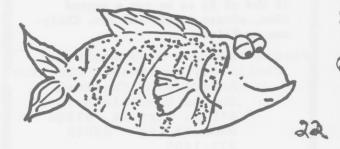


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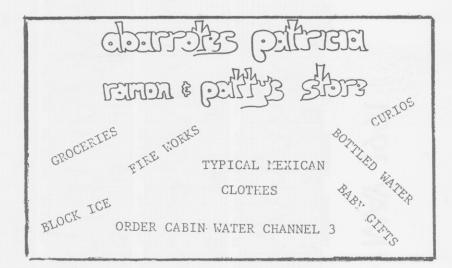
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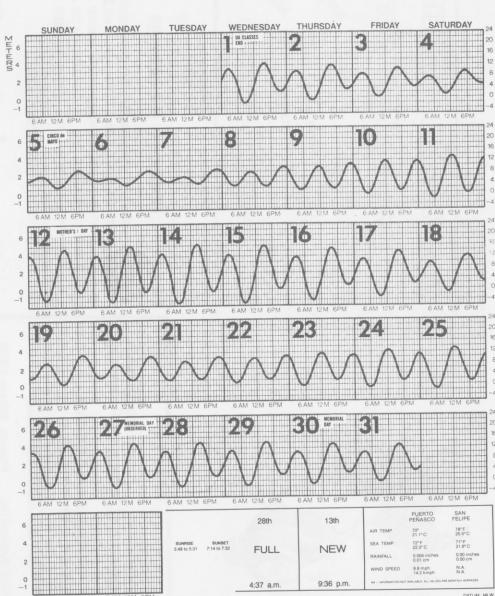
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