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MAY

- 1, 2 Derby Continues
- 3 Phoenix Board Meeting
- 11 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 11 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 12 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter Articles Due To Editor
- 28-31 Fishing Derby Continues

JUNE

- 7 Phoenix Board Meeting
- 8 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 8 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 9 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 11,12 Derby Finals / Prizes / Fish Fry
- 18 Chatter Articles Due To Editor

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I came into office such a short time ago, with a club facing many problems, and a tremendous amount of work to be organized. I had a lot of help from past Officers to help guide me through the starting steps.

Wonderful volunteers appeared along the way, such as our new Chatter Editors, Dave & Kelley Adams, with graphic and art experience. They have worked hard to turn the Chatter into a first class publication, with many new ads that have come in to help make it almost self supporting.

We also have an enthusiastic Fishing Derby Chairman, Gene Court, who jumped right in and organized a Derby that will be fun and full of excitement for *all ages* and types of anglers. His hope is to make this years event a big money maker for the Club Treasury, and an exciting time for everyone.

The Cholla Chapter is hosting a Steak Dinner on Sunday May 30th, to raise money for the operation of our Radio Room, so the Club can stay on the air and provide this much needed service to all of our fishermen & fisherwomen.

The Sturhahns are hosting a sea shelling expedition to the Spit, east of Bird Island, on May 15th, that should be real fun.

The Perrottas and the Conklins are co-hosting the Summer Camp-out in August, just north of Pine, Arizona.

It seems this year, many are coming forward to bring all the fun things that the Club has stood for, for so many-many years, back to life. I see smiles at our Club meetings, new topics of interest, and many new faces. Problems are correcting themselves with all this help.

A new budget to understand the costs and the income for the CBSC is helping your Council come to grips with our needs for this year and years to come. A dues increase has been discussed and will be the main topic at the Council Meeting in two weeks. Send your Council Representatives with all your ideas! We need and welcome participation and creative new ideas.

I will be asking in the near future for a Christmas Party Chairman, and I'm looking for an experienced Fisherman to bring new life to the Big Ten Fishing Competition.

If you have a good idea or activity that members would enjoy, please step forward, invest a little of your time and I'm sure the second half of this year will be as much fun as the Spring & Summer promises to be. Write or call me.

Frank Flynn
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DERBY UPDATE

by Dirk Bottesch

The time is fast approaching for "Derby Days". All year long Cholla Bay anglers have ben sharpening hooks, repairing boats, and reading up on their GPS manuals. Trophies are being carved, shined and polished for the top anglers in Cholla Bay. This year will be bigger than ever. Along with the Men's, Women's and Junior classes, there will be a Boat Jackpot. Have the crew, buddies, friends, husbands and wives pitch in to cover the \$100.00 registration fee and maybe you'll win enough to pay the gas used.

This year you will see some changes at the Boat Launch. Facilities are being updated in time for the Fishing Derby through the cooperation of many parties. A new digital scale calibrated and able to read 500 pounds, +/- 1/2 ounce will be used to determine the absolute winners. A new permanent frame is being installed in place of the current one. We wouldn't want anyone to miss it! The fish cleaners will have a new concrete cleaning area and it has been promised to be completed by the first day of the Derby.

The Derby Chairman, Gene Court, has been working hard making Derby arrangements. The Derby is still looking for donations for the Raffle at the fish fry on June 12th. Everyone likes to win something, so let's make this big! Gene is looking for small donations useful in Cholla like flashlights, ice chest, hats or fire extinguishers, any larger donated items such as free rent for a month, tanks of water, fishing rods, free round the world trip (well, we can dream), will have the name/company of the donor advertised.

Remember to all those who fish, a valid Mexican fishing license will be required as will a boat launch permit. All Mexican fishing laws and limits will be respected. The scales open at 12 noon on Derby Days, and will close at 6:00 p.m. except June 12, 1993, at which time the scales will be open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 12 noon. Yes, that is Arizona Standard Time since they don't change anything but governors. Boats must be in view in the harbor and must call in for any fish to be weighed at 5:45 p.m. each day. Try to make it in early each day to avoid the rush. A running tally of the top 5 fish weights/class will be posted each morning of the Derby. Fish below those weights will not be recorded. Be sure to tune into Derby Day updates each morning at 9:00 a.m. on CHANNEL 3 CB, CHANNEL 26 VHF for all the latest info, film at 10.

With the purchase of a full Derby ticket, 2 raffle tickets will be included as a special incentive. There will be a special "All Around Fisherpersion" award for the 1993 Derby. This award will be based on point system accumulated for all 3 weekends.

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5th place for any category of fish 2 pts.

The only variable the committee and Derby chairman cannot control is the weather. Rain in Cholla this time of year would be strange but the winds....! This year if the winds come be sure to drag out your surf gear and enter the surf fishing section of the Derby. This is a great way to pick up extra points. Here is wishing for no wind and great **1993 CHOLLA BAY FISHING DERBY!**

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In addition to the jackpot raffle mentioned herein, there will again be a "SUPER JACKPOT" for the men and a "MINI-SUPER JACKPOT" for the women.

The "SUPER JACKPOT" prizes will be for the largest fish caught on Derby Days. Derby rules will apply.

MEN: \$100.00 donation per boat (or individual) is necessary to win one half of this JACKPOT.

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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 prepaid before the start of the Derby. No refunds will be made after the Derby starts.

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COUNCIL SUMMARY

by Lylia Hagerty

The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Council Meeting was held March 11th, 1993 in Casa Grande. Representatives from Cholla Bay, Tucson, and Phoenix were present. The following items were all topics of discussion:

- * Projected budget prepared by Council Treasurer.
- * Ways of increasing Clubs revenues.
- * Whether Membership fees should be raised, and what necessary changes would need to be made to the Bi-Laws.
- * Derby Plans: Purchase of new scale, building of fish cleaning station.
- * Ways to increase Chatter advertising.
- * Proposed fund raiser in form of a Steak Fry. Steak Dinner to be held Sunday May 30th, the Sunday of Memorial Weekend.
- * Insurance and taxes on Radio Room.

The next Council Meeting will be held May 13th, 7:30 p.m. at Ochoas Restaurant in Casa Grande.

SPIT TRIP

For those of you who haven't made a trip to the Spit before, it is approximately 70 miles from Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point) off the road to Caborca. The Spit is a sand bar connected to the mainland. It is a half mile wide and 7 miles long. Martin & I will only be able to make a day trip, but I know many of you will be spending the night. The beachcombing has always been great in the past. Pack a picnic lunch, an ice chest of cold beverages, lots of bags and pails for goodies and candy for the children who live in the farming pueblo we go through. Since we will be crossing a check point, additional papers will be required.

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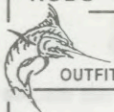
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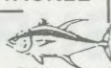
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Tucson CBSC April meeting had a good attendance and it was enjoyable to be able to chit chat with one another on the events of the bay. Problems do not get solved, but it is great to be able to discuss situations we all have in common, good food, friends and a speaker. Constructive meeting, tight quarters for some which made it an intimate evening.

Bob Rothrock brought the meeting to order introducing our speaker, officer Don Loebaca from Crime Prevention of the Tucson Police Department. He spoke a little on all phases of protection in the home, neighborhood, and shopping areas and while he inserted some humor in some serious situations it made you think what would we do in similar situations.

Reports were given: Minutes were dispensed, Treasury - Joan Nichols, Membership - Shirley Reid, Sick Bay - Irene Drake, Council - Allen Peterson.

New business was about the Fishing Derby including some remarks of the new digital scale which has been purchased. Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated plus you will have fun.

May 11th meeting will bring some stories to tell, derby reports, and a kind of catch up on ourselves meeting. Get ready for another mass Holiday, Memorial Day.

June 8th, last meeting before the summer vacation will bring a tentative speaker from the Bureau of Land Management. The subject sounds like interesting data for out-of-door lovers.

Door prizes were given out by Shirley Peterson. Writing pads were won by Woods, Drake, Hohmann and stamps by Peterson.

Meeting adjourned.

We would like to welcome some new signed up members: Harold Woody, Mary Sanchez. Rueben and Edna Rivera, Gregg and Susan McAnally, David and Irene Baker, Jim Hogan, John Bynum, John and Christine Christian.

Alice Christian was with us at the April meeting. She is a fighter. Still a little slow, but keep up the good work and hope you have your full strength restored in a short time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Frenchy for you and your wife with her ill health. Gene Reid found out he had pneumonia and started to recuperate with change of medication and some R & R at Cholla.

Retraction: Woods were helped by the "Green Angels" in Mexico, whatever color these angels are, they are greatly appreciated if you are stranded in the Sonora desert. I will find out more about this service and report to you at a later date.

Tucson Hillbillys headed by our member CC won the tub races for the fourth year. Their theme was Easter Bunny in the tub and many brightly colorful balloons were given out to children. The roaming bunny entered beauty contest.

Seems like we have had a couple of mishaps. Jonni Ahrens had a car accident, which must have given her a slight thrill as I understand, it flipped over, but came out of it with bruises. Glad to hear you were not seriously hurt.

Barry Hall twisted his back lifting something and Dr. Wilcox and Dr. Al treated him with manipulation. Hope you are doing okay also. Dr. Wilcox is teaching Dr. Al the technique. Keep up the work doctors.

Well folks, I don't know about you, but --HAPPINESS IS --to enjoy Cholla without the masses, to have all your kids return to cabin safely, to have your cabin not blown up by fireworks, to be able to sleep without those noisy "GRINGO TOYS", to be able to fish in smooth waters, to sun bathe and not burn to a crisp, to wake up without a hangover, to have the solar system right, to renew friendships and repair old ones, to enjoy all family and friends for only a weekend, to finally fall asleep at 3:00 A.M. when the Cantina closes, to finally get it across to the underage teenagers they can not go into the Cantina, to find the last Easter Egg hidden under the car gasoline tank door, to wave good-bye to the last carload of sunburn guests, to be able to get the sand out of the corners and wash the loads of towels and sheets, to be ready for them on Memorial Day. My happiness lists goes on and on, I've told you mine - tell me yours.

Respectfully, Tere

PHOENIX CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING

By Marie MacGill

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance, led by Clive Jordan at 7:55 p.m., I'll say to about sixty people.

Von Frazier of Membership said that we have a total of 776 members in our Phoenix chapter, membership still needs a Chairperson.

We didn't have a Sick Bay report or Search and Rescue report. The Secretary and Treasurer's report was dispensed with. The meeting was mostly about the upcoming Fishing Derby.

The surf fishing and prizes are in the same category with deep sea fishing at a total cost of \$10.00 per ticket. The Steak Fry will be during the Memorial Day weekend, with a cost of \$7.00 per person. They only have 300 tickets and 300 steaks, so it might be a good idea to buy them early.

The Council will be presented with a proposal to increase the club dues. Don't you think its about time? The present rate was set way back in the seventies.

The mountain camp out is scheduled for August 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. It will be at the Elk's picnic area north of Clint Wells.

Don't forget the Fish Fry is June 12th in Cholla Bay.

The overland trip to the Spit about 70 miles south of Rocky Point will be May 15th.

We want to thank Mr. Steve Rothbard of Arizona Outdoors Fishing Superstore, at 49 E. Broadway Rd., in Tempe, for giving a presentation on fishing that was very interesting. Thank you Mr. Rothbard for showing off your wares and for this worthwhile information.

I also want to thank Mr. Greg Toy & Milo Hardt of Phoenix Fishing at 4810 N. 16th St., Phoenix, 85016, for being with us and displaying his wares. If any of you fisherpeople need some fishing supplies and bargains, be sure and see Mr. Rothbard and Mr. Toy. Thank you and hurry back.

Raffle ticket was won by John Robson. Jim Westfall won a \$10.00 gift certificate from Ship's Store. Betty Hoffman won a \$15.00 gift certificate and Pat Scalberg won a \$25.00 gift certificate from the Ships Store also.

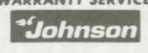
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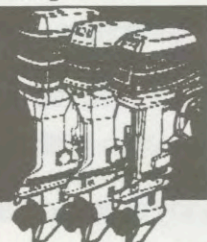


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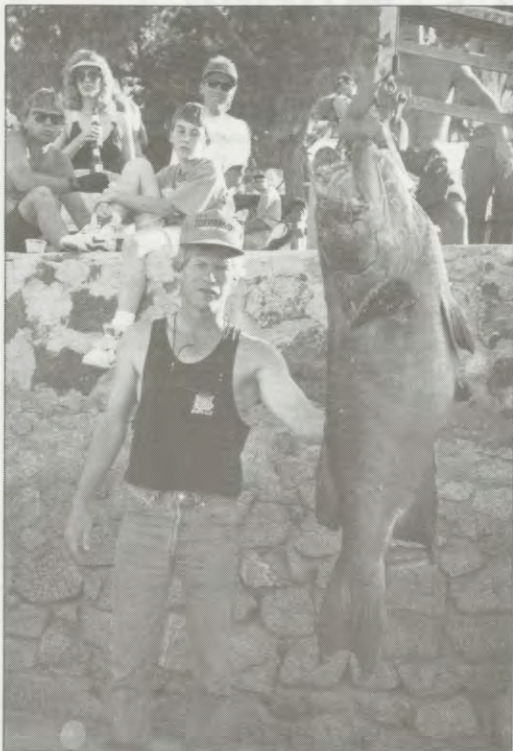
TIME TO GET READY FOR THE TOP WATER BITE.

This year is an "El Nino" year again. Most fishermen that call Cholla Bay their home port, are avid bottom fishermen; Grouper, Pinto, Cotchie, etc. Only a few have experienced the thrill of a jumping Sailfish, the neon light show and dancing antics of a hooked Dorado or the sheer speed and power of a Skipjack Tuna or Yellowtail, hooked on the surface with light tackle.

The warm water should arrive at Penasco earlier this year than most years, and with it comes large schools of bait fish and hopefully right behind them, the sporty gamefish, who will love to eat your properly presented lures & jigs. As always, live bait properly presented is the best choice, but trolled lures and jigs work very well.

Heavy bottom gear can be used on surface fish, but the lighter (20#-50#) rigs offer the most sport and fun. Even when your primary targets are bottom fish, you should (during the summer season) carry at least a few lures/jigs designed to attract and catch surface fish. Troll while heading out to your favorite hole, and troll back. Drag a feather or two when moving from reef to reef. Surface fish can be very exciting and rewarding.

If you would like to know more about this type of fishing, tackle to use, recommended lures & jigs, and what to look for to find the right spots, stop by or give me a call. Steve, Arizona Outdoors, 966-2976.



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▶ **Pat Coffinger** went fishing in March with Super "Wally" Grouper & landed himself a real super grouper... 120 lbs. worth. On the same trip, Walt Horton caught a 104 lb. Lets hope that 'Adams Easter Fish Bunny' didn't hide too many big ones for us to find.

CHOLLA BAY CHAPTER MEETING

By Pat Goodin

Greeting to all from Cholla Bay Chapter!

We held our April 13th meeting at La Curva Restaurant in Rocky Point, with 75 members and guest in attendance. It was so nice to see everyone.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Don Schmidli.

A short business meeting was held and then Frank Flynn, Council Chairman, gave us a presentation regarding the financial problems of the Council. He pointed out the Radio operations and the Chatter both lost a lot of money last year, and that the dues have not been increased since 1977.

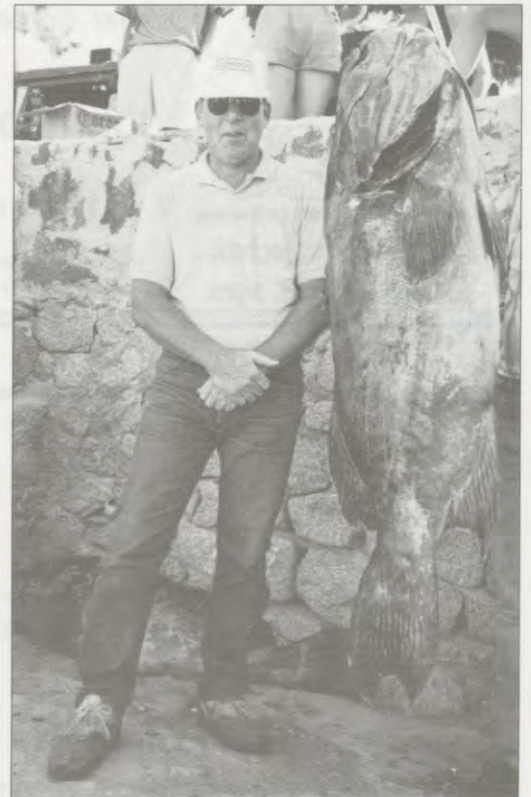
Gene Court, Derby Chairman, gave an update on the Derby. Bob Lounsbury has volunteered to be in charge of fish weighing. If anyone wants to help with that, they should contact him as soon as possible.

Nancy Warren spoke regarding the OBSC Bash, to be held on April 24th.

Door prizes and raffle prizes were awarded and the meeting adjourned.

Again, we had a good combination plate dinner and after dinner we had mariachis sing for us. It was a nice meeting.

Our next meeting will be May 11th, again, at La Curva. We hope to see you there!



A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Well its Derby Time! We have been working twice as hard this month, trying to finish everything before the Derby starts. Dave & I did the illustration and artwork for this years Derby Shirts. The cover of this Chatter is the design on the shirts. The shirts, printed in full color, are already are selling like hotcakes. There will be T-shirts, pocket T's, golf shirts, youth & toddler shirts, shorts & hats too! There's also a "Fish Drink Holder" that you'll have to see, to believe. Check with the Ship's Store in Cholla, if you would like to purchase some. Dave has been hard at work all week painting the new sign that will hang over the new fish weigh-in scale. He just put the finishing touches on the sign, now all we have to do it get it to Cholla before the Derby starts. I've been working for what seems like forever on this issue. As you can tell, this issue is larger than the last few, which means that I have to type more. It doesn't help matters when my trusty computer eats the articles that I've typed. I couldn't retrieve 4 articles, so I had to retype them, what fun! I'm a graphic artist, not a typist, so it takes me quite awhile to type just one article. Well, I guess there is an advantage to being Editor, I get to read the Chatter before the rest of you, of course that takes the fun out of waiting by the mailbox each month. Okay, that is enough about us.

Since I'm not a writer, I need articles and stories for the Chatter. Well I guess we could make some stories up, after all, we are fishermen. I occasionally receive stories, but **WE NEED MORE!!!!** With all of the members in this Club, and with all the time that is spent in Cholla, you can't tell me that there isn't anything interesting to write about. Stories don't have to be about Cholla, Mexico, or even fishing, just about something that our reader would enjoy reading about. Please send me anything that I can print: funny stories, true stories, jokes, recipes, pictures, anything!

Well, while you are reading this, we will be in Cholla, hopefully catching the biggest fish of the Derby (We can dream, can't we). We will be in Cholla/Rocky Point for 5 days this first Derby weekend, and look forward to meeting those of you that I've talked to, received letters from, and heard so much about. It will be nice to put faces with all these names that I type.

We would like to wish all the fisherpeople the best of luck for this first Derby phase, and the rest of the Derby as well.

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TOP OF THE HILL VIEWPOINTS *By Thelma Brown*

We came to the Bay March 19th through the spring flowers on both sides of the road. Ocotillo Cacti in bloom and the purple, white and yellow desert flowers, Palo Verde covered with yellow blooms, and everything green because of the heavy rains. Bill & Debbie brought us so it was a delightful trip. Stan had celebrated his 84th birthday in February, so this was climatic. Bill & Debbie had made good changes at our place, inside and out. Yard work is never done, everything looks good. Lots of new plantings.

Wallace's had the Hill people for a belated St. Patrick's dinner, Corned Beef, all the trimmings, plus homemade bread. Good to see their remodeled home, still under construction. Horn's came late with the news that Bill & Juliene's daughter & Son-in-law, Cynthia in Boston had a son, their first child. Juliene went home to Phoenix to prepare to fly to Boston to help Cynthia, the next 4 months, while she finishes college. A good Grandma!

Bill & Debbie had a party for the neighbors & friends to show their appreciation & thank you's for all their help. Also a chance for Stan & I to say "Hi" to all. We had a good food & they did it all. Pat showed the tapes of the Mardi Gras & the trip to the Pinacate's. A good night with 21 friends. That's what Cholla Bay is all about.

Cholla is about fishing too. Art caught some B-I-G Sea Bass, so there was another big fish fry at the OBSC, 2nd since I came. Delicious fish, plus all the side dishes and good chit-chat. Betty makes everyone feel special and welcome.

Pat & Ken Goodin had a friend from New York to visit, then went back to Las Cruces. When they came back, they brought their 4 yr. old grandson, Carl. He's a smart, active, good looking boy who is a delight. He loves Cholla, dogs & cats. My cat "Choya" took to him, and she's never near children. 3 more from Las Cruces were with the Goodin's for 6 days. They loved shelling (tides were perfect), Charlotte & Lavona each found big sea horses, lots of sand dollars, Carl Martin said he got exercise.

Damons had company from Minnesota. Her mother, Francis (83), even went shelling, with Bob & Barb, his broth-in-law, niece Brenda and husband. 1st trip to Bay for them. Like all, they were fascinated. Bob & Barb are still remodeling. They were disappointed that one of their new Barca Loungers (blue velvet), still in the crate, fell out of the bed of their truck, & was run over by another truck. Only a couple of parts were found. No back at all, of course Bob says that was Barb's chair, his identical one is OK.

Chuck & Joan Tulley had company, 2 good friends & wives. The men had an experience with a shark & a seal. The 3 men all lost their bait & hooks to the same big shark, a beautiful dark blue. While each one tried to land the shark, a seal played around the boat, even trying to bite the shark.

Cacti & ice plant all in bloom for Easter Sunday. Hundreds of Mexican people have visited friends & relatives for this holiday vacation.

The beaches are full, the weather is pleasant. A freak hail storm at 1:45 Easter Sunday, only lasted a few minutes.

Fireworks can cause fires. Good Friday night, someone shot off some sky rockets, one landed on the cover of one of the boats in Rojo's yard. A passerby saw the smoking canvas and alerted help. A water truck responded fast. The cover burned, damaging the canvas, canopy sun shade, windshield, and seat in the boat. No other boats were damaged. Alert passerby avoided a holocaust, imagine if all the gas in all those boats blew up!

Sharon & Skip Allen, her Mom & Dad were in the Bay. She was feeling better, had a bad cold when she went home before. Doctor called it "allergies", but how come the other family members caught it.

Evie Busfield was down in her cabin, with her nephew from Montana. She became very ill with a Flu-Bug. Her family came & got her, she was hospitalized for a short time, and is now on the mend. Her Grandson Rodney & friend from Texas, Granddaughter Amanda and friend were visiting Les Busfield's cabin. Judy spent a 5 day vacation at Evie Busfield's. She was doing "Zipper Craftwork", beautiful.

Thelma brown got news of the death of her Brother-in-law in the East.

Sympathy goes to Chuck Horn & family on loss of his brother, Carl, from San Luis Obispo. Chuck, Betty Lynn, Carl, & Family had been on a 3 week trip to New Zealand. All returned healthy, Carl had a fatal heart attack mid morn.

Good to see Ray & Shirley Hemphil. They both have had severe illness, but look good again. Welcome back to the Bay. They are walking a lot.

Jack & Karen Horner are new home owners. Their place is near Betty's office, next to Rick Smith's place. Welcome.

Pat & Joy Coffinger are celebrating spring in the Bay.

The Fleming's are going to sell their cabin. A few years ago, Mrs. Fleming fell off the roof, receiving multiple fractures. She still hasn't recovered, and is in pain. Its sad because Terry & Wife enjoyed Cholla Bay life. We wish them well.

I don't think the noise element has been as high this whole spring vacation as it usually is. There were enough loud vehicles, loud mouths, & loud fireworks in the neighborhood. You can bet they weren't homeowners.

Pete & Shirley had guests from Michigan.

Bogie's Jeep had parts stolen from it: light-bar, wipers, even the doors, anything removable. He's got a new paint job (aqua), and new parts to replace the stolen ones. He & Hannah do so much for people, you know it wasn't a local job. This proves that no matter how careful one is, a robbery can take place.

Junior & Irene Drake are at their place. Their Grandson Dickie, Son-in-law Richard Hunziker are in Hunziker's. Rich & Dick are avid fishermen.

The orioles were here for 3 days - a mass of color.

Many people have called looking for last falls articles that I wrote. I explained that there was a time without an Editor, & some articles didn't get in. I don't know what happened to those write-ups, maybe late news.

Wanda Gill has been entertaining relatives. All left Easter Sunday. It will be quieter all over. We're expecting Vi Schmerfeld to visit friends here.

Did you know that Wally Schmerfeld has been writing a book called "The Secrets Of Super Grouper". It is all about fishing & how to catch a big one. He & Bill Dawn have been working on this for the past 6 months. It's at the Editors and may be on sale in time for the Derby.

Betty & Walt Horton finally got back from Tucson. Had a new roof put on their home in Tucson. They celebrated Easter with friends, one of Betty's famous Leg of Lamb dinners, - just delicious!

Phyllis & Ralph Smith have had lots of company. Ralph has been recuperating from a sore toe. Tony & Elaine Rimza also have been entertaining a lot. He's so generous with his fish.

If I don't get back to you, have a happy, healthy summer!

"Big Mama"

THE LEGEND OF OLD IRONSIDES

Shorty Wilson was a welder, employed by the Tucson Gas & Light Co. He spoke fluent Spanish and had many friends in Tucson and in Puerto Penasco, where he spent many weekends.

After WWII, Shorty decided to build a boat, to be used in Mexico. Now this was not going to be just a regular run-of-the-mill boat; this boat would accommodate all of Shorty's friends. Each one could bring his own fishing tackle, deck chair, and have a place at the rail. The middle of the boat would have a galvanized tub filled with ice and beer, or whatever beverages they wanted to drink. Shorty and his friends worked on the design of this boat for many months, and they finally came up with a sort of sealed iron barge with a flat bottom and a rail around the whole deck. It would be powered by an outboard motor.

Ed left home many Sunday afternoons to help with this project; but I think it was mostly to polish up on his Spanish and to drink with his buddies — I guess you could float this boat on the beer it took to build it. After a year or so, the boat got finished and a trailer was built to haul it to the bay. It was a heavy sucker, but Shorty knew it would float because it had an airtight hull, and besides, it would never leak like the wooden boats.

The big day came, and Shorty and some of his friends hauled the boat to Penasco. This was a big event. By this time the population had grown to several thousand. All the people there lined up on shore to watch this boat get christened and launched. The mariachis played, the mayor gave a speech, a bottle of tequila was smashed against the iron side; the trailer was tipped and the boat slid into the water. The celebration was in high gear with much cheering and oles. Shorty circled the calm bay a time or two, taking on passengers and discharging them. A bit of a wind came up, but not too bad, just a few small waves. The men on the boat shifted positions a little to accommodate for the slight tilt. A small wave gave the boat a nudge, and some of the people were spilled into the briny sea along with the refreshments. The boat bobbed on the waves like a cork. It was definitely airtight and it would never sink.

Shorty looked over the design of his boat for a long, long time, and with expert opinions and advice of friends, they decided that the ocean did not recognize the top of the boat from the bottom. They had to make the bottom heavier than the top. That made sense...didn't it?

Shorty's Mexican friends were called upon to mix a big batch of cement and a hole was made in the top of the hull, a little of the mixture was poured in. True — it ran deeper, but any capricious wave could toss this many-tonned monster around like a toy.

Poor Shorty! His dream boat turned out to be a nightmare. I saw it many years later, overturned in the sand with a fatal case of "rusties". Its maiden voyage was its only one.

-Libby

(Libby, Keep the articles coming - thanks)

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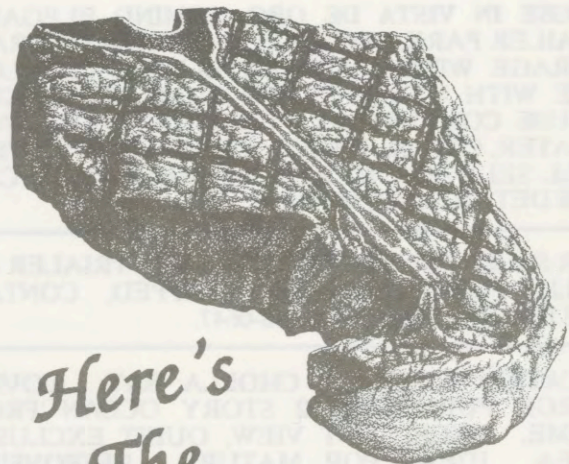
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Our weather has been picture perfect, a little more wind than the fisherpeople really like, but when they did get out to the reefs they were well rewarded. All the big ones they have been bringing in this past couple months should make the 38th annual fishing derby for the CBSC a real challenge. There certainly is a lot of extra enthusiasm in the air for this derby..new scales..lots of prizes..lots of fish and best of all the kids are included. This should be a fantastic derby under the leadership of Gene Court and his wife Carol. Lots of luck to all contestants big and small.

The El Faro fishing charter boats have been in business for years here in Cholla but their office was rather difficult to locate. Now they have moved to a more strategic location on the main road in Cholla just past Chetos store. They want to extend an invitation to all their friends and customers to stop and check on their new services and swap a few good fish tales.

During April's low tides the shell hunters thought they had landed in paradise. They were bringing in murex, olives, sand dollars and various species. One of the prize finds was a couple of sea horses found tangled up in drifting seaweed. May promises another tide perfect for shelling.

Cholla Bay is really taking on a new look. So many are cleaning up their yards and painting the improvements on their lots. Just a reminder to you that Ramon and Dawn Marie have trees and plants available to you. They are prepared to sell them to you, plant them for you and even water them for you if you are unable to be here when they need water. See them at Chetos for more information.

Again good luck in the first phase of the 38th annual fishing derby.

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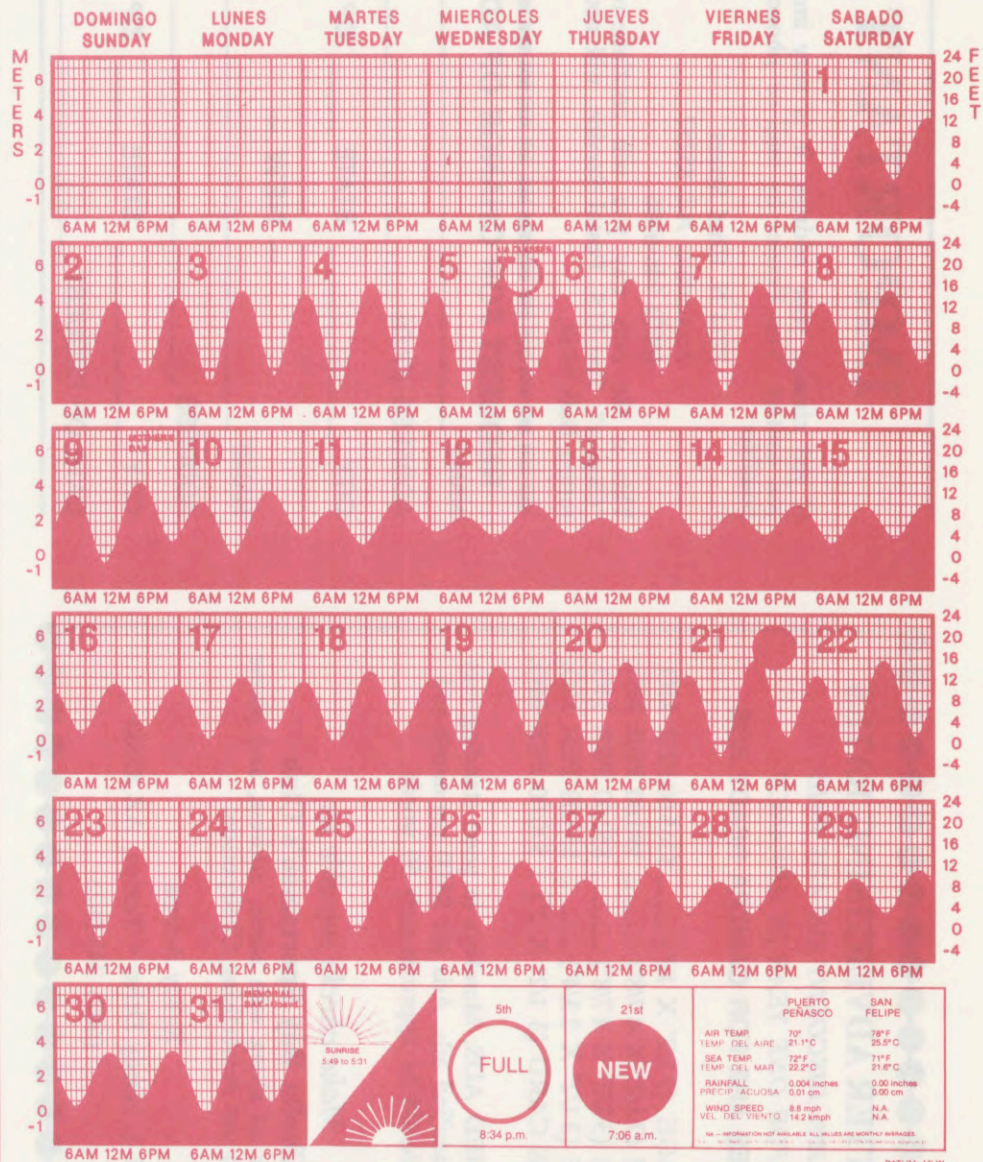
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