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The summer months in Cholla Bay are pretty lean months for news and events as a rule, but this summer of the new millennium has proven to be somewhat more eventful. We have had more tourists staying in the hotels and R.V. parks than usual. There is no doubt this is due to the many new modern accommodations geared for the convenience of the travelers. All sorts of lodging is now available from the finest hotels, parking for recreational vehicles to just pitching a tent. Restaurants featuring various dishes at reasonable prices are spread throughout the town. More homeowners have been to their homes in Cholla this summer not just to check the house and leave, but to stay for a summer vacation..reason..ELECTRICITY. What a difference is has made in our standard of living. We have had a few outages, mostly due to Membership—Phoenix Chapter. Mother Nature's tantrums. We certainly have to give credit to the Electric Company concerning the handling of those outages. They have been right on top of the situation regardless if a whole section was down or

just one individual area. Their prompt services have been greatly appreciated.

The later part of July something took place, that according to the many profes-



sional fishermen we have here, is a first to this are. Everyone was bewildered when a swordfish was found in the Penasco harbor. Apparently this ten foot stranger had tried to beach itself and wound up in the harbor to die. Everyone was talking about this rare event, trying to figure the 'How?' And the 'Why?' when a second swordfish did the same thing, this time beaching at Mura's Estuary. From what we were told these fish were

ATTENTION PHOENIX CHAPTER MEMBERS!!!

All membership dues renewal notices have now been sent. If you have received one and not yet paid, I recommend you act promptly to avoid missing out on even one of the exciting new issues of the Chatter. Beginning with the September issue, members whose dues are not current have been dropped from the Chatter mailing list.

If you have not received a notice or are unsure of your membership status please contact me at the following location:

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Use any of the above to reach me at any time that is convenient to you. Please, no phone calls after 10:00 p.m. If you have an email address, send it to me for the club records. Hope you enjoy the September Chatter and welcome back!

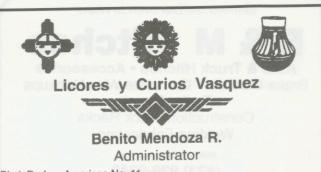
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not caught in any nets nor was any type fishing gear used on them, they just came in to beach themselves and die. According to the books on fish the sword fish is a very difficult fish to hook. They have a tremendous fighting ability and for the sport fisherman catching one is the trophy of a lifetime. Its flesh is light colored and said to have a unique flavor. (No wonder the young





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appears to be shouting about a good dinner for that night). According to our reference books the Swordfish, Pez Espada in Spanish, are said to prefer temperate seas and are a solitary fish, but, are occasionally seen in pairs...rarely in groups. They prefer bottom dwelling food and use their sword for hunting, or if need be, as a weapon of defense. We checked with CEDO and they had never heard of a swordfish to be seen caught, or beached in this area. It was an exciting event for all of us to have witnessed, yet sad that these beautiful creatures had to make their first appearance to our area in this manner.

Good Luck to all Derby Participants!!

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'00 Calendar of Events

September

- 4 Labor day
- 10 Grandparents Day
- 13 Phoenix Meeting
- 16 Mexican Independence Day
- 23 Tucson Meeting

October

- 10 Cholla Meeting
- 31 Halloween

GREETINGS FROM CHOLLA CHAPTER

Welcome back after the summer break. It's going to be great seeing everyone at our first meeting. The date is October 10th and it's going to be at the Club House (Fry Shack) in furnished. Come early—about 3:30 or so—and play some games. We plan to have horse-shoes, shuffle board, etc. About the same as at the luau. We'll have a board meeting at about 4:00.

If you're in another chapter and will be in Cholla then, we welcome you to our meeting. Then, or any other meeting. Other guests are also welcome.

As I'm writing this, I guess it's still quite hot in Cholla but up here in Show Low-Pinetop area it's about low 80s in the day time and down about 50 at night. We've also been getting the monsoon rains, as have Phoenix and Tucson areas. Hopefully by the time of our meeting it will have cooled off a bit "down there". But I'm sure we'll have a good time regardless of the weather. So-that's all for now. Hope to see YOU there.

Pat Goodin

Please Attend Your Meetings!!!

CHOLLA
Tuesday, October 10, 2000
Meeting: 4:00 pm
Club House (Fry Shack)

TUCSON
Saturday, September 23, 2000
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Wednesday, September 13, 2000
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I hope everyone stayed cool over the scorching summer. I didn't get a chance to go down to Cholla and believe me I am extremely missing it.

I apologies if any of you have been having trouble getting a hold of me. I spent the summer moving. My new phone number is 520-882-6551, my work number is still the same 520-293-3446. If you have articles or pictures you would like to put in the chatter you can mail them to 1648 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, Arizona 85705.

Sorry for the inconvenience—Marina Montano.

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