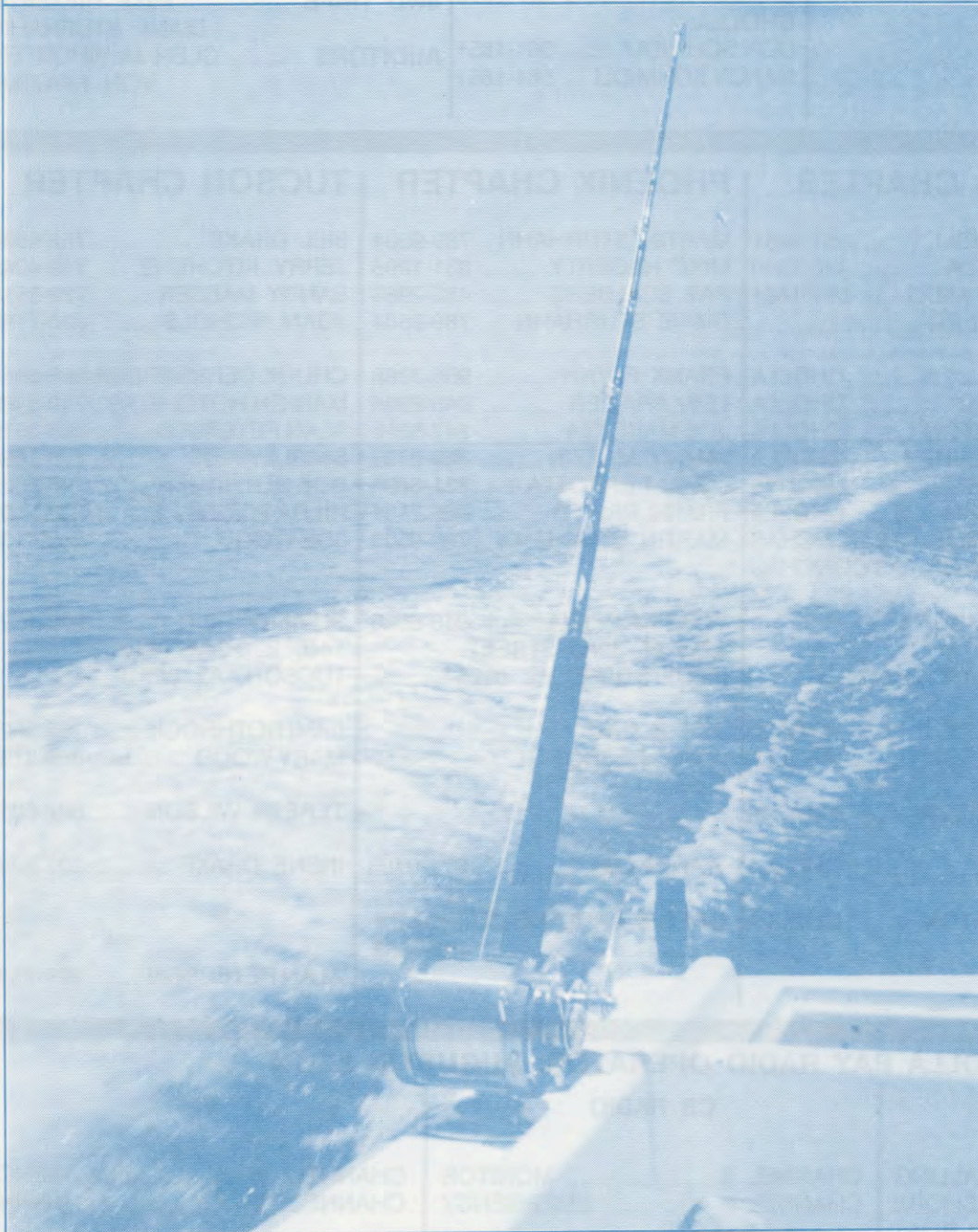


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## '94 Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day Observed
- 14 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 17 JJ's Over The Line Softball
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors

### OCTOBER

- 7-10 JJ's final phase of fishing tourn.
- 8-9 El Gulfo Trip
- 11 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 11 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 12 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 15 Tucson Get-Together
- 15 JJ's Bathtub Races
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors
- 22 Fall Fiesta
- 29 JJ's Halloween Party
- 29 JJ's Jet Ski Races
- 29,30 JJ's Sailboat Races
- 31 Halloween

## Don't Miss Your Meetings!

### - CHOLLA -

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## WORD MEANINGS

**SNAG:** *What a fisherman tells his buddies he has run into when his wife won't let him go fishing.*

**OLD AGE:** *Leading cause of death among the fish you pursue.*

**KEEPER:** *Any fish larger than the bait used to catch it.*

**DEEP-SEA DIVING:** *A hobby enjoyed by any fisherman who accidentally drops his brand new rod and reel overboard.*

**RED SNAPPER:** *One who returns from a fishing trip with nothing but a sunburn and a surly mood.*

**RUBBER SCAMPI:** *Proof that fish are perty stupid.*

**KETCHUP:** *The only way you're going to get your kids to eat what you caught.*

**MRS. PAUL:** *The lady who cleans most of the fish eaten at your house.*

## SUMMER CAMPOUT 1994

The campout was attended by about 50 people this year. Our first day on Wednesday was very hot. We were about ready to go home, but on the second day it clouded up in the afternoon and came a little shower. Everyday after that, it rained each afternoon and kept us all cool.

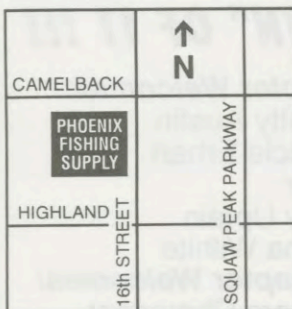
The pot luck meal on Saturday night was a feast, as usual, and the weather cooperated. The Forest Service furnished garbage pickup and port-a-johns. Again this year, thanks to Larry and Mae McDonald for furnishing the water. We had plenty of wood from a large tree that had blown down in a storm, and the camp fires felt good in the evenings.

It was good to see Ginger Sinavic, Bill Reid, Pat and Ken Goodin and Frenchy from the Cholla Chapter. Only wish more people could attend. They don't know what they are missing. A fun time was had by all !!!



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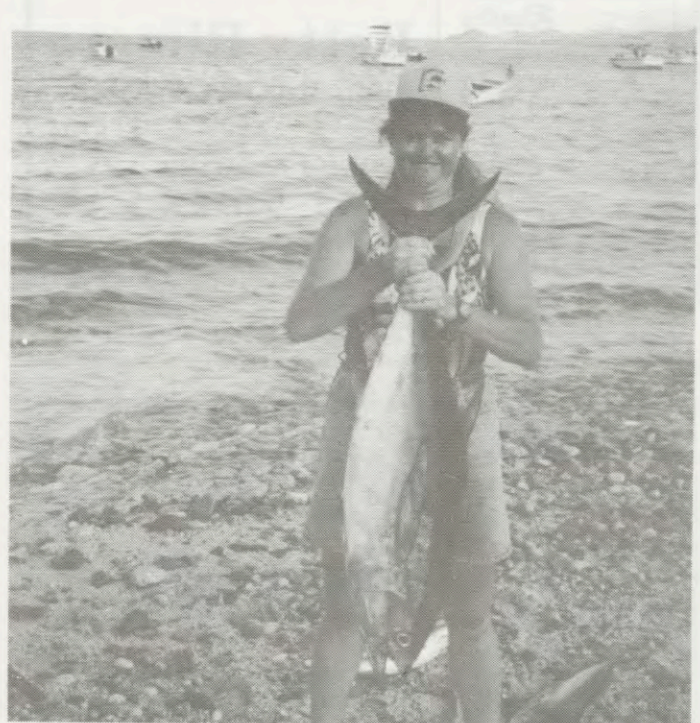
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## EDITORS NOTE

Well here it is September already and that means the promise of cool weather is just around the corner. Soon Cholla will be buzzing with people again, enjoying the weather and all the activities this great area has to offer.

Kelley, my son Randy and I just returned from a 5 day fishing trip to the East Cape of Baja. We had the trip of our life, everybody caught lots of fish especially Randy. Kelley and Randy now both have Dorado and Yellowfin Tuna to their list of fish. As for me I fought a Tuna (the captain estimated at 180-200lbs.) for about an hour and a half, when I finally got a glimpse of him, "snap" the 100lb. line broke. So there I was left sitting in the chair with empty line, great memories of the fight and sore muscles that wouldn't recover for a couple of days. Below are pictures of Randy's first Dorado and Kelley's first Yellowfin. Well until next month everybody take care and hope to see you at the Bay.





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

August has gone and September is here again. This means back to school and back to routines. At least we know most of the heat for 1994 is history and a new season is about to begin.

August was pretty good to this area weather wise. Humidity was high but we had nice breezes to keep us comfortable. We had some nice tides and it was Jet Skiing paradise in the Bay. As one Mexican fisherman said, "we are blessed to be living in such a paradise with the ocean, beaches, mountains and good people all rolled up in one package". Those words really describe how most of us feel towards Cholla Bay.

Even though the wind blew, some boats got out for one day's fishing for the second phase of the Angler of the Year Derby. Even that day was for real diehards. Joe Anacleto declared it an official second phase for the derby and we understand all the money collected for fees went towards the funeral and hospital expenses for Rhoda Tighe. Cholla lost another of it's dear ladies. Rhoda Tighe died in the hospital here in Puerto Peñasco in July and is buried in the cemetery here. Many of the trees and flowers you see growing here in Cholla are a credit to Rhoda. While many of you were on vacations you made arrangements with her to keep your gardens watered. This she did faithfully.. while we were still sleeping she was out driving her little blue car watering, trying to beat the heat of the day. She was a living example of keeping Cholla green. Our Sincere Sympathies go to her surviving spouse, Joe and their children.

We don't have a list of the prize winning fish for phase two, but it was reported Joanne McDonald took first prize for Red Snapper, which measured length wise smaller than a beer can. Only Red Snapper caught she laughed. The third and final phase for the Angler of the Year Derby comes up in October. Points are building up so be sure you are here.

Come on down and enjoy the rest of the summer with us..understand it's cooler here than Phoenix and Tucson and lots more fun.

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# GRILLED TEQUILA TUNA

by: Dave Palmer (Fiesta Sportfishing)

- 1-2 Yellowfin Tuna steaks
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- 2 cloves garlic chopped or minced
- 1 tbsp. minced onions
- 1 tbsp. chili powder
- 1 tbsp. broiled steak seasoning
- 2 oz. tequila (Hornito Green Label for it's lime flavor)

## PREPARATION

Cut Tuna fillets into 3/4 inch thick steaks. Marinade steaks in ice cold beer or water with one slice lime and one tsp. salt - marinate in refrigerator for 1/2 hour. Combine butter and spices in the frying pan, heat and stir until the butter begins to boil, add the tequila and light on fire. Be careful this really flames up! We do all of this outside on the grill. Let the tequila burn for just a few seconds then blow it out. Be sure not to burn all of the alcohol off as this helps the tuna flame up, providing the charbroiled taste desired. Baste each steak and grill one to two minutes on each side basting with remaining sauce until fish flakes easily. Note be sure not to over cook the fish, cook only until it flakes easily and is still moist. Serve with your favorite sauce and rice or other side dish. If by any chance you have leftovers, refrigerate and flake over a lettuce salad the next day. This recipe also works excellent for shrimp and most any other type of game fish.

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It is approximately 65 air miles, 75 miles by road & beach from Rocky Pt. to El Gulfo. Bring ample gas for the round trip, as sometimes the only gas station in El Gulfo runs out. Bring: camping supplies, food, drink, etc., firewood, sun screen, camera, binoculars, fishing tackle, etc.

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# NACHO

by LH Roh, 1992

My first memory of Nacho was of a slightly-built, gray-haired man sitting in his one-room store with some canned goods displayed on open gritty shelving behind him. His other stock consisted of some coils of rope, a few fishing supplies and a cold box which contained beer and sodas when someone brought him ice from town. He was dressed in clean cotton trousers and a white shirt; his faithful dog (we called him "hard rock" because that is what he felt like when you patted his head) at his side.

Nacho came from an inland city in Mexico; he was educated and spoke english. He had come to the isolation of the bay to spend his last days there. He had a blood disease and needed to go into Hermosilla for transfusions every 3 or 4 months. With the sunshine and sea air his health improved and he lived for many years. He was grateful to God for the extra time given him and put up a wooden cross on a small hill by the bay to show his appreciation. Forty-some years latter the cross still stands; having been replaced several times by his old fishermen friends in honor of this gentle man.

A store without customers cannot survive so Nacho built five wooden shacks to rent out. Each one consisted of one room with a cement floor, no windows, plenty of light was furnished through the cracks and by keeping the front door open during the day. One house was a little larger and was made of petates (woven mats) nailed onto a wooden frame with beer caps. It had a bunk bed and slept four. Rent was \$3.00 per day, each shack was furnished with a bed, mattress, two wooden chairs and a wooden table. The table legs were set into cans of water with a few drops of kerosene added to keep the ants off the table. There was a public outhouse (two holer) and was some distance away. It was located about where the main road is today. There was nothing beyond that but some sand hills. What is today Pelican Point was covered with bushes and was a "no mans" land because of the many sidewinders and rattle snakes.

We never considered staying in the shacks until the first time we went camping with the Chambers family (Harry, Lou and three children). Our truck was equipped with a 50 gallon water barrel with a spigot and this water was used only for drinking and cooking. The ice box held 100 pounds of block ice and kept the food from spoiling. We also carried a two burner gasoline stove that only Ed dared to light. We took all our dishes and linens and had built a chuck box (three shelves) to hold the food needed.

There were always three stops along the road for us. The first was at the windmill outside of Sells. Since we left at 6:00 A.M. we were all hungry. The second stop was Tracy's Trading Post on the Indian Reservation which Jim and Goldie Richmond owned. There we got ice cream cones if there kerosene freezer was working. The third stop was at Lukeville where we got hamburgers. At the Mexican border of Sonoita Ed had become aquatinted with the immigration officer. He sat behind his desk, bare feet below his rolled up cotton trousers; long hair and his wonderful face---so brown and serene. I always said he looked like a Mexican Jesus Christ. We always brought candy for his seven children and were always greeted with the utmost courtesy.

The trip usually took about six or seven hours as the road wandered considerably and some of it was graveled. Three people rode in the cab of the old Studebaker truck and two out in the sun on top of the load. Two lawn chairs were lashed on top so the passengers would not fall off--they just got sunburned and with each stop we changed seating.

We had camped for several times before, but on this trip with the Chambers their car started to heat and we would have to stop to let it cool so we could go some more miles.

We got to Tracy's Trading Post and the men decided that it was the water pump. Jim offered us his from his truck. he said "just take it--I'll have someone pick one up for me next time they go into Tucson". We decided to get to Ajo and find a pump. There they fixed the car and we arrived at the bay at sundown---a twelve hour trip with five little kids. It was terribly windy and the men couldn't get



the tent up. Finally we went to Nacho and rented two of his cabins. From that time on we always stayed in his cabins. The cabins were so small that we rented three. One housed the Rhos, one housed the Chambers and one was the kitchen.

As soon as we parked the truck in front of the cabins, the kids would take off their shoes and run into the ocean. One time the tide was going out and the bay was almost empty. I had lunch ready and was calling to them to come and eat. I could see Jenny jumping around and both children were oblivious to everything but what they were doing. Walking down to see what was going on I was astonished! Bill had speared sixteen stingrays (about dinner plate size) and Jenny was lining them up in a very neat row to count.

We all loved the bay and looked forward to our two trips a year. The kids could hardly wait while the preparations were going on. The day before we left, we used to practice getting them out of bed. They would lie down in their beds pretending to sleep and I would quietly open their door and whisper "Cholla Bay" and they would jump up ready to go. It worked too; they never had trouble getting up at 5:45 A.M. the next morning.

In 1953 we spent a lot of time at the store as we were open evenings to sell TV's and we felt that we needed more time with our children. We took a family vote to see whether to buy a trailer to leave in Cholla or buy Christmas presents. The vote was unanimous and we bought a 27 ft. used trailer and pulled it down on January 20th 1954. But that is another story.

LH Roh

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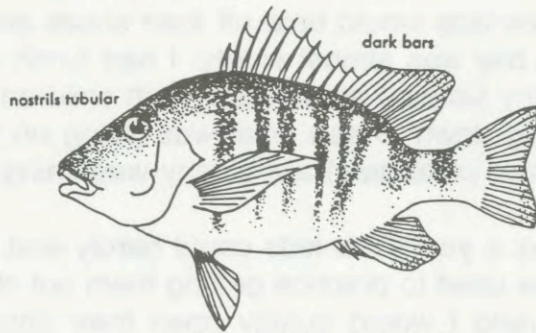
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Tucson Get Acquainted Picnic: October 15, 1994 at Jerry Kitchens.  
Chairpersons: Sylvia Kitchens and Sandy Maeser.  
Full details in the October Chatter.



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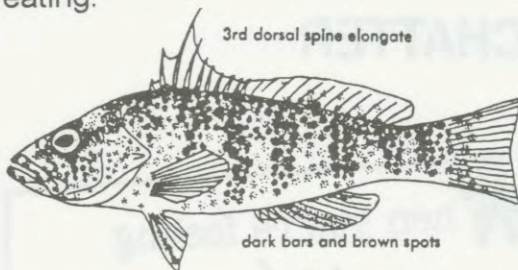
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### BARRED PARGO

(Pargo Mulato)

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A fish fry was held at JJ's Cantina on July 3, 94 to help raise money, to help offset extensive medical bills for Rhoda Tighe, a long time resident of Cholla. We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to all who participated and donated: Joe & John at the Cantina, the workers there, Bob Caulkins & Gary Anderson (distribution of flyers), Glenda (coleslaw), and everyone else for there generosity. Donations are welcome and appreciated, they are being accepted at the Cantina.

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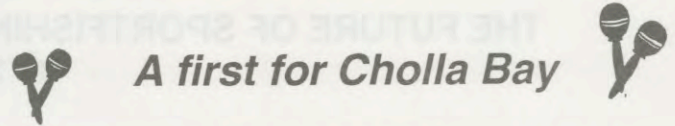
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1995 will mark the 40th Anniversary of the CBCS, and we are looking for old "Chatters". We are trying to locate one of every Chatter ever published, compile them into a complete set, and to reprint historical articles of interest in today's Chatters.

Following is a list of the issues that we still need, if you have some and would like to donate them to the Club, we would appreciate it very much:

1958 - 1965: need all issues. We also are missing: January 73, May 77, April 78, Nov & Dec 79, Feb & May & June 80, May & August 81, May 82, May, Oct, Nov, Dec 83, May, July, Aug & Dec 84. We are missing an occasional issue from the last ten years, but we haven't finished checking through all the boxes yet. If you or someone you know has some of the issues and are willing to donate them, please call Kelley or Dave Adams 602-345-0623 or Frank Flynn 602-956-3386.

**!! WANTED !!**

The Council is still in need of a Secretary for the remainder of this year (only 3 meetings). Please, if you could spare an evening every other month, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Council Chairman Frank Flynn if you are able to help.



# THE FUTURE IS NOW!

## THE FUTURE OF SPORTFISHING IN ROCKY POINT IS IN YOUR HANDS

*by Steve Rothbard*

A new era is dawning at Rocky Point. With the addition of the Plaza Las Glorias Hotel/Condo complex and several other projects on the board for Sandy Beach as well as a marina facility in the harbor, Rocky Point will come of age as a prime tourist destination. Just a few days ago the Puerto Peñasco Airport was designated international and a Port of Entry. We are going to see an influx of new people, tourist, fishermen, nature lovers and just plain fun seekers for the sun and surf.

I am deeply involved in Sportfishing both from a business standpoint and a recreational standpoint. I have seen for myself and have read many accounts of how the fishing was better at certain times some years ago or how it was very poor during a certain time.

I have found that many times the ups and downs were the result of natural cycles of nature, i.e. times of drought, temperature changes, tide cycles and disease and organisms in the water. There is not much we can do about nature except take what she dishes out, adjust to her needs and go on from there. On the other hand there are times when man has gotten greedy and foolish and out of this has effected the "balance of nature" and depleted the fishery to the point where it would take many years to come back.

One of the problems we face is that we know very little about the life cycles of many of the fish we seek to catch. One of the most sought after fish in the Rocky Point area is the Grouper. As with most sought after game animals and game fish, everybody wants to catch a big one. With game animals we know their life cycles and breeding habits and can control the harvest so that we have a continual harvest of quality animals. This type of harvest is possible with some types of fish. Surface fish such as Marlins, Sailfish and Dorado can be caught and released with much success. Tags are affixed to released fish to track their habits and habitats.

The bottom dwellers we seek at Rocky Point are not as easy to catch and release. If caught in shallow water (less than 90ft. or so) some success can be had but for the most part the trip up from the depths causes their bladders to burst and the eyes to bulge and they can not be released and expected to live. The big Groupers, Sardinaro and Pintos are now being taken in a very systematic manner by many fishermen using GPS. to locate the old reefs and pinpoint new reefs, however small they may be, hold only a few fish. Using the latest electronics they can locate individual fish and hunt them down.

This new method of fishing combined with the many people not adhering to the posted fishing limits (ONE - GROUPER PER PERSON PER DAY) is going to quickly destroy the fish population in the Rocky Point area. The 16, 18 and 22 mile reefs as well as Bird Island are all declining again. There are now a few boats in the Rocky Point area that can cruise south to reefs 100 miles or more and find Grouper and Black Sea Bass never before touched. Several larger Sportfishing boats are coming on line (70 - 80 footers) which will further tax the fish populations. One is now going as far south as Tiberon Island and over to the Midriff Islands off Baja.

We who enjoy fishing for sport must open our eyes to what can and is happening. We must promote catch and release, when possible and adhere to limits as posted. We must inform our fellow sport fishermen of what can happen if we don't. Our children and grandchildren must have the chance to experience the thrills we've had when making a good catch. We must as a group (CBSC) promote conservation and police ourselves to see that it happens or our future generations will face a barren Sea and Rocky Point as an attractive place for Sportfishing will vanish before it begins.

*if you have any questions or comments you may contact Steve at 929-0434*



# JJ'S CANTINA

CHOLLA BAY, MEXICO



*With great sorrow we say good bye  
to a dear friend and neighbor.*

*In Memory Of:*

*Rhoda Tighe  
1931 - 1994*

*Rhoda, a resident of Cholla, passed away  
in July. She will be dearly missed by  
her friends and those whose lives  
she touched.*

*Goodbye Rhoda, we will all miss you!*



# JOURNEY TO CHOLLA BAY, MEXICO

*by Lisa Gayle Felts*

I was eight years old and my sister was twelve. We went to visit our grandparents in Tucson, Arizona during the summer of seventy eight. It was pretty exciting because I knew that we would fly on an airplane for the first time without adult supervision. We got back on the ground in Arizona and I was somewhat relieved; the plane ride was a definite experience that I would never forget. When we got off the plane, there was my grandparents and great grandparents holding up a huge sign that read "Welcome Home Little Ones". In overwhelming joy, we ran to them and hugged them. That night we stayed up eating ice cream and laughing.

The following morning, we were pleasantly surprised by my grandmother waking us up and telling us that we were going to go to the cabin in Cholla Bay. She told us that our aunt and two cousins would be going, including our aunt Re (a good friend of the family). We immediately got up and started preparing for the upcoming journey to the Bay. My sister helped my grandmother pack the food in the truck, while I helped my grandfather load the fishing equipment. When I accidentally dropped one of the tackle boxes, hordes of fish hooks fell out. I was amazed to see such enormous hooks; it gave me the impression that we were to catch something the size of Moby Dick. We finished loading the truck and getting ready to leave, when aunt Re pulled up in her smoke pouring, needs a new paint job, crack in the windshield the size of the Grand Canyon jalopy. She cheerfully got out of her car and asked us if we wanted to ride with her. Staring at her car and then to my sister I said, with a smile, "Auntie Re is more fun than mama and papa." She agreed and we jumped in the car.

On the long hot drive down we sang ninety nine bottles of root beer on the wall and enjoyed the desert scenery. We finally arrived to the place to which we had heard so much about. It looked like the town came from a western movie. Consisting of two dirt roads lined with houses, and the Bay three doors down from ours. We stepped out of the car and into the house. It had only three rooms, the living room, kitchen and a bedroom. Everything looked like a normal house except for the bedroom; it had four beds adjacent to one another. As I was exiting the bedroom, I heard a familiar voice, it was auntie Gale. At last, everyone was there. My grandmother told us to get our things and follow her to the bedroom. She proceeded to tell us where we would be sleeping and told us to put our stuff on our beds. After everyone was settled, it was time to eat supper. We ate and talked for awhile, then it was time to get ready for bed. When I looked into my bag to get my toothbrush, I couldn't find it. My grandmother said not to worry that I could use my finger to do the job. We all got into bed and my grandmother said, "Goodnight, Mary Ellen." Following with a "Goodnight, John Boy," from auntie Gale. I quickly replied, "Goodnight, George," and with that, we laughed and soon fell asleep.

The next day, we awoke, ate breakfast and set out on the thirty foot cabin cruiser named 'Swamp Frog', to catch what I thought to be Moby Dick. We started out on the Gulf. I was a little frightened, but was quickly calmed by the Dolphin swimming on the waves of the bow. My grandfather found the spot where they catch the Rock Bass to use as bait for the 'other fish'. We were catching what I thought to be 'big fish' and it amazed me that they were to be used as bait fish. After we caught a good amount we pulled up the anchor and went to the retreat of the bigger fish. Driving for a right good while we finally came to the place where the big Groupers are often seen on the fish finder. My grandmother started to put the bait on her pole and put it in the water. No sooner that she hit bottom with the bait, she hooked a fish. It was so heavy that the pole bent all the way down to the water. As she struggled to get it up to the surface I watched on the side of the boat, wondering what it would look like. I never saw a fish that size in my life. As it started to break the surface it fought vigorously then soon tired. The fish was so large that we could not bring it on board. So my grandfather tied it to the side of the boat. We spent the rest of the day catching fish, none had been the size of the first Grouper grandmother caught.



Getting ready to head back into land a curious seal was interested in our fish as well as we were. Nibbling and diving repeatedly, the seal began to annoy my grandmother. She tried to shoo it away but it kept coming back for the feast. Being as brazen as my grandmother is, she quickly went to the cabin and came out with a cast iron skillet in hand. The seal came up for his final nibble and 'WHACK', right on the head. The seal then disappeared into the Gulf in a spiral motion. As we docked in the Bay, the villagers took our fish, cleaned and weighed them. When they took the "big one" and put it on the scale, it weighed a whopping seventy-nine pounds.

The rest of the days were spent swimming and shelling when the tide was low. As my cousin Michael and I were looking for interesting shells, he came across a playful but ornery crab. Michael started to pick up the crab in curiosity and it latched onto his finger, with its claw. He screamed and went running to shore waving his hand in the air. The crab had a severe hold of his finger and couldn't be preyed loose. So my aunt resorted to cutting off the claw with a knife. He quieted after his finger was freed and everyone headed back to the cabin to get ready for dinner. We got to fix the fish to eat (that we had caught that day). We quickly ate dinner so we could set off the fireworks that we had brought with us. The fireworks lasted about an hour and we headed back to the cabin from the bay. Everyone had gotten ready for bed and we all went through the "Waltons ritual".

We reloaded the truck and set back for Tucson. The drive back seemed shorter because we were talking of all the things that we had seen and done on that trip to Cholla Bay.

*Lisa Gayle Felts*

*Lisa is the grand-daughter of Randy and Maxine Hager, and studying to be a Marine Biologist.*

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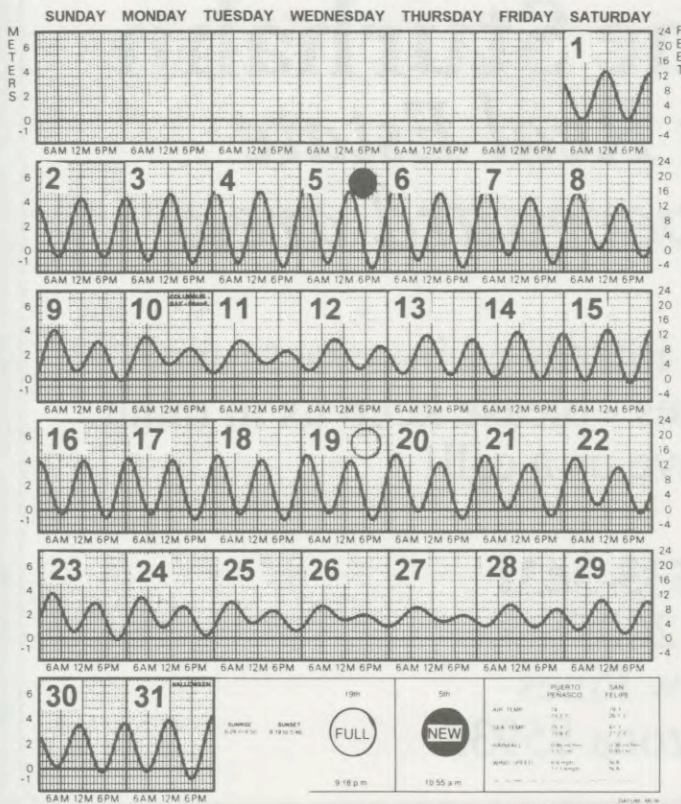
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