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Editors Note

Last month our nephews from Tempe came down with us for a few days to enjoy the weather and the beach. They have been here before but never had a chance to fish. The wind blew most of the weekend but it did let up just enough for us to sneak out to do a little Trigger fishing. This was their first saltwater fishing experience, and they had a blast. They can't wait until next time and/or maybe try their new fishing skills in the Derby.

Dave & Kelley Adams







Shawn Yunt, Randy Adams, Brian Yunt

Phoenix Chapter Christmas Meeting!

Wednesday, December 14, 94 🎄 7:30 pm

Please don't miss our final meeting of 1194. We would like to invite all of our Phoenix Chapter members to this special meeting.

-  Please bring some Christmas appetizers or goodies to share.
-  A \$1 off drink coupon will be given to everyone attending.
-  New Officers will be elected.
-  An optional gift exchange will take place: If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift (\$5.00 value), it can be nice, Christmas like or funny. This meeting will be a lot of fun.

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'94 Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

- 13 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 13 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 14 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 17 **MEXICAN CHRISTMAS PARTY**
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Years Eve

'95 Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 1 New Years Day
- 10 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 10 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 11 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors

Don't Miss Your Meetings!

- CHOLLA -

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PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETING

We had our annual brown bag auction on Wednesday, November 9th. And what an auction it was. We raised a few hundred dollars for the Mexican Children's Christmas Party. Lew Frazier did an excellent job as Auctioneer, as usual. He kept the place hopping, and the money flying. Every time a bid was made, Dee Moen would add "and a quarter!", this kept us all laughing as we bid higher to see if she'd follow with another quarter. What a fun meeting, and for such a good cause.

Prior to the auction we held the business part of the meeting. Reports were given and accepted and announcements were made. Dick Gardner announced another off-road trip. He will lead another group of adventurous people to the Gillespie Gold Mine just outside of Puerto Peñasco. They plan to first stop at the Estuary where the gold was taken from the mine to be loaded on ships. Then they will trek north to the mine, in search of gold, fun, and adventure. Dick please let us know how this trip turned out. We took a short break and then started the auction.

The December meeting will be our Christmas party. Look for details elsewhere in this Chatter. Hope to see you there.

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I have been coming to the Bay since 1974, and in 1976 I 'bought' my place. I have offered medical advice and answered urgent calls since that time. I also have assisted and consulted with Dr. Al at the Clinica Santa Maria in Peñasco.

After December 31, 1994, I shall retire from all except advice and available care in emergencies in Cholla Bay.

I'm getting a little older and am not as strong as I used to be, and am looking forward to retiring and relaxing at the Bay.

*Sincerely,
"DOC -1"
(Harry Wilcox)*

Rummage Sale

Thanks to so many members who donated their rummage, we again had a very successful rummage sale on November 26th at the Fry Shack in Cholla. We were very thankful that the weather cooperated and it was a great day. We raised about \$600 to help fund the Christmas Party for the Mexican families who live and/or work in Cholla Bay. The Mexican people look forward to this sale because they are able to make some good purchases. We advertised it would begin at 8:00 am, but they were waiting when we arrived at 6:30 am. Hopefully this is an event that can be continued.

Special thanks to all who helped, it took a lot of work but we had fun. Muchos gracias to the following people that helped us: Joan and Chuck Dernberger, Walt and Lois Osborn, Bruce and Jane Beidler, Jerry and Ila Ketelhut, Terri Beazley, Jean Ostberg, Adele Curtis, Elizabeth Schmerfeld, Betty Horton, Carol Schmitt and Del and Sandy Moore. Hope we haven't forgotten anyone. Many people asked "Where's the Candy Man?" Don Christian. Unfortunately, we learned later in the day that Don had suffered a stroke a few days prior and was in the hospital in very serious condition. Our prayers are with Don and Alice and hopefully the Candy Man will be back to the Bay soon.

Christmas Party

Plans are in full swing for the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Christmas Party, to be held Saturday, December 17th at the Fry Shack. We would ask everyone to pray for good weather on that day. So many have made great donations so we expect this to be a very special party. We are not sure yet how many families we will give food and toys, but it will be over a hundred. John Warren will be Santa again and Teri Wilson will be his helper. Of course we need lots of Santa's helpers, so if you would like to get in on the "action" please contact Shirley Peterson or Nancy Schmidli.

Dave and Kelley Adams have really helped out with all kinds of donations. They will need someone to help bring down some produce the week of the Party. If you can do this please give them a call. Their phone number is in the front of the Chatter. Thanks Dave and Kelley.

More news and many more thanks will be forthcoming in January. Hope to see you in the "Bay".

Nancy Schmidli



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CHOLLA CHAPTER CHITTER CHATTER

by Elaine Rimsza

Cholla Chapter had the November 8th meeting at Los Arcos Restaurant, with about 60 members and guest present. It was so good to have Walt and Betty Horton back again, and welcome back Dawne and Clay Hulett. Sorry to hear of illness in the family of Jack and Rosemary Kleine which prevented them from attending, and also Roy and Shirley Haenfler. Our thoughts are with you, and we hope you'll soon be back with us.

After cocktails and dinner, President Don Schmidli opened the meeting. Part of our public address system was missing, so voices had to amplify on their own; but this particular crowd in this particular room didn't present too much of a problem, and we had an orderly and productive meeting.

A report was given by Tom Hewitt on the children's home near Peñasco, Esperanza Para Los Ninos, and they still need building materials and volunteers. Sue Klinger gave us updated information about Casa Hogar, the old folks home in Peñasco. Our club will make a cash donation to each of these organizations for Christmas, and we will continue to help with various fund-raising activities during the year.

For our December 13th meeting, all members are asked to bring something for the children at Esperanzas. A list of the children with their ages and sizes has been provided by Nancy Schmidli, and it will be included either at the end of this article or elsewhere in the Chatter. PLEASE COME TO THE NEXT MEETING WITH SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN. Food, cloths, shoes, toys, cash donations, all will be appreciated. As of this writing, this meeting will be held at La Curva Restaurant.

So many people donated prizes for the raffle drawing that I hope I don't omit anyone! Glenda and Joe Anacleto, a bottle of rum; Jane and Bruce Beidler, two Mexican blankets; Estelle and Bucky Maud, a big bag of candy; Betty and Adam Renard, assorted art supplies; Elaine and Tony Rimsza, Christmas kitchen towels; and there were dinners from Los Arcos, La Curva and Las Palmas Restaurant and margaritas from El Paraiso del Desierto. Thanks, everyone!

One of the last prizes given away was a Thanksgiving turkey won by Pat and Les Foss, who promptly gave it back to the club for delivery to Esperanza Children's home. It has been delivered, and they were so pleased to get it. Special thanks to Pat and Les!

Ship's Store has lots of new cold weather clothes, and sweats and jackets are sure needed with all this cold wind we're having. Get over to see Walt and Betty and do your shopping while you're there.

The Fiesta held October 22nd was successful and well attended. Lots of hard work and planning by Pat Goodin and Linda Bleeker and all those involved. The cake walk was a real hit.

Hope your Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays will be filled with joy!

CHILDREN CURRENTLY AT ESPERANZA PARA NINOS

NAME	AGE	SIZE	SHOE SZ	X-MAS WISH
BEATRIZ	14 YRS	JR 6	6½	Small Typewriter
IVAN	11 YRS	10	6	Remote Control Car
PANCHO	8 YRS	10	6	Helicopter or Bike
LUIS	9 YRS	10	6	Bat and Ball
ANGEL	8 YRS	10	6	Basketball
ALMA	12 YRS	GIRL 12-14	6	Barbie
MIRIAM	5 YRS	CHILD 5-6	CHD 11	Doll
JAVIER	3 YRS	BOYS 4	CHD 11	Car

CHOLLA CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE!

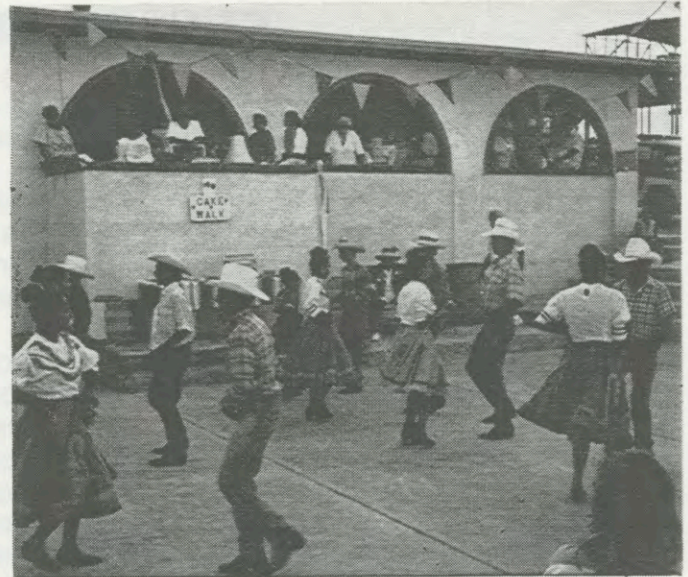
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Fiesta Fun

Our first annual Fiesta was a success! Although we didn't make a lot of money, our main purpose was realized. Everyone seemed to be having a good time and that's what it was all about. It was a good "Coming back to Cholla after summer" get together. We'll have another one next year. We learned a lot and hope next year's will be bigger and better and even more fun!

A big thanks to all who donated and to the dancers and all of the wonderful people who helped set-up, work booths and take down.



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We did not make it to the Cholla Bay Fishing Derby or visit our cabin in Payson, but the convalescing at Cholla is so nice. Thanks again, and stop by and visit us at the Cholla Bay Ship's Store.

Sincerely,
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TUCSON CHITTER CHATTER

The holidays are upon us and it is time for merriment and glee. The weather could not be much better even if it does get on the cool side at times, but doesn't it feel great to bundle up and cozy up after a hot summer?

November meeting brought in a few new faces, Dick and Nancy Bryant, Jeff and Dale Allen, and we hope you keep attending our meetings. We manage to keep an average of thirty members and we do wish we could increase our attendance. Think about it and come visit with us for a little while. Most of the board were in attendance and we had reports from them and reports from committee chairpersons.

Bill Drake urged everyone to volunteer for the coming Christmas Party for the Cholla children. Our raffle is meeting it's quota for the money our chapter has to raise "thanks" to all who donate gifts to raffle off. Well folks, I misplaced my notes and do not have all my info at hand, but, I know Joan Nichols walked out with the aid of Bob Rothrock with all her winnings and she was in hog heaven. Hoary for you Joanie, lady-luck was with you..enjoy.

Nominating committee and board presented the slate of names for elections of new officers. The members will vote or approve in the December meeting.

Please if you get down to Cholla before the Xmas Party drop off some apple boxes at Shirley Peterson's.

Don Christian had a siege with his heart problem. We hope you are feeling up to par to enjoy all the holiday festivities, Don.

Well folks, hope you had your fill of turkey and you and yours all enjoyed family and friends.

Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad - we want to wish you a Merry Christmas from the bottom of our hearts.

Happy New Year and may you enjoy "Health, Wealth and time to enjoy it for the year of 1995".

Respectfully,
Tere

Craft Sale a Success!

The 2nd annual Craft sale turned out to be a huge success.

Starting at 10:00 am. on November 26th (a beautiful day in Cholla Bay) it was great from start to finish. We had lots of crafts and lots of shoppers.

We'll have more about it in next months Chatter. Till then - Thanks to all donors, workers and shoppers. Santa Clause should be very happy indeed.

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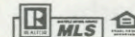
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Second big visit for Santa comes on Christmas Day itself. This time he lands his sleigh of gifts at J.J.s Cantina. Here the children get to sit on Santa's lap and he listens to their request. Then Santa and his helpers do the best to fulfill their desires.

Not to be forgotten are the amigos and vecinos of the Mexican families living here. These friends and neighbors bring their own gifts for the Mexican people they consider...their own family away from home, south of the border. All in all, it is a beautiful happy time of year for both the givers and the receivers.

All of Mexico is looking forward to a terrific 1995 under the leadership of their newly elected President, Ernesto Zedillo. Equally optimistic is the population of Puerto Peñasco, Cholla Bay and surrounding areas under the direction of their new Mayor, Oscar Palacio Jr. English speaking, Sr. Palacio is the owner of businesses dealing with tourists, so he is in tune with their needs and concerns while traveling in his country. Tourism, as well other businesses in the area should flourish under his leadership. We wish him a successful reign as our Mayor and much success for his entire political future.

Happy holidays to everyone and don't forget to start making your resolutions for 1995.

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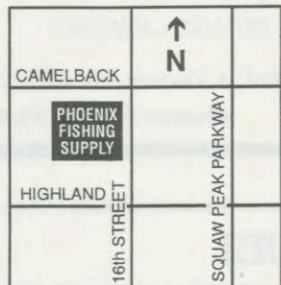


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by Dave Palmer of Fiesta Sportfishing

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In addition to the Picante fish breaking the record, both 2nd & 3rd place came in at a whopping 652 and 628 pounds placing all three over the old record!

During the past few weeks following the tournament, the Blue Marlin bite quickly shut down but a Dorado frenzy has taken over. Dorado are showing thick 1-3 miles from Cabo with most boats returning with 5-10 fish, 20-30 pounds each. The fish are schooling and hitting almost any color lure or live bait. Striped Marlin catches are slow but starting to increase, plus the sizes showing are good fish 150-200 pounds. Most are taking live bait. Large Yellowfin Tuna are still in the area with most coming in at 20-40 pounds, with an occasional fish over 100lbs. Most catches have been on live bait dropped through the schools of Dolphins.

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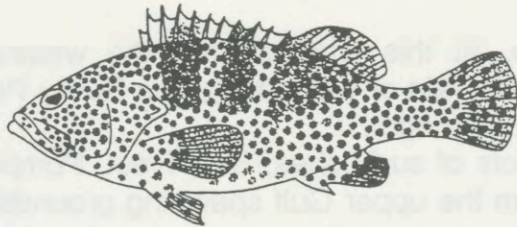
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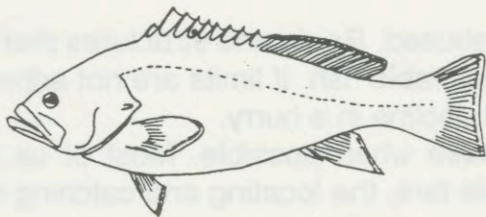
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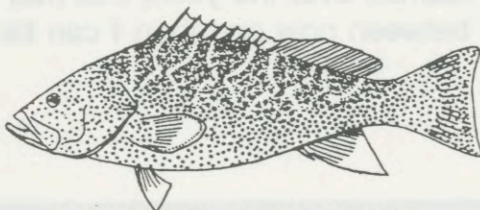


Spotted Cabrilla (Pinta, Cabrilla Pinta)

The body and fins are covered by reddish-brown spots. General coloration of the body is gray with dusky bars. The coloration looks very much like a Sand Bass but this fish is much larger (up to 30lbs.). This fish has rounded dorsal, anal and tail fins. They are found abundantly in rocky structures and will hit feathers, jigs and fresh dead whole baits. Good fighters and excellent eating.



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40th Fishing Derby

On Saturday, December 17th at 1:00 pm, there will be a meeting to discuss and finalize the up coming Fishing Derby. The meeting will be held at the Fry Shack after the Christmas Party. Hopefully we can finalize Derby dates, any changes to the rules, promotional ideas, new possible sponsors and any other ideas to help make this the biggest and best Derby ever. If you have any ideas or input for this monumental occasion, please plan on attending this meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please send your ideas to your Chapter Officers or anyone else who might be going to the meeting. Your input is needed, so please get involved.



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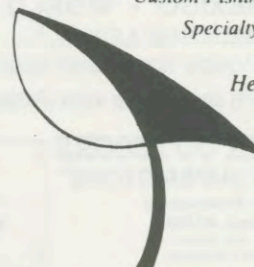
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Bottom Dwellers Active on Shallow Reefs

by Steve Rothbard

Cool weather lures lots of fisher folks to Mexico. At this time of year the weather usually moderates, seas calm down and except for an occasional rain or wind storm, the Rocky Point/Cholla Bay area is a very pleasant place to be from November thru April.

As the temperature begins to cool down huge schools of surf fishes; Sea Trout, Pompino, White Sea Bass and Totoaba start their migrations south from the upper Gulf spawning grounds along the beaches and rocks of Mexico's west coast. If you happen to be in the right spot at the right time and know what to throw and where, you can have one heck of an exciting time. Light tackle and the right lures will give you plenty of sport and a full stringer in no time at all.

For those of you not into surf fishing and are lucky enough to have access to a good sturdy boat, winter is the prime time for "hunting" for those tasty bottom dwellers, who will move onto the shallow reefs near shore as the water temperature drops. These fish become more active and aggressive during the cooler months. The primary targets of the serious bottom fisherman are the Black Sea Bass and the various Groupers (Baya, Leopard {Sardinera}, Spotted Cabrilla {Pinta} as well as Halibut and if all else fails the fish box can almost always be filled with Rock Bass and the prolific Trigger Fish {Cotchi}).

Most bottom fishing is done over structures, as the majority of these creatures favor rocks and caves. These areas are located by the locals by triangulation using visual sighting (land marks) and by the more sophisticated Americans using modern marine electronics: GPS (Global Positioning System) and high resolution depth sounders that can locate these areas precisely and even indicate individual fish on the reef.

Using this latest equipment can be a good thing if not abused. Reefs and structures that can easily be returned to, can very quickly become stripped of all desirable fish. If limits are not adhered to, the fish in local waters (reachable to the average boater) will decline in a hurry.

Remember to limit your catch and to catch and release when possible. Most of us are "Sport Fishermen" and even though these fish are excellent table fare, the locating and catching is the most fun. Lets preserve the fishery for our kids and grandkids.

Next month I'll reveal a few of the techniques I have learned over the years that may help you in your quest for that big one. If you have any questions between now and then I can be reached at 929-0431.

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Top of the Hill Viewpoints

by *Thelma Brown*

Such heavenly weather! Fresh cool air we've prayed for all summer. It's the best since last April. Mid October is the time to come back to the Bay. There are lots of activities this time of year in Cholla.

The Fiesta was fun and exciting. A kids paradise with lots of games, a tattoo parlor, a cake walk with lots of beautiful cakes for prizes and entertainment by dancers from the high school and grade school. They were very good! There will be more written about this. It was the first Fiesta for Cholla Bay, a brain storm of Pat Goodin and a very able crew of the Peterson's, Schmidli's, Beidler's and many others.

What was necessary was more kids to play the games and more adults to enjoy the fun. Refreshments were hot dogs, popcorn and cokes, all good and very cheap.

There were Jet Ski races in the Bay last Saturday and colorful sail boat races on Sunday with lots of people there for the fun.

Evie Busfield had to cut her vacation short because of fatigue. We missed your fall visit. I try to stay in the Bay when she is. She had loads of company, her son Wayne, Jackie and another couple from Texas, their daughter Amanda and a friend from Texas and Deb and Les from Phoenix. A fun weekend was had by all. I have not seen Wayne or Jackie for ten years, and they look great. Jackie's mom and dad had a cabin here for years.

Dammon's home is coming along great. The beautiful kitchen is almost done along with one bathroom. Barb has a knack for interior decorating.

Pat and Ken Goodin have been entertaining Charlotte and Carl. Nancy Huff was in town for Pats birthday, the party was the 14th with fun and pretty gifts. Bill and Deb Brown attended and said everything was great.

Bogie and Hanna Jordon, their daughter and grandson (a darling boy) were at the Fiesta. Bogie said his dad was doing good, he has been very ill.

Condolences go to Pat Goodin on the loss of her father in Lakeport, New York. She made a trip back east while in the midst of moving to the Bay and Ken moving the contents of his garage. Why do things always happen like this? Our deepest sympathy Pat.

Chuck and Joanie Dernberger are down for one of their Fall visits. They attended a shower for the bride to be Shelly, she's marring one of Victor Villa's sons next month.

Everyone is fighting off the pigeons. They eat all the small birds food. This Fall I have lots of birds, Sparrows, Finches, Cactus Wrens, Fly Catchers, Grackles, Cowbirds and one lone Robin who likes plums, pears and apples. He's beautiful!

The Halloween weenie roast was at the Goodin's again with lovely enough weather to eat outside. In attendance with hot dogs, rolls, potato salad, green salad, cabbage salad, beans and condiments were Wanda Gill, Betty Moore, Thelma Brown, Frenchy, Bob Dammon, Peterson's, Schmidli's and Goodin's. Ken was the chief cook at the grill. He's good at that. No one came by for candy. The kids played trick or treat Saturday and Sunday.

Sharon and Skip Allen always leave their jack-o-lantern with me after Halloween. It was a beauty this year cut out by their son Roy. We used it at the Halloween Party where it gave off a nice glow.

Wind and more wind welcomed November, blowing fine sand on everything. A good group went to Puesta del Sol for happy hour and then to Mikes place (Las Palmas) for Italian food. All very good. I had a chance to see two new buildings...a 200 room hotel going up by the old Playa Hermosa and the additional twin building at the Puesta del Sol. Men working around the clock. Who ever thought there would be such modern hotels in Rocky Point. Remember when the Rock Hotel and Playa Hermosa were quite new and the Villa Granada was *the* place?? Or the Costa Brava and the Vina del Mar? Such Luxury! Not to mention the smaller hotels and motels. Senorial for one has kept it's pretty face for a long time.

With the new moon came the high tides and high winds. In Los Conchas undermining homes had water inside, and in Cholla Bay waves came over the retaining wall at the Radio Shack washing away portions of the sidewalk. All this along with the temperature drop, it's truly Fall. Afternoons are warm, perfect sleeping conditions.

Musica reigned Saturday night the 5th, Shelly Feliz got married. Flashing lights and music went on until after one a.m. Betty said the flashing lights go to all the big parties now. I guess you rent them.

Everyone's happy to see Pete Peterson looking so well, Walt Horton too. Both had trying times recently, as did their wives Shirley and Betty.

Hope you had a happy Thanksgiving and Wishing a merry Christmas to all. I'll see you in the Spring of "95".

*Adios Amigos
Thelma Brown*

As of press time, the 1995 Tide Calenders were not available, so there will be no January calender in this issue. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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