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- 12 Tucson Chapter Meeting
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- 16 Christmas Party for Cholla Families
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors
- 25 Christmas Day
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'96 Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 9 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 9 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 10 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors



Look Who's Joined "FOR THE FUN OF IT"

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OBSC CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Christmas Party will be held at Gus Brown Plaza (Fry Shack) on December 16th at 11:00 am. This party is for the families that live and/or work in Cholla Bay. We will have Santa and Mrs. Santa and elves helping out. If you would like to be an elf, see Shirley Peterson or Nancy Schmidli. If you can speak Spanish, we could really use your help.

We really would like to have citrus donated and brought down to the Bay. If you can donate or transport citrus please call Kelley & Dave Adams 602-345-0623. Citrus can be purchased or picked from your trees, even your neighbors trees - but you might ask them first. We really need citrus.

This year we are purchasing the beans and meat in Mexico. We may also need to buy rice, lard and other things in Mexico, therefore we will also accept cash donations.

If you would like to be a part of this really rewarding activity, please donate your time, cash, etc., it's worth it!

Hopefully this will be a great party and we'll see you in the Bay!!!

Fall Fiesta "95" Held in Cholla Bay

by Pat Goodin

The 1995 Fiesta and carnival, which was sponsored by the Cholla chapter, was held on Saturday, Nov. 11th at the fish fry building in Cholla. It was a beautiful, warm and sunny day for the event, and looking around, it seemed like those attending were having a good time.

The cake walk was probably the most popular of the games, with many cakes being taken away by the happy winners. I saw 5 year old Annie Marsh win two cakes, and what a happy little girl she was. Of course, she, her mom & dad & brother had to sit and eat two cakes right there and then.

Other games were horse shoe toss, basketball toss, fish, wheel of fortune, darts, pin the nose on the clown, a photo booth (with cute clever hats, stoles, etc.), washer toss, boat races, bean bag toss, tattoos and hole-in-one golf. Hot dogs and soft drinks were sold as well. There were a lot of things going on in and around Cholla Bay that weekend, so if you missed the Fiesta, sorry - you missed a good time, and very possibly there may not be one next year. It's a lot of work for just a few hours of fun - but we'll see what happens.

We had donations from many places in Rocky Point and other places and until the next issue when we can get a list completed and printed in the Chatter, we want to thank all of them, and those who donated time to collect prizes, items for the booths, food and also those who worked setting up, worked in booths and taking down. Thank you, thank you. And most of all, thanks to LD (Linda) who spent mucho days and energy on getting it all together and making it happen.



PHOENIX MEETING

November 8th we held our annual Brown Bag Auction, and what an auction it was! Lew Frazier once again was our auctioneer, and without him I don't think we would have raised the \$430.00 that we did. He definitely keeps us all in stitches with laughter. The money we raised is given to the Christmas party fund, and used to purchase food and other needed items for the families of Cholla. A big thank you goes to everyone who brought brown bags and to those who kept bidding until the bags were gone.

December will once again be an informal Christmas meeting. Wednesday Dec. 13th at 7:30 pm, Arizona Italian American Club. Please bring a gift (approximately a \$5 value), suitable for anyone. We will then number the gift, draw numbers from a hat, and beginning with #1, start opening gifts. Number two can then take a new gift or take the one that #1 opened, then so on and so on, until everyone has a gift. It's a lot of fun! If you feel ambitious, or frequent the local bakery, please bring a Christmas munchie to share with everyone. We hope to see you there.

We also would like to ask that you bring non-perishable food items for the orphanage in Peñasco. The Esperanza Para Los Ninos is in need of food, clothes, etc. So we ask that you help us out, and we will transport the goods to Mexico for the kids.

We wish everyone a happy holiday season, and hope to see you at the December meeting!

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Last Fall we printed a Radio Handle Book, complete with names and handles. We are going to be printing and updated sheet to be inserted in your books. If your name and/or handle is not listed, is incorrect or has changed, please send the new information to: Kelley Adams • 6824 S. Hardy • Tempe, AZ 85283, as soon as possible. These books are available from your Chapter for \$3.00.

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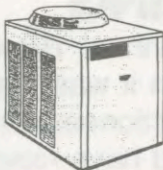
by Thelma Brown

On October 22nd, Robert Harrison age 73 and Dan Wages age 63 left the highway to go to the Pinacates. They were to return the same day. October 26th, families of the missing people called to Peñasco to report the men were missing. Augustin had to get permission to go and search. On the 28th after getting permission, Augustin and three other Mexican men and four Americans went to the Pinacates to search. They were in four wheel drive vehicles. They followed the tracks of the two men for two days. On the 29th, Augustin came back to Peñasco with the other seven men. The families asked for a plane from Tucson and a helicopter from San Diego.

The plane and helicopter arrived at the Peñasco airport on Monday October 30th at 11am. Augustin and Robert Harrison's son David and the pilot went to the Pinacates and after about fifteen minutes flight time, Augustin spotted the two men lying on the ground---right where they had seen the footprints. That same Monday Augustin and Dave Harrison came back to the airport in the helicopter to pick up a doctor and a paramedic and flew back to the area. Dan Wages was still alive and coherent but very, very weak from lack of food and water. They took him to the Santa Fe Clinic where they kept him for two days until his family from Colorado was able to take him home.

On Tuesday, October 31st Augustin went back to the Pinacates and with the help of the other men they brought back the body of Robert Harrison via a pick-up truck. Robert's son stayed until November 1st to take care of details, then accompanied his father's body back to Colorado. A sad ending for the family and friends.

Augustin says to tell everyone not to go to out of the way places alone. He encourages everyone to have a buddy boat, buddy cars, buddy motorcycles, buddy sand buggies etc. Everywhere you go should be by twos (and he didn't mean just two alone in one vehicle). Augustin goes on to say...take plenty of food and water and tell someone where you are going and when to expect you back.




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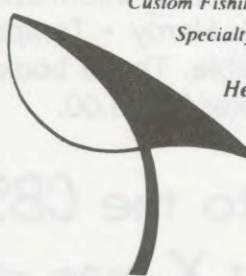
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On days that it's too windy to take the boat out, or the boat is not working or maybe you don't have a boat, there is always surf fishing. If you have never surf fished before you're missing out on a lot of fun fishing. Fishing from shore is fairly inexpensive to get into. What I like to use for casting lures is a 8ft medium action casting rod and a reel that can hold at least 150-200 yds of 15lb line. A set up like this can set you back around \$50 to \$200 depending on the quality. My personal lure of choice is a 1oz. chrome Kastmaster, but any shinny spoon with a weight of at least 1oz. will work. When tying the line to the lure make sure that the lure has a split ring where the line is to be tied, if there is no split ring on the lure use a snap swivle between the line and the lure. If a swivle is used try to use a black one rather than the silver or gold, they seem to attract more bites. With this setup you should be able to catch fish all around the Rocky Point area.

Surf Fishing can be done over sandy or rocky bottoms, the main thing I like to look for is a good dropoff. If fishing over sand you don't have to worry too much about snags and you can wade out for a better vantage point. Over a sandy bottom let your lure sink to the bottom and try reeling at different speeds until you get a bite and then continue trying at that speed. This should produce Sea Trout, Flounder or Sand Bass depending on the season. Another method that works well is to reel as fast as you can as soon as the lure hits the water, this will attract Mackle, Pompano and Sea Trout. These methods work just as well over a rocky bottom, but be carefull letting your lure sink to the bottom as the bottom will swallow them up and not give them back. With a little practice and a few lost lures you should be able to reel that lure in just inches off the bottom where the fish are hiding.

Another way of surf fishing is to use bait. Squid is a good alround bait and can usually be found at the fish docks in Rocky Point or at some grocery stores in the states. The rig setup I use is a 3-4oz. pyrimid weight set up as a sliding sinker. The hook should be about a 5/0 tied to heaver leader about 3-4ft. below the weight. This setup needs to be fished over a sandy bottom, estuaries and bays are a great place to fish. The fish you will most likley catch will be Shovelnose Guitar Fish and Stingrays. The Shovelnose Guitar Fish average 2-3ft. in length and the Stingrays can go up to 30 pounds. Both of these fish will give you a good fight and keep you running up and down the beach trying to land them. The Shovelnose is harmless and can handled while removing the hook but, remember to be carefull around the Stingrays tail and if you do not plan on keeping them please release them.

An inexpensive sand spike (rod holder) can eaisly be made from a peice of 2" pvc pipe. Cut a length of pvc aproximatly 5ft., on one end cut a sharp angle so it can eaisly be pushed into the sand.

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If baits are put into an icy brine the night before you fish, they will have properly defrosted by morning. However, it is not always convenient to prepare baits a day in advance. In that case, they can be defrosted by submerging the package in a bucket of seawater in the morning and rigged during your fishing day. Again, using salt water is important for quality.



What is It???

The new signs along the highway between Sonoyta and Rocky Point promoting awareness of the Biosphere Preserve are great signs but, I can't figure out one of the animals. I can recognize the Ram and the Tortoise but, the last one I am having a little trouble identifying. I have narrowed it down to a few choices.

- A. Scooby Doo
- B. Jerry Lewis
- C. Antelope
- D. Other

If you agree with any of these choices or perhaps have your own idea of what this creature is please let me know.

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CHOLLA CHAPTER CHITTER CHATTER

By Elaine Rimsza

Why does the fall go by so quickly? We arrive in October for the new season, and we barely turn around and it's the end of the year. It's like yesterday was Halloween, today is Thanksgiving, and tomorrow is Christmas. It is just before Thanksgiving as I write, and the weather is just beautiful. Hope it stays this way for all who come down this long weekend.

Our Cholla Chapter meeting was held at the Villa Granada Hotel on November 14, and I believe the final count was 80 people present. The weather was warm, and we had a pleasant setting around the pool for our cocktail hour and meeting.

The various restaurants in Peñasco have been giving us good food and service for our meetings this entire year, and John Lawson and his staff at the Villa did a really fine job with this dinner. Tonight it was barbecued ribs and chicken, and everyone at our table was very hungry and felt that the food was great! Thanks, John, for the super service and for donating the free dinners for our raffle prize drawing.

Pat Foss is replacing Adele Curtis as treasurer for the rest of the year. Adele had to resign to be in Arizona to care for her mother. Sorry about the circumstances, Adele. Thanks to Pat for taking over this responsibility.

At our business meeting we learned that the Fall Fiesta on November 11th had a rather small turnout and netted a somewhat disappointing return, about \$200. This is too bad, considering all the work put into this effort by L.D. and her helpers, but you never know until you try a new idea. The proceeds will go to the CBSC Mexican Christmas Party, and every little bit helps. We know the Cholla Craft and White Elephant Sale held right after Thanksgiving this year will attract a crowd, and this was a great success last year. Their proceeds also will go to the Christmas party.

Other donations to Esperanza Para Los Niños have bought food and other necessities. Pat and Les Foss have given their time and effort to see that these items are delivered. Cholla Chapter donated \$25.00 to Esperanza's in October, which I failed to mention in last month's Chatter also donated \$25.00 to Cruz Roja, Red Cross. Certainly they appreciate our caring. The orphanage needs a new stove and a collection was taken, but I don't know what funds were received.

Chip and Marilyn Mills brought Rick and Peggy Boyer, directors of CEDO, to this meeting. Most of us know Rick and Peggy and have visited CEDO, and this night they presented an interesting slide show and narration pertaining to this area. We all enjoy this area or we wouldn't be here. It's good to learn more about it and how important it is to preserve the ecology in this unique region.

Next meeting will be at La Curva on December 12. The nominating committee will present persons willing to serve as officers and directors for 1996, and the club always accepts nominations from the floor. If you or someone you know is willing to serve, make it known!

With sadness we say "Adios" to Tom and Vi Hewitt, Cholla Chapter members from Las Conchas. They have sold their home, and are moving to San Miguel de Allende. Vi is "Payasa," (the clown) and Tom is "Conoso," (gray hair). The community service work done here by Tom and Vi will indeed be missed. Tom is an optometrist and has done countless eye exams and helped provide glasses for those in need. Vi's portrayal as a clown, in great costumes and makeup, has delighted young and old at various benefits. Both have worked to assist OBSC, CEDO, Casa Hogar, Peñasco Lions Club, and others. Our sadness is buoyed by the promise of return visits, and we say "Tan pronto como posible!" (As soon as possible.) All good wishes to Tom and Vi in their new home.

Hope you all have warm, wonderful holidays with loved ones, and a very happy New Year to come!

Top of the Hill View Point

by *Thelma Brown*

It is a joy to watch the Meadow Larks walking softly across the lot. The males are in beautiful color this fall.

The annual Halloween party was held at Pat & Ken Goodins. Ken did his usual good job cooking hot dogs on the grill. The cloudy day turned into a beautiful evening. Moon light and all only two groups of trick or treaters. Present were Goodin's, Schmidli's, Moore's (Del & Sandy), Dernberger's, Osborn's, Peterson's, Tom Farrah and Thelma Brown.

What a menu, an array of covered dishes! Betty and Art Moore sent over delicious pinto beans even though they couldn't come.

Rosario Aguilar died October 31st in the afternoon. His good loyal friend, "Tom Cat" Farrah was present along with doctors and family. He's suffered too long. He will be missed. Chyo (I called him) built many things in Cholla Bay. His ready smile and giggle has been missed during his long illness. May he rest in peace. Sympathy to his family.

Shirley and Pete Peterson are making many trips to Hermosillo trying to get some bank business settled.

All the ladies are busy making things for the arts and craft sale. They make so many beautiful things to make money for the Christmas Party. I shouldn't say all, the same ones work every year.

We've had some funny weather. Cooler, cloudy then sunny and warm. Beautiful cloud formations and one day it sprinkled. The same day it rained hard in Ajo and Rocky Point, flooded roads between Sonoita and Rocky point.

Wanda Gill and Pat Goodin were coming back from Ajo loaded with groceries when they got the red light at the border, so they put their mask on and said "Tricky Treaty Halloweeny". The immigration officer just laughed and asked what they brought and they said "groceries" and they gave him candy and they were on their way. A bit of levity helps everyone.

Glenda Maude is back in town. Sue and her brother were in Costa Rica on a trip. She told of the good times, beautiful city and beautiful birds especially the Toucans.

I was so glad to see Juliene and Bill Wallace. They have had a busy summer traveling to Boston and Maine. They were busy entertaining in Pinewood. Bill brought me some beautiful purple mums.

Hanna and Bogey are back. They are the traveling twosome. Such good neighbors and hard workers for the OBSC. Ken Goodin and Bogey are in charge of the chili dinner, hot dogs and hamburgers at the OBSC following the fiesta at the fry shack. Pat and Hanna worked two days cleaning the OBSC. There are new cupboards too, nice.

While Joanie & Chuck Dernberger were here last month someone broke into their home in Tucson. Broke a window with a ball bat sending glass throughout the room. The thieves took guns and precious jewelry that belonged to ancestors. Isn't it sad that things like this happen? Joanie made shell candles regardless. She brought me one. It's lovely.

My eyes are tired and my right hand is also. Have written over 100 cards, this is the place to do it without TV or telephone. I've done it for about 15 or more years.

The hill is jumping...The Frederick's; Bob, Gloria and Troy have entertained 7 for two dinners. Betty Munro had 7 for two dinners then Shirley Peterson had 7 for two at her house for dinner. Not always the same 7 but I'm the odd one. Coming back from Peterson's, Pat and Ken drove to the radio shack and we watched Gus Brown Jr's yacht get on the launcher about 9:15. A sight to watch, the lights and action. It was the end of the trip to Baja for the million dollar fishing derby. Gus' boat won a large prize, I say LARGE!

I finally met Kelley Adams. She's a joy and all I've heard of her is true.

Happy holidays to you all and thanks again for your support when I needed it the most. May you have a happy healthy new year.

Thelma Brown & family "Big Mama"

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Cholla Bay Homeowners

Everyone in Cholla Bay is on their good behavior because they know this is the month Santa Claus arrives...not just one time but twice. First he comes on behalf of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club around the middle of the month. Santa and his workers have worked many hours collecting and sorting to get ready for the distribution of cartons and cartons of food and toys. This early Christmas gives the families a chance to plan meals etc. for friends and relatives coming to spend the holidays with them.

Santa's second visit is on Christmas day. That day he lands his sleigh on the porch at JJ's Cantina. Again he is loaded with food and toys. This Santa doesn't need any extra padding...it is "a la natural" and he really is a jolly one. Mrs. Clause also speaks fluent Spanish so the children can really put in their own request and feel real special. All in all Christmas in Cholla is a happy time for the families and their children and it has become an especially rewarding time for the givers.

November brought a beautiful, much needed rain to the community. The rains came slow and steady allowing the ground to really soak up the water. The trees and plants should be sprouting a new coat of green real soon. On the other side of the raindrop, that leaky roof you discovered during the last rain and failed to fix because it seldom rains in Cholla Bay...still leaks.

Cholla Bay continues to get a new face lift. Ownership does give one a sense of new pride so clean up, fix up and paint up is really taking place.

Work still continues on the new highway between Puerto Peñasco and Sonoyta. Progress is somewhat slower than anticipated, but it is getting done.

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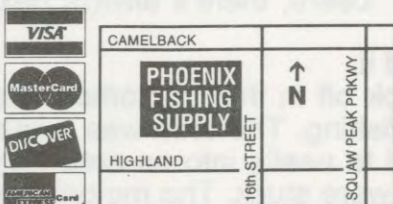
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The November 14th meeting group of 27 members and guest, actually 28 since we had a nice young man visiting the Kitchens' teen son.

Excitement and merriment filled the room as everyone greeted each other and the fever of the coming holidays could be felt as all the volunteers are about to see the fruits of their work come to pass. Yes, the holidays are here and many will have traveled to Cholla for Thanksgiving to enjoy the beautiful weather, festivities of the club, dig into our pockets to help the hard working money raising volunteers. Volunteers have been hard at work for many years, some faces may change but, the spirit is the same, do something good for your neighbor and have fun doing it. Hooray for you people, you know who you are as the great American Spirit flows over into Cholla Bay.

Roll call, minutes accepted, treasures report (we are in good shape), membership (93), sick bay-everyone recouping, search and rescue, radio-few kinks, ship's store has been closed because Horton's have been in Tucson keeping eye appointments for Walt. Our guest were Truman Nussbaum, Kay Peterson, and we hadn't seen J. Dean Fisher for awhile. We were glad to see Randy and Maxine Hager. Randy looks great and says he feels good after his heart problem. Maxine is ready to get out on the boat for some good fishing. Chairperson for Xmas party, Shirley Peterson, reported no more beans were needed as they acquired some for a good price, and they will not have a beef butchered this year. Meat will be packaged with more meat. Won't have to worry what to do with the carcass this year. ha? Brophy High School from Phoenix will donate the toys. Great! Thanks Brophy. We the Tucson Chapter are doing great raising our funds for the Xmas party. We accept donations from members who can't make the meetings. Mrs. Santa Claus's dream is to make enough money to fulfill those Mexican workers children wishes come true. 1994 wishes told Santa...dolls, Barbie dolls, bicycles (all ages), long black boots, toy cars and one young man asked for a dirt motor bike. Mrs. Santa suggested a quite one but, he didn't agree. He wanted a loud one like those gringos ride. Mrs. Santa laughed and told him he couldn't ride it in Cholla.

Discussions on T-shirts to be worn at meetings did not get resolved. Many comments and Bill H. decided he was not getting "No Respect" from his compadres. I'm not spelling out your name, Bill.

New business of the month: Slate of officers and they are as listed, (Bill Drake, El Presidente reported he had volunteers for this coming years officers). We can't be too bad. Here it is.....Pres: Jerry Kitchens, Vice-Pres: Joe Wood, Secretary: Sandi Maeser, Treasurer: Marion Hotchkiss, Board of Directors: Bill Drake, Bill Hohmann, Glen Hotchkiss, Sylvia Kitchens, Alan Peterson, Chuck Durnberger.

Any more volunteers? To be voted on at December meeting. Good Work nominating committee.

Joe Wood, assisted by Sylvia Kitchens passed out door prize tickets, and selling of raffle tickets.

Prizes were donated by: Marion Hotchkiss (wine, champagne, wine coolers, nice fall centerpiece, house plants). Mary Wood: flashlight - Joan Nichols: yardstick with holder - Shirley Peterson: Santa statue, cap.

The tickets were drawn by winners out of Joe Wood's coffee can, and these members were really getting testy how these tickets were being drawn. Shake them up from the back of the room, then from the middle of the room, then the front part of the room started yelling back. Mild low keyed Joe raised his voice and got everyone under control and told them just how it was going to be. Ha Ha - He is getting brave this Mr. Vice-Pres. All in fun and jest. The winners were: Jr. Drake; Fire alarm, Bill H.; Xmas lights, Pete P.; elect cord, Joan N; nuts, Sylvia K; nuts, Shirley R; flat tire kit, Gene R; cap-then given to Bob R. Raffle. Alan P; yard stick, Bob R; Santa statue, Sandi M; center piece, Sylvia K; flashlight, Sandi M; champagne, Joan N; wine, Joe W; wine coolers, Mary W; plant, Dean F; wine cooler, Shirley R; plant, Nikki H; plant, Bill H.??? Sorry Bill. To us poor losers, there's always next time. A good time was had by all.

Out of the night came a voice, meeting adjourned and someone second it.

Scuttlebutt worth printing: A popular couple of CBSC membership took off in their motorhome to places unknown, and they decided to stop at Roosevelt Lake for some fishing. The area was a little crowded because a fishing tournament was going on so as they started to nestle into an area they could feel the back of the motorhome sinking into the ground. Yep, they were stuck. The motorhome would not budge and three hours later with the help of a trucker they slowly jacked the back end up

and filling the hole with rocks they crawled out of there. The manner the trucker showed Jr. Drake was quite ingenious and he is ready to share his experience. Fishing was bad but, he didn't feel too bad because the winner of the tournament caught only three medium fish.

Have you heard about the fisherman who was going down to Cholla on a fishing trip and he asked his wife to pack his red pajamas. The wife said OK and as she was packing she started wondering why he wanted those pj's. She asked him and he explained, "We usually go to a hotel after a couple of days out or we just return home." Oh, says the wife, "that sounds reasonable, those red pajamas are great for lounging." The husband returns after three days and after he settles in he asks the wife why she had not packed his red pajamas. The wife looked at him with a blank stare, and said, "I packed them in your tackle box while you were loading the car." Fiction, Fiction, -Joke, Joke. If the red pajamas weren't in the tackle box, a 110lb. Grouper must be wearing them. Right Compadre?

How many times do we hear of the policeman doing some wrong. Well, to many who have had some frustrating moments it should be comforting to know one of our members witnessed a wrong doing to some Tucson visitors and it was reported to Augustin. Augustin went to town and conferred with proper authorities. The matter was settled and the Tucson family was helped. We would like to thank Augustin for the family and our member wants to let you know he is on the ball, and can be helpful in time of need.

Hope you and yours had a good Thanksgiving and come join in the fun for the Xmas party. Those kids and grown up kids are a blast.

Respectfully, Tere

A Trip To Remember


Our annual trip to Rocky Point this October was marred by a burglary. For the past twenty-one years I have found a peaceful, relaxing seaside escape for a few days. This four day getaway was anything but! My sons and I were joined by friends who were also looking for some R&R. What we experienced instead was the sequel to Chevy Chase's VACATION. Our oceanside condo was broken into while we were out for an early morning walk on the beach. Cash, jewelry, camera, cassette player, baseball glove and graphing calculator were stolen. The thieves also took the keys to the Grand Cherokee which they drove off.

I would like to thank all those who we turned to for assistance. The police, especially Augustin in Cholla Bay, were very helpful. A special thanks to Sue Pickenpaugh (sp?) and Betty Munro for arranging a ride home for us. As it turned out we didn't need one. The owner of the Dive Shop found the Cherokee and returned it intact. He spent the better part of the day tracking us down with phone calls to the States and rental agents and hotels in Rocky Point. In our excitement we neglected to ask his name but we wish to acknowledge his kindness.

Rocky Point is no longer the quiet haven it once was. With it's growth comes some of the problems I had hoped to leave behind. Thank God, there are still caring individuals willing to lend a helping hand!

Gracias, Catherine Yunt

Optimist: a fisherman who brings along a camera.



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WONDER CROP

article from the AZ Republic

BAHIA KINO, Sonora --- On a farm near the coast of the Gulf of California, the harvesting of a rare, experimental crop is about to begin.

Fifty acres of salicornia, a bushy succulent that thrives on salt water, have ripened into fall colors of orange, scarlet and gold, ready for reaping.

A wonder crop is what it's called by University of Arizona scientists, who says salicornia has huge commercial potential. Their research shows it can be harvested as a source of food, cooking oil, flour, animal feed and cellulose to reinforce particleboard.

Equally impressive are the plants proven environmental benefits. It can be irrigated by salt water and grown on otherwise unproductive desert farms, all the while absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

"Sometime in the next 10 years, I see in Sonora, here, 100,000 acres of oil-producing salicornia being farmed," says H. Gene Koch, the company that co-manages the farm with help from Sonora's Genesis company.

Salicornia's potential has, in fact, wowed an impressive list of investors who are backing development of the crop.

A Saudi Prince, actor Marlon Brando and leading businessmen from Mexico, Japan and the United States have invested in the salicornia enterprise. The Arizona power utility Salt River Project and the Electric Power Research Institute, a study consortium, are funding the study of carbon-dioxide reduction.

For all the excitement, salicornia is an exotic plant without much glamour to its look. leafless, it grows in bunches an average of a foot high and is akin to polished smooth branch coral. The young plant is broccoli green.

In the wild, salicornia grows in salt marshes and tide pools and is found along the coasts of France and southern Britain. It also is a native to Sonora, growing in seaside patches in Bahia Kino and Puerto Peñasco.



The French have prized the tender, salty tips of wild salicornia as a vegetable delicacy for centuries.

But Arizona's connection with the plant started out as a science project.

"We actually discovered the crop almost 15 years ago as we were looking for new sources of diesel fuel," said Ed Glenn, a botanist with UA's Environmental Research Laboratory.

Hunting specifically for halophytes, which are plants grown in salt water, the team of Arizona scientist collected 2,000 specimens from around the world.

As it turned out, none of the plants brought back was useful in producing diesel fuel. What they found instead was salicornia, with all of its commercial promise.

"When we first found salicornia as a potential crop," Glenn said, "it was right there in Puerto Peñasco," where the UA already had an agricultural laboratory.

In the lab, salicornia proved its hardy ability to grow where other plants can't, and experiments revealed its varied uses.

Salicornia's salt and oil preferences are advantages over other crops that could make this unusual succulent a heavyweight in the agricultural world.

First, it loves salt water, which accounts for 98 percent of the world's water supply. Salicornia even thrives on brackish water and saline runoff from power plant cooling towers.

The result is that salicornia farms don't deplete scarce water supplies by pumping in expensive fresh water.

"Even a state like Arizona, where we don't have an ocean, there's an amazing amount of salty water that comes off farms after irrigation," Glenn said, adding that salicornia farms could recycle this water.

Second, salicornia can grow in poor, sandy soil or over farmed land. This makes salicornia a perfect crop to green the desert or reclaim spent agricultural land.

That's what is already being done on a 1,000 acre farm in Saudi Arabia, a 500 acre farm in India and 30 acres in Guerrero Negro, Baja California Sur.

"In Kino, we produce all the seed used to plant the other farms around the world." Koch said. But HEI plans to expand its acreage in Kino to establish a commercial farm, primarily for oil production.

It is the seeds found inside the plant's long stalks that hold the greatest commercial value.

"You get the oil by pressing the seed and 30 percent of the seed is oil," Glenn said. That outdoes the soybean, which is 22 percent oil. Salicornia produces an oil high in polyunsaturated fat, the healthier fat, and is comparable to safflower oil, he said.

HEI has hired a team of Hermosillo scientists from Biotica, a private laboratory, to refine the methods for extracting oil and flour from the seed.

"The seed produces two kinds of oil: a high quality oil and a generic quality oil," said Ramon Pacheco Aguilar, the food chemist in charge of oil extraction.

"This is 100% pure," he said, holding up a vile filled with amber, cold pressed salicornia oil. "It has the taste like walnuts and compares to the best-quality vegetable oil."

Meanwhile, Miguel Angel Martinez, a food technologist, showed off the fine, walnut colored flour that results from grinding the seeds.

But taste is far from the concerns of the utility companies interested in salicornia.

"All power plants produce an amount of carbon dioxide that goes into the air." SRP President William Schrader said.

Salicornia, like all green plants, helps the atmosphere by absorbing the emissions from the air. The carbon dioxide becomes concentrated in the woody stalks, or straw, which can be used for animal feed, plowed under to replenish the soil or ground into a cellulosic meal and added as a strengthener to particleboard.

"SRP has an interest in using the technology gained in research to put salicornia to use on a large scale in solving the emission problem," says Kate Marracas, SRP's manager for environmental affairs.

For now, HEI is the only company that farms salicornia anywhere in the world. The company is pushing to produce oil for commercial sales sometimes next year. In the meantime, most of the farms will continue to harvest tips for export to London and Paris.

PLANT OF PLENTY: SOME FACTS

A few facts about Puerto Peñasco's salicornia, a plant known as samphire in England and glasswort, sea asparagus or Saint-Pierre:

- Salicornia meal left after the seed is crushed for oils: 42 percent protein and is a good supplement for livestock feed.
- 32,000 kilometers of coastline are available around the world for salicornia farming, according to University of Arizona researchers.
- In addition to Sonora, the ideal climate for farming salicornia is found in Texas, Florida, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, India and Australia.
- The first experimental crop of salicornia was planted in Puerto Peñasco in 1991.
- \$26 million was spent in the 20-year halophyte (salt-loving plant) research project that resulted in the salicornia crop.
- 10 years of selective cultivation of salicornia at the Bahia Kino, Sonora, farm produced the seed now used to plant salicornia on farms worldwide.

Pinacate Trek

by James Parkerson "JP"

After more than 18 years of driving to Rocky Point, with each trip finding myself anxiously awaiting the appearance of the Pinacate Peaks as the welcome banner of my arrival, and having gazed upon the majestic peak many times upon returning from fishing trips, and hearing and reading of other travels up the mountain, including the first European, Father Eusebio Kino, to climb it on October 9th 1698, I made it my goal to attempt the ascension, 3960' above sea level, on October 27th 1995.

With my good friends: Big John Esser, assistant supervisor at Green Valley's private Desert Hills Golf Club; Mr. Pompano, long time friend and local Rocky Point businessman; Juan "El Indio", Seri Indian, iron wood carver, shaman of the Pinacate, and my spiritual advisor; and new friend and guide Pedro Flores Rivas, 18 year veteran of trekking the Pinacate, we left Rocky Point at 7:30.

After a 30 mile drive north to Ejido Norteno, halfway to Sonoita, we entered the Pinacate Reserve to the west and followed the sign to "Cono Rojo". We took a 30 minute break en route, and after a 30 minute break upon arrival at Cono Rojo we began our hike at 10:00 am. Mr. Pompano halted and turned back about an hour afterwards, saying something about, forgot something, not being forgotten, forget it, or something like that. El Indio remained with him, having already climbed the peak 4 times, and I feel out of politeness to a home boy.

We crossed immense lava flows, fields and hills treacherously thick with Cholla cactus, and hills of lava sand/ gravel where each step forward seemed to slide us two steps back. After three hours forty five minutes we arrived at Carnegie Peak, the second highest peak in the range, at 1:45 pm. Our intended goal, the Pinacate Peak named "Cerro de Santa Clara" by father Kino is a few hundred feet higher, and for having to traverse a smaller hill before it, would have taken another two hours to reach. Wanting to insure our return to the Bronco well before dark, we decided to rest with this accomplishment and tackle Numero Uno at a later date.

But I felt such a feeling of accomplishment. Fewer than twenty adventurers had lasted the climb to sign the journal since March 1995. The silence upon the summit was mind-filling. Not a single evidence of man had revealed itself in the last four hours plus no noise, no paper, plastic, metal or glass.

It is recommended to hike together, maintain visual contact and let someone "back there" know of your plans and your ETA (estimated time of arrival) back home. Carry at least two quarts of water per person. A pocket comb is the best tool to remove Cholla cactus. Tweezers for the spines. Duct tape or a candle melted upon the afflicted area for the small hair like spines, which is peeled off after it has hardened. An inexpensive pair of leather gloves are advised for climbing and descending.

At the summit we could see Rocky Point, Cholla Bay, the mountains standing guard behind San Felipe on the Baja side and the entire Adair bay. Father Kino had taken in this same view when he was in his late 50's, mainly to attempt to verify a possible land bridge to the legendary land of California, commonly thought to be an island, due to the impassability across the land to the northwest of the Pinacates, and the land unknown beyond.

We saw sign of Big Horn sheep, coyote, fox, skunk, rabbit, ground squirrel (round tail and bushy tail), hummingbird and desert wren.

Pedro is a most incredible man. A Tarahumara Indian, well known in folklore and legend for their stamina and endurance, he easily bested Big John and I. Pedro del Borrego became his moniker. At 59 years old he's not just keeping up with, but far outdoing men half his age. The son-of-a-buck reached the Carnegie peak, verified by his journal entry, descended to meet us, and it took us another forty five minutes to arrive and sign the journal encased in a fruitcake tin protected within a rock cairn.

Our descent took two hours, due to being able to take more direct route to the Bronco and of a sharper angle than our ascent and having gravity work "wid us, not agin us" as my aunt Thelma would say. And as she'd also say, we were "just as happy as if we'd had good sense" upon our return. The steak, tortillas, salsa and beer we consumed in mass quantities upon arrival were definitely "better than taters and gooder n snuff". Another Thelma-ism.

I'd like to thank Lannette Phipps, whom I've never had the pleasure to meet (yet), whose account of "Hiking the Pinacate" in RPT September 1995 was the straw that broke the camel's back in getting me off the fence to make the trek. Lannette writes that the ascent took 45-60 minutes. Her group must have driven to a closer vantage point. The road continues past Cono Rojo, but has a heck of a step up curb shelf in the road there, which I decided against climbing.

I'm guessing they were able to proceed further up than I did in their vehicle, or they drove to a different direction of attack. Whatever it was, I wish they'd share their secret! I figure I'll just have to introduce myself and humbly ask. But hey!!.....NO SNIVELING!!!

'Twas The Night Before Christmas On Old Cholla Bay

by Jon Hinton

Twas the night before Christmas
on old Cholla Bay
And everyone was celebrating
in each his own way.

Some down at JJ's
and some on their boats
And some in their cabins
all drinking rum floats.

Along about midnight
or an hour or two after
All were passed out
loud snores to the rafters.

When down on the beach
'taws hear a dull roar
Of a high powered sand rail
headed south down the shore.

Outside my cabin
it stopped with such squeak
I staggered from my bed
to take a blurred peek.

Then what to my blood shot eyes
should appear
But a short little fat man
with a bag and a beer.

He looked in the window
and sneaked thur the door
So I tapped on his shoulder
and said "What'cha here for?"

Just for a second
his smile it did sag
Then with a quick wink
he opened his bag.

Tequila for me
a lure for my wife
And for my son, John
a new fishing knife.

I said, "Hey, Santa
you like a short snort?"
So he tipped up the bottle
and downed the whole quart.

We talked and we laughed
'till night's black turned to gray
Then with a start I did hear Santa say
"tis near dawn. I must be on my way!"

And I heard him complain
as his engine did roar
"What about tomorrow?
My head will be sore."

Did I really see him
or 'twas but a dream?
Maybe Santa's not just
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SPORT FISHING BOAT ACORDIN BOAT VALUE	FIRE, LIABILITY, SINKING AND THEFT THE PREMIUM IS
\$ 10,000.00	THE PREMIUM IS \$ 225.50 PER YEAR
15,000.00	" 337.92 "
20,000.00	" 447.92 "
25,000.00	" 555.50 "



CHATTER ADVERTISING RATES

10% DISCOUNT ON ADS PAID

FOR ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE

PRICES ARE FOR CAMERA READY ADS

FULL PAGE (7 1/2" X 10") \$165.00 PER MO.
 1/2 PAGE (7 1/2" X 4 7/8") \$90.00 PER MO.
 1/4 PAGE (3 1/2" X 4 7/8") \$50.00 PER MO.
 1/8 PAGE (3 1/2" X 2 3/4") \$30.00 PER MO.
 BUSINESS CARD (3 1/2" X 2") .. \$20.00 PER MO.

CLASSIFIED ADS: Members in good standing may place classified ads. Ads are \$5.00 per month and should be approximately 50 words..

Make checks payable to:

Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club

Send your ad along with name, address, and phone number to our Advertising Chairperson:

Kelley Adams

6824 S. Hardy Drive • Tempe, AZ 85283

(602) 345-0623

IMPORTANT!

If you change your address, it is very important that you contact Von Frazier by mail or phone as soon as possible:

2214 N. 82nd Street
 Scottsdale, AZ 85257
 (602) 946-6986

This is the only way you will continue receiving the "Chatter". The U.S. Postal Service will not forward or return Bulk Mail.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME _____

ADDRESS (OLD) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

— NEW —

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE OF REQUEST _____

TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN THE CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

This application and payment may be turned in at the Radio Shack or Mailed to:

PHOENIX CHAPTER
 P.O. Box 7171
 Phoenix, AZ 85011

CHOLLA CHAPTER
 P.O. Box 267
 Lukeville, AZ 85341

TUCSON CHAPTER
 P.O. Box 5904
 Tucson, AZ 85703

DUES PER YEAR: \$30.00 SINGLE FAMILY

Membership dues and other activities of the CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB have funded the purchase of radio equipment and continue to support the operation and maintenance of Marine VHF Radio (Channels 16 & 26) for the Northern Sea of Cortez. Also CB Radio (Channel 3) in the Cholla Bay area. The CLUB pays the salary of the Cholla Bay Radio Operator, is prepared to direct Search & Rescue operations and when necessary can assist with some arrangements for the emergency transportation of critically ill or injured. The CLUB also conducts an annual Fishing Derby, publishes the monthly "CHOLLA CHATTER" and promotes good relations between American visitors and our Mexican neighbors.

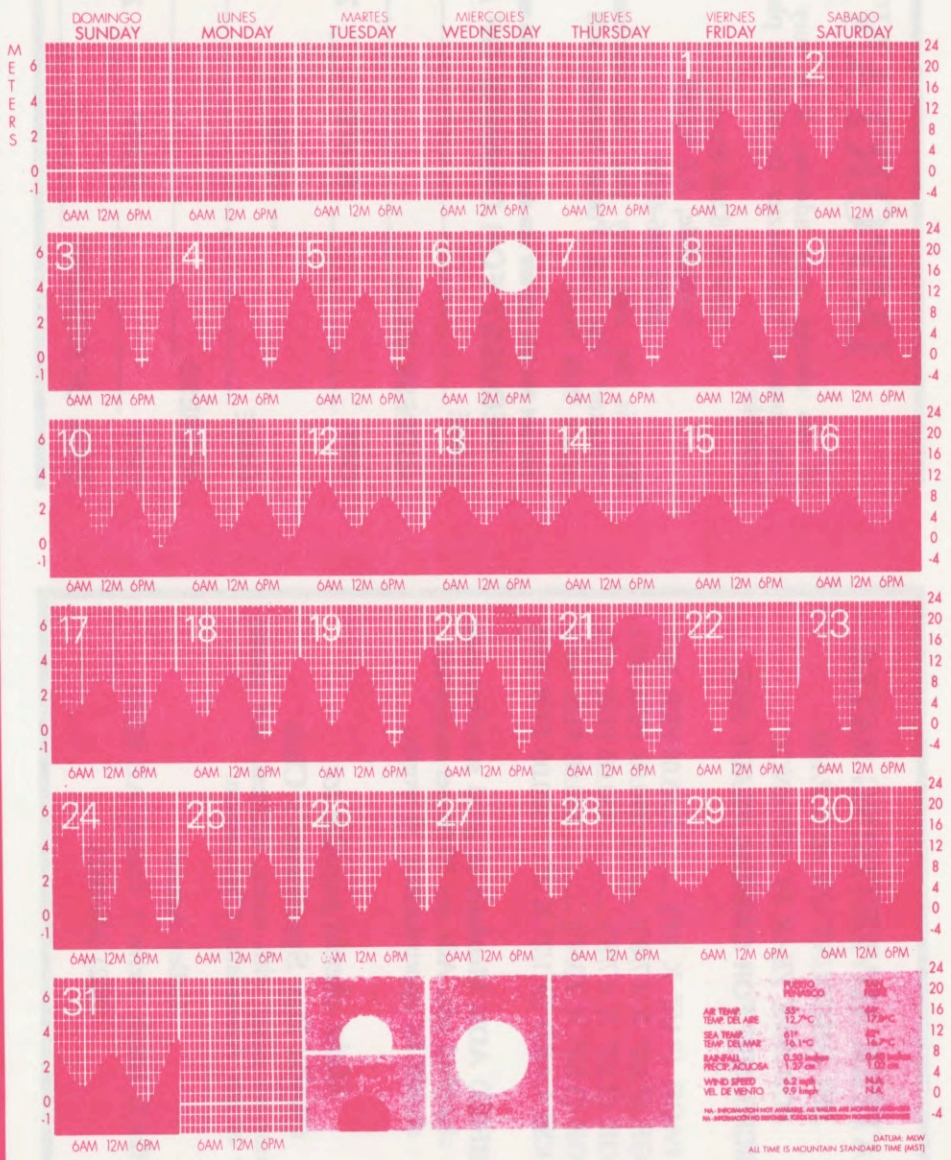
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Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Children Under 18: _____ Names & Ages: _____ Cabin #: _____

PLEASE CHECK BOX FOR CHAPTER AFFILIATION

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 6824 S. Hardy Drive
 Tempe, Arizona 85283

Bulk Rate
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 Scottsdale, AZ

MEMBER NAME: [REDACTED] SUB: [REDACTED]
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 PHONE: [REDACTED]
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