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The Cholla Chatter newsletter is in need of an editor. The last editor resigned in the June issue and at this point we do not have current editor. This is a fun and rewarding job that does not take up too much time each month. Anyone with a computer and a printer can easily put this newsletter together. If you think this is something you would like to do, then please contact any of the club officers in the front of the chatter and they will pass the word along.



Cholla Gets A New Firetruck!

\$15 Border Fee?

As most of you already know, Mexico is imposing a \$15 per person visitor fee which is supposed to go into effect July 1st. The fee would be collected from airline passengers and those traveling by car or bus more than 15 miles into Mexico.

Arizona Gov. Jane Hull and Sonoran Gov. Armando Lopez Nogales have spoken out against this fee. Both governors said it could disrupt tourism and hurt efforts to open the Arizona-Sonora region up to foreign tourist with the two-nation vacation concept. The efforts of these two governors have led the Mexican government to exempt those headed to Puerto Penasco from the fee.

'99 Calendar of Events

JULY

- 4 Guess? (clue...fireworks)
- 12 Troll for Top Water Game Fish
- 13 New Moon
- 27 Pray for cooler weather
- 29 Chupacabras sightings in Cholla

AUGUST

- 7 Saturday
- 13 Friday the 13th
- 16 Power is hooked up to your neighbors house in Cholla
- 22 Sunrise will be in the morning
- 27 Pray for cooler weather
(It didn't work last time)

Please Attend Your Meetings!!!

-- CHOLLA --

2nd Tuesday of each month
Listen to VHF radio for location
June was the last meeting until Oct.

-- TUCSON --

2nd Tuesday of each month
Dinner: 6:30 • Meeting: 7:30 pm
Las Margaritas • 3602 E. Grant Rd.
June was the last meeting until the fall

-- PHOENIX --

2nd Wednesday of each month
Meetings: 7:30 pm
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7509 North 12th Street • Phoenix
June was the last meeting until Sept.

A Word From The Derby Chairman

The 44th Annual Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Fishing Derby has come to a close. As most of you know, the derby is held over 4 different weekends starting in March and ending in June with an incredible number of volunteers working together to make this function such a great success. On the final weekend of the derby, there's a wonderful fish fry that serves as many as 900 FREE meals to all participants of the fishing derby, their guests, local homeowners in Cholla and those fortunate enough to attend this gala affair. There is also an awards ceremony for all the persons who participated in this years derby. This is always an exciting time, wondering who this years top fishermen are going to be. There are three (3) divisions in the derby, Men's, Women's and Juniors as well as the top award for high points (the most points accumulated over the entire derby). The high points award this year went to Kelley Adams with 54 points. Clay Holt won the Men's division, Kelley Adams won the Women's division and David Klink won the Junior division. Our congratulations go out to our top winners as well as all those who participated in this great event.

The weather was wonderful for the Awards and Fish Fry, with temperatures in the low 90's. A great time for fun fishing, playing in the sun and enjoying all those water toys that seemed to be abundant that weekend.

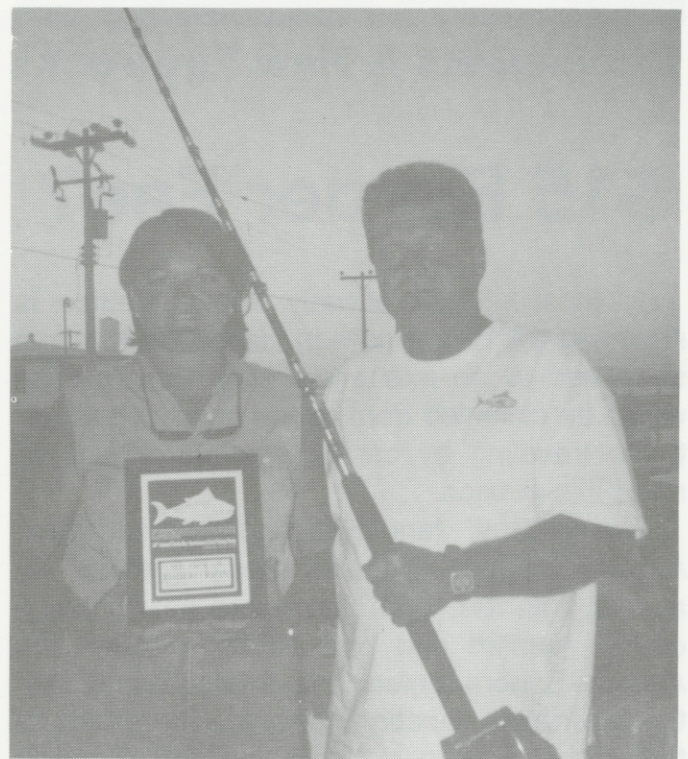
Friday, June 11th, was the last day that you could fish in the derby and despite a little wind, there were many boats that launched in Cholla Bay.

We want to give a BIG, BIG THANKS to Augustin Leon for manning the Cholla Radio Room, Don Schmidli; Chairman of the scales (and crew), Shirley Peterson; Kitchen Chairman (and crew), Gene Court of Court's Custom tackle, Dee Moen and Kelley Adams; Raffle Chairpersons (and crew), my assistants; Dave and Kelley Adams, Dawn Marie Perez and Kent Kristoff. Our many thanks also go out to the many volunteers who again helped make the 44th Annual Fishing Derby a success!!!

*Thank You Again,
Brad Moen*



Council President Frank Prieto presents Gene Court with a plaque of appreciation, that will be permanently displayed at the Fry Shack.



Brad Moen presents Kelley Adams with the All Around Fisherman Award and a custom rod from Court's Custom Tackle.

1999 FISHING DERBY RESULTS

GRAND PRIZE FOR THE LARGEST FISH IN EACH DIVISION WENT TO:

MENS: CLAY HOLT 67.55LB. GROUPE

WOMENS: KELLEY ADAMS 6.65LB. PARGO

JUNIOR: DAVID KLINK 4.80LB. SEA TROUT

ALL AROUND FISHERMAN (MOST ACCUMILATED POINTS): KELLEY ADAMS 50 PTS.

CATEGORY MEN'S

WOMEN'S

JUNIOR'S

SKIP JACK

1.

1.

1.

SEA BASS

1.

1.

1.

COCHI

1. BILL McINTIRE
2. MIKE ORCUTT
3. BUD HAMBLÉN

1. JEAN GIBBONS
2. DEE MOEN
3. TERESA ORCUTT

1. JONATHAN HAMBLÉN
2. TRAVIS HAMBLÉN
3. BRANDON McINTIRE

GROUPE

1. PHIL HOLT
2. JIM LAVOIE

- 1.
- 2.

1. BRANDON TRAVERSE
- 2.

SHARK

1.

1.

1.

MACKEREL

1. BILL SHERILL
2. MIKE ORCUTT
3. BUD HAMBLÉN

1. TERESA ORCUTT
- 2.
- 3.

1. ALICIA WARRING
1. JONATHAN HAMBLÉN
3. TRAVIS HAMBLÉN

PARGO

1. DAVE ADAMS
2. RICK CURTIS
3. BRAD MOEN

1. KELLEY ADAMS

1. RANDY ADAMS
2. TRAVIS HAMBLÉN
3. CAROL WARRING

YELLOW TAIL

1.

1.

1.

FLOUNDER

1. CHINO LEON
2. RUDY GUZMAN
3. AL LESSIG

1.

1.

PINTO

1. BUSTER SMITH
2. CHINO LEON
3. LONNIE BRANUM

1. CAROL COURT
- 2.
- 3.

1. JOHNATHAN HAMBLÉN
- 2.
- 3.

POMPANO

1. DAVE ADAMS
2. BUD HAMBLÉN
3. GUY JEAN

1. KELLEY ADAMS
2. DEE MOEN
3. NANCY POYSER

1. TRAVIS HAMBLÉN
2. JONATHAN HAMBLÉN
3. RANDY ADAMS

SAILFISH

1.

1.

1.

RED SNAP

1. BUTCH WILDA

1.

1.

DORADO

1.

1.

1.

SARDINERO

1. JOHN BAIRO
2. JIM LAVOIE
3. RONALD KNIGHT

- 1.
- 2.

- 1.
- 2.

SEA TROUT

1. BOBBY BREWER
2. TODD HOLLY
3. DEAN FISHER

1. KELLEY ADAMS
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- 3.

1. CAROLYN WARRING
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2. DEAN FISHER
3. GUY JEAN

1. DEE MOEN
2. KELLEY ADAMS
- 3.

1. MIKE TRAVERSE
2. RANDY ADAMS
3. TRAVIS HAMBLÉN

FLY FISHING

1. BRAD MOEN

1. DEE MOEN

1.

JUNIOR MISC.

1. JONATHAN HAMBLÉN
2. TRAVIS HAMBLÉN
3. RANDY ADAMS

PROMOTORA TURISTICA PLAYA ESCONDIDA, S.A. DE C.V. CHOLLA BAY HOMEOWNERS

Summer has arrived with it's heat and humidity but, so has electricity to a large part of Cholla Bay homeowners. They predict within the next two months all of Cholla homeowners will have this service available to them.

Fishing derbies are over for the summer of 1999. The CBSC terminated their 44th successful derby with their traditional fish fry on June 12th. J.J.s finished the second phase of their Angler Of The Year derby. The third phase will be held in October. Just because the derbies are over for a few months doesn't mean the good fishing is over. As a matter of fact the warmer waters bring in new challenges for the sport fishermen, so we hope to see more of you here during the summer.

New look!! New location!! By the time you are reading this article the office for Cholla Bay homeowners and purchasers of new lots will be located in their new locations. The Company has taken over the office which formally operated by Danny Brown and his employees for the operation of the Vista Del Mar hotel. We feel this central location will be more serviceable for the needs of our customers. Please feel free to come in and inquire about any business you may have with the Company regarding Cholla Bay or just stop in for a visit.

The Management



Travis Hamblen, Jonathan Hamblen and Randy Adams show off their awards.



Butch Wilda wins first place for red snapper.

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Become the new editor of the Cholla Chatter and get all the gossip first.

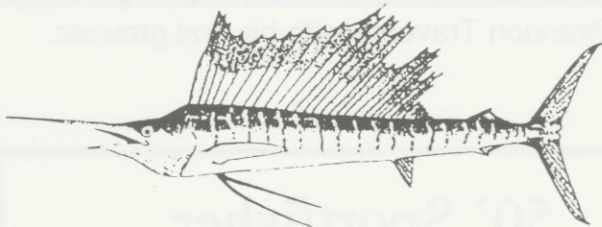
Time to Surface Troll out of Cholla

Summer at Cholla brings warm temperatures to the land and sea. When the water warms the Grouper head for deeper reefs where they are more comfortable. When the warm blue water from the south starts moving up to the off-shore Rocky Point area, it brings bait fish and game fish. This usually happens in late May or early June but, it looks like it might be a little later this year. Sailfish, Dorado, Skipjack and Mackerel are among a few of the species following the blue water.

It doesn't take a lot to convert your boat for surface fish trolling. A couple of good rod holders and flat line clips will do nicely. A pair of outriggers with clips will add to your chances by doubling the amount of baits trolled. Your bottom tackle 4/0, 6/0, or 9/0 reel can be fitted with lighter line or used the way it is. With a few good lures and/or live bait leaders you're in business.

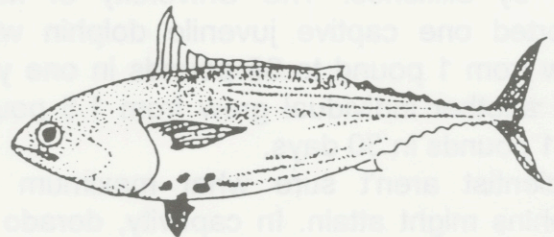
Troll your lures about 2 to 3 boat lengths back at about 6 knots and wait for the fun to begin. Assuming you have found blue water, look for floating kelp, rip water, water temperature changes or floating debris and troll close around the parameter but not through. Also watch for diving birds and bait fish. A good bet is to zigzag in and out of the blue water where it meets the green. Many bait fish prefer green water. Ask other fishermen or boaters if they know approximately how far out the blue water is, this will give you a basic idea of how far to go before you start looking for it.

So remember hot weather puts bottom dwellers deep but the surface action can be fantastic. Check with your favorite tackle pro for recommendations on gear, lures and a demo on how to rig for game fish and enjoy the "Hot Action" during the summer months.



Sailfish
(Pez Vela)

The Sailfish's body is dark blue on its back with a bright silver stomach and a very large dorsal fin. They may be seen basking on the surface following the warm waters to the upper Gulf in late May or early June. 100 lb. fish are common, but fish up to 182 lbs. have been recorded. Very poor food value, so please practice catch and release



Black Skipjack
(Barrilete)

Their body color is dark on top, silvery on the bottom with stripes running down the back and 3-5 black spots on the abdomen just below the pectoral fin. They migrate to the upper Gulf in late May or early June. May weigh up to 12 lbs. The meat is very strong in flavor. Skipjack makes an excellent bait fish.

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Dorado

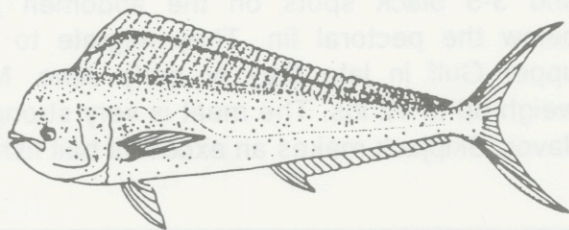
How big do they grow and how old do they get?

That depends, male and females look different from each other and males are heavier than females of the same length. In comparison one 49.5 inch male weighed 47.5 pounds while a 50 inch female weighed only 26.6 pounds. One of the heaviest dorado ever reported was a 101 pound male caught off Puerto Rico, but the IGFA all tackle world record stands at 87 pounds.

One of the fastest growing fish on record, dorado gain an average of 10 percent of their body weight per day, a growth rate exceeded only by billfishes. The University of Miami reported one captive juvenile dolphin which grew from 1 pound to 35 pounds in one year. And another individual grew from 1.5 pounds to 11 pounds in 30 days.

Scientists aren't sure what maximum age age dolphins might attain. In captivity, dorado live less than 5 years, but one dorado caught during a study off Florida, was 60 inches long and 77 pounds was aged at only four years.

Sport Fishing, August 1996



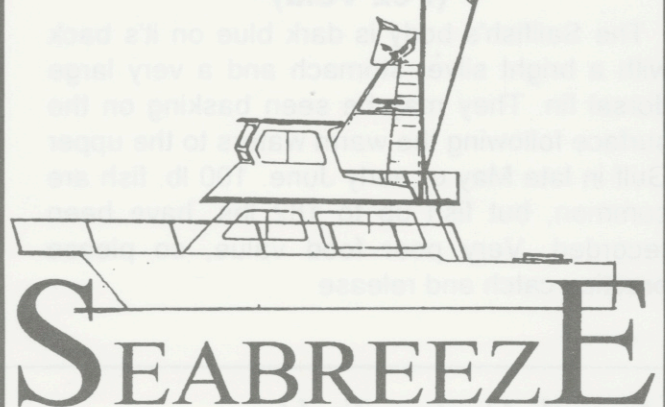
Dolphin Fish (Dorado)

The body is a brilliant golden-green in color. Snout profile of older males is blunt and high foreheaded, whereas the females head is more tapered. The Dorado likes warm blue waters and migrates to the upper Gulf in late May or early June. They are an excellent food fish and can grow up to 6 ft. in length and weigh up to 90 lbs.



Brandon Traverse with his first grouper.

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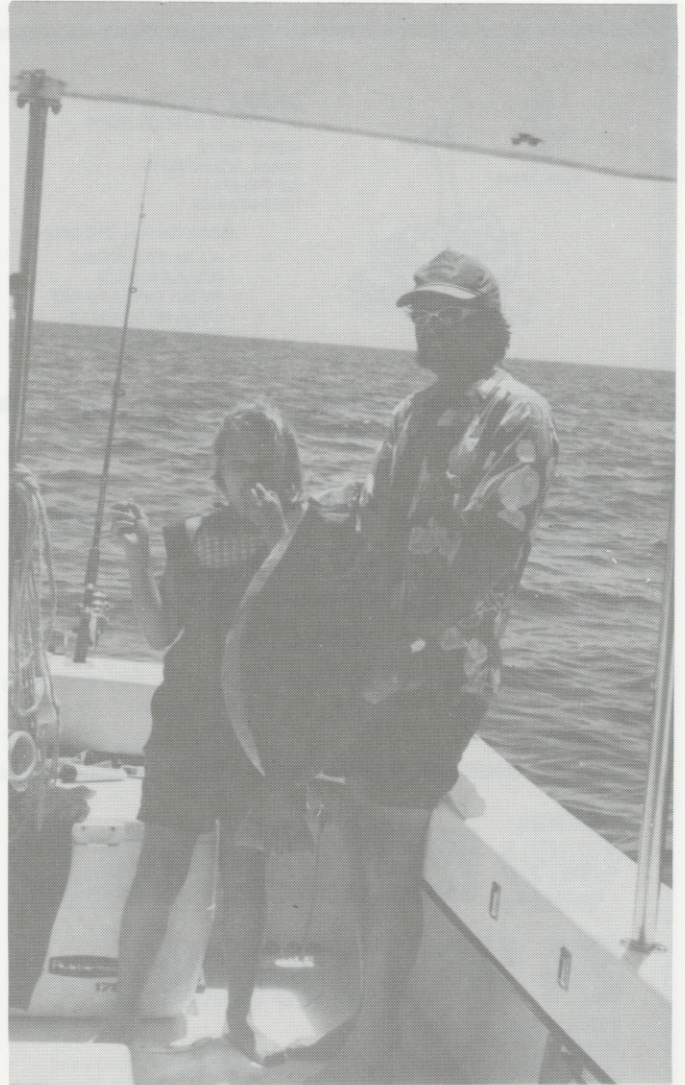
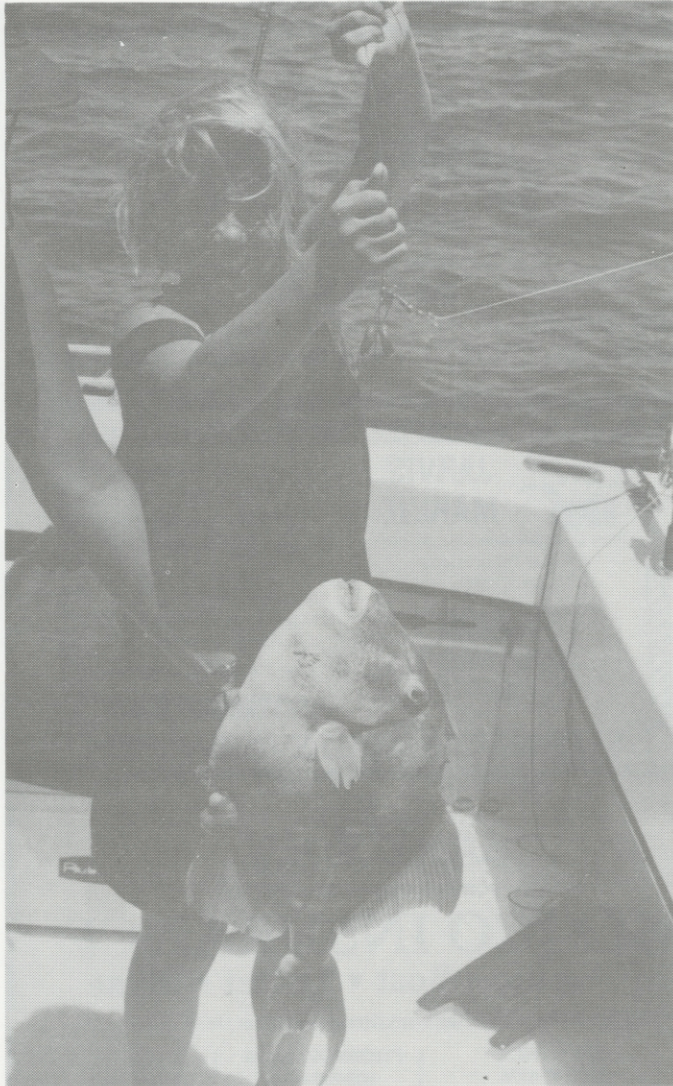
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A Couple Of Fish To Be Proud Of

Sometimes you guys just have to admit it's a woman's world even when it comes to fishing. The Donald Newton family from Sedona spent a weekend in Cholla Bay fishing with Art (Muddobber) Moore. Nine year old Shawna Newton showed up the group by bringing in a 10-11 lb. cotchi and a 14 1/2 lb. flounder. Shawna was sport enough to let her father, Donnie, pose with her and the fish so he wouldn't feel quite so defeated.

Told you Cholla is producing some real up and coming fisher people.



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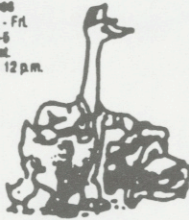


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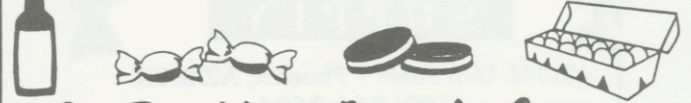
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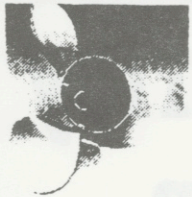
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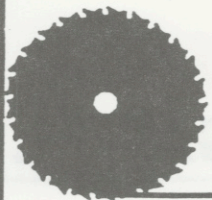
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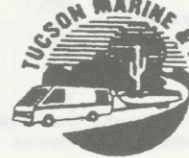
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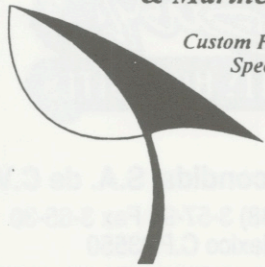
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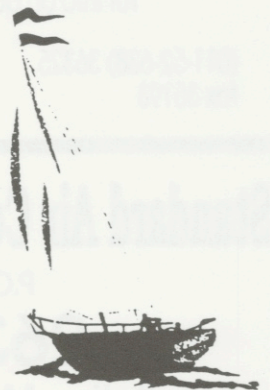


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Seashells, and indeed all shells of the mullusk group, weather they live in fresh or salt water or on land, do not grow by adding cells of living tissue.

Instead, they gradually increase in size at one edge, called the growing edge, as crystals of mineral salts are secreted by a large, thin, enveloping flap of tissue called the mantle and laid down in a framework of a horn like substance called conchiolin.

Seashells are chiefly calcium carbonate, extracted from the water, according to the *Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Animal Kingdom* (Danbury Press). In the mantle, tiny tubes excrete the almost invisible specks of mineral salt that bind to the conchiolin.

Most shells have three layers: first, a protective outer skin of organic matter that may be smooth or rough; second, a layer of crystals arranged at right angles to the surface of the shell; and finally, an inner layer composed of overlapping crystals. In some mullusk, like oysters, this layer is pearly and iridescent.

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Randy Adams and Carolyn Warring show off their trophies that they won.

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collection almost complete

We would like to thank all the members who have graciously donated their old Cholla Chatters, so that we could fill in the gaps in our files. As of now we are very close to having at least one copy of each chatter. There are only seven issues of the chatter that we still don't have, and they are:

June 1958

May 1958

Oct. 1959

Dec. 1959

Jan. 1960

June 1960

Oct. 1960

If anyone has these chatters in their files and would like to donate them to the club it would be greatly appreciated. You can contact Frank Flynn in Phoenix at: Days 602-956-9608 or evenings at 602-956-3386

Have a Safe & Happy Summer

Cholla Chapter Chitter Chatter

Our June meeting was a very good time even though we only had 47 members and guests attending. It was held at the Baja Restaurant again this month and we enjoyed their delicious prime rib Tuesday night special.

President Bob Belk conducted the meeting. He welcomed and introduced our guest. Pete and Shirley Peterson of the Tucson chapter were there. They are usually in Tucson on our meeting night as their meeting is the same night but, we were very glad they could join us. Guest included Susie Reidhead and her friend Greg Phelps who were visiting her parents Jerry and Marlene Reidhead in Cholla. Marsha and Scarlet Johnson came from San Jorge with John and DiAnn Carrol. The membership reported 163 members. New members are Larry and Bobbie Allen and Bill and Mae Munk. Welcome aboard!

Sick bay reported no one had been reported sick. That was good news.

Bob reported on the possible merging of the CBSC, the OBSC and the Vecinos for a long term use agreement. Watch your Chatter for further information. Repairs to the bathrooms and roofs will be put on hold until a decision is reached about this use agreement as a major revamping of the Fry Shack is in the planning.

Friday June 11th was the last day of the Fishing derby. We had good weather for a change and about a dozen boats went out. Reports on this will be found in this Chatter so check it out. The Fish Fry and Awards Ceremonies was on Saturday June 12th.

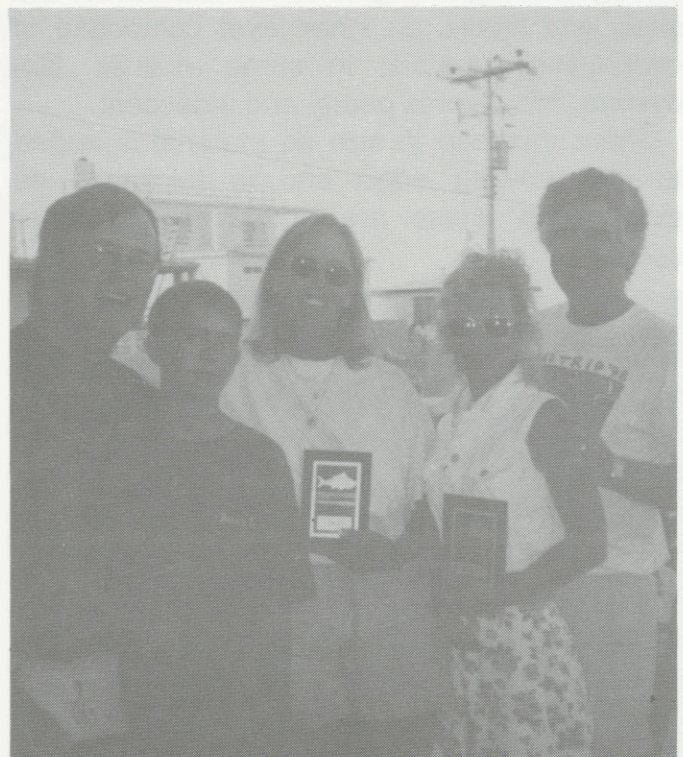
Our next meeting will be on October 12th. It will possibly be held at the Balboa restaurant. Listen to your radio for verification. Hope you all have a wonderful summer and hope to see you in "The Bay" in the fall!

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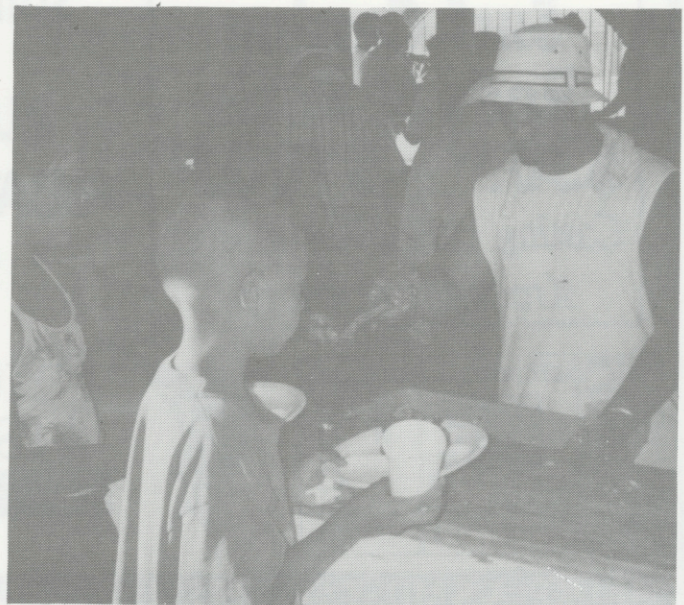
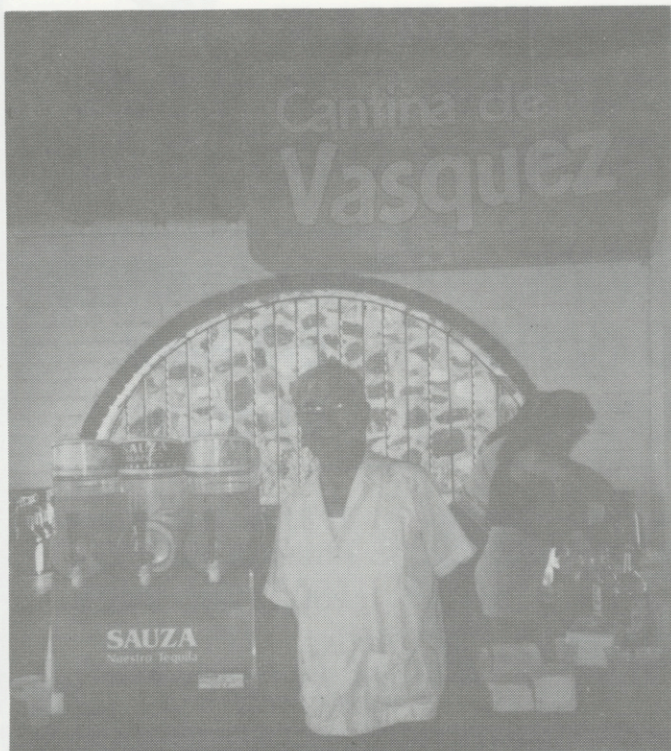
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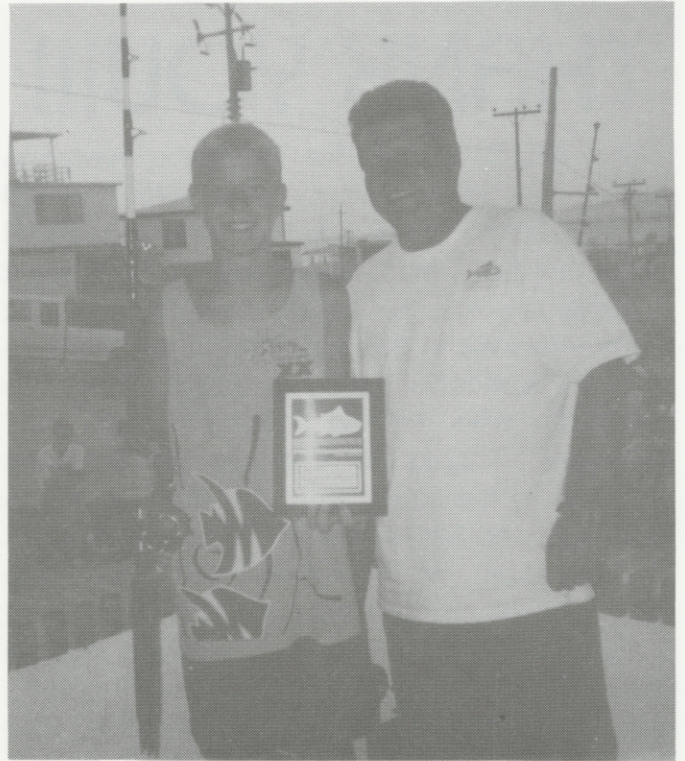
THANK YOU!!!

The CBSC would like to thank everyone whose helped to support the 44th Annual Fishing Derby. There are too many wonderful people to thank individually and we don't want to miss anyone, so as for now we will just thank everyone in general. First of all thanks to all of our wonderful trophy sponsors. Thanks to everyone who helped gather prizes and donations. Thanks to Vasquez for donating and serving the liquor at the fish fry. Thanks to everyone who helped out at the scales. Thanks to everyone who helped sell the club merchandise and to everyone who purchased the stuff. Thanks to the hard working kitchen crew who withstood the heat to serve up a great fish dinner. Thanks to everyone who helped with the raffle and to all you generous people who purchased all those tickets. Thanks to Tecate for supplying the beer, tents and promotional items. Thanks to all the launchers and fish cleaners. And thanks to all the fishermen. I'm sure there are many, many more of you to thank. All we can say for now is "Thank You, Thank You, Thank You" and that your help does not go unappreciated.





Kelley Adams and Dee Moen take first and second place in women's seatrout.



Brad Moen presents David Klink with the grand prize in the junior division, and a Court's Custom Rod and reel.

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What About Fishin'

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When we first arrived at the reef, we anchored down and weren't really getting hit a lot. Bill and I decided to re-anchor in another position. We resumed fishing in our new position and started bringing in some substantial Cotchi. Carolyn (our eleven-year-old) was just letting her line out, headed for the bottom, when about half way down she was hit hard. She flipped the bail, set the hook and the fight was on! A few minutes later a stingray surfaced attached to the other end of her line. We estimated the beast at about twenty pounds! We worked with it until we had the hook out of its mouth and released it virtually unscathed. I re-rigged Carolyn's pole and we resumed fishing

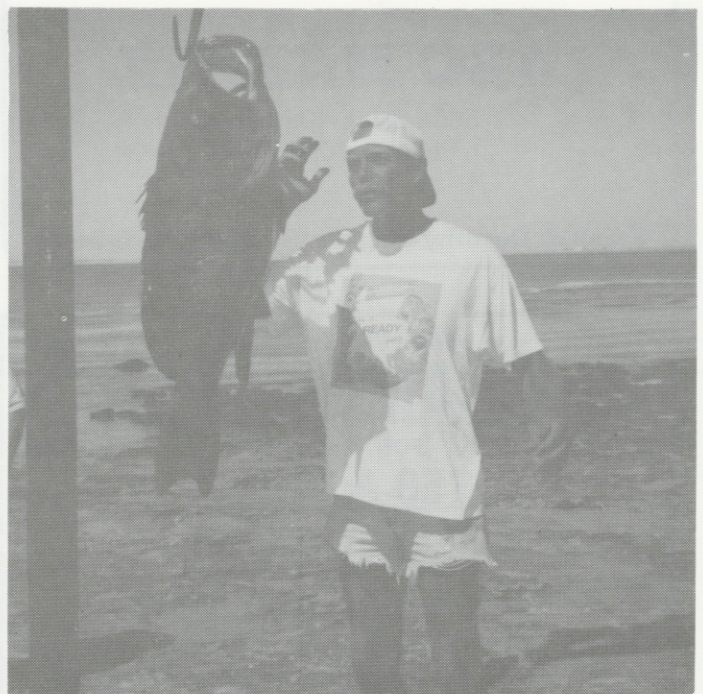
About ten minutes after the stingray, Carolyn's line was hit hard again. This time she had hooked into something big on the bottom. Her pole was bent as if it was a surf rig, not a tuna stick! I held onto her so she could fight the fish without falling in. When she got this fish to the surface, we were surprised to see a sizable gulf grouper at the other end of the line! The grouper was Carolyn's first and turned out to be 30lbs. After fighting both the stingray and the grouper, Carolyn was exhausted but exhilarated.

About an hour after Carolyn's grouper, I was hit hard. I fought the fish, brought it to the surface, and discovered another grouper on the end of my line! This one turned out to be 35lbs. At the end of the day, we counted about 30 good size cotchi, two grouper and a big pargo. Not a shabby day at all!

It came the day after the derby, but who cares? Putting, not one but two grouper in the boat was reward enough. Watching a child catch their first grouper made the experience twice as rewarding! Thank you Tres Amigos!

We'll Talk Again From 2nd Chance

P.S.- Bob Bradshaw, don't forget about the fishing spot we talked about at the fish fry! Let me know how it turn's out!



Big Ten Is Gaining Popularity Again!!

If you are interested in participating in the Big Ten, it goes like this. You must be a member of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club. You can purchase your Big Ten card from Augustin Leon at the Cholla Bay Radio Room, or Brad Moen (602)938-5798 for a \$5.00 charge.

Then the fun begins. You must catch 4 required fish. Sailfish (any size), the rest are minimum weights, Grouper 30lbs., Dorado 15lbs. and a Pinto 15lbs. You must also catch 6 alternative fish from the following: Mackerel 6lbs., Shark 50lbs., Pargo 15lbs., Cotchi 5lbs., Skipjack 6lbs., Seatrout 5lbs., Ladyfish 2lbs., Black Sea Bass 50lbs., Sardinero 10lbs.

* You must check out at the Radio Room, Cholla Bay, Mexico.

* You are a CBSC member.

* You must have your Big Ten card.

* You must land the fish on rod and reel.

* Only need 80% of the weights for women.

Once your card is full, contact me, Brad Moen, to receive your Big Ten Award.



Nancy Poyser with her 3rd place pompano.



Guy Jean and Dean Fisher with some seatrout and pompano caught while surf casting.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS FROM THE CBSC FISHING DERBY WHO HAVE NOT CLAIMED THEIR PRIZES

If your name is on the list below or if you know anyone on this list please contact Brad or Dee Moen at (602) 938-5798, or if in Cholla call "Skinnydipper" on the radio, or stop by cabin #60.

All prizes not claimed by November 30th 1999 will be donated back to the raffle drawing for next years derby.

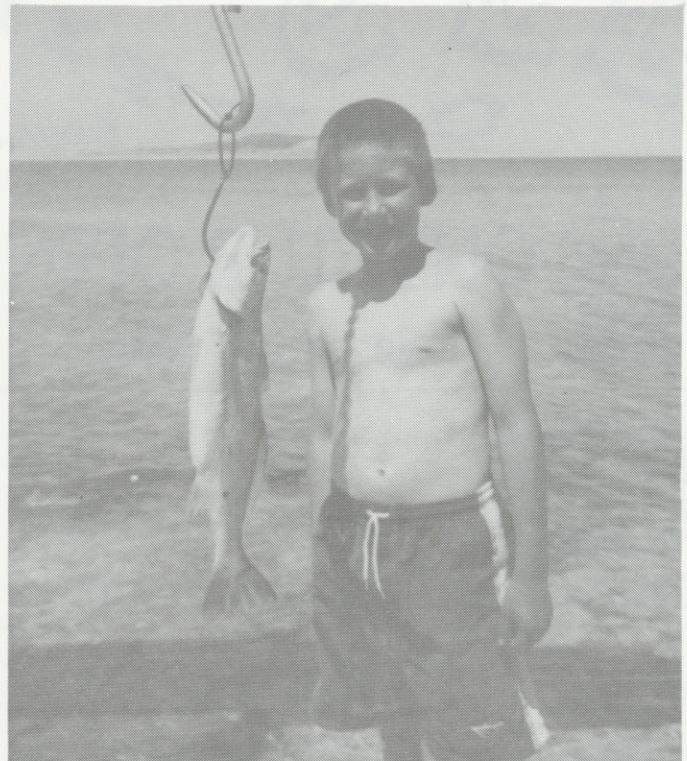
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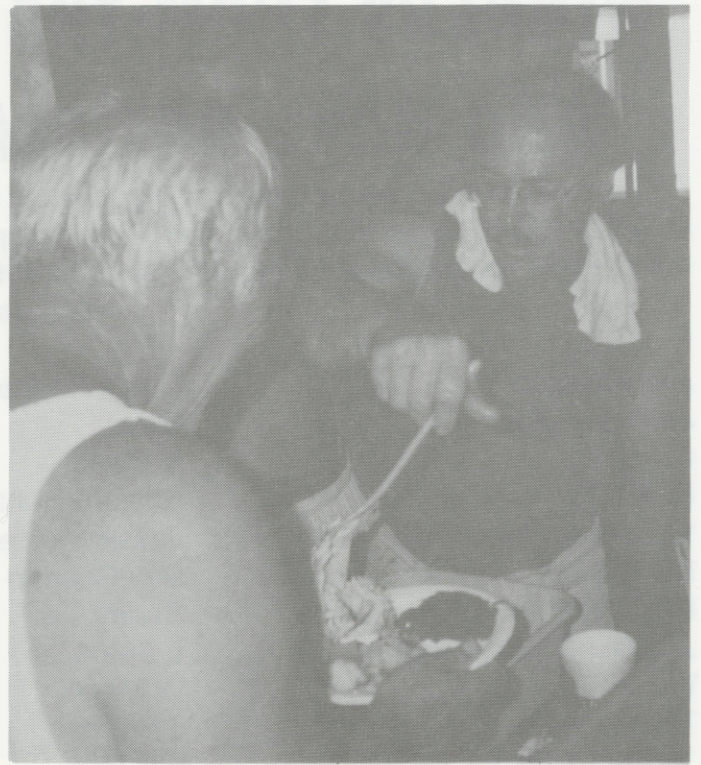
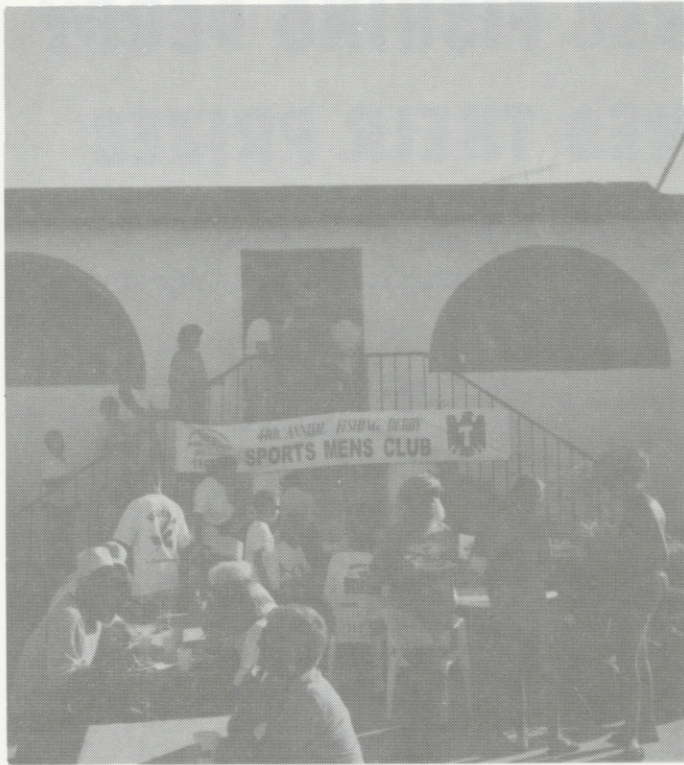


Rick Curtis & Carolyn Warring accepting awards for pargo that they caught in the derby.



Michael Traverse with his second place junior seatrout, that he caught from shore.

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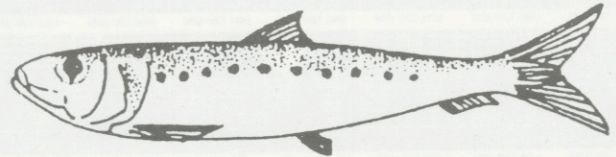
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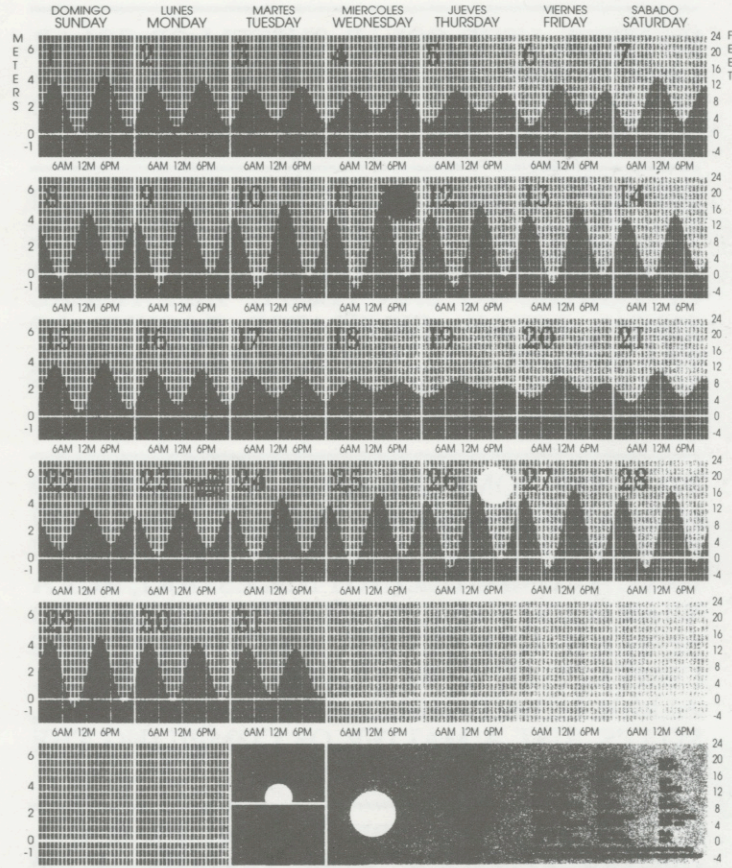
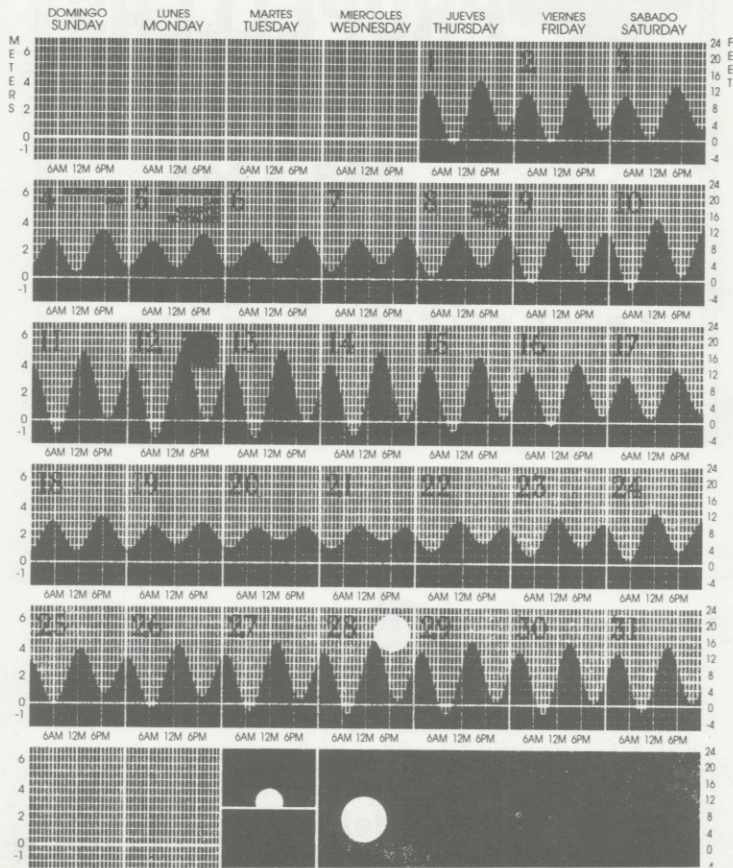
I Don't Know

A young couple from Phoenix with their two kids left for Cholla at 7:30 in the morning and averaged 57mph. Another couple left Tucson at the same time and averaged 53mph. Did either couple have a current issue of the Cholla Chatter?

Answer: Yes, if we get a new editor.

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