



East Cape Trip:

Several members of the San Diego Rod & Reel Club gathered in East Cape last week to have some friendly fishing adventures together. Lori and David Sachau, guided the "drive down tour" with Lou and Ellen Duchene. It was as safe and wonderful drive as we expected. Driving only during the day, stopping in Camalu first, then Santa Rosalia, next La Paz, and then our first fishing destination was a four-day stay at Hotel Buena Vista in Los Barrillas. The hotel is great with good food and nice cool and comfortable rooms. Some of the other club members that met

us there set out to target tuna, dorado, and marlin. It was slower than expected, but David and Lori headed down to the light house area each day to target the big rooster fish (Pez Gallo). In five days of fishing we caught at least fifteen big roosters from the 30 lb. to 60 lb. class. We fished with 20 lb. test *Izorline*, *Owner SST 8/0* circle hooks, with *Penn* and *Avet* reels on rods made by *Mad Dog Rods*. Light tackle with fluorocarbon 30 lb. leader made it a fun fight while catching and releasing all the fish. The large Bait was a necessity to get the big ones to bite, and the captain doubted we could hook the roosters with circle hooks, but with the right technique, it worked.



After a few days at HBV, we headed south to La Ribera and stayed at Punta Colorada. Great location to wake up, hop on the super panga, and in 20 minutes be in front of the light house where the big fish were. After another three days of fishing, we landed another half dozen 50 to 60 plus lb. roosters.

We can say the drive was never threatening. The roads are improved since our last drive down two years ago. Bridges are built over the arroyos and much wider shoulders are in place. While driving through a construction area with the road torn up



to dirt, we hit a rock and it tore a very large hole in our oil pan. Within minutes of it happening, and being 100 miles north of La Paz and 65 miles south of Constitucion (the only towns with auto shops), a Mexican patriot stopped to help and used his cell to call a tow truck. Even the Green Angles stopped to offer help. Within six hours we were towed to Constitucion, had a repaired oil pan and we were back on the road before dark. Needless to say, it was a very safe and adventurous road trip.