



June Ann, from "Nimbus" shows the crowd how it is done on Balloon Day 2 years ago in La Paz. This year, June Ann is in charge of the event. Hope she can find some of those people she trained now!

Balloon Day, May 1st.

Club Cruceros Plan Another Event

After a one years absence, the Club Cruceros de La Paz are bringing back one of the most enjoyed events ever put on by the in La Paz. They call it simply, Balloon Day.

Balloon Day this year is being seen after by June Ann, from "Nimbus". June has been busy checking tides and trying to find the thousands of balloons needed for the event.

If you've never seen this done, here's how it works. The Club fills as many balloons as possible with air and small prizes including coins. Over 5,000 were released in La Paz Harbor two years ago. June Ann says she expects to top that this year.

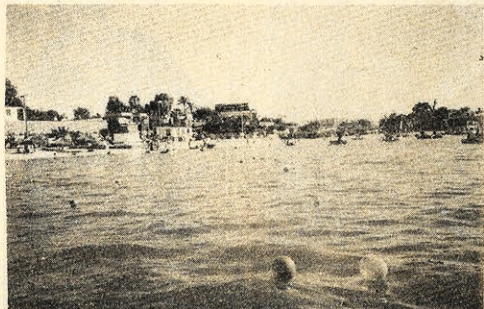
As the wind and current brings the balloons in to the beaches along the city's "Harbor

Drive", what seems to be every child in the State Capital is eagerly awaiting them. The "fleet" of dingies that released the balloon also acts as barriers and safety crews to keep the children from venturing out too far as they await the balloons arrival.

This year, after all the balloons have been retrieved, the kids will be treated to a ride in the dingies as they parade in front of downtown La Paz.

These kinds of events are part of what has made the Club Cruceros de La Paz become a part of La Paz. The proof comes from a recent newspaper article in the Spanish daily newspaper, El Sudealiforniano, in which the Cruceros was referred to as "our club".

We expect this year's Balloon day to be every bit as successful as it was two years ago. Remember the date, May 1st. Be there!



Balloons make their way into the beach and the arms of waiting youngsters. This year's event promises to be even better than the last.