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A WONDERFUL 2020 TO ALL!

Listed below are the planned events for the coming year. Details of these events will be on another page in this issue of the Cholla Chatter or in future issues. Be sure to pay your dues to keep up with these activities. When other events are planned, information will be in future issues. This is the CBSC 65th anniversary and great things are being planned.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 15th - Golf Tournament
March 21st - Horseshoe Tournament

65th ANNUAL FISHING DERBY
April 17, 18 & 19
May 1, 2 & 3
May 21, 22 & 23

Fish Fry - May 24th

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Another Great Cholla Children's Christmas Party

Submitted by Nancy Schmidli

The 2019 Cholla Children's party was "BIG" and lots of fun. We had over 100 children, ages infant to 13 attending plus their families and others that came to just watch the fun. And it was fun! The clubhouse was full of Christmas Joy! We began with the singing of Las Posadas to gain entrance to the club-house. Then the Cholla Children's Choir, lead by Charlie Keller, sang Christmas Carols. They then visited Santa (Gabbie Green), and got their picture taken and received a Santa gift, chose a gift for their mom, played games and won prizes. Everyone enjoyed popcorn, as fast as John Baird was able to pop it! There was also a raffle with lots of prizes for the moms. Then every-one enjoyed hotdogs, chips and boxed drinks. I think they served over 250 hotdogs. Wow! The last activity of the day was the breaking of four piñatas; one for the little kids, one for medium sized kids and one for the big kids. The fourth one was for the moms! All are lots of fun.



After the party they all hurried home so they would be there to receive the monetary gift that each of the 30 families that live in Cholla receive. Well, many stayed and helped to clean up the clubhouse and clean the patio of piñata "stuff". They are so very willing to do this and it is a great help. We distributed from \$80 to \$100, according to family size, to each family. They are very grateful for this Christmas gift, it really makes their Christmas much, much Merrier"! Chollans are the BEST!

A great big thanks to all of you who donated things for the party, money for the families and those who worked to help make this party such a success - and a great big part of the the Mexican families' Christmas (and mine, too)!! And just think!! Next year we can do it all over again!!!! Thanks also to OBSC, who had a spaghetti dinner the week before and donated all of the proceeds to the families.



ANYONE FOR SOME EXERCISE?

Guess what? You can now come to our exercise class every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00AM at the Cholla Bay Club House. We stretch, dance, and do chair aerobics. Something for everyone, come and try it, you'll like it!



SHIP'S STORE

A new year is upon us and the Ship's Store is gearing up for a great one. For those of you wondering "where are you?" we're located right next door to the radio room, by the boat launch area. Marlene ordered some silky new shirts in bright colors which read Real Chicks of Cholla. We are also preparing for the 65th Fishing Derby, with another great t-shirt design. We still have a good selection of \$5 shirts on clearance. Give Marlene, BK or Barb a call and we will be glad to meet you at the Store anytime. Jackets, golf shirts, and sweatshirts are still available as well as the 2020 Tide Calendar. Hope to see you soon.



WINE PARTY

We had a great time once again at the wine party on January 8 with about 30 people. So much food! And, guess what - lots of wine! If you didn't get there, then you missed a fun time. Connie took some pictures, which are to the left





ANNUAL
HORSESHOE & CORNHOLE
CHARITY EVENT

BEER BEER BEER

\$ 25/PLAYER

ALL YOU CAN DRINK

\$ 10/SPECTATOR

POP UP RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE

BREWS - N - SHOES

BAGS - N - BOARDS



"GAME OF THROWS"

CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

Registration 8 - 9:30 AM

HS Tournament Starts at 10:00 AM and CH 10:30 AM

MARCH 21, 2020

PLAYERS MAY ENTER BOTH TOURNAMENTS WITH CORNHOLE SUBSTITUTES

CHOLLA BAY, ROCKY POINT, MEXICO

Party in Mexico while benefiting some great charities!

For early registration or pop up information, email chollacbsc@gmail.com,

contact Helen at 520-401-9310, or find us on Facebook CBSC Horseshoe Tournament

THIS YEAR'S CHARITY IS " BARB'S DOG RESCUE"

we'll see you there!!

NEWS FLASH!

HORSESHOE & CORNHOLE CHARITY EVENT MARCH 21, 2020

SPECIAL RAFFLE ANNOUNCEMENT



PLEASE BRING A BAG OF DOG FOOD WITH YOU TO THE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT!! EVERYONE DONATING AT LEAST A 10 POUND BAG WILL ENTER A RAFFLE FOR A CASH PRIZE. THE CBSC WILL CONTRIBUTE \$2 FOR EACH 10 POUND BAG DONATED TO CREATE THE CASH PRIZE. ALL OF THE DOG FOOD WILL BE DONATED TO BARB'S DOG RESCUE.



PLEASE READ THE ARTICLE ON THE NEXT PAGE FROM BARB'S FACEBOOK PAGE. IF YOU BRING THE FOOD, WE CAN GET OTHER DESPERATELY NEEDED ITEMS.

THIS IS A GREAT CAUSE AND WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!

Welcome to the 65th Annual Fishing Derby!

It's that time of the year again - the weather starts to warm up and the fish begin to bite. This year will mark the 65th annual CBSC fishing derby. The derby is comprised of 3-three day weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) with a fish fry and awards ceremony at the end. While watching an 80 pound grouper be weighed is exciting, we think it's more exciting to get out in the action. One advantage of the CBSC fishing derby, is it doesn't require you to have a boat to compete. There are five (5) different categories including: adult boating, adult shore fishing, junior boating, junior shore fishing and a flotation device category (kayak, SUPs, etc...) that includes both adults and juniors. The derby has always been a fun family event and this year, we are especially encouraging our juniors to participate with their parents.

Since the derby is comprised of 3 different weekends, adults have the option to buy a ticket that is good for the entire derby or for one weekend, if that is all you can make. Because junior tickets are discounted, the price is the same whether you buy for one weekend or all three (prices to come!). You can purchase entry tickets at the Ship's Store at the weigh-in scales (just below JJ's Cantina). On the first day of each phase (weekend), we will select a target fish that will be announced via facebook and posted at the scales. The person (adult **OR** junior) who catches the largest "target" fish that weekend, will win a prize.

At the end of the last phase, the Cholla Bay Sportsman Club will host a fish fry and awards ceremony at the clubhouse in Cholla Bay. The fish fry is open to the public and we will be raffling off many prizes in addition to the fishing awards. If you or anyone you know is interesting in volunteering or becoming a derby sponsor please contact Randy Adams (480-695-0082, LocoOffroad@gmail.com or Eamonn O'Callaghan (602-394-9897, Eamonn1202@gmail.com). Please look for our event on facebook under <https://www.facebook.com/Cholla-Bay-Sportsmens-Club-114015645354098/> for frequent updates and information.

Who: The ENTIRE family

What: Catching fish, while trying to put some trophies on your wall.

When: Scales are open from 6AM-6PM **Where:** Cholla Bay, Mexico

- **Phase 1:** April 17th-19th • **Phase 2:** May 1st-3rd • **Phase 3:** May 21st-23rd
- **Fish Fry / Award Ceremony:** Sunday, May 24th • 3:00PM



BARB'S DOG RESCUE STORY

We ask for your help. Virtually every dog that comes to us is malnourished and/or in poor health. The need is great!

Items needed: Dog Food No more than 50 lbs per vehicle. It cannot contain any meat, meat by-products, bone meal or bone marrow from any animal with hoofs. It must be poultry, seafood or vegetarian. We prefer the Costco brand of Kirkland puppy food. We feed puppy food to our nursing mothers and dogs that are malnourished or ill. This food can be purchased here in Puerto Peñasco at Welton's across the street from Sam's Club. Any premium brand with the first ingredient of fowl or seafood (not by-products) is also good. With an average of 300 dogs, we can use all dog supplies, training pads, toys, beds, coats, harnesses (not collars), leashes, treats and food. We also use large amounts of bleach, bleach wipes and sprays, lysol type sprays, laundry detergent, paper towels, gently used towels, comforters, receiving blankets as well as regular blankets.



More information on cash donations can be found on Barb's website: www.BarbsDogRescue.org

Let's Go Fishing Via Rosario Villa January 2020 Cholla Bay Launch Ramp Report Submitted by Lucky Chucky AKA Chuck Blair

The activity level around the launch area is limited during and right after the holiday season as people focus on family get togethers, shopping and sharing of food and gifts. Us poor old "fishaholics" just have to bide our time and wait it out until the celebrations are over and the credit card bills jar us back into reality. This mid December to mid January time frame brought cold and windy weather conditions to Cholla Bay which slowed the fishing and catching down considerably. The numbers of commercial pangas that are launching has been steady but the exclusion from parking their trailers and tow vehicles on the Cholla Bay beaches has held so be grateful. Hats off to the new Mexican President AMLO for his support of this and other environmental concerns by actually enforcing existing regulations. It will take decades for the Sea of Cortez to recover from overfishing by both sportfishing and commercial fishing interests but recovery is still possible. You can still catch crab off the Oregon coast and lobster off the coast of New England because resource management was aggressively implemented. Now a restoration of Colorado River water influx into the Gulf of California is also an essential ingredient for regeneration to occur. Good luck with that but it is possible with torrential rainfall on the Gila River watershed and fewer existing dams to restrict that river's runoff from flowing to the sea. Some cagey fishermen did manage to bring saltwater denisons back to Cholla Bay for filleting and flaunting and they deserve congratulations. Terry Martin showed his brother Mike that he's not the only one in the family that can wrestle a bull Gulf Grouper to the gaff as Terry bagged a nice one(45#) around New Year's. Bill Moody on his boat "Pura Vida" brought in a nice catch of fish including red snappers and pintos. Scott Nelson aboard his boat "Colorado Sweetie" with Chino Leon along had several successful outings in January. You are usually gonna catch fish with Chino on board pickin the spots. Please give him an opportunity to demonstrate his extensive local knowledge. As the ocean temperature slowly warms from the near sixty degrees it is now, the fish activity will increase and anglers will be more successful in the spring. In my 66 years of fishing out of Cholla Bay, I've learned that generally the fishing is better the first six months of the year than the last six months. This water temperature theory holds for sea depths of less than approximately 200 feet but over that depth the water is just cold period and GPS is essential because most landmarks are out of sight. Good luck finding those way out there reefs without it. That's all I got for now. Let's go fishing!





Time to grab your sticks and head for the border!! Yes, it's golf time again in Cholla Bay.

The Twelfth Annual Cholla Bay Sportsman's Club Golf Tournament will be played at **Islas Del Mar** Golf Course on **February 15th, 2020**. 52 lucky people will get to beat a golf ball around 18 holes trying to avoid sand traps, water hazards, bogies, and meandering coyotes!!

The format will be a "Two Man Scramble". So find a buddy who is better than you and be a part of our PGA:

(Penasco Golf Addicts)

Lunch will be served afterwards. Prizes **may** be awarded to those in the country legally or illegally, depending on how good or bad a golfer you are.

So get your reservation in early! Let's make it easy, send an email to Kathy Barnard at kbar822@gmail.com or Helen Dahlstrom at hmdahlstrom03@gmail.com and give them the names of the players in your group. **Cost \$90.00 USD per player**. Cheap! (Checks payable to the CBSC).

This year's proceeds will be donated to Barb's Dog Rescue for the continuing operation of her animal rescue efforts.

You can win Raffle prizes, a 50/50 prize and/or bring a bag of Dogfood or Puppy food (10 pounds or more) and have a chance to win a "special" prize. Or bring a bag of food just because you love animals and want to help.

"Hole in One" wins a new Golf Cart!



**BACK
TO THE FUTURE
2020**



After the golf tournament, you won't have to cook dinner – go to the OBSC mardi-gras dinner at the club house for their dinner – it's always great food, great cooks, and tell them you are from the golf tournament and you can get in for member price (\$10) even if you are not a member. If the golf tournament ends soon enough, you can even get in the parade (4:00PM) through Cholla Bay, or watch it from almost any place in Cholla. This year's parade theme is Back to the Future 2020. For more information, visit the OBSC website at:

www.OldBoysSocialClub.com

••• **MEMBERSHIP NEWS** •••

Submitted by Helen Dahlstrom

HAPPY NEW YEAR! As you all know CBSC needs and appreciates the support of all its members to be able to offer the many activities that we have during the year. There are many Charities that we help support with these events and without our members it would not be possible. If you have any questions or need any help regarding membership, please feel free to contact me at chollacbsc@gmail.com.



We would love to have you attend any of the meetings with any feedback, suggestions for future/past events or even volunteer to help. That's always appreciated..... Just in case you misplaced the Membership Renewal sent in the mail, you can use the form below. We are always looking for new members to join this great club, so get your friends to join!!!

As a reminder the dues are only \$40 for a single or family membership. Below is a CBSC Membership Application; your check should be made payable to CBSC c/o Helen Dahlstrom and mailed to PO Box 77152 Tucson, AZ 85703. Your support is so appreciated!!

New Member

Renewal



CBSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Annual Dues: \$40.00

Membership dues and other activities of the CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB funded the purchase of radio equipment and continue to support the operation and maintenance of Marine VHF Radio (**Channel 28**) for the Northern Sea of Cortez. The CBSC pays the salary of the Cholla Bay Radio Operator, assists in search and rescue operations, and when necessary can assist with some arrangements for the emergency transportation of critically ill or injured. The CBSC conducts an annual Fishing Derby, hosts numerous events, publishes the "CHOLLA CHATTER" Newsletter, and promotes good relations between American visitors and our Mexican neighbors.

Currently the Chatter is mailed to the address provided. We are now able to offer the Chatter via E-mail to those who would prefer. If you would rather receive your Chatter via Email and not regular mail, please check the Box to the Left.

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____

ADDRESS: (US or PO Box ONLY) _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

Email address: _____

Cabin Number/Address: _____ Local Phone: _____

Please make your check out to **CBSC** and mail to: **CBSC - c/o Helen Dahlstrom • PO Box 77152 • Tucson, AZ 85703**