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2005 marks the 50th Anniversary of the
Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club
 Annual Fishing Tournament!

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April 29 - May 1 • May 13 - 15
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Dear Fishermen,

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the CBSC Fishing Tournament. The Club and the Tournament have seen a lot of changes over the years. We'd like to stop and look back at everything that has kept us going this long. We'd like to hear from you, whether it's a memory, story, poem, photos or anything. We'd like to publish these items in the upcoming Chatters and share them with everyone, to remind members why it all started and to show new members why they should become more involved.

Fifty years is a long time and I'm sure the 50th Derby is shaping up to be the biggest Fiesta this Club has seen to date! We again ask for your help in contributing items to the Chatter or your help in the festivities yet to come. **Let's rejuvenate this Club and help it last another 50 years!**

Please contact Dave or Kelley Adams (480) 345-0623 in Tempe or 382-5111 in Cholla to help out or for further information.

Tournament Sponsors

The following have donated tremendously to the CBSC for the upcoming 50th Fishing Tournament. Please let these people know that their generous help is greatly appreciated....

Rudy Guzman (Guzman Construction)

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Would you like to help the CBSC 50th Fishing Tournament... Please call 480.345.0623

SICK BAY ...

Again, we are sad to report that some of our members, and/or Cholla Bay-Rocky Point people have passed away, or are ill.

- Liz Cummins (Upchurch) passed away suddenly on Sunday, December 19th. Liz had been ill for a while, but died unexpectedly in her sleep.
- Phil Gobin, a former president of our Cholla Chapter of the CBSC passed away in December also, but at the time I'm writing this article, I don't have the date, or any further information about it.
- Del Moore fell and broke his hip, and again, I don't have details. We will try to get more information before the next issue of the "Chatter".

Our sympathies go out to the families of those who have passed away, and our wishes to Del, and to Sandy, for Del's rapid recovery.

Membership News

The New Year is here and you all should have received a renewal notice. If you have misplaced it, use the form on the back page and send in your dues as soon as possible to avoid missing the Chatter. As of this writing, we only have 28 members for 2005, but they are coming in every week. If you want to receive the Cholla News via email, please put your email in the membership form, especially if you haven't been getting it, because I am getting many failures.

Thanks.....Nancy Schmidli

HEALTH TIP... *Vitamin C is proven to calm nerves*

How can you keep stress from making you sick? Load up on vitamin C. According to new German research, taking 1,000 mg. of time-released vitamin C, twice a day, can cut your body's production of stress hormones by 30%! Volunteers who tried it felt less anxious, reveals Stuart Brody, Ph.D. Why? "Because vitamin C absorbs the harmful chemicals, like cortisol, that your body secretes in tense situations."

Home Show - Cholla's 2nd Annual

January 16, 2005, is the date for Cholla Bay's annual Home Show. It will be from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.. It will begin at the Clubhouse, where you may purchase your tickets. Tickets are \$10. There will be at least 6 houses on the tour, you will want to return to the Clubhouse for hors d'oeuvres, punch and socializing... Door prizes will be awarded about 3:15 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets ahead of time, call Pat Lee at 382-5065, Deb Vawter at 382-5196 or Nancy or Don Schmidli at 382-5036. These numbers are in Cholla. This is a fun way to spend a Sunday Afternoon, so you won't want to miss it!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 1st - New Year's Day *HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!!*

January 11th - CBSC Meeting and Dinner - Black Dog Restaurant - Board Meeting at 4:00, Happy Hour 5:00 and Dinner about 6:00

January 15th - OBSC Rib Feast at Club House

January 16th - Cholla Home Tour (See Above)

January 25th - Red Hat Luncheon at Olive's Tapa Bar - open to all women

January 29th - Cholla Bay Block Party at the Fry Shack - To benefit the 50th Derby - See Article for details



50th Anniversary Fishing Derby



Put fresh line on your reels and tune up your boat, because this is going to be big! Here is just a small sampling of what we have in store for the 50th Derby... With this being the Golden Anniversary of our fishing derby, what better prizes than Gold Penn International Reels. Every weekend of the derby this year we will give away a Penn International reel & rod combo to one lucky fisherman. The grand prizes at the end of the derby will also be gold Penn Internationals in the junior and adults categories. Plus there will be many more big prizes available to the fishermen and everyone else through different raffles throughout the derby.

We have been working very hard on making this a spectacular derby for about five months now. With the help of some very generous sponsors and some great donations, this derby will be one you don't want to miss. In the months leading up to the derby and throughout the derby we will be holding different events that will help to support it such as, a block party, a kick-off breakfast, cocktail party, steak fry, etc. Dates for these events will be in the Chatter or posted at the Club House. All of these events will have raffles with great prizes, something you definitely don't want to miss!

At this point we still need some more big sponsors. Any sponsors donating at least \$500 or more will receive a V.I.P. package. For more information on becoming a Major Tournament sponsor please call 480-345-0623 and we will give you all the details.

There is still a lot of big stuff that is going to happen for this derby, but I can't say anything until I get things confirmed... because we all know how rumors start. Within the next few months we should have every thing in line, so keep an eye on the Chatter or watch for posters around town for more exciting news. If you haven't fished the derby in awhile, maybe you've never fished it, or maybe you fish it every year, it doesn't matter, this is the one to be part of!!! See ya at the derby.

Derby Chairmen:

Dave Adams

Ramon Perez

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

Christmas 2004 is now history and the children are still running around with wide smiles playing with all the toys they received from the CBSC's Santa. Then Santa came back Christmas day and called the children back to JJ's to deliver more Christmas gifts. Santa and his elves had even larger smiles than the kids - proving that old adage "it's better to give than receive!" It seems Christmas gets bigger and better every year.

Now the next project to work on is resolutions for the new year. They are fun to make even though we know some will be broken. *At least we're trying!*

Fishing has been rewarding when the winds allow the boats to launch. We have had more than our share of wind as far as the fishermen are concerned. Perhaps Old Man Wind is getting it out of his system, paving the way for smooth seas for the big fishing derby coming up sponsored by the CBSC. It will be their 50th Annual Fishing Derby held here in Cholla Bay, so expect one great big derby! The Derby dates are:

April 29 - May 19 • May 13 - 15 • May 27 - 30 • June 9 - 10 • June 11th is the Awards and Fish Fry

Keep checking your Cholla Chatter for other activities during Derby times. Get your fishing gear polished and ready for the prize winning fish. *Good luck to all... Big and small.*

- The Management

Another Great Christmas Party!

Made possible by many people

On Saturday, December 11th, my prayers were answered! The day was sunny and beautiful, just perfect for the Mexican Families Christmas party. And it was truly a great party!!

Several Elves arrived early to set up and prepare for the day. Don Schmidli and Chuck Payne did some outside cleanup, Pete Peterson set up the sound system and Ken Goodin got the kitchen going. Then lots of Elves began arriving to help make the party a great success! The Mexican moms traditionally sang the La Posada, and then Santa and Mrs. Santa arrived by sleigh and all the children rushed to meet them. The children and families lined up to have their Polaroid photos taken with Santa, while Mrs. Santa gave them little bags with candy canes, and the "elves" passed out stuffed animals, many of which were hand made by Jane Beidler. After putting the pictures in frames the children then picked out jewelry gifts for their moms, did a glitter craft, could write their name on an ornament and then had hotdogs and chips. When pictures were finished, it was time for the Children's Choir to sing, which they did very well with the help of Sarah Hohlenkamp on key board and Lew Felton on violin, a big help.

Next was the breaking of the piñatas, a most fun activity, and then they all went home to wait for Santa and Mrs. Santa and helpers to arrive by sleigh with gifts for the children and food boxes for the families. It was truly a very special day. and many, many people were a part of it.

As before mentioned, Sarah Hohlenkamp accompanied the Children's Choir on the keyboard and her husband Dennis took the digital pictures, also Jo Barnes, Chuck Payne, Lew (played the violin for the choir) and Agnes Felton took the Polaroid pictures of the children with Santa (Sal Otañez) and Mrs. Santa (Tere Wilson). Shirley Reid and Gretchen Ellinger helped to put the pictures in the especially beautiful Christmas frames made by Linda Eger, and helped with other crafts. Enedina Otañez and several members of her family and friends helped with the pictures and the young "elves" passed out stuffed animals to all the children. Bill Schoen, Diane Aliano, Glenda Maud, Ken Goodin, Pete Peterson (Shirley couldn't help because of her injury), and Don Schmidli prepared and passed out hotdogs and chips, Barb Dammann and Sarah did a glitter craft; Molly Grijalva, Pat Goodin and Kathleen Schoen helped the children choose jewelry gifts for their moms and wrap them (a big favorite activity), Shirley McDonald, Shirley Reid, Glenda Maud and probably others, helped to throw out extra candy for the piñatas, which were filled and donated by Pete and Shirley Peterson; Adrianna Adams was in charge of cleaning up the clubhouse for the pot luck that evening and others that volunteered to help in some way were Joan Dawn, Sophie and Russ Majesky, and Jack and Gail Straughan and probably some others. I'm so sorry if I missed anyone (I try to keep a list, but....). Several of the Mexican moms helped also, especially Chely Felix, Rosa Villa, Margaret Perez Felix and Jesse Arvizu and of course Agustin Leon was the announcer. Those who helped with gathering boxes, wrapping gifts, filling boxes and delivery were Sarah Hohlenkamp, Bob and Barb Dammann, Bob and Adrianna Adams, Pat Goodin, Sophie and Russ Majesky, Lew and Agnes Felton, Jo Barnes and Chuck Payne, Shirley McDonald, John Perrotta, and The Otañez Gang.

Diane Bennett shops all year long for toys, and Dave, of course helps to get them to Cholla. Joan Dawn came with her truck and helped us get them to Sandy Moore's garage for wrapping, etc. Sarah also helped with this. On Wednesday before the party, we had a decorating party, for which Mickey Babbitt fixed snacks and several of the before mentioned people helped to decorate the clubhouse for the season...



Following is a list of people who also donated or helped in some of the many, many ways:

Albert and Margaret Wendt
Diane and Dave Bennett and Jeanine
Nancy Ryan
Linda Eger
Elizabeth Field
Gerry and Dotty Nelson
Jo Heath
Jane and Bruce Beidler
Jerry and Ila Ketelhut and Jerry Jr.
Pauline Shelby
Pete and Shirley Peterson
Connie and John Norsworthy
Ken and Anne Hartnett
Ginger Sinanovic
Glenda Maud
Arlene and John Stevenson
Bob and Adrianna Adams

Pete and Janet Pisciotta
Donna and John Wilhite
Steve and Carol Spivey
Judy and Ed Hunt
Estelle and Bucky Maud
Tere and Clarence Wilson
Phoenix Fire Squadron
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Peggy Mitchell

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Sarah and Dennis Hohlenkamp
Lylia and Mike Hagerty
Jeanie and Richard Hunziker
Sandy Dell Moore
Paul and Grace Schoonover
Jo Barnes and Chuck Payne
Jason and Missy Crawley
Etta Robinson
Pat Goodin
Sal and Enedina Otañez
Tucson Chapter
Jean Ostberg
Ralph and Marion Barlow
Shirley Reid
Lew and Agnes Felton

and a couple of people who left stuff on my patio

And anyone else I forgot to list and thought I would remember, but my rememberer is getting worse and my forgetter is getting better. And "Thanks" to my husband, Don, for all his help. I apologize to anyone I missed (please let me know). Each one of you is important to the success of this party, and I am thankful for each and every one of you! Sometimes we think the Mexicans don't appreciate this party and our gesture of good will, but I received many "thanks" this year and offers to help. And we will do it all again next year.

I hope you all are having a wonderful New Year, and hope to see you in "The Bay"!

Nancy Schmidli



TRUST FEES - TAXES -THEFTS

By: Bucky Maud, President of Vecinos

The following are issues about which you may have questions or concerns:

TRUST FEES - The Vecinos have made arrangements with Bancomer to receive and forward your trust payments to Bancomer, thereby providing you independent verification of the fact of your trust payment. Your payment should be made out to "BBba Bancomer Servicios". If you don't know the amount of your trust fee, make it out for the same amount you paid last year (usually (\$275). Be sure to include your Manzana and Lot Number, as well as your Trust Number, if you have it. You may send your trust payment to the Vecinos at: P.O. Box 620, Lukeville, AZ 85341

Or, you may deposit your payment (with Manzana, Lot, Trust No.) into the door-mail slot at the office of the Vecinos in Cholla, located at the west side of the Club House. Payments will be picked up and mailed and/or deposited to Bancomer, and we will see to it that you get a Bancomer receipt.

Anticipating problems with Bancomer resulting from the closing of their office in Peñasco, we began working with them in May to develop an orderly, verifiable, and properly receipted process for payment. First, they wanted your credit card. Then, they wanted you to go to the bank with your trust number, fill out a deposit slip, deposit money to the account of Bancomer, fax the slip to them in Tijuana, they would fax back to you, etc., etc. Their being objections to all the foregoing, we decided to assist and settled upon the above. We even provided them an instruction letter for billing which was to have gone out by Dec. 1, but that hasn't happened. A month or more ago, they were to provide us a list of trust names, numbers, and fees due, but that hasn't happened either.

Sooner or later, we expect Bancomer to send you the instruction letter, and it is supposed to tell you your fees and give you an address at P.O. Box 430606, San Isidro, Ca 92143, to which your payment can be sent. We have sent correspondence to that address which allegedly they didn't receive. They allegedly check that mail box only every two (2) weeks. We do not recommend that payment address.

Bancomer can also be contacted by phone from Mexico at 01-800-122-6645, or 01-664-633-6229. We don't know if you can reach the 800# from the U.S., but if calling from the U.S., you must first dial 011-52 and then the 800 or 664 numbers. They can be reached by email at "fiduciario@bancomer.com".

TAXES - Property taxes are a mixed bag as to when they can be paid, whether you can get a discount for early payment, etc. Property bills are not sent to you. It is your responsibility to go to the Municipal building and pay your taxes. It is best to pay in Pesos since they will not give you the best exchange rate. In most past years you were given a 10% discount if you paid your taxes by a given date, usually sometime around Feb. 1-15 - it seems to be a moving target! And sometimes you did not get the discount unless you asked for it.

We recommend that during January you check with the Tax Office to see what your bill is and be prepared to pay it at that time. On numerous occasions, we have been told that the bills are "not ready yet" and the next thing you know, the time for the discount has passed. In any event, be prepared to pay your taxes in January or February.

THEFTS - Theft in Cholla has increased. Thieves have now graduated beyond burglary, and have gone to ATC's and pickup trucks! Since May, about five (5) ATC's have been stolen, three (3) pickups, and two (2) more pickup theft attempts. In the Vecino's newsletter, I warned members of the sophistication of these thieves and the losses we have had (about \$100,000 since May). The good news is that two Mexicans and a woman were caught trying to steal the fifth (5th) pickup and they are in jail. At this writing, we don't know if they are the ones responsible for all the pickup theft. Let's hope so and that this puts an end to it!

There are some lessons learned from all this. Our community has all the appearance of would-be thieves of money, nice vehicles, and expensive homes. With all our construction, lot sales, nice pickups, etc., it will only get worse. Since May the Vecino's have met repeatedly not only with the Comandante but also the Mayor of Peñasco attempting to get more police. We have repeatedly been promised the seven (7) police we need, but that has never happened. We have not had more than five (5) police, and at times as little as three (3)! Recently, the Comandante advised that he simply didn't have the police to give us.

Therefore, it appears we cannot count on more police and, therefore, the Vecinos are considering a private security force. In the interim, we recommend that you take responsibility for your own security by doing the following:

1. Install burglar alarms. Have a loud exterior siren. Place Spanish signs in windows warning of the alarm system (this seems to deter would-be thieves). You can purchase alarm systems in the U.S. and there are alarm services in Peñasco that provide all types of systems, including monitoring;

2. Install an alarm system on your vehicle. It was as a result of an alarm system on the last attempted pickup theft that the owner was alerted, gave chase, got the police, and caused the thieves to be apprehended! **WARNING:** Don't leave registration and insurance papers in your vehicle; if you do, be sure that they are only copies and that you have the originals in a secure place. In one of the vehicle thefts, the owner's registration and insurance papers were in the vehicle. When they reported the theft to the insurance company in Mexico, the company said that there was no record of insurance and the owners could not prove the existence of insurance - the loss was about \$30,000!!;

3. Watch out for your neighbors and for would-be thieves. Check the houses of your neighbors on a regular basis. Be out and about your own area. Signs of life deter thieves because they might be caught, seen, or identified. Be wary of vendors and other that appear to be "cruising" - they might be casing your or your neighbor's property. Call the police at 382-5151 if you see something suspicious. **REMEMBER THE POLICE NUMBER - KEEP IT READILY AVAILABLE IN YOUR HOME!!**

COOK'S CORNER

By Pat Goodin

ZUCCHINI BREAD

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 2¼ cups white sugar
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 TBS vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 2 cups grated zucchini
- 1 TBS ground cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 3 eggs

Directions:

1. Grease and flour two 8 x 4 inch pans. Preheat oven to 325°F.
2. Sift flour, salt, baking powder, soda and cinnamon together in a bowl.
3. Beat eggs, oil, vanilla, and sugar together in a large bowl. Add sifted ingredients to the creamed mixture, and beat well. Stir in zucchini and nuts until well combined. Pour into prepared pans.
4. Bake for 40 to 60 minutes, or until tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pan on rack for 20 minutes. Remove bread from pan, and completely cool. *Very good and moist. Bread will freeze well, and keep in refrigerator for weeks.*

Do you have an article or something for the Chatter? Please email to: choicegraphics@qwest.net or call Kelley Adams: 480-345-0623 or in Cholla 382-5111.

Chili Cheese Dip

This recipe was requested from the pot-luck dinner last week. Please put it in the next Chatter. Thank you. Here it is:

- 2-8oz. package of cream cheese
- 1 can of Hormel Chili
- 1½ cup graded Colby or Cheddar cheese
- 4-5 green onions, chopped
- 1 large bag of Frito's Scoopable Corn Chips

Place cream cheese in a 8 x 10 glass dish. Microwave till it is soft. Then spread evenly.

Pour 1 can of Hormel Chilli on top & reheat till warm.

Sprinkle Colby or Cheddar cheese on top. Reheat till melted.

Scatter chopped green onions on top.

Serve warm with Frito brand Scoopable Corn Chips. Enjoy! Deliciosa.

- Linda Perrotta

CHOLLA BLOCK PARTY

We'd like to invite EVERYONE in Cholla to join us for the 1st event to help kick-off the CBSC 50th Annual Fishing Tournament. ("We" are: Dave & Kelley Adams and Ramon & Dawn Perez, the Derby Chairmen [and wives]). We're hosting a Block Party in the parking lot of the Fry Shack. On Saturday, January 29th, please join us in welcoming the 50th Derby and all of our 'new' neighbors in Cholla. As most of us have noticed, Cholla is changing and growing rapidly. What was once a quiet fishing village is now becoming part of the massive growth that Peñasco is experiencing. Many new people have moved into Cholla and most of them have never heard of the CBSC! Please help us in welcoming our new neighbors, reuniting our old neighbors and come to the Block Party. We'll be in the parking lot (where else would you have a Block Party?) About 3 pm on Saturday the 29th of January. Please stop by and join us, member or not. The Derby Chairmen will be there and this will be your first chance to hear first hand what the 50th Fishing Tournament has in store for you and the community of Cholla Bay!!!!

As with most block parties, bring your grill to cook and a dish to pass, or just bring yourself! We'll have horseshoe's, music and whatever else we can round up between now and then.

Please call if you have any questions: Adams: 480.345.0623, in Cholla 382-5111 or Perez's 383-5912.

We really look forward to seeing all of you there!!!

CHOLLA CHAPTER NEWS

by Pat Goodin

We didn't have a regular December meeting, but everyone who was still around at that time went to the pot-luck at the club house which was December 11th. The Christmas party for the Mexican families started at 11:00 that day, and then at 6:00 we had the pot luck. Nancy Schmidli went all out again for the Christmas party, and it turned out to be a very nice event. I'm sure she will have a separate article in this month's Chatter.

And now, we start another year. So get ready. This year will mark our 50th annual fishing derby and BIG plans are already underway for that. There will also be a separate article or articles from our derby chairmen (Dave Adams & Ramon Perez) in this Chatter, so look for them and mark the dates down. There will be special "goings-on" each week-end of the derby, and since I'm writing this from Las Cruces, New Mexico, I don't have the information here with me. You won't want to miss all of this excitement of the 50th derby!!

In January we will meet at the Black Dog restaurant on the 2nd Tuesday - January 11th. The board meeting will be at 4:00, happy hour at 5:00, and dinner around 6:00. Anyone who wants to can also attend the board meeting, as most business is done at that time.

We want to wish everyone a safe and happy new year.

CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB 2005 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail this application and \$40.00 payment to the Chapter of your choice.

CHOLLA CHAPTER
PO Box 218
Lukeville, AZ 85341

TUCSON CHAPTER
1440 E. Hampton
Tucson, AZ 85719

Membership dues and other activities of the CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB have funded the purchase of radio equipment, continue to support the operation & 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 CBSC pays the salary of the Cholla Bay Radio Operator, assists in search & 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, publishes the monthly "CHOLLA CHATTER" Newsletter, and promotes good relations between American visitors and our Mexican neighbors.

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