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Tucson & Cholla Chapters

Don't forget that dues are due January 1st. Please mail your dues in on time to avoid being deleted from the chatter mailing list.

STEAK FRY

This years annual steak fry will be held on Saturday April 12th at the Gus Brown Plaza (Fry Shack) in Cholla.

Watch the Chatter for more information concerning when and where tickets will be available.

A Thought

by Robert Louis Stevenson

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JANUARY

- 8 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 14 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 14 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter Articles Due To Editors

FEBRUARY

- 11 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 11 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 12 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 14-17 JJ's Angler of the Year - Phase 1
- 18 Chatter Articles Due To Editors

MARCH

- 11 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 11 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 12 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter Articles Due To Editors
- 28-30 CBSC Fishing Derby

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2nd Wednesday of each month
Meeting: 7:30 pm
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Fishing Derby Update

The 1997, 42nd annual CBSC Fishing Derby dates have been set. This year the derby will be bunched closer together starting in late March and ending in early May, hopefully before the hot weather sets in.

The dates for this year's derby are as follows; Friday March 28th to Sunday March 30th, Friday April 11th to Sunday April 13th, Friday April 25th to Sunday April 27th. Friday May 9th will be the last fishing day of the derby. The fish fry and awards ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 10th.

This year a fly-fishing category has been added, if you have never tried saltwater fly-fishing this might be a good time to give it a whirl. This might also be a good chance to pick up extra points for the derby in a new category.

Ed Mueller has volunteered to be this years Derby Chairman and John Perrotta has volunteered to head up the kitchen crew at the Fish Fry. John will also be this years announcer at the Awards Ceremonie. As always, lots of volunteers are needed to help put on the clubs biggest fund raiser of the year. There are lots of jobs that need to be done, from big to small. If you can help out in this year's Fishing Derby please contact Ed Mueller at (602) 945-4700. I'm sure that Ed or John can find something that will fit into your schedule.

Watch the Chatter for more information on the Derby as it gets closer. Remember, the Derby starts in a couple months so start planning those weekends now.

HOW DEEP IS THE OCEAN?

The average depth of the world's oceans is about 10,000 feet. The deepest region of the ocean, called the hadal zone, lies anywhere below 18,000 feet. However, the very deepest spots in the ocean floor - trenches such as the Marianas Trench in the Pacific - reach 30,000 feet, more than 5 miles deep.

More than 1,000 species of bottom fish are known from deep-sea bottom trawls. However, few deep-sea bottom fishes have ever been seen alive.

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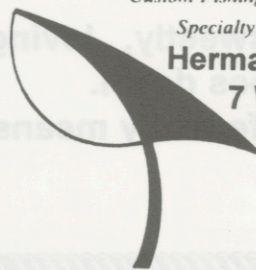
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This is the time of the year that the halibut and flounder start showing up around the Rocky Point area. These fish can get up to around 40lbs. and can be caught in depths anywhere from 5 to 200 feet of water. There are different ways to fish these fish, and here are a couple of methods that might be productive.

If you are fishing from shore, try casting a 3/4 to 1oz. shiny spoon or the same size scampi and drag it along the bottom. A good place to try fishing from shore is to find a spot where a sandy bottom meets a rocky shore. There are lots of spots like this around, try scopeing out potential spots during the low tides.

If you have a boat, there are obviously a lot more places to try and a few more options on how to fish for halibut. Halibut tend to hunt food around the sides of the reefs where the sand and reef come together. Although halibut can be caught over any sandy bottom, the edge of some type of structure seems to be best. There are many methods for catching halibut, here are a couple of suggestions. Drift or anchor with anchovies or small mackerel on a basic live bait rig, consisting of a three-way swivel with a short dropper line tied to one eye with a weight on the other end and a four-foot leader with a 2/0 live bait hook tied to the other eye. Live bait can easily be caught by using a Yozuri bait rig. Soft plastic lures, such as scampi's on lead jigheads also work well when cast and retrieved, or drifted along the bottom. Like with any fish, a sharp hook is a must when fishing for halibut. When a halibut hits, set the hook and work the fish in with smooth, even lifts of the rod. When you get it near the surface, don't pull it's head out of the water or it'll go wild. Instead, ease it within range of your gaff or net and make your move. And when you get your catch home, get ready for some of the best eating fish the sea has to offer. Just remember you don't have to head all the way to the 18 or the dunes to catch good size halibut.

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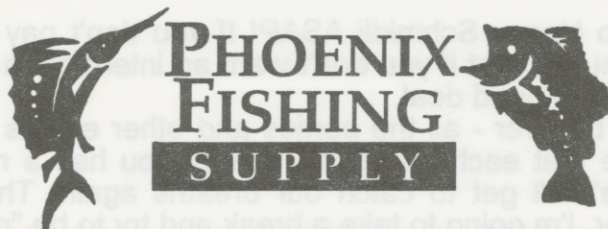
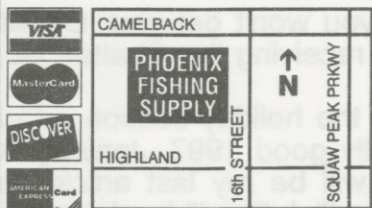
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Cholla Chapter Chitter Chatter

by Pat Goodin

We gathered at the Puesta del Sol Restaurant on December 10th for our last meeting of the year. It was indoors this time, and not nearly as hot as it was in October. Again, we had about 100 people. It's getting hard to find a place large enough to accommodate our large group.

Our meeting was called to order by President Nancy Warren. Guests and new members were introduced. New members are: Paul Lovett, Robert and Graciela Rowe, Chip and Marilyn Mills, Harold and Doris Weiss, John and Connie Norsworthy, and Burl and Fran Hines. Guests were Chuck and Joan Dernberger (Tucson Chapter), Earl and Joann Blackwell, Peter Forrest, Nancy Moody, Don Talmadge, Kim Telpa (Phoenix Chapter), Harriet Windaw, Myron and Maureen Henry (Tucson Chapter) and Stacy Hines (granddaughter of Burl & Fran Hines).

We had other special guests, but only for a few minutes. Señora Nora Palacio, along with two friends joined us to receive a \$500.00 check from the Cholla Chapter for benefit of DIF. DIF is a charity which helps the needy families of Rocky Point. Señora Palacio, wife of Señor Palacio, Mayor of Puerto Peñasco, is head of DIF.

No news is good news when it comes to Sick Bay. It seems that everyone is doing well. Nancy Schmidli is recovering nicely from her hip surgery. The Jordans (Noel & Clive) are also doing well after their hip surgeries. And, Nancy Prochaska was also reported to have hip surgery and doing well. As Nancy Warren said, now they're doing hip surgeries like they used to do tonsillectomies. But, no news of anyone in the club being sick. We did have some bad news however, but not regarding a member. René Munro, owner of the Happy Frog Restaurant, was in a head-on collision and was in poor condition at the Caborca hospital. I don't know many of the details at this time.

Nancy Schmidli reported on the success of our craft/white elephant sale and also news of the upcoming Christmas party for the Cholla families to be held on the 21st. More about those will be in separate articles.

Elections of officers for 1997 became a motion to accept the slate as listed on the ballot, since there were no nominations from the floor. However, we ended up with no secretary as the one nominated withdrew her nomination. Listed below is the outcome:

President: Millie Helies

Vice President: Bob Fleetwood

Secretary: NADA

Treasurer: Les Foss

Board of Directors: Bev Beatty, Bob Belk, Betty Floyd, Pat Foss, Evelyn Fought, Pat Goodin, Betty Horton, Walt Osborn, Betty Pearson and Don Schmidli.

Auditors: Betty Pearson and Evelyn Fought.

Non-elected positions are: Membership - Nancy Schmidli, Ship's Store - Betty Horton, Rocky Point Times Reporter - Donna Blair, Cholla Chatter Reporter - Linda Dodge (LD)

We still need a secretary. Come on, gang, someone of our almost 100 people who go to our meetings every month should be able to do this. We'll ask again in January.

With that over, door prizes and raffle prizes were awarded by Doug Jones and Bob Fleetwood. I even won something this time.

Nancy Warren was given a card of thanks for her job as president for 1996 and will be receiving a CBSC jacket, but it needs to be ordered.

I don't want to forget to say here that our Mexican food combination plate was, again, very very good. We thank the friendly staff of Puesta del Sol for that, plus our good "Happy Hour" drinks all evening.

Please mail or give dues to Nancy Schmidli ASAP! If you don't pay - you won't get your Cholla Chatter. You must pay by January 31st if you don't want an interruption in receiving the Chatter. So, pay up now! As Nancy says, it's a good deal.

As you read this, 1996 will be over - all the parties and other events of the holiday season - and 1997 will have begun. I hope that each and every one of you has a really good 1997. January is usually a slow month, so we'll all get to catch our breaths again. This will be my last article as reporter for the Cholla Chapter. I'm going to take a break and try to be "retired". L.D. will be doing the articles and I know she'll do a wonderful job. So, adios my friends

PROMOTORA TURISTICA PLAYA ESCONDIDA, S.A. DE C.V.

CHOLLA BAY HOMEOWNERS

What a way to end 1996...what a Christmas for the families in Cholla Bay. The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club presented them with their annual gifts of food, toys and various gifts. Then JJ's held their usual Christmas party and outdid themselves with a personal visit from Santa, more gifts of games, toys and etc. Just name it and it was all included this year for the Mexican families in Cholla Bay. Most all of them have their own personal friends and neighbors who brought them some of the same gifts plus clothing and much needed school supplies. It was very rewarding for both sides...the local families receiving the gifts and the Americans were rewarded just to see the happy faces and to hear the squeals of joy from the children.

Now it is time to move on to a new year...1997, when we make the resolutions. We know when we make them not all of them will be kept but at least we have it in our hearts to give it a good try. One resolution we all want to make is to live in peace and harmony with our neighbors and the community surrounding us. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to in 1997...the completion of the bank trusts, electricity and the beginning and perhaps completion of the water and sewer to all homes in Cholla. We can all see the work involved with the rock most of the homes are situated on so we should be aware the next two projects do involve lots of work...but it will get done.

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Tucson Chitter Chatter

As the world turns, so go the days of our lives. Sounds like a soap opera title. A New Year is here for the CBSC members and its time to renew memberships, celebrate with the new and old officers and board members, resolve and break New Years resolutions, and just kick back and meditate of all the good things of 1996.

I was told of December meeting since we were out of town, and it seems it was quite a lengthy productive meeting. The discussions were lively, many, many donated door prizes and the slate of officers were accepted quickly as presented in the Chatter Nov. issue. Shirley Reid and Karl King were added to the board. A few new names are on the roster and most of the past officers are serving once more. We thank you for your service in the past and also for taking on the responsibilities for another year. Officers who have served and now will be doing other things are the unsung heroes of the club in which you will not be forgotten for your dedicated volunteer work. Jerry Kitchens wants to give his appreciation for all your support and hopes to see you at the meetings.

The big event of December is the Christmas party for the family workers of Choya. The event is sponsored by the three chapters of Phoenix, Tucson and Choya Bay members. Children benefit from this traditional theme which was started many, many years ago by a small group of fishermen and as it has increased with many more people it also has increased in the many volunteers which work all year round to make the "Big Christmas Party" a success. The biggest success is to see those little eyes and faces as they approach Santa Clause. Older kids approach Santa also to get some candy, have their picture taken, sit on his lap and giggle, laugh, while they whisper what maybe in their wildest dreams could come true and maybe, just maybe in their imagination for a moment they could see themselves with a bike, skates, dolls. Oh, but to be able to fulfill their dreams. The generosity of many volunteers are seen as the mothers and fathers clutch onto the boxes which are handed out after many hours of work, sorting out toys and food donated by many. Faces of little kids who have been given an orange and as they bury it into their chest guarding it with all their might. Chocolate marked lips, pockets full of candy from the Piñata which was broken by many ages. Threatening the older kids not to pounce on the little ones when the candy from the Piñata falls to the ground. Toddlers crying because they are not allowed to scramble in for candy and then sisters and brothers sharing their loot. Volunteers smiling and giving sighs of relief in a job well done. I for one feel this is a great Climax for the year and as you sip on your margaritas and beer I wish I could imprint on your glass a smiling little face to remind you that all the money in the world can't compare of seeing a happy face and feeling the true Christmas feeling. A job well done to all who volunteered, donated money, toys, gifts, food, time, treats, (liquid and solids.)

Mrs. Santa pleads; Please do not do away with this event. It is too precious. Let's not make waves... Find solutions.

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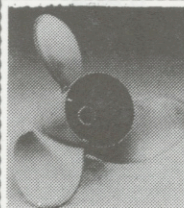
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Craft Sale Successful

by Nancy Schmidli & Pat Goodin

The annual craft/white elephant sale was held on Saturday, November 30th. It was a beautiful day in Cholla Bay and there were people waiting outside for about an hour for the sale to begin. The crew worked for two days, setting up and pricing items, decorating and doing all the things that need to be done for an event such as that. Needless to say, it doesn't just happen.

The sale was a big success...making about \$1400. A portion of that (\$364) was from the raffle.

We want to thank the following for donations or help of whatever they did:

Charlene & Bill (don't know last name), Mary Rineart, Dave & Kelley Adams, Frank Prieto, Susan Jordan, Juleinne & Bill Wallace, Jane Beidler, Jane Cox, Shirley Reid, Betty Horton, Joan Dernberger, Glen & Doris Davis, Lew Felton, Nola Arrey, Nancy Warren, Alan & Peggy Felton, Lylia Haggerty, Irene Drake, Lee Peterson & husband John, Albert Heath, Millie Helies, Shirley Peterson, Sandy Moore, Nancy Schmidli, Pat Goodin, Will & Marian Flinders, LD, Bob & Adriana Adams, Glenda Maud, Pat Foss, Diena Belk, Del, Don, Ken, Pete and all other husbands who had to put up with our "craft making".

A very special thanks to Barry & Nola Arney of A.J. Originals of Phoenix for the donated painting for our raffle.

Last, but not least, thanks to all the buyers!

Steamed Halibut

1/2 pound carrots, peeled & julienned
1/4 pound snow peas, cut into 1/4 inch strips
8 scallions, halved, then cut into slices lengthwise
1 1/2 pounds halibut steaks
salt and pepper to taste
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2 tsp. fresh thyme, or 1 tsp. dry
lemon wedges

Bring some water to a boil in a pan or steamer with a rack and lid. Layer the carrots, snow peas and scallions evenly on the rack. Place the halibut steaks in a single layer on top of the vegetables. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cover and steam for about 5-7 minutes, or until fish is opaque and flakes easily with a fork. While the fish is cooking, mix the butter and thyme together and set aside. When done, transfer the vegetables and fish to a warmed platter or serving dishes and pour the butter-thyme mixture over. Garnish with the lemon wedges.



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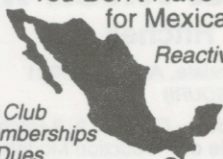
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Que Pasa

by Pat Goodin

In November, an early 80th birthday celebration was held for Thelma Brown (Big Mama). Shirley Peterson, Joan Dernberger, Betty Horton and Pat Goodin took Big Mama to lunch at Plaza Las Glorias. After a good lunch, the waiters and waitresses came out singing the Happy Birthday song, banging on pots and pans and caring a piece of cake for Big Mama. A good time was had by all.

In December about 18 people attended a birthday party at Costa Brava in honor of Gene Reid's 84th birthday and Walt Horton's 73rd?? (I think). It was very festive with their blinking light hats. Again, the waitresses came banging pots and pans and brought desserts and hats made by the staff for the "birthday boys". It was real neat and enjoyable. The food was great!

Old Boys Social Club held a talent show in November. It was a fun filled event. Of course the December/January OBSC event will be the New Year's Eve Party. When? NEW YEAR'S EVE!

The annual Christmas party for Cholla and Rocky Point people (not sponsored by the CBSC or other organizations) was held December 19th at Puesta del Sol. Lots of fun, plus dinner and dancing.

Christmas caroling in Cholla Bay by Cholla residents was on the night of Sunday, December 22nd. Ken Goodin's Rudolph pranced everyone around as they sang and had a good time.

Del and Sandy Moore's new house in Cholla Bay is really coming along real good, as is Gus Brown's new house in Cholla.

The first phase of the electricity in Cholla is about done...soon we should be seeing poles being placed between Cholla and Rocky Point.

One of the traditions of the Mexican people is Las Posadas. For 16 days prior to Christmas, the people gather each evening and go from door to door, carrying the statue of the Virgin Mary. The Posada consists of an exchange of traditional music sung back and forth between the travelers and the people in the house. The travelers sing their request for a place to give birth to the Baby Jesus and the people in the house sing back, finally admitting the "Holy Couple". The Rosary is then recited and refreshments are served. The final day of Las Posadas ends with a party for the children. This year we are very grateful for the invitation from our Mexican friends to participate in this joyous celebration. On December 20th several families will welcome the entourage into the Schmidli home. We are expecting from 40-60 Mexican people to participate.

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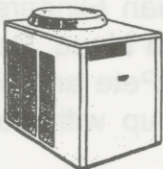
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by *Thelma Brown*

I came back to the Bay October 24th after a long hot summer. Bill and Deb brought me to a time of what we've all gone through at some time or another. Automatic generator not working, refrigerator on but, nothing cold, could smell gas. Thank God no food was in it (like Bogie & Hanna's) Battery on the old Dodge broke, really a weekend of errors. Also butane tank almost empty, empty water tanks. Back up generator works and the gas and water man came by, all this and a potato blew up in the oven.

Bill and Ken Goodin got the fridge going on Saturday after a thorough cleaning. All of these things happen if you come to Cholla Bay long enough. At one point I felt like saying "Long enough!"

Spite and Malice games with Shirley Peterson and Pat Goodin and Shirley Reed were fun. They play a game of hand and foot that looks like fun but, my tremor keeps me from handling so many cards.

We've had days of strong winds. Very still days, making the sea-gulls beg for food. Some cloudy, hazy days. From shorts to sweats and back again. A typical fall day south of the border.

The Chuck Dernbergers are always busy. Joanie and Betty Horton are busy making green chili jelly for the bazaar. Skip and Sharon Allen celebrated their 31st anniversary in the bay. Like every year, they brought me a real jack-o-lantern before Halloween. I saved it to take to Pat and Ken's for the Halloween party. Neither looked inside closely and when Ken lit it, the mold inside caught fire. It was carved especially for me by their son, Roy. The party was fun but very few trick or treaters. Their teachers are telling the Mexican children that Halloween is not a Mexican holiday. The few kids who came by were dressed cutely.

The "Pot Luck" dinners have been fun. A cocktail party at Lucy Erhart's was followed by a pot luck dinner at Sandy and Del Moores who are renting a house while theirs is being rebuilt from the ground up. What a nice couple.

Deena Beilk celebrated her birthday on the 10th with her close friends. Bob, her husband, suffers from Myneres Disease and was having an attack this week and missed the OBSC spaghetti dinner and talent contest. The spaghetti dinner and talent contest was great, food was good and excellent talent. With all the things they do, Pat & Ken, Sandy & Del and Bogie & Hannah still had time to practice for the "Mexican Hat Dance". They were good, and the girls costumes were very pretty. The girls also made up a song about Cholla and the OBSC which was cleaver and very well done. Lou Felton played an excellent violin. Jack Anderson played the guitar and sang. Hopefully someone will write about it and give more names.

Bob Fredricks celebrated a birthday with his son and his friend who came in from the East. Betty and Art Moore had a real turkey feast. Pat made an angle food cake with candles and Betty had ice cream.

Joanie Dernberger has made 15 shell candles, she and Betty are making pumpkin bread. All these and many other projects are being donated to the bizarre, which raises money for the Mexican families Christmas party.

We're all happy to see Pete Peterson looking so well. He's too busy to be ill. Bill and Deb will take me to Phoenix November 24th.

Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and the Merriest of Holidays. God willing, I'll see you in the spring.

Adios Amigos "Big Mama" Thelma Brown

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The Puerto Peñasco Services Directory is now available. This directory is loaded with businesses, their phone numbers and addresses. These directories are available at many businesses in Rocky Point as well as many businesses along the way. This is a very handy and informative book to have around. Just thumb through this directory and I'm sure you'll find some businesses that you probably didn't now were available in the Rocky Point area.

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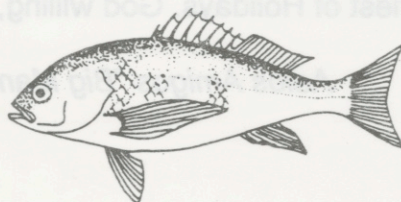
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Due to lack of time during the holiday season the inside front page listing of officers has not been up dated for 1997. The new officers will be listed in the next issue of the Chatter.

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