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50th Annual Fishing Derby

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CHOLLA CHAPTER NEWS

by Pat Goodin

The calendars are starting to fill up with all the Spring events. Our daughter wants us to go to North Carolina, and I tried to find a 2-week period that was free so we wouldn't miss anything here, but can't seem to find one until June. So - the trip is not scheduled at this time. We had our February meeting/dinner at the club house on February 5th, and had a good meal of lasagna, salad and bread. Coming up on March 5th is our next dinner, and Bonnie, from Bonnie's Bakery (N. of town at Hacienda de Marcos RV Park) will be catering a wonderful chicken dinner. I hope to see many of you at the dinner. Our April dinner/meeting will be our annual Luau - Mark it down - April 2nd. Roger Grabske and his many helpers will be doing this. Email us or call us to get reservations in ASAP, so Roger will know how much food to purchase. This is always a wonderful dinner. Roger has been doing it for the last 3 years. We want to see YOU there. Nancy's email is stuffie@prodigy.net.mx. Mine is nolehacepat@yahoo.com. Her phone number is 382-5036. Mine is 382-5056. Please sign up soon. The May meeting at this time is undecided. In fact, we probably won't have one, as the week-ends are filling up with OBSC and derby events. On May 14th, however, there is a cocktail get-together for the derby. Derby sponsors have been invited, and it looks like it's going to be a fun time. So, plan to be here for that instead of our regular meeting. The regular meeting was scheduled for the first week-end of May, but do to some scheduling problems, we have given that date to OBSC for their annual member's steak dinner. Our regular meetings start with Happy Hour at 5:00, and then dinner around 6:00. We will probably have live music at the Luau.

In case, for some reason, you don't know this - this year marks our 50th anniversary for our fishing derby. It's hard to believe the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club has been active for that many years, but it's still going strong. Be sure to try to make it the the Bay for all these derby events, which are listed some place in this issue of the Chatter. Try to attend all of them, and, if you fish, be sure to sign up for the derby. There will be some really good prizes for the fisher-people.

See you in the Bay.

Dear Editor:

The February 'Cholla Chatter' was especially of interest because Grace and I were two of the thirty three people that received a copy of the letter on the front page that Al Scott sent out to start forming the "Club". As far as I know, the only other people still around are Betty and Bill Hammer, who now live in San Carlos Bay. I hope there are others, and I was wondering if a note in the Chatter would locate them and maybe we could get together.

*Cheers,
Vaya - Paul Schoonover*

If you were one of the few who received the letter or know where someone is that was part of the CBSC's beginning, please contact Kelley Adams 480-345-0623 or via email: choicegraphics@qwest.net

SECOND ANNUAL CHOLLA BAY HOME TOUR

Once again the home tour was a great success and we thank all of the host and hostesses who opened up their homes, Rosie Murphy and her kitchen staff for the great food and Sandi Weber for gathering great door prizes. We sold 160 tickets and raised \$1,500.00 which will be used for improvements on the clubhouse.

Deb Vawter and Pat Lee, Co-Chairs

CHOLLA CHAPTER OFFICERS

President - Jack Straughan - 382-5216
Vice-President - Pat Goodin - 382-5056
Secretary - Diann Aliano - 383-7560
Treasurer - Donna Wilhite - 382-5066
Chatter - Kelley Adams - 480.345.0623
Membership - Nancy Schmidli - 382-5036

COOK'S CORNER

GREEN CHILI PALMIERS

from Carole Smith

2 sheets frozen puff pastry. Thaw overnight in fridge.
8 oz. cream cheese, at room temperature
8 oz. canned green chilies, drained and chopped fine
1 tsp. cayenne or chili powder (or tabasco sprinkled over chilies)

Preheat oven to 375°F degrees. Unfold puff pastry on work surface. Spread half of cream cheese on each pastry sheet. Top with green chilies and seasoning.

Fold pastry from opposite sides until folds meet in the middle. Then fold one side over the other to resemble a closed book. Refrigerate 5 minutes.

Remove from refrigerator and cut rolls into 1/2" slices. Place cut side down on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper, allowing room for spreading.

Bake 12-15 minutes. Flip and bake 5 minutes more. (Should be slightly golden on each side). Serve warm. Delicious!!

Have a recipe you would like to share? Email it to: choicegraphics@qwest.net

50th Anniversary Fishing Derby Update

With only a little more than a month to go, it looks like the Derby is shaping up to be a grand event. The posters are up and there is a lot of buzz in the air about what the 50th Derby has in store. As we mentioned before, we will be giving away a Penn International reel & rod combo every weekend of the Derby for the largest target fish of that weekend. The grand prizes at the end of the derby will be gold Penn International 2 speeds in the junior and adults categories. The grand prize award will be won using a point system. 1st = 10 pts, 2nd = 8 pts, 3rd = 6 pts. The fisherman with the most accumulated points at the end of the Derby will win the grand prize. Plus there will be many more big prizes available to the fishermen and everyone else through different raffles throughout the derby. One lucky fisherman will have a chance to **win \$20,000**. To qualify to win the \$20,000 prize all you need to do is win a first, second or third place in any category of fish in the Derby.

The first weekend of the Derby is April 29th-May 1st. Saturday, April 30th is the kickoff breakfast at the Cholla Community Center starting at 6:00am and lasting until the food is gone. If you would like to pre-register for the Derby, tickets will be available at Ships Store on Saturdays or call Dave Adams at 382-5111 or contact Ramon Perez.

To help make this Derby the grand event that it is going to be, we still need more support from Club members. If you own a business or know someone that does, please consider a donation of product, gift certificates or even cash. We will also need volunteers to help throughout the Derby. If you can help in any way please call 480-345-0623 or in Cholla 382-5111.

Derby Chairmen: Dave Adams and Ramon Perez

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 5th: CBSC Cholla Chapter meeting - 5:00 Happy Hour, dinner about 6:00 - at Club House

March 19th: OBSC St. Patrick's Day party

March 22nd: Red Hat Luncheon at "The Point" in Rocky Point on the Malecon (the new one out over the water)

April 2nd: CBSC Luau - Club House - 5:00 Happy Hour, Dinner about 6:00. We hope to have live music.

April 23rd: Vecinos Annual General Meeting, OBSC Bash

April 26th: Red Hat Luncheon - place to be determined

April 29th- May 1st: First weekend of the Fishing Derby.

April 30th: Kickoff Breakfast for the Derby - Club House at 6:00 am. - Get up early!

May 13th - May 15th: Second weekend of the Fishing Derby.

May 14th: Cocktail get-together at Club House at 6:00 pm.

May 27th - May 30th: Third weekend of the Fishing Derby.

May 29th: Steak Fry - Club House at 5:00 pm.

June 9th - June 10th: Last phased of the Fishing Derby.

Saturday, June 11th: Awards and Fish Fry Club House at 4:00 pm. Don't miss this one!!!

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

The tax office located in the municipal office in Puerto Peñasco is now prepared to collect your property taxes. If you can, when you go in to pay take your last years receipt with you. It will expedite the time you have to spend in line. Those of you who do not have your bank trust yet still are responsible to pay your property taxes. Just be sure to have your Manzana # and your Lot # so they can credit the correct lot.

Most of you are aware the bank trust office has been transferred from Puerto Peñasco to the Tijuana branch of Bancomer. You can now send your payments in to their stateside address: PO Box 430606, San Ysidro, California 92143. Make your check out to BBVA Bancomer, put your Bank Trust #, Manzana # and Lot # on your check. Address your envelope: ATTN: SR. JOSE VENEGAS. Sr. Venegas is the gentleman handling the bank trusts for all of the Cholla Bay lots. Several people have reported receiving their canceled checks within 3 weeks to one month and say that is all the receipt they need. If you want more information from the bank, enclose a self addressed stamped envelope and Sr. Venegas said he would enclose a receipt from the bank. Normally they pick up their stateside mail every two weeks but at the rate payments are coming in, Sr. Venegas said they would probably make their pick-ups every week.

Get all your payments in and go fishing...

-The Management

COFFEE TALK

By: Sally Dalton

COMMUNITY: I encourage you all to attend the Vecino's board meeting on Sunday, February 20, and take your questions, comments, and opinions about changes which are rumored around town.

ANIMAL CONTROL: We continue to spay and neuter animals, one at a time, with some success. There are a few litters of wild ones (dogs) we can't catch, but have to settle for the success we do have at this time. We can still use contributions, as our fund is depleted. With Joe's help from JJ's, we are going to make an effort to spay and neuter the multitudes of cats. We will update you on the success in the next issue.

RESTAURANT NEWS: Xochitl's Cholla Cafe will have a new home. We will be building on the lot adjacent to Gus Brown's Cholla Office (the one with the showers on it). I have the beautiful model of the new restaurant, so come in and see it. I am very excited about the coming changes. In order to help facilitate this growth, we are now open on weekend nights. Menu items include chicken fried steak, a new delicious tortilla soup, delectable salads, a special each week... Friday and Saturday we are open all day from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and we serve dinner beginning at 5 p.m. Come join us for good food and Friday night Scrabble at 7 p.m.

TALKING TRASH: A reminder for Cholla residents and visitors to put your trash in cans. Please do not leave bags of trash on the street. There is an effort to raise money for metal mesh trash cans for the beaches. These particular cans were chosen as they are engineered to not collect water, and can be installed to be resistant to theft. Any participation in this effort will be appreciated. Contact Jen for more information. Jennifer.rupnow@asu.edu

LUPE'S SURGERY: Lupe (one of the chief cooks at Xochitl's restaurant) needs gall bladder surgery. We are soliciting funds to pay for laporoscopic surgery (as opposed to the old fashioned method of cutting her from ear to ear, so to speak). We have raised \$600 of the \$2200 for the operation. She can get the surgery in Culiacan. She is the primary provider for her family, and the laporoscopic surgery cuts recovery time from a month to under a week. Thank you very much to all the donors who have been so generous. Donations can be left at Xochitl's Cholla Cafe.

CHOLLA WEB SITE: There is a new website developed by Jen Rupnow with current information about Cholla Bay. She provides real-time weather information (from her Cholla weather station), as well as radar, satellites, forecasts, water temperature, and much more. The site is updated every 15 minutes. This site is excellent and it is a long overdue resource. Check it out at: www.chollabaymex.com

SICK BAY...

We've had several people sick with bronchitis - Shirley Peterson, Janice Quillen, Ken Goodin. I think the cause must be our rainy weather that we've been having here in Rocky Point. I've never seen as much rain here as what we've been having ever since October. Several others have knee problems - Carl Murphy is scheduled to have surgery on March 10th. Adrianna Adams is having problems with her knees, and I think Dave Bennett is going to have surgery soon. I think that surgery is his knees also. Bill Brown was in the hospital recently with viral pneumonia. Jack Straughan has left the bay with some eye problems, and aren't sure what will happen with that. We hope all of you will be well soon.

I just heard that Oscar Palacio passed away on Tuesday, February 22nd. Our sympathies go out to his family.

FOR SALE:

Ocean Kayak, 2 person Dive Kayak. 16', twin scuppers, back rests, and paddles Excellent condition, new cost \$1100, sell for \$500. Located in Cholla. Call Dave @ (602) 499-8699

CBSC ANNUAL LUAU

The Luau will be held this year on April 2nd at the clubhouse in Cholla Bay. Our special Luau chef, Roger Grabske has consented to do his magic again and prepare another wonderful Luau Feast. If you have been there the past couple of years, you won't want to miss it. It is always delicious! We are asking that people make reservations so that we have some idea how many might be there. It will be \$8 for members and \$11 for guests. We are also planning to have music for your listening and dancing enjoyment. We will begin cocktail hour about 4:30 (drink tickets will be sold for \$1). We will also have non alcoholic Luau Punch. Dinner will be served about 6:30.

Make reservations with Pat Goodin 382-5056, nolehacepat@yahoo.com or Nancy Schmidli, 382-5036, stuffie@prodigy.net.mx. Or at the last minute you want to come and don't have reservations please check with Pat or Nancy or at the door to see if we will be able to accommodate you.

"BRISA"

by Pat Goodin

The family of Brisa wants to thank all of you who donated for her surgery. I just saw her yesterday, and she is doing really well. I took Tere Wilson a few days ago to visit at her house, as she can speak Spanish. My knowledge of Spanish is that I can say some words, but when they start talking to me, I'm lost at the first word. Anyway, the doctor went out to her house on February 17th, and took out the stitches, and put on new casts. He said it's all coming along fine, and with some therapy, and good shoes, she will do fine. I think in about two months, she'll start the therapy and be able to start trying to walk. Thanks to all of your donations, we will have money for shoes for quite some time, and any braces if they are needed, and anything else she may need. Brisa doesn't seem to be in any pain at all. She didn't seem to like me and my friend Maysie, as I think she knows that we had something to do with her feet, which are now in the little casts. I can imagine that when she woke up after surgery, she wondered what happened to her feet. However, as time goes on she is opening up to us, and yesterday I even got to hold her for a few minutes. And, she was chatting a mile a minute. She never talked around us until then. She would hardly look at us. When we leave, she does wave bye-bye. Guess she's glad to see us go???? I just feel so good about all the help we have all given to her, and making it possible for her to lead a normal life. So, thanks from them to all of you, and thanks from me also, for all of your donations. We'll keep you posted about Brisa's progress.



THANK YOU!
For your donation
for my surgery.
Brisa

MEMBERSHIP NEWS...

"Welcome Aboard" to the new members for the month of February. We are very glad to have you! **Owen and Pat Champion** from *Phoenix* have a cabin near the clubhouse and have been doing some construction there. Since they are so near, we hope to see them at CBSC functions at the clubhouse.

Frank Prieto has rejoined us after many years. Frank is a good friend of Dave & Kelley Adams. I'm sure we will see him around for this years derby events. Glad to have you back, Frank.

Gwen and Terry Yoakum from *Laveen, AZ* and have a cabin in Cholla right down the street from us. I hope to see more of them at the CBSC functions.

Wayne and Jackie Busfield from *Granite Shoals, TX* have a cabin near the Goodin's. She is Pat Susong's sister and, I know likes to play games. I hope she will join us on Monday's at the clubhouse for cards and games.

Marla Chandler now lives in *Cholla* and is a real-estate agent here. She was introduced to the club by Gretchen Ellinger. We wish her luck in her work here.

Craig and Susan Roper from *Waddell, AZ* have a cabin in Cholla, but I haven't met them as they sent their membership in, but I hope to in the near future.

Don and Margie Manning sent in their membership and I haven't talked with them, but hope to soon. By their phone number, I think they live in Rocky Point or the area.

Ray and Jenny Jackson have rejoined us after a couple of years' absence. She said she missed getting the Chatter! Glad to have you back.

Steven and Astara Edmunds from *Tucson* came by the clubhouse and signed up while we were playing cards. They were introduced to the Club by our secretary, Diane Aliano. They are interested in fishing, so we hope to see them during the derby.

Bendall and Michael Gard from *Tucson* are new members in that chapter and joined through Shirley Reid. Hopefully we will meet them soon.

Steve and Janie Thrush also joined through the *Tucson Chapter*, so I don't know if they have a cabin here, but hope they will let us know and join us at the meetings.

Tim and Cindy McGuire of *Tucson* have rejoined since not being members for several years. We welcome them back.

Jim and Maggie LaVoie joined earlier in the year, but I think I may have missed welcoming them in the Chatter. They are from *Fountain Hills* and have a been in Cholla several years, I know. Maybe many? They have a home on Pelican Point and love to fish. I hope we will be seeing them in the fishing derby!

Bob and Eileen Wilson have the Sun Valley Business and Immigration Services in *Puerto Peñasco*. They have a very nice office on Bonito Juarez where you can use computers, get your email, fax, and buy such things as coffee and other "stuff" as well as use their other services.

I hope that all you new members will join us in our CBSC functions. We have probably already had the March 5th dinner meeting at the clubhouse by the time you get this. The April function in our Luau on April 2nd. If you can, please try to attend this, and don't be shy, please. I sometimes have to meet people 3 or 4 times before I remember their names, so please forgive me and introduce yourself to me or whoever is at the door. We would like to get acquainted with you and have Jack, our president, introduce you to the club. Please let us get to know you. If you have email and are not on my Cholla News list, send your email address to me at stuffie@prodigy.net.mx.

It's great that we are getting lots of new members this year, especially as it is the Derby's 50th. We now have 214 members in the Cholla Chapter and 40 members in the Tucson Chapter. If you move, don't forget to send me your new address, as the Post Office will not forward your Chatter because we bulk mail them. "Hope to see you all in "The Bay".

Nancy Schmidli, Membership.

CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2005 Annual Dues: \$40.00

Mail this application and 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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Tournament Sponsors

We'd like to thank the generous Tournament Sponsors that have donated to the CBSC to help make sure the 50th Derby will be a huge success. Please let the following businesses know how much we appreciate their involvement.

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Boat Permits & Licenses

Please remember that Mexican law requires all boats to have permits and fishermen to have Mexican fishing licenses. These are available from the Department of Fishing in Peñasco. The authorities have been out on weekends checking boaters for the proper paperwork. Please have all your papers in order before the Derby starts to avoid any complications.

Resident Artist...

Jo Barnes has a new item for her note cards that she sells at the Cholla Cafe (Xochitls), Villa de Arte Aleman in the Malecon, and the Mayan Palace. Now included in her set of six different views of local Shrimp boats is a different shrimp recipe in each card. These are her own recipes...

Jo's recipe for SHRIMP AND ASPARAGUS

1/2 Lb. Shrimp	1 Tbsp Sherry
1Lb. Asparagus	1 tsp. Sugar
1/2 tsp. Ginger	1/2 tsp. Salt
2 Tbsp Soy Sauce	2-3 Tbsp Oil

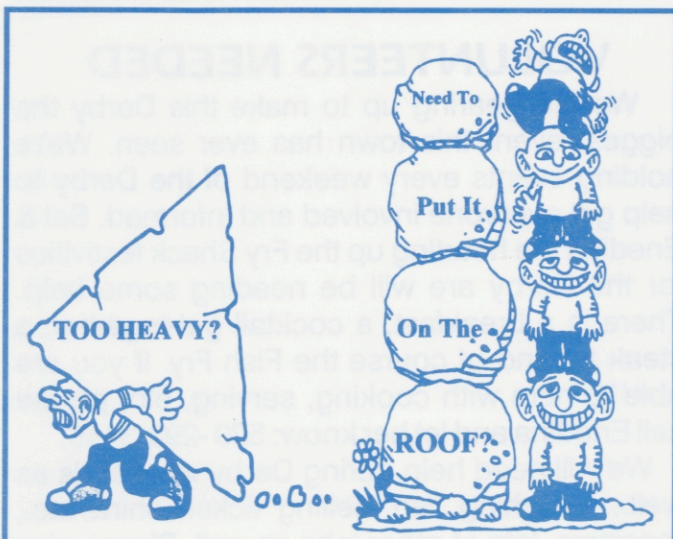
Peel, de-vein, wash and cut shrimp into 1 inch pieces. Cut asparagus diagonally in 1 inch sections, then par-boil. Combine soy sauce, sherry, sugar, salt and ginger. Stir fry shrimp in oil until pink. Add asparagus and stir fry a little more. Add soy-sherry mixture and cook, covered, over medium heat for 2 minutes. Serves 4.

These cards and others can be purchased at the above mentioned places, or at Jo Barnes' studio in Cholla Bay - M4 L21, call her 382-5086.

To whom it may concern...

I'm writing in regards to the recent home tour of Cholla. I'm a home owner and glad that events are held to support the community, however, I have a gripe. They placed plastic ribbons around Cholla to direct the traffic - but they never took them down. Please forward this to whomever is in charge and ask them to please remove the 'litter' they left behind.

Editor's Note: I would also like to ask anyone that is involved with the Whiplash race to remove their tape and signs from the desert after the races as well. The beautiful drive from the Border to Peñasco is often cluttered with the bright pink markers they use for the races.



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MISSING CHATTERS...

We have been collecting every issue of the Chatter for historic reasons. Well, after all these years we are only 6 shy. If you have any old Chatters around, please see if you have one of our missing issues that we could have or at least have a copy of. The missing issues are:

- Vol 1, No 2 June 1958
- Vol 2, No 2 May 1959
- Vol 2, No 5 Oct 1959
- Vol 2, No 7 Dec 1959
- Vol 3, No 8 Oct 1960
- Vol 16, No 1 Jan 1973

We'd like to thank Patty & Ramon Perez Sr. for donating 2 issues (Volume 3, #4 & #11).

Call Kelley 480-345-0623 if you have them.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are gearing up to make this Derby the biggest event this town has ever seen. We're holding events every weekend of the Derby to help get everyone involved and informed. Sal & Enedina are heading up the Fry Shack festivities for the Derby and will be needing some help. There is a breakfast, a cocktail get-together, a steak fry and of course the Fish Fry. If you are able to help with cooking, serving, etc, please call Enedina and let her know: 520-293-3446.

We will need help during Derby weekends as well... weighing fish, selling tickets/shirts/etc., reporters, lots of other jobs as well. Please give us a call and let us know what you can do to help make this a great 50th Derby: 480-345-0623.

TROPHY SPONSORS

It's that time again... we're asking members and businesses to become Trophy Sponsors. It's simple and easy, donate between \$50 - \$500 dollars and you'll receive an ad in the CBSC Derby Handbook, company name listed in the Chatters and displayed at the Fish Fry.

If you're able to help, please contact Pat Goodin in Cholla; 382.5056 • Sal in Tucson: 520.293.3446 or Kelley in Phoenix: 480.345.0623 .

The deadline is March 20th, so please don't delay. Be part of the CBSC 50th Annual Fishing Derby!!!