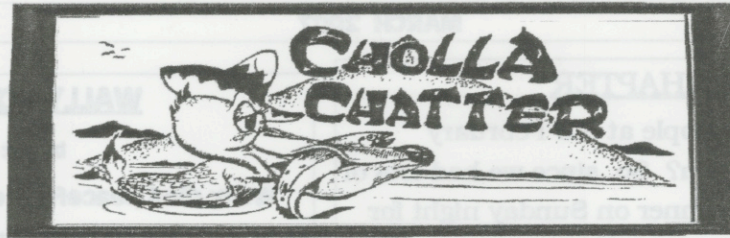
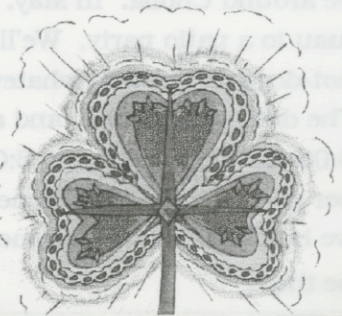


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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3rd - CBSC dinner at Club House - This will be a pot luck - \$2.50 per person, price includes drinks - Happy Hour 5:00, dinner around 6:00

March 17th - OBSC St. Pat's Party - Club House - 6:00

March 27th - Red Hat Lunch - Margaritaville 1:00 P.M.

April 7th - CBSC dinner at Club House- 5:00 Happy Hour, dinner around 6:00 - Ham will be provided - bring side dish for pot luck - 3.00 per person - includes drinks

April 24th - Red Hat Lunch

UPCOMING EVENTS, cont'd

April 28th - General Meeting of Cholla Bay Homeowner's Assoc.

April 28th - OBSC BASH

May 12th - OBSC Member's Steak Dinner

May 19th - CBSC dinner - It will not be a luau this year. We'll be having a patio party - Hamburger, hot dogs, etc. - usual times - \$5.00 per person members

May 22 - Red Hat Lunch

Derby Dates -

April 13, 14, 15

May 4, 5, 6

May 24, 25, 26, 27 - Fish Fry on 27th

CHOLLA CHAPTER

We only had around 20 people at our February dinner. Where were all of you? So, since we had lots of left-overs, we had another dinner on Sunday night for the super bowl. Had about 12-14 for that, and had a great time both nights. Hopefully some of you will be here in Cholla for our pot-luck on March 3rd, but it'll be over by the time you receive this Chatter. Now you can plan to come to the April 7th dinner. It'll be a pot-luck, but the Chapter will provide ham, so plan to bring a pot-luck dish to share. The price for this one will be \$3.00 per person to cover the ham and miscellaneous items. Also, drinks are included in the price. This is Easter week-end, so don't know how many of you will be around Cholla. In May, we have changed from a luau to a patio party. We'll be having hamburgers, hot-dogs, beans and whatever else we come up with. The date is May 19th, and as usual, happy hour about 5:00 and dinner around 6:00. This one will be \$5.00 per person. The May dinner will be our last one before we head out for the summer, so hope lots of people can be there.

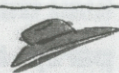
WALLY

from Clive & Noel Jordan

The last time we saw Wally was at Balboa's in Mid-December when he joined us for our meal. Without saying it, he was ready to move on. We will miss him. We first met Wally (and Rojo) in the mid 70's - that's at least 30 years ago, before we became home owners. We would park our boat in their yards and our motor home in what is now Shirley McDonald's back yard. Not having to tow the boat home every trip was a motivation for eventually buying.

RED HAT LUNCHEONS

Pat Goodin



On March 27th we'll meet at 1:00 at Margaritaville for our lunch. Hopefully it'll be nice weather by then and if so, we'll probably be set up on the patio. Hope to see lots of ladies there.

KEN'S TRIVIA: How much whole milk is necessary to make one pound of butter?

ANSWER

3 quarts

WALLY SCHMERFELD

by Pat Goodin

Wally died peacefully on February 13, 2007 at his son's home in Rainbow Valley, Arizona, after a long fight with cancer. Wally was a Cholla Bay legend, and lived in Cholla Bay for many years before moving to a house in Rocky Point.. Wally loved the ocean and fishing, and spent most of his life here by the Sea of Cortez. He wrote a book in 1993 called "The Secrets of Super Grouper". He was assisted by Yvonne Arnett and Bill Dawn. On the back of the book is this statement: "They call me Super Grouper. It's my radio call sign and, to some people, it's the only name they know me by. When I leave the launch ramp, I don't think of it as going fishing. I'm going "hunting", and when I hunt, I hunt for grouper more often than anything else. To my way of thinking, grouper isn't only fun to hunt and bring on board, it's the finest fish in the sea. - Wally Schmerfeld"

He is survived by his sons Steven and his wife Mara-Louise, Danny and his wife Annel, his daughters Robbin and her husband Theodore and April and her companion Michael. Also a sister and eight grandchildren. I have known Wally for over 30 years. We'll miss you Wally. Good Bye.

WALLY

from Ed & Marty Perimutter, past long time residents of Cholla Bay

We were very close to Wally and his family. We spent many fun and happy times at their house or our house. He really enjoyed the oil painting Marty made for him of the ocean at Pinto Point with his red sailboat in it. We all looked forward to his trips to "WALLYLAND", his special fishing hole. He would bring back big groupers each time. We would then have impromptu fish fries for all. He was very special as was his mom, VI.

CHOLLA CHATTER

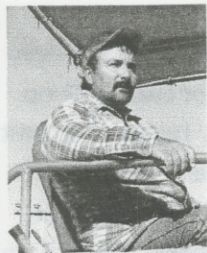
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"Let's Go Fishing"



News from the Launching pad,
via Rosario Villa

At the time of this interview, Feb. 7th, the wind had finally abated and the weather had warmed up, which usually means that the fishing will warm up also, and that it did. J.J.'s had just had their fishing derby, the first phase of

which was very successful. They had 15 boats, 9 jackpots boats and 55 entries. Some catches of note were: Randy Allen, 72.06 black sea bass and a 45.09 pinto; Joe Roe caught a 14.03 corvina.; and Jesse White brought in a 71.09 grouper. However, Ollie Peltier lead in the standings with what he caught, maybe smaller but more, by one point.

And, speaking of derbies, mark your calendar for April 13th, 14th and 15th. This will be the first phase of the CBSC 52nd fishing derby. (Yes you can fish in both derbies).

At this time, Villa reported that 2 boats had been pulled in from 3 to 10 miles out by ponga fishermen. The boats were from Rocky Point but fishing out of Cholla. Another boat was out late and Villa couldn't make radio contact, but fortunately it finally made it in. Be sure you have a VHF radio in working order and fill out a launch slip when you go out. You never know when you might really need help.

Grab you fishing gear and get out there. Villa says this is "flounder season".

Hum Bug, aka Don Schmidli

FOOD FOR THE HEART

Since my husband, Don, had open heart surgery on Jan. 16th and was put on a low fat, low salt diet, we have been trying to "eat for the heart". It takes much longer to shop because we have to read all the labels more carefully, paying attention to the salt and fat content, but as we get used to it we are getting faster.

Some things I have learned:

Prepared foods and most canned foods have far too much salt and additives. Fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables are much better. Cook your own beans! Many foods labeled "low fat" are high in refined sugar. Of course, eat only fish, chicken and lean meats, not fried! Labels most often show 0 trans fat. They will show total fat. Then you have to add up all the other fats

and deduct it from the total fat to get the actual trans fat. Some foods will list vegetable oil which may be palm or coconut oil and should be avoided. Buy monounsaturated liquid vegetable oil for cooking and baking, such as peanut oil, olive oil and canola oil. In general monounsaturated oil is better for your health than polyunsaturated oils. When baking use egg whites, two egg whites for 1 egg, and substitute applesauce for shortening in recipes. It works fine most of the time. For cheese, use low fat mozzarella. Angel food cake, sherbet made with skim milk, non fat puddings or fruits are very good desserts. Most of us know this stuff but we don't do it. We should have!

Don has lost 12 lbs. so far and I have lost 7. He walks over 2 miles every day and is working on increasing his pace. (I am beginning to walk with him once a day or so.) Exercise is also very good for the heart. You all probably know all this, but I wanted to remind you anyway.

Thanks to all of you who have sent cards, prayers and food, called, emailed and visited. So many did, it was a great feeling to know so many cared. We are truly blessed! Nancy Schmidli

Excerpts from an old Chatter, March 1989 Top of the Hill View Points

By Thelma Brown

Winter visitors and Bob Dammann's sick mother have kept the Dammann's from making as many trips to the Bay. When they have come to Cholla, their Franklin stove keeps them nice and toasty. Bob says the good chimney is the answer for his good stove to be working so well. It keeps the "Sand Box" on the hill comfy and cozy. (I wonder if he still has that stove. We surely could have used it this winter. It has been cold.)

Pat Goodin called from New Mexico. She retired the end of January, anxious for fun. She spent the next three days in bed with the flu. She's looking forward to the February 18th weekend. The Huffs are looking forward to that weekend, too. It will be party time in Cholla.

Bogie and Hannah had a week in Mazatlan. They had fun but enjoy Cholla more. Bogie is a man of many talents. He has been building doll furniture for the granddaughters doll house that Hannah built.

COOK'S CORNERHEALTHY NUT BREAD

from Nancy Schmidli

(contains no sugar)

1 cup all-purpose flour
 1 cup whole wheat flour
 3 tsp. baking powder
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1 tsp. cinnamon
 1/2 tsp. soda
 1 cup walnuts or pecans
 1 cup applesauce
 1 egg, slightly beaten or 2 egg whites
 2 TBS oil.

Mix dry ingredients. Add nuts, applesauce, eggs and oil. Pour in greased loaf pan.

Bake at 300 degrees for 1 hour

FISHING DERBY

Pat Goodin

Approvals have been obtained from the proper Mexican authorities, so the derby is "GO". The dates are on page 1 of this Chatter. Some of us have been busy getting sponsors, and the derby hand-book will be printed as soon as all the sponsors are in. Kelley Adams is working on the new derby T-shirts, and has a neat design for this year. The raffle tickets should be printed in the next few weeks, and some will be mailed out to members. We hope everyone will buy at least one book of tickets, as the derby is our main project of the year. The fish fry and awards are planned for Sunday, May 27th. As time goes on, more information will be available as to the time for the fish fry and other news regarding the derby. I believe that Jeni O'Callahan will be heading up the fish fry again this year, and she and her group do a fantastic job. Hopefully, Vasquez will be with us again with their rum & cokes and margaritas.

We'll be looking for help at Ship's Store, and possibly some other jobs, so if you'd like to help out, let us know. My phone here in Cholla is 382-5056 so you can call me and I'll find you a job. Don't be afraid to help. It's fun down at Ship's Store, and you'll have a good time while helping.

AROUND TOWN

Pat Goodin

First of all, I want to warn you that there have been several thefts and attempted thefts of Diesel pick-up trucks around Cholla and Rocky Point. I know of at least three. So, you better try to have an anti-theft device and alarms if you plan to bring one down. I hear that the On--Star does not work here in Mexico. This is from the people who have had their trucks stolen. I think that the thieves probably are watching, and try to get them as soon as you go into a restaurant, bar or whatever since they feel that they will have plenty of time if you're just going in. It won't hurt to come back out again a few minutes later and check things out I guess. I really don't have that problem, since I don't think anyone would want my part blue and part green dented up Suzuki which I usually drive around town as much as I can. However, sometimes I do drive my real car, then I need to watch a bit closer. One other thing you should know is, that although our Cholla Police may come if your vehicle is stolen, you MUST go into the Rocky Point police station and file the official report. It is not that our police are lazy or anything, that's just the way it is. Then, I believe you have to go to the State Police in Rocky Point also to notify them.

People are still driving way too fast around the Cholla roads, and still going through the intersections without stopping. Many or most are the construction vehicles and workers, and so we can't do much about that I suppose, but do be careful and watch out for the other drivers. Some of the roads are very narrow now, and dangerous, especially around some curves. Please be careful.

By the way, in case you don't know, the emergency number here instead of 911 is 060. That should get you the Red Cross for an ambulance, etc. The local Cholla police number is 382-5151.

THE WEB SITE

Don't forget to look at the web-site for information regarding events in Cholla Bay. Go to www.chollabayhoa.net

Frank Paseka 1943 to 2007

Frank Paseka , a long time Cholla Bay home owner, passed away on February 23rd at the age of 63. He is survived by his wife, Lori, two children and 4 grandchildren. Frank had been battling cancer for the past four months and had multiple surgeries. He refused further treatments that would have left him unable to be aware of his family. He chose to "go home to God"

He was an engineer for G.E. and worked in Australia, Alaska, Mexico and various other parts of the world. He worked hard and played hard. He liked to travel and did quite a lot of it. He retired only about 18 months ago and they moved to Mayer, Az. He was always glad to help. He volunteered to help with the flood victims of Katrina at Pass Christian.

Frank loved Cholla. He had his own boat and loved to fish. Each year he would spend two or three days cleaning up around the clubhouse. That was one of his contributions to the community. Last year, he and Lori repainted the sign on the clubhouse to read 51st Annual Fishing Derby. (Don't know who will do it this year?)

Frank, you will be missed!

Our sympathies to Lori and family, P.O. Box 815, Mayer, Az. 86333

:Sick Bay:

Connie Norsworthy had her 6th cancer chemo treatment on March 7th and will have two more. Then she will start radiation. She has been given some new medication, so pray it will help and she will get through all these treatments. Her address is P.O. Box 771, Overgaard, Az. 85933.

At this time, we do not know the status of Bob Belk's cancer treatments, but know he needs our prayers and encouragement. His address is P.O. Box 3752, Show Low, Az. 85902.

Gene Jordan is still having some health problems although, the good news is he is clear of cancer. Send cards of encouragement to him and Sue at 11109 E. Paint Your Wagon, Phoenix, Az. 85085. Hopefully they will be able to come to their beautiful home in The Bay soon.

C.C., who fell and broke her ankle and leg, has now broken two fingers. Seems she got them tangled up in her wheelchair somehow.

This year seems to be the year for heart stints. Jack Straughan had one last fall as did J. Jadus, and Gerry Nelson had one in Feb. Jack missed some CBSC meetings, Jadus's missed a trip to Australia and Gerry missed some cold weather in Cholla. But they all are doing well, so that is the good news. Don Schmidli is recovering very well from a triple bypass. Dan Berkovich, who was attacked and beat up severely is home and doing very well, miraculously.

Hopefully, all of you out there are doing well and will be able to come to "The Bay" as soon as the weather warms up. Take care and stay well!!!.

Cholla Charity Fund

The Cholla Charity Fund was established to help our Mexican neighbors, especially those who are very needy, which most of them are, when emergencies arise. During the month of January, we have helped in the following ways: A child's eye surgery, she needed a prosthesis; We helped Emillio and his family with expenses as his daughter was very ill and in the hospital in Hermosillo for an extended time but is able to be home now. Bought medication and care for a sick, elderly parent. Bought a bed for a family whose bed was ruined when an addict broke into their house, wielding a knife and threatened a son who was in a wheelchair. **We are having a raffle for three \$100 gift certificates for spa treatments at the Sonoran Spa. They were generously donated by the Spa for Sally for the CCF. One certificate will be raffled off each month, March, April and May. The winner will be drawn at the end of each month. Each raffle will be separate. Tickets for this raffle will be on sale at Xochitl's Café (Cholla Café) or at Manzana 38 Café and Salon. Donation is \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. Please stop by one of these places and get your tickets and help the CCF at the same time. You will be glad you did!** Nancy Schmidli

A smile is something given that never hurts to give. It is warm and contagious. It can give hope and inspiration. It brings with it cheer and good heartedness. Give it when you serve others and it will give you a feeling of accomplishment and caring. The dividends are well worth it. This is my poem, I hope

Membership News

Thanks to all of you who did respond to our membership drive the month of February, and of course to all of you who had already paid. We now have 170 members in the Cholla Chapter and 15 in the Tucson Chapter, making a total of 185 paid members. Hopefully, we will get some more late dues. We really need 200 members. Please give the membership form below to anyone who might be interested in joining. Activities that we have are listed in the front of the Chatter and of course we are having a Fishing Derby this year. We need all the fishermen we can get, so tell a friend. Also, check out the website for what's happening in Cholla at www.chollabayhoa.net.

Welcome Aboard to these new members!

Alan DeKalb and Kendra Jacobs joined at the February meeting. They are from Tucson. Hopefully they will come to all our dinner meetings.

George and Jean Glerup are from Vale, Oregon. They joined with an application form from the RPT. They have a boat, the Burtta Jean, so hopefully they will be fishing in the Derby!

Mike and Angie Sellers are from Tucson. They have a house on Pinto Point. They also joined by the form in the RPT. Hopefully we will see them at some of our meetings.

I am working on my email addresses for Cholla News, trying to get updated. I have been having several failures. If you are not receiving the Cholla News and want to, please send me an email at stuffie@prodigy.net.mx.

Change of Address:

If you have change of address, please let me know right way so you can continue getting the chatter. Send new address to Nancy Schmidli, P. O. Box 218,. Lukeville, Az. 85341 or email it to me at stuffie@prodigy.net.mx



Membership Application 2007 Annual Dues \$40

Membership dues and other activities of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club funded the purchase of radio equipment and supports the maintenance and operation of the Marine VHF Radio (channels 16 & 26) for the Northern Sea of Cortez & CB radio(channel 3) in the Cholla Bay area. The CBSC pays the salary of the radio operator, assists in search and rescue operations and, when necessary, can assist with some arrangements for transportation of critically ill or injured. The CBSC conducts the annual fishing derby, publishes a monthly newsletter and promotes good relations between American visitors and our Mexican neighbors.

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