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*It's Derby Time...
Take a Kid Fishing...*



BLOCK PARTY

The Block Party we had at the end of January was a great success. With the threat of rain, we were a bit nervous, but the sun came out as did about 100 people. Fantastic food and stories were shared by everyone. We had asked the local Cholla businesses to donate raffle prizes... and did they ever! We had over 30 prizes to give away. Who knew how many businesses there really are in Cholla. We'd like to thank the following for their generous support of the CBSC and Cholla Bay:

JJ's Cantina, Mr. Fish Taco, Patty's Store, Sarai's Beauty Shop, Villa's Launcher service, Chunga's Place, Big Wave Dave's Tackle, Xochitl's Cafe, Jo Barnes, Tienda Perico's, Spring Break Video, Monica's Nail 'n Tails, Juan the ShrimpMan, Lupe's Launch service, Cholla Mini Market, & Chino's Guide service.

Please patronize our local businesses and thank them for supporting the CBSC and the upcoming 50th Fishing Derby!



A Lucky Block Party Winner!

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.

ADVENTURE

by Pat Goodin

On Monday, March 7th, Adrianna Adams, Ginger Sinonovic, Shirley Reid and myself went to Rocky Point and took one of the Albatross buses to Hermosillo, where Glenda Maud and her sister picked us up to go to Kino Bay. We really had a nice bus trip, and the cost was only 145 pesos each way. The bus was full, much to my surprise, because they had told me that we didn't need to make reservations, that it wouldn't be full. Glenda had found a 2 bedroom condo right on the beach for us - old but adequate, so we had a nice 2-day visit. There's not a lot to do in Kino, but we did "the sights", shopped at the vendors, played cards, and just visited together. All in all, we had a nice trip. We got another bus in Hermosillo on Thursday at 10:00, arriving back in Rocky Point at about 4:30. Coming back, we all had to de-bus (is that a word?) at one check point, while they took out some of the luggage from the luggage compartment and looked through it. One piece of luggage was Shirley Reid's, and I think one was Adrianna's. Guess they're "shady-looking" characters, right? Well, actually they didn't know who's luggage they were checking, but it makes a good story. Just for your information, in case anyone cares, the buses are quite nice, and I don't think you could drive that cheap. They also have other buses that run from Hermosillo to San Carlos, and other places further south such as Los Alamos and Las Mochis. And those fares are also good.

AGUSTIN LEON

by Alan Peterson (Pete)

Agustin Leon passed away on March 21st from a heart attack. He had been to Caborca for a doctor appointment and had the heart attack just before arriving back in Puerto Peñasco on Monday. He was taken to the Santa Fe Clinic where he passed away that night. A special service was held at the Cholla Police/Fire Station on the 22nd, with a procession through Cholla. Many police and many police vehicles came from Caborca and Pitiquito to honor him. All in all, there were about 100 vehicles. On Wednesday, the 23rd, he was taken to his family home in Pitiquito for a mass and was laid to rest there in Pitiquito.

Agustin worked as the radio operator for the Sportsmen's Club for nearly 25 years, and during much of this time he was also a policeman in Cholla Bay. Agustin has done so many things for so many people that it is not possible to start to list them. He touched the lives of many people, and we will miss him!!!!

If you wish to contribute monetarily for his family, you can bring cash or mail a check to Alan Peterson, P.O. Box 291, Lukeville, AZ 85341. I will exchange it for cash to give to the family.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 phase of the Fishing Derby.

Saturday, June 11th: Awards and Fish Fry

Club House at 4:00 pm. **Don't miss this one!!!**

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

The Moon, The Sun, The Winds and the Rain

April 2005

Sunrise - From 6:24 to 5:50

Sunset - From 6:53 to 7:13

Full Moon - April 24th at 3:06

New Moon - April 8th at 1:32

Average Air Temperature - 64 degrees

Average Sea Temperature - 65 degrees

Average Rainfall - 0.16 inches

Average Wind Speed - 7.1 mph

A Source of

Information About Cholla

All of you members who have computers might like to log onto Jen Rupnow's web site about Cholla. You can get all kinds of up-to-date information. Log on to www.chollabaymex.com. She does a great job and has all kinds of weather information from her weather station on her house (so I was told). Also directions on how to get here to send to first time visitors and some of the events of interest, fishing information and other things of interest. Put it on your favorites list so you can get to it easily.

KEN'S TRIVIA:

What was the name of Dale Evan's horse?

Answer: Buttermilk

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.

Radio Operator

I know of no one better qualified than Villa to handle "Cholla Bay Radio".

I've known Villa 20 years or more and living here fulltime for 6 plus years, have seen him respond to all sorts of problems.

He is experienced, reliable & trustworthy. He has helped me and my boater friends many times.

We have all heard him on the radio helping boats out of gas, dead batteries, arranging for tows, and dealing with all sorts of situations.

Think of Cholla Bay without Villa, no way José.

Craig McLain/Cholla Boat Yard

CHOLLA CHAPTER NEWS

By: Pat Goodin

If you didn't get to our March meeting, you missed a wonderful chicken dinner cooked and served by Bonnie. It was good to see Nancy Moody and Carolina at our meeting. We haven't seen them out in a while, but since Nancy is now living back in Cholla, we hope she'll be attending more meetings. And, I forgot to mention that at our February meeting the Devers and the Haenflers attended, and it was so good to see them also. This has been a year of a lot of illnesses, so a lot of our "regulars" have been out a lot. Our president, Jack Straughan has been having eye problems and has been gone for about 3 weeks. We haven't heard from him since he left, so hope he is getting better. Rick Smith has been out of the bay most of the time since October, and has had some problems. Both Bob and Dena Belk have had medical problems and haven't been to many of our meetings. John Wilhite is having severe neck problems and will be having surgery soon. We wish him the best with his surgery. Dave Bennett had surgery on his knee and has been gone for some time, but is doing a bit better. Carl Murphy has been having problems also with his knees, and had some orthoscopic surgery. Adrianna Adams has been having problems also with knees. Is this called an epidemic of the knee joints, or what?? I have also heard that Del Moore was in the hospital with pneumonia. We do hope all of these people get well quickly and get back in Cholla before long.

As we start into Spring, we will begin having our derby events. There's lots of events coming up with the derby, so be sure to read about it in another place in the Chatter. 3Dave & Kelley, and Ramon & Dawn Marie have really been working to make this 50th Anniversary of the derby a great success. If you want to help out in any way, please contact them. I would like to remind all the Tucson Chapter people that they are very welcome to attend any and all of our Cholla Chapter dinner meetings. "Our Chapter is Your Chapter" at any time. Since the Tucson Chapter is not having meetings now, please, try to be here for ours. The Luau is scheduled for April 2nd, but you probably won't have your Chatter by then. Hopefully you will have known about it and would have been there. In May, try to attend the Cocktail Get together at 6:00 PM at the Club House. That will be one of the derby events. **WE WILL NOT HAVE A REGULAR DINNER MEETING IN MAY.** Then, don't forget to be here for the Steak Fry on May 29th. That only leaves June, and that will be a pot luck on June 4th and then the annual fish fry and awards on June 11th. After that most of us will be heading north to cooler climates. *Hasta Luego!!*

50th Anniversary Fishing Derby Update

Are you ready??? You'd better be, because in a couple of weeks the 50th Annual CBSC Fishing Derby will start. Everything seems to be falling in place to make this a Derby that you won't forget. Let's just hope that Mother Nature brings us some beautiful, calm, sunny days for this event.

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 6:00 am and lasting until the food is gone.

If you would like to pre-register for the Derby contact Dave Adams at 382-5111 or Ramon Perez in Cholla. Otherwise pre-registration will be at the scales Thursday, April 28th from noon till 6:00 pm.

To help make this Derby the grand event that it is going to be, we still need more support from Club members. There is a lot of stuff that needs to be done during the Derby. To help be part of the 50th Annual Fishing Derby please call 480-345-0623 or in Cholla 382-5111.

Derby Chairmen: Dave Adams & Ramon Perez

RAFFLE TICKETS

As members of the CBSC, you received Raffle Tickets in the mail recently. This raffle will be held at the Fish Fry and already has some fantastic gifts to be won. Please support the CBSC and purchase these tickets, or sell them to friends... You don't have to be there to win. If you'd like more tickets, see Ship Store or call the Goodins and/or Adams, they have plenty for now... no telling how long they will last!

HEALTH HINT...

Hot Lemonade

(Great for a sore throat)

- 4 Lemons
- Several slices of ginger root
- Honey to taste

Juice several lemons, then scrub the peel well. Slice it thinly, and add to the juice. Cover all with plenty of boiling water, cover, and steep until cool. For added benefit, add several slices of ginger root before covering with water. Strain off the liquid, add honey and additional water to taste. Drink hot.

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...

Allison Automotive • Anglers & Hunters Travel
Arizona Honda • Big Wave Dave's Tackle
Chunga's Place • Coldwell Banker
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Guzman Construction • Juarez Contracting
Lowrance Electronic • McFarland Engineering
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RCCI Carpentry • S & E Drywall
Sahara Jewelers • SoilSystems
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Tucson Rolling Shutters • Vasquez Licores
White Cap Construction Supply.

COOK'S CORNER

THE BEST CHOCOLATE CAKE I'VE EVER BAKED

Pauline Shelby

SANDRA LEE'S HEALTHY SUPERMOIST CHOCOLATE CAKE

- 1 1lb., 2.25 oz. box Betty Crocker SuperMoist Chocolate Fudge Cake Mix
- 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 3 zucchini, finely grated (about 3 cups)
- 5 Large egg whites (I used 3 eggs)
- 3/4 cup plain nonfat yogurt
- 1½ cups applesauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat bottom of a 9x13 inch cake pan with cooking spray. Combine all ingredients in large bowl. Beat on low with an electric mixer for 2 minutes, scraping sides of bowl often. Pour into cake pan. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center come out clean. Cool. Top with low-fat whipped cream. Dust with cocoa powder.

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

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

This request is for new and current homeowners in Cholla Bay... Please be sure to update your property ownership records with the Cholla Bay Office. Even if you have purchased from a realtor or a Notario doesn't mean they have turned in the information to our office. Daily we have people coming into this office requesting your manzana and lot #... the water man, gas company, electricity co., telephone co., just to mention a few of the services and then there are your personal friends looking for you and of course emergencies that come up. If you have a Cholla Bay phone number, it's a big assistance for us to be able to call you and give you messages that come in for you. We are more than glad to be of service to you but do need your help in providing us with your information. Call us locally: 382-5050, Fax 382-5051 or better yet, pay us a personal visit in the office.

Like Arizona and California we have had our share of wind and rain. As you drive through the desert you will notice every plant that can produce a blossom has done so. Beautiful but allergy sufferers are told to beware. The winds, rains etc didn't put a damper on JJ's first phase of Angler of the Year fishing derby. Jerry Teske took top honors weighing his 40+ pound grouper. The other winners are too numerous to list in this article, but just to give you fishermen an idea of what is waiting for you to cast a line... Also weighed in were snapper, flounder, sardinero, pinto, corvina, trigger, calico & mackerel. Watch for the second phase of this derby to begin in June.

While on the subject of fun fishing... Get your equipment ready for the fishing derby of a lifetime in Cholla Bay. It's the 50th Annual Fishing Derby sponsored by the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club. The chairmen Dave Adams & Ramon Perez have promised this will be the biggest and best ever held in the Cholla area. Their helpmates Kelley Adams & Dawn Marie Perez are hard at work getting sponsors and donors lined up. Don't miss this event, it is a must. Opening phase begins April 29th.

-The Management

Some Letters.....

From the desk of: *Al Wendt*

To: Kelley Adams
Hope the \$200⁰⁰ will
help the 50th Annual Fishing
Tournament.

We were at the first
one! After going
through several boats
& lots of fishing, we
finally retired from
fishing at Cholla Bay.
Good luck with the
tournament.

Al Wendt

WINSLOW, ARIZ
MARCH 15, 2005

DAVE & RAMON —

I WAS IN CHOLLA BAY WITH
TWO OTHER GUYS FROM WINSLOW
IN 1955 OR '56. WE HEARD ABOUT
THE GREAT FISHING AROUND
THE ROCKY PT. AREA FROM A
UNCLE OF MINE IN PHX. WE
PUT A LITTLE 12' RIBBOAT ON
TOP OF OUR CHEVY PICKUP
AND MADE^{IT} DOWN TO LUKEVILLE.
GOT SOME DIRECTIONS AND FOLLOW
ED ANOTHER TRUCK TO ROCKY PT.
TOUGH GOING BUT WE FINALLY
GOT THERE. WE MET SETH SMITH
& SOME OTHER GUYS—THEY WERE
GREAT HELP!!

Emil Yasser

MEMBERSHIP NEWS...

"Welcome Aboard" to the new members for the month of March...

Nancy Moody is a well known, long time resident of *Cholla Bay*. She has been a guest at the CBSC often before but now has become a member. Surely glad to have you, Nancy.

Carolina Conant of *Rocky Point* has also joined the CBSC. She owns Casa de Carolina in Rocky Point. She has beach front condos and ocean view apartments for rent. Her phone in Rocky Point is 011 52 638 383 5482, email cdecpp@prodigy.net.mx for more information about rentals and, I think, also R.V. spaces. Anyway, you can find out all that by calling her or emailing.

Pat Clark (Scalberg) of *Scottsdale* is rejoining us again after several years. Pat was very active in the former Phoenix Chapter. She has had a cabin in Cholla for many years. Hopefully we will see more of Pat now that she is a member again.

As of this writing we have 222 Cholla Chapter members and 38 Tucson Chapter members. If you hear anyone say they are not getting their Chatter, you might tell them to please check with me to see if their membership is current. Some people get confused between the CBSC and the OBSC and think they have paid when they have not. I say "just join everything and you won't have any trouble."

Address Changes: If you have a change of address, please send it to me to continue getting your Chatter. The U. S. Post Office does not forward the Chatters as they are mailed by bulk, and they do not forward bulk mail, even if you have just moved and filled out a form with the post office. Cholla and Tucson members send your name and new address to: Nancy Schmidli, PO Box 218, Lukeville, AZ 85341. I am the council membership chairman and keep all the addresses for mailing the Chatters. I hope you all are having a wonderful spring and hope to see you all in "The Bay".

Nancy Schmidli, Membership.

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

If you have one, please call Kelley 480.345.0623

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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How The CBSC Continued To Grow...

1960's

- 1960-61: Membership tops 600... Nov 20, 1960 Wayne DeVore & Frank Young start the Tucson Chapter, with more than 90 attending their first meeting. The Radio Permit is issued. The floor was poured for the new 40' x 40' clubhouse.
- 1965: the Prescott Chapter is formed with Gus Pabst III as President.
- 1966: New CB and Marine radios are installed and a Search & Rescue Committee is formed. The fish scale is installed. The first time the Chatter was printed in color. The Prescott Chapter disappears.
- 1968: Derby statistics included \$2000 in prizes awarded to the 1000 members and guests attending, with some 1700 people fed at the fish fry. Membership is up to 524 families and 264 members in Tucson.
- 1969: The Big Ten Club is formed

1970's

- 1972: Phoenix Chapter donates 175 school desks to the Catholic schools in Sonoyta & Puerto Peñasco.
- 1973: The first Big Ten trophy & patch were awarded to Verlene Barber. Jack Gill was the second member to fill his card - and promptly bought another one! Dues are increased to \$15 a person and \$18 for families.
- 1975: Mayor Oscar Palacio took several CBSC members on a tour of the harbor area, explaining the future plans that include a marina.
- The Derbies, Phoenix Pot lucks, Christmas Parties for the local families, Donations, Search & Rescue, and many more events continue year after year... Helping the CBSC last 50+ years!