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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- - **May 5th - Cinco de Mayo - Mexican Holiday**
- - **May 10 - OBSC Rib Fest**
- - **May 11 - Mother's Day**
OBSC General Meeting
- - **May 12 - Birthday Dinner at Cholla Cafe - will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for April, May and June- 5:30**
- - **May 13th - Cholla Chapter Meeting at Paraiso del Desierto - Board Meeting at 4:00, Happy Hour 5:00, Dinner about 6:00-6:30**
- - **May 14th - A sunset cruise is being planned. If you're interested, contact Nancy or Pat in Cholla Bay.**
- - **May 18th - "50's" Charity Blow-Out Party at Black Dog**
- - **May 22nd - Ladies lunch and Bingo at Cholla Cafe - Lunch at 12:30, Bingo following.**
- - **May 23-26th - 2nd Derby week-end**
- - **May 25th - Steak Dinner at Club House. 6:00 - \$10.00**
- - **Every Monday - Bridge at Cholla Cafe - 12:30**

Mark your calendar

CHOLLA CHAPTER NEWS

by Pat Goodin



We had a most wonderful luau this year! Our great cook, Roger Grabske, performed magic with the food. Due to the big crowd (at least 140 people) I didn't get to try most of it, but I heard compliments from everyone about how delicious it all was. Thanks so much, Roger. We just couldn't believe how many people showed up, but it was so nice to see everyone. Maybe we'll have to take reservations next year. We did have to tell a few people who came in late that we didn't know if there would be enough food for them to eat, and we're very sorry about that, but we had planned on up to

100 and had already exceeded that by quite a bit. We just never dreamed that we'd have such a big crowd. After the dinner and after all the raffle prizes were awarded, we were treated with the Belly Dancing group "Fuego de Gitana". They were great, and we thank them so much for coming out and dancing for us. They're dancers on the Lobo del Mar, a boat that gives sunset cruises. We're planning a sunset cruise for our group in May, so contact me (382-5056) or Nancy Schmidli (382-5036) if you're interested. Or email us. It's May 14th. I don't know the time yet, but Nancy will keep you posted by email about details. We will need a deposit from you when you make reservations. She'll let you know how much, etc.

The May meeting will be Tuesday, May 13th at Paraiso del Desierto. See the Calendar of Events. For June we're planning a picnic on Tucson Beach. The club will furnish hot dogs, and members bring a salad or desert. I don't know the time yet, but it's going to be the Saturday, June 7th - hopefully before too many have left for the summer.

A big thanks to those who helped Roger at the Luau: Don Tuffing, Paul Schoonover, Debbie Grabske, Pat Susong, Tom & Wendy Cruiser, Adriana Adams, Estelle Maud, Judy Tuffing. Also the people doing bar and other essential duties: Al Grijalva, Rick Smith, Dor Schmidli, Ken Goodin, Nancy Schmidli, Pat Goodin, Donna Wilhite, Gayle Salvelsberg, Carol Smith, Jack Straughn. I think I have probably missed some, but I was tied down at the entrance table so couldn't get around to see who was doing what. If I missed you I'm sorry, and a big thanks anyway. It takes a lot of people to put on a dinner like that. THANKS AGAIN TO ROGER AND ALL THE OTHERS.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Die & Dawn Alcumbrac, Wayne Renaud, Marilyn Strand, Carl & Mary Travis, Doug Gallinger, John T. Holmes, Jerry Ketelhut Jr., Jeff Touleu, James & Marsha Reany, Roger & Madeline Allen and Sandra Weber, Jason & Missy Crawley plus Gregg Skwiat (Tucson)

TIP: A good web site for medical questions is WebMD.com. I found the following information recently: The best mosquito repellants are 3M ultrathon and Off! Deep Woods for Sportsmen. They both last 13 hours. Pat Goodin

DERBY DAYS NEWS

The 1st phase is now over, and we could not have asked for better fishing weather. A total of 44 boats were launched over the three days, and the fishing was pretty good. Just a reminder to all persons in the derby - the scales close at 6:00 P.M. so please watch your time. Also, have your derby ticket with you when you reach the scales to weigh in. We hope to see you at the next phases:

- May 23-26th
- August 29-Sept. 1st
- Oct 16th and 17th



Awards and Fish Fry on October 18th. Be sure and be in Cholla on these derby week-ends! A/D, visit Ship's Store with a pocket full of change! Sid Palmer, Derby Chairman

BIGGEST FISH - 1st WEEKEND

- Largest Fish - Grouper - Keith Busby - 89.70
- Largest Pinto - Joe Anacleto - 8.90
- Largest Cochi - Sid Palmer - 4.30
- Largest Sea Trout - David Sutton - 38.70
- Largest Sardinero - Joe Anacleto - 19.90
- Largest Red Snapper - Al Otto - 8.90
- Largest Yellow Tail - James (B?) - 17.90

HEALTH HINT FROM DONNA

All fruits and veggies have antioxidant power, a good weapon against aging. Make sure you eat lots of the top 10: Blueberries, Blackberries, Strawberries, Oranges, Plums, Brussel sprouts, Broccoli florets, beets, kale and spinach

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY from Pat

- LIVING ON EARTH IS EXPENSIVE, BUT IT DOES INCLUDE A FREE TRIP AROUND THE SUN EVERY YEAR.
- BIRTHDAYS ARE GOOD FOR YOU - THE MORE YOU HAVE, THE LONGER YOU LIVE..

GET WELL SOON: Alan Peterson, Stan Christian, Doris Davis, Teri Wilson, Jo Barnes Jerry Ketelhut, Liz Cummins

KEN'S TRIVIA

What is the number of laps in the Indianapolis 500?

COOK'S CORNER

BROCCOLI SALAD (From Adriana)

Dressing: 1 c. mayo., 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 cup vinegar. Mix all well and set in refrigerator.

- 3 to 4 cups broccoli flowerettes
- 1/2 red onion, sliced
- 4 slices of crisply fried bacon (crumbled)
- 1/4 c.. raisins

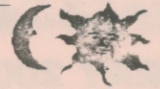


Toss all of above in salad bowl and add dressing. Mix well and serve chilled

(This recipe can be cut in half)

CELESTIAL NAVIGATION - THE SEXTANT

By Paul Schoonover



If you were on the beach at morning or evening twilight recently, you might have encountered a group of people carrying little wooden boxes and loaded with notebooks and papers. They were the current class from the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron studying celestial navigation and qualifying in their use of the sextant.

With the proliferation of electronic navigational tools, the old tried and true use of the sextant to measure the altitude of celestial bodies to find your geographical location is very seldom used any more, but batteries do go bad, and other electronic problems do arise. It is therefore necessary for a qualified navigator to be able to determine their location by using the stars, planets, and sun.

To observe these bodies and take sights, it is necessary to be where you have an unobstructed view of the natural horizon at twilight when you can see both the bodies and the horizon. Rocky Point is the closest location to the Phoenix area where this is possible. This is why, every other year or so, the classes arrive in the area and spend their time at early morning and late evening sitting at the edge of the water gazing at the sky.

For most of the people in the current class, this was their first trip to the area. Like so many people on their first visit, their usual remarks were, what a difference it is to what they expected.

This group had breakfast Sunday at Sally's restaurant, and while there, they overheard conversations about helping the orphans and the elderly. They were so impressed with this work that they got together and made a very generous donation to the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club to help with this work.

NOTE: Donations in this regard were made as follows: \$40.00 for Esperanza de Vida and \$140.00 to Mission Heartbeat for the Esperanza Children's Home.

TUCSON CHAPTER CHATTER

by **Enedina Otanez**

The regular monthly meeting was held in cholla for the first time, on Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 A.M. The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Carnes. In attendance were Mike & Billie Carnes with granddaughter Kyle, Enedina & Sal Otanez, Alan & Shirley Peterson, MJ & John Gooch with granddaughter Kayla, Billy Drake, Greg Skwiat, Pat Bradshaw and guest. The meeting went well and the most important issue was to discuss the future of the Tucson Chapter's continued existence. The meeting attendance has been very low and it was decided that the next meeting will be held on October 11th at 9:00, again at the Fry Shack,

It was not discussed during the meeting about the steak dinner and it's Tucson's turn to sponsor it. It would be a shame not to have it since it's been a great fund raiser, so Sal & Enedina will be heading it on Memorial Weekend - Sunday, May 25th - 6:00 PM. Tickets will be available for sale from Kelley Adams in Phoenix, Pat Goodin in Cholla and Enedina in Tucson. All those wishing to help, please contact Enedina & Sal at 520-293-3446.

A note from our sick bay - Teri Wilson is feeling the effects of radiation but soon will finalize her daily treatments. Alan Peterson is waiting around in Tucson to see if he will continue his treatments but is looking forward to getting back to Cholla.

CHOLLA CHATTER

by **Pat Goodin**

We thank all of you who have helped with articles for this issue of the Chatter. The next issue will perhaps be like the former Chatters, so that we can get our Derby Sponsor's ads in. But, we'll still need articles and they can still be sent to Nancy at stuffie@prodigy.net.mx or myself at nolehace@prodigy.net.mx

Get your articles in as soon as possible.

CRAFTERS WANTED

A craft sale is being planned for Thanksgiving week-end, so all you crafters can work on some crafts over the summer. We'll have more information in later issues.

ANSWER TO KEN'S TRIVIA

200 - Track is 2-1/2 mile long

ADVENTURES - A TRIP SOUTH IN MEXICO

by **Mickey Babbitt, & Bob & Adriana Adams**

We left Cholla Bay on March 3rd after a great send-off breakfast at Xochitl's. Our plans were to tour the colonial towns around Mexico City. These towns were chosen for their historical significance (founded in the 16th century) and for the various parts each had in Mexico's struggle for independence. Those of us who went on the trip were: John & Donna Wilhite, Bill & Kathleen Schoen, Mary Ann Oren, Mickey Babbitt, and Bob & Adriana Adams. We were in three vehicles. The first three nights were spent in Guaymas, Los Mochis and Mazatlan. In Los Mochis we learned our first lesson - if a motel has a nice high wall around it and the rates are by the hour - they are not looking for groups of touring Senior citizens! In Puerto Vallarta plans were to be there two nights but we ended up staying three nights because Bill became ill and we had to stay for observation by the doctors. It turned out he was fine, and we enjoyed the extra day of good eating, touring and shopping.

Accommodations throughout the trip were good to excellent with on-site parking except for Mazatlan. Prices were reasonable. The only reservations we made were at three major layovers - Tonalá, Cuernavaca and San Miguel De Allende, so that if we became separated we could meet again at these locations.

From Puerto Vallarta we went to Tonalá, staying four nights and establishing a base for touring Guadalajara, Tequila and Thalaquepaque. In Guadalajara we went on a waling tour of the Plaza de Armas. There is so much to see it would take a week to see it all. The highlight was the Palacia del Gobierno, dating back to 1643. The famous Orasco murals depicting Mexico's history are in this building. The murals are dramatic and very moving. In Tonalá and Thalaquepaque the shopping is incredible and some of the more aggressive Cholla Bay shoppers could hardly wait to hit the streets. And they did, shopping till they dropped every chance they got.

At this point, we will add that driving in the Colonial towns was a nightmare. The maps were not good, the streets are very narrow and badly marked and the local drivers are very aggressive. Many streets are one-way and not clearly marked. Once our cars were parked, it was taxi travel until we left for the next town.

After the girls exhausted themselves shopping, we left for Morelia for the beginning of our tour of the Colonial Towns. Our plan was to find a hotel in the historic area but the narrow one way streets built in the 16th century defeated us. We all became separated from each other, spousal tempers got hot, CBs became useless, horns beeped as we passed each other going in the opposite direction on divided highways. It was a three stooges act. Finally after two hours, Mary Ann was left on a hotel street corner to flag everyone down. Later we learned that Bill and Kathleen had already checked in to that very same hotel and had been looking for us. (Ask Mary Ann about her experience in the street corner Morelia). We all had a great happy hour that afternoon. And we learned our second lesson: establish a meeting place at the entrance of every town. Next day we took a taxi to historic Morelia founded in 1541 and the hometown of one of Mexico's most famous revolutionary Jose Maria Morelos. We spent the day viewing mementos to Morelia's champions for Independence. The town square and the church were, as in all the colonial towns, beautiful and well maintained. The Government has done a wonderful job of preserving all the colonial towns.

To be continued in next issue of the Chatter.



DOGS AND CATS
by Pat Goodin

I'm substituting for Jo this month, as she has some doctor appointments. Just a reminder here about the "50's" Charity Blow-Out party at the Black Dog Restaurant in Rocky Point on Sunday, May 18th. Happy Hour and nibbles at 6:00 and dinner about 7:00 with burger, fries - I think they're now called "Freedom Fries", and cole slaw. Tickets are \$13.00 for one person or \$25.00 for 2 people, which includes gratuity. Proceeds go to the R.P. Animal Adoption Center. See last issue of the Chatter for more details.

HARLEY CAPTURES THE HEARTS OF CHOLLA
by Arlene Stevenson

When our friend Barbara Leonard recently paid us a visit, she was caring for her son's dog, Harley. Harley is a little five month old Jack Russell. He is so homely that he's cute. When we went for walks, people would stop to ask what kind of dog he was and they would play with him. I think John fell in love with the playful little pup, as everywhere he went in the golf cart, Harley was right beside him. Once, after we girls came home from town to discover we were locked out, we tracked John down and sure enough, there with John, visiting the locals, was Harley enjoying all the attention. Everywhere we took Harley, people had to stop and make a big fuss... He certainly did capture the hearts of Cholla. NO, John, with all our travels, you can NOT have a Jack Russell.



No-one was reported missing, so apparently it was a false alarm. The man searching was on his first visit to Cholla Bay, and was very brave, considering the risk with rocks, waves, cold and dark. His name is Roger Amaya. His wife, Maria, was waiting in their truck with their 3 children, worrying while he was on the water. Their family certainly fits in with the caring spirit of people in Cholla who attend to problems and watch, listen and care for those around them. In that there is no search and rescue squad at this time, our caring community is the next best thing... and thanks go to Villa and Tico for their extra time spent helping. Also Dave, Kinta, Jim, Dee, Kathy and Tina and many of the residents on Pinto Point for helping with the search. **ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:** Progress is sloooooow... We have \$278 in donations minus \$59.40 spent on a cat trap. We still need cat trappers and dognappers. It's not as easy as I had thought...after unsuccessfully trying to catch the dog with the wings for ears who hangs out at the restaurant, we decided we need sedatives, then people willing to spend time tracking the animal after sedated, so we can take them in...any volunteers? **GEM:** It's never too late to be what you might have been. **George Eliot.** **SPRING:** Enjoy Spring in Cholla Bay, where the days are getting longer, the breezes and water warmer, and where you know 'Life is Good'.



COFFEE TALK
by Sally Dalton

ROMANCE: Congratulations to long-time Cholla folks, Dan and Kim Hemesath who got married on Saturday, April 5th at Playa Bonita after an 8 year courtship. They are a wonderful example of a loving relationship. **RARE EVENT:** The Phoenix Shell Club is having an auction/potluck at Carol Skoglund's residence in Phoenix on Saturday, May 10th. They will be auctioning off hundreds of shells, most of gem or near gem quality. Carol has had a house in Cholla for a very long time, and is a brilliant expert on marine life. Her passion for the sea can be seen in the sparkle in her eyes. For more information, see the bulletin board at Xochil's. **RESCUE:** A few nights ago, some residents thought they heard a jet-ski crash into the rocks, after dark. It made very clear the need for search and rescue ... which we no longer have in Cholla. I was able to contact Villa, who had Tico launch a young man on his jet-ski to search the coast around Pinto Point. He searched for about an hour in the dark, but no-one was found.

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CHOLLA BAY HOMEOWNERS

What a great April we had in Cholla Bay - so many fun events happening, just to mention a couple: The first phase of the CBSC Annual Fishing Derby which got off to a great start, and then the luau which was held at the Community Club House. The organizers of this annual party were overwhelmed by the turnout - over 140 people, which seems to be a record turnout for that annual party. There were many more events too numerous to mention. Rolling into May will bring on more sun and fun events. Mark your calendars and be here.

One word of caution to pet owners. Be sure your pet is wearing identification tags before you just turn them out to romp in the new-found freedom they experience here. If your pet is missing, turn in the information to Agustin at the Radio Shack or the Cholla Sales Office so the information can be broadcast over Channel 26. Listeners are always ready to be on the look-out and help get your pet back home to you.

Don't forget Mother's Day. In Mexico, Mother's Day is always celebrated on May 10th. This year in the States, it falls on May 11th. **JUST DON'T FORGET THEM!** The Management

SHARE A SATURDAY

On Friday, April 4th we had the pot luck egg coloring contest at the Fry Shack. There were 18 who came out to enjoy the pot luck, 10 of which colored eggs. We ended up with about 12 dozen colored eggs and fingers were also colored. Prizes, in the loose since of the word, were awarded to all participants, with Gail Savelsberg winning first place. The following were good sports and enjoyed (?) this back -to-childhood activity; Pat Goodin, Don and Judy Tuffing, Bob and Barb Dammann, Gail Savelsberg, Al and Molly Grijava, Rosie Murphy and Arlene Stevenson. The respective spouses and the Ketelhuts joined us for pot luck. It was a nice evening with a small group.

On Saturday we made ham sandwiches and bagged these with carrots and marshmallow candies and, of course, the colored eggs. Don and I took them to Esperanza de Vida and passed them out. The kids really enjoyed the ham sandwiches and candy, but I'm not so sure the colored eggs were a hit. (a couple of the bigger boys threw theirs, so I guess they hit something.) Anyway, many of them thanked us and this makes it all worth while.

Thanks to the following people who made very generous donations and made this all possible. All of the people named above, Russ and Sophie Majesky, Herman and Katie Orcutt, Bill and Pauline Shelby (they also donated last month), and Paul and Grace Schoonover and someone else who left hard boiled eggs at my house.

We will be serving again on May 3rd. We have enough ham left that we can serve ham sandwiches again. I think we will serve them with oranges this time. The oranges are always a "hit". And since Darlene had to leave, I volunteered to try to serve every Sat. in May, so I will probably be calling for help and you always come through for this special sharing. Thanks! Nancy Schmidli

Walking the Tide

In the spring many forms of sea life come into the bay of Cholla to spawn, making this the best time to "walk the tide". Mid March and April had extreme low tides making it great walking. Cholla Bay is very unique because it is one of the few places in the world that the ocean floor is exposed to the extent that it is here.

This spring seems to be one for the big, yellow giant egg cockles, and of course, the sea hares, the large shellless snails that lay the spaghetti eggs. There are lots of olives of various kinds making their many trails in the sand, the moon snails, some little oyster drills and rock shells with egg cases on the shells, augers and cones and clams and all kinds of snails and octopi with eggs in the bigger shells, and much, much more. There is lots to see and I hope many of you will "walk the tide" and enjoy this nature that is so special here. But, please, help preserve it also. Don't take anything that is live. It will just stink later. Take pictures, not specimens.

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The Moon, The Sun, The Wind & The Rain
May 2003

- SUNRISE- FROM 5:49 to 5:31
- SUNSET - FROM 7:14 to 7:32
- FULL MOON - MAY 15TH - 8:36 P.M.
- NEW MOON - MAY 1 - 5:15 A.M.
- MAY 30 - 9:20 P.M.
- AVERAGE AIR TEMPERATURE - 70 DEGREES F.
- AVERAGE SEA TEMPERATURE - 72 DEGREES F.
- AVERAGE RAINFALL - .004 INCHES
- AVERAGE WIND SPEED - 8.8 MPH

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