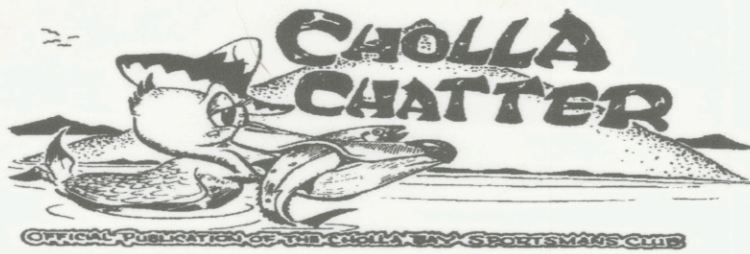


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FINAL DATES OF FISHING DERBY

May 26, 27, 28

Fish Fry & Awards: May 29

EASTER WEEKEND AT THE LAUNCH RAMP

It's quite interesting to watch the action. These were taken the Saturday of Easter weekend. I didn't get down there on Sunday!



COME ONE, COME ALL!!**56th ANNUAL FISH FRY, AWARDS CEREMONY AND KID'S CARNIVAL**

Don't forget!! The annual fish fry will be May 29th. Doors will open at 3:00 and they hope to start serving about 4:00. The mariachi group will start playing at 3:00. In the meantime, the KIDS WILL PLAY GAMES AND WIN SOME PRIZES AT THE KID'S CARNIVAL, WHICH WILL ALSO START AT 3:00. We're also planning to have the bounce house set up again for the younger kids. This will be the 2nd year for the Kid's Carnival, so get there early and bring the kids so they can have some fun. The kids had a great time last year. Tickets will be sold for 10 for \$5.00 so they will get a chance to play lots of games and win prizes.

After the fish fry, we will have the awards and the raffle prizes. Maybe you'll be lucky and win some prizes (if you sent in your derby raffle tickets). Or you can buy tickets there. It's going to be a fun day. See you there!

OPEN HOUSE AT RADIO SHACK

The open house was a huge success. Approximately 50 people came for snacks and to see our newly painted building. Incredibly, some people had never even been down there. The attendees received a free CBSC can koozie (which also fits water bottles). The weather was very windy, and the boats couldn't get out again for the fishing derby, but everyone seemed happy standing around noshing on snacks and "shooting the breeze". I don't know if our windy "breezes" helped with that, but we all had a great time. We're sorry if you missed it, but do come down and visit during the next and final derby weekend and see the shirts and other goodies at Ship's Store/Gift Shop. Items will also be sold at the fish fry, in case you can't get down to the store.



Mike Carnes and others at the open house. Mike made the popcorn. All the snacks were yummy.

HELP!!

We can use some help at the kid's carnival. If you can help, please call me - local phones 382-5056, Nancy 382-5036, or Billie 382-5133. We'll need help with the games, selling the tickets, and handling the prizes. My vonage number is 575-635-4779. Also, see email addresses below. Pat Goodin

ATTENTION ALL CBSC MEMBERS

Would you like to receive your Chatter at your email address instead of snail mail? The advantages would be that you would receive it faster, and pictures would be in color. If so, please let us know the email address you want to use. We will only email to those who request it. You can call one of the numbers below, or email one of us at the email address below. Preferably email, so we are sure to have your correct email address.

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DONATION FOR THE RED CROSS

The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club donated \$300 to the Red Cross from the proceeds of the Horseshoe Tournament. Here is Billie Crumbley giving the donation. And thanks to all who attended the tournament so that this donation was possible. The Red Cross (Cruz Rojo) gets no money from the government, so they rely on donations. They told us they also need donations of medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, etc.



Other pictures from the Open House. On the left is Mike making popcorn Below, Judy Tuffing standing by the shirts in Ship's Store/Gift Shop.



A RESCUE IN THE BAY!
A TRUE STORY

It was the second weekend of the fishing derby and we were blown out all three days. Not only windy, but as cold as I've ever seen it during a fishing derby weekend. We even had a heater on in Ship's Store, and kept the door closed. But on Saturday, late afternoon, 2 people went out on some boards of some kind that they were paddling. They got way out in the Bay, and the woman fell off hers, and the wind picked up the board and carried it away (a long way). So, there she was in the freezing cold water, and hanging on to the guy's board. The tide was going out and was very strong, and they couldn't get back to shore.

Thanks to the observing eyes of Jipi, a local resident of Cholla, he noticed that the person's board had blown away. At that time, since no boats had ventured out, all the launchers were gone from the area. And, thanks to Steve Spivey, our weigh master and a Cholla resident, who was there with Jipi; he (Steve) quickly went and got his small boat. Also, thanks to Chino, another local Cholla resident, who launched the boat with his pickup truck, Steve and Hippie went out and rescued the two. They also went out and found the board and rescued the board. Both the man and woman were cold, and the woman, who had been in the water was starting to suffer from hypothermia. It scares me to think of what would have happened if these three people hadn't been there in the launch area at that time. I don't think it would have been a very good ending for those two. I'm sure they couldn't have made it back to shore without a boat. Thank you Jipi, Steve and Chino.

People, please remember - these big tides are very strong. They will carry you out. Please make sure someone is watching and able to help you in case you start to get carried away. Pat Goodin



Let's Go Fishing! from the Launching Pad via Rosario Villa

Fishing has been so-so this month. Only two grouper have been brought in the past two weeks. A few pinto and some nice flounder were caught,

however. The launching pad has been jammed several times with over 30 pongas being launched some days. The ponga fishermen are having trouble launching in town so of course they are coming to Cholla to launch. Villa and Mike Dugan (CBSC president.) have been talking to the Mexican officials about this problem. Just imagine 30 pongas, 12 or so derby boats, other boats not in the derby and jet skis all being launched on Memorial Day. This can cause some big "problemas"!

There have been several search and rescue missions. One rescue involved two boards, written about in another article in this chatter. In another incident, Julio Felix launched his boat and pulled in a boat that was adrift off Sandy Beach. Another case involved a paddle boater that was being blown out to sea by 30 mile an hour winds. It had been blown out about a mile when rescued by a ponga, Our beautiful ocean can be deadly. During the derby a fisherman aboard the "Metal Bender" using two poles had one pole pulled into the water, then when reeling in his other pole landed the first pole. Lucky fisherman! Go figure. Until next issue, "Hasta la vista".

Hum Bug, aka Don Schmidli

Fishing Derby

The 2nd phase of the derby was April 8th, 9th and 10th. The weather wasn't great but some boats got out and some fish were caught. However, I was not feeling well and so I didn't pictures but the standings are listed below and there is not much change, from the 2nd to the 3rd phase.



The target fish for the 2nd phase was caught by Tim McFarland, a 27.1 sea trout. He is pictured here receiving his rod and reel from Dave Adams.

Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate for the 3rd phase of the Derby, Apr. 30, May 1st and 2nd. About five boats did brave the wind and waves and went out on the 30th. Mike Suazo, on Rick Dalhstom's boat, caught a 24.9 lb. Pinto, which was the target fish for that phase and won the rod and reel. (no photo available a award hasn't been presented as of this writing.)

The port was closed May 1st and 2nd, so no fishing was recorded for these days. Bummer!

The standings as of April 30th are as listed below for the first three places in each category.

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| <u>Calico</u> | Ralph Geisendaffer | 6.1 lbs. |
| | Steve Harris | 5.7 |
| | Chino Leon | 4.6 |

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| <u>Pinto</u> | Ralph Geisendaffer | 30.5 lbs. |
| | Jerry McClung | 24.9 |
| | Mike Suazo | 24.9 |

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| <u>Cochi</u> | Jerry McClung | 6.3 lbs. |
| | Carl Travis | 4.5 |
| | Mike Suazo | 4.2 |

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| <u>Flounder</u> (from shore) | Stephen Petitt | 2.7 lbs. |
| <u>Mackerel</u> | Jippi Felix | 2.5 lbs. |
| | Jim LaVoie | 1.6 |
| | Brad Moen | 1.1 |
| <u>Sea Trout</u> | Tim McFarland | 30.0 lbs. |
| | Ralph Geisendaffer | 22.6 |
| Sea Trout (from shore) | Brad Moen | 5.6 |
| | Chino Leon | 4.7 |
| | Kelly Adams | 3.65 |
| Sardinero | Tim McFarland | 16.0 lbs. |
| | Ralph Geisendaffer | 11.4 |
| Pargo | Pete Blamey | 2.4 |
| Pompano (from Shore) | Greg Byrne | 1.50 lbs. |
| | Stephen Petitt | 1.35 |
| | Kelley Adams | 1.30 |
| Skip Jack | Ralph Geisendaffer | 5.1 lbs. |
| Grouper | Tim McFarland | 70.1 lbs. |
| | Dave Owens | 58.2 |
| | Hans | 24.9 |
| Yellow Tail | Ralph Geisendaffer | 18.3 lbs. |
| Junior Division (only one has recorded fish so far this year) | | |
| Aden Hamblin | Calico | 2.2 |
| | Misc. | 1.9 |

Hopefully the weather will be good for the last phase, Friday, May 27th and Saturday, May 28th. The awards will be given during the Fish Fry on Sunday, may 30th. This will begin about 4:00 p.m.. It's a fun time so plan to attend and enjoy a good fish dinner.

Sick Bay

Bertie Brice, mother of Ginger Sinanovic, frequent visitor to Cholla friend to many here, passed away on May 3rd. She was 91. Ginger's address is 9451 W. Newport Ave., Sun City, Az. 85351

Noel Jordan is finishing up her I.V. antibiotics and will not be able to come to Cholla for the Fish Fry, but will she will be coming home soon after and then, on to Cholla.

Nancy Huff is still in the hospital. She is still having set backs but continues to slowly improve.

Shirley Reid has just finished a round of radiation which made her sick but she is feeling better, and hopefully will continue to improve.

I recently learned that Jim and Carol Schmidt's son, Greg, has inoperable brain cancer.. Please send prayers for him.. Their address is 515 E. Carefree Hy. #146, Phoenix, Az. 85085.

Carole Smith was in the hospital this week due to artrial fibrillation, a heart rhythm problem which she has had from time to time but this time it was worse. Please send thinking of you or glad your better cards to her at 19807 N. 42nd Ave., Glendale Az. 85308.

What a great turnout for the Ship Store Open House! It was so wonderful to get to meet so many Chollans, and I love being able to put a face with all the names that I've got in my Excel Files. I am SO looking forward to the Fish Fry, and am hopeful that I will get to meet even more of you there, and put a face to your name!

As I write this we have 198 paid members for 2011, which includes some more new members signed up at The Ships Store during Derby weekends. Welcome to all new members, and welcome back to returning members! We are so pleased to have you in The Club!

If you haven't already, please take a moment and do send your check in now. Annual dues are \$40, and checks should be made payable to CBSC. Please mail them to me: Laura McIntyre 7174 W Rivulet Drive, Tucson AZ 85743.

You have most likely already renewed because we are no longer sending The Chatter to any members who have not renewed. If someone you know hasn't gotten their Chatter, let them know, they just need to send in their dues!

We would also like to encourage you to invite your friends and relatives to join. Share your Chatter with them so they can learn more about us, and let them have the form! We have some really exciting events and activities coming up. Later Alligators!

☺ Laura McIntyre ☺



CBSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Annual Dues: \$40.00

Membership dues and other activities of the CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB funded the purchase of radio equipment and continue to support the operation and maintenance of Marine VHF Radio (Channel 26) for the Northern Sea of Cortez. The CBSC pays the salary of the Cholla Bay Radio Operator, assists in search and 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, hosts numerous events, publishes the "CHOLLA CHATTER" Newsletter, and promotes good relations between American visitors and our Mexican neighbors.

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