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2003 CBSC Fishing Derby Results As of 2nd Phase 5-27-03

Fish Class	Weight Lbs/Oz	Contestant Name	Category
Cochi	4.7.0	Keith Busby	Adult
Cochi	4.5.0	John Holmes	Adult
Cochi	4.4.5	CJ McDermott	Adult
Flounder	18.9.0	J. Johnson	Adult
Flounder	11.14.0	Crazy Charlie	Adult
Grouper	89.7.0	Keith Busby	Adult
Grouper	85.5.0	Ken Stewart	Adult
Grouper	77.4.0	Bruce Charch	Adult
Grouper	74.9.0	Rick Felder	Adult
Pinto	11.14.5	Jose Anacleto	Adult
Pinto	8.7.0	Dick Miller	Adult
Pinto	8.3.5	Ric Felder	Adult
Red Snapper	11.8.0	Crazy Charlie	Adult
Red Snapper	8.9.0	Alan Otto	Adult
Red Snapper	8.4.0	J. Johnson	Adult
Sardinero	19.9.0	Jose Anacleto	Adult
Sardinero	18.12.0	C McDermott	Adult
Sardinero	16.10.5	Bill Carperter	Adult
Sea Trout	38.7.0	Dave Sutton	Adult
Sea Trout	22.6.0	Bob Carpenter	Adult
Sea Trout	13.0.0	Ken Stewart	Adult
Yellowtail	17.9.0	James Ballew	Adult
Fly Fishing			
Cochi	1.0.1	Brad Moen	Adult
Surfcasting			
Sea Trout	5.5.0	Brad Moen	Adult
Junior Misc.			
Rockbass	0.8.5	Mike Traverse	Junior
Rockbass	0.7.0	Brandon Traverse	Junior
Rockbass	0.4.0	Coby Cash	Junior
Phase 1 Boat Jackpot			
Flounder	18.9.0	J. Johnson	
Phase 2 Boat Jackpot			
Grouper	30.4.0	J. Johnson	



Dee Moen &
her Grouper

Congratulations Fishermen!!!!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 7th - Saturday - CBSC, Cholla Chapter - Picnic on Tucson Beach - 5:00 PM
See Chapter Article for information

June 14th - Saturday - OBSC Member's Steak Dinner

Mondays - Bridge at Cholla Cafe, as long as someone's around to play

August 29 - Sept. 1 - 3rd Fishing Derby Weekend in Cholla Bay

October 16 - 17th Fishing Derby Weekend in Cholla Bay

October 18th Fishing Derby Awards & Fish Fry

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO CHOLLA CHAPTER

Doug Gallinger, Ken and Rita Buekenia, John Holmes. *Welcome back* - Sandra Weber, Jerry Teske, Mike and Laura Crimmins.

A Sad Goodbye...

Benito Mendoza Died Feb 12th in Tucson, he was 79 years of age and was laid to rest in Sonoyta.

"Bennie" as we all knew him, was the smiling man behind the counter at Vasquez Licores in Sonoyta. Bennie and his wife Mary got to know many of the members of the CBSC as we stopped to buy beer, tequila, souvenirs and such. Vasquez Licores has graciously donated the liquor to our Fishing Derby for many, many years. With family in tow, they would be ready to start pouring the margaritas, tequila sunrises, etc, when the Fish Fry started.

Erik, a grandson, assured us that this year will be no different. Except that Bennie won't be there in person, only in spirit.

The CBSC would like to send our thoughts and prayers to the Mendoza family and Vasquez Licores. *We will all miss him dearly!!!!*

Cholla Chapter News

Our May meeting was held on May 13th at the Paraiso del Desierto. We had a very tasty Mexican plate which everyone seemed to enjoy very much. People have already started leaving the area for the summer, so we only had 36 at the meeting. The weather here has been just great, though so far so there are still some of here at least until after the end of May.

Those of us still here on June 7th will be having a Cholla Chapter picnic on Tucson Beach. The chapter will buy hot-dogs and buns, and members should bring a side salad or desert to go with the hot-dogs. 5:00 will start the activities. Swim if you want, or just come and do "your thing" - sit, play ball, or whatever you want to do. Just "Be there".

There's going to be another craft sale in the fall, so we hope all of you can start working on some project this summer to add to the crafts. I imagine it'll be Thanksgiving weekend as usual, but more information will be forthcoming in this or other issues of the Chatter.

We want to thank Kelley Adams for doing this issue of the Chatter since the derby ads will be going in, and those of us doing the newsletter don't know how to do that "stuff". Thanks so much, Kelley. We now have 225 members in the Cholla Chapter, and we welcome all our new members. See list of new members in a separate article. Thanks also to our renewing members. We love you all.

We won't be having meetings in July through September, but in October the meeting will most likely be a pot luck at the club house. I'm not sure at this time if it's going to be on our second Tuesday, or if it's going to be on a Saturday. We'll have to let you know later. Should I know? Maybe. I'm secretary. But I don't know. OK. So fire me!! I will try to find out though, even if I'm fired. ha ha!!!

Have a nice summer, whether it be in the mountains, Rocky Point, or wherever you will be. We hope to see everyone in the fall.

- Pat Goodin

SICK BAY

The following members have recently have recently been in the hospital for various reasons. We hope they all have a speedy recovery and are back in the Bay soon.... Betty Moore (Munro), Shirley Peterson and Mike Basta "Frenchy".

- Get Well

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Coffee Talk

By: Sally Dalton

Summer is just around the corner, and the mountain snowbirds are leaving already. This always baffles me, as the weather is so beautiful here, but it's the beautiful weather there that attracts them, and I do understand that. Marcelino, who works for me, and also works on the Pura Vida, is for hire this summer to care for plants and general checking up on your homes. He's charging \$5 a visit, which is enough to make it worth his while to do a good watering job, etc. You can make arrangements through me, and I can be a backup for him (for you) to make sure he lives up to his responsibility. He and his wife are expecting their first baby, so his ambition and sense of responsibility have improved recently. If you're interested, see me at the restaurant.

Progress report: animal spay/neutering has been slow, but as business winds down at the restaurant, I'll have more time to tend to it. Many thanks to Gabe and Lucian who trapped and delivered two cats to the vet.....one was the big red cat who has fathered many, many local cats. But the animals are more intelligent than we, and no longer hang around their garage. Anyone who would like to take the cat trap next and tend to the cats in their hood please see me at the restaurant for the trap. They also discovered that fresh fish is irresistible bait. Lynn Freeman got a dog trap for us to use with the really wild dogs. For the more tame but shy dogs we plan to get some sedatives from the vet and trail them until they drop. As you can see, it all takes a lot of time and planning. I'm afraid we can't begin to make a significant dent in the problem without more help from some of you when you're here. Thank you all for generous donations.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Life is like a parachute jump: You have to get it right the first time.

Gem (from my son, Shane): Practice Makes Permanent. Enjoy each day, as life is good.

KEN'S TRIVIA...

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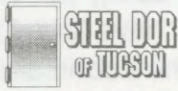
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Fishing Derby Update



Phase 2 is now in the past and we had two good days of fishing. The Port captain shut the port down on May 24th and 25th due to wind conditions, but we had 9 boats launch on the 23rd and 21 boats launch on the 26th. Except for Dave and I, most boats returned with fish. Please remember to put your full name and the name of your boat on your derby ticket. Also be sure to have the weighmaster put the type and the weight of your fish on the back of your ticket when it is returned to you. I want to be sure to give credit where credit is due. See you at the next phase.

Regards, Sid

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ADVENTURES - A TRIP SOUTH IN MEXICO

Continued story from last month
by Mickey Babbitt & Bob & Adriana Adams

(Editor's note - Last month's article left off after the group went to Morelia)

Next was Cuernavaca with our unforgettable trip through Toluca. Having no map of Toluca, we sought directions from a local. The directions were confusing and the traffic was so bad, especially where we went through a huge mercado and ended up at a city bus terminal where Bill and two buses dueled over who was there first. They exchanged paint, but the buses won. Anyway, we stuck together, finally making it out of there and seeing some beautiful country on the way to Cuernavaca. Lucky for us, Mickey had been there before and she was able to direct us to our hotel. We would never have found it without a map. We were there four nights. Again we took tours to Mexico City, Taxco and the Zochicalco Ruins. My one disappointment was not being able to visit Cortez's Summer Palace, as it was closed.

The next stop was San Miguel de Allende. To get there we had to circle Mexico City. (You don't want to hear this story, but I will say we learned our third lesson. When lost in a major city, hire a taxi to lead you out.) San Miguel is the center of a whole group of Colonial towns so we spent seven nights there and took a tour or drove to Guanajuato and Dolores Hidalgo. The other two, Queretara and San Luis Potosi we did not have time for. San Miguel has a large American population and we were able to get English language newspapers and keep up with the war. Our hotel was close to everything: cathedrals, churches, historic buildings, etc. It is also a shopping Mecca. At night we visited the Plaza to listen to music and watch the families promenade. Like all the other towns, there was always activity in and around the main Plazas. Our hotel was very nice with a great restaurant and a wonderful veranda where we could have happy hours surrounded by flowering jacaranda trees. However, every morning before 5:00 a.m. we were awakened by firecrackers, fighting cats, church bells, children crying or laughing, shouting workers and crowing roosters. All in all, San Miguel was one of the nicest places we visited. Guanajuato was founded in 1548 and was a major silver producing city. Later it had a large role in the war for independence. Like the other towns, there was much to see, and one day was not enough. Dolores Hidalgo was the "hot bed" of insurrection that led to the war for independence. It had a wonderful museo with great murals used to show great historical events. We all enjoyed this town greatly and had a wonderful meal at a beautiful restaurant. On our way back to San Miguel, our Cholla shoppers hit it big at the Talavera factories.

Our last major Colonial town was Zacatecas where we spent three nights in a great hotel. This city is at an elevation of 8300 ft. and is the site of the first major discovery of silver by the Spanish. Like Guanajuato, the other major silver producer, this town is hilly with the main part of the town in the bottom of a ravine. It is also the site of a major battle won by Pancho Villa. We visited the monument to Francisco (Pancho) Villa and two other major 1910 revolution heroes, Panfilo Natera and Felipe Angeles at a place called "El Cerro de la Bufa". They were all on horses and are very dynamic statues. We also took a very lengthy mine tour where the guide described the harsh conditions in which the natives were enslaved and forced to work.

Leaving Bill and Kathy in San Miguel to enjoy another month of travel, we started our return trip with a one-night stop in Durango. Our hotel was two blocks from the main plaza and so we finished the afternoon exploring the plaza/church area. Again, the buildings have been preserved and maintained. The plaza was teeming with people.

The next morning we drove through the Sierra Madre Occidental to Mazatlan. This is a very scenic drive with hundreds of hairpin curves. Be aware that oncoming tractor-trailers may take up most of your lane when making their turn. We did the trip on a Sunday with light traffic and it still took us six hours to get to Mazatlan. We went on to spend the night in Culiacan, then Guaymas and finally arriving in Cholla Bay on April 1st.

Yes, we are all still talking to each other!!

Artists and Crafters

During the Thanksgiving weekend, the CBSC is having an arts and crafts sale. This is to help meet our obligations of maintaining the Fry Shack, the VFH radio and Radio Shack and pay 1/3 of the utilities bills. We have a lot of very talented people in Cholla and this is a good chance to "show off". Some of the painters and seamstresses have been working already this spring and have made some really nice things.. Shirley Peterson is working on her craft during the summer and needs corks, so drink up and bring your corks to Shirley. Anyone else needing supplies, contact Shirley Peterson or Nancy Schmidli.

During the summer is a good time to make that special art item or craft for the sale. It is fun and for a good cause to help our club. We are going to try to have group sessions during the fall. We want this sale to be as successful as last year!!

HEALTH TIP

From Donna White

There's more to sugar than pure sweetness.... there's pure relief.... Have you ever had heart burn that's so bad nothing you take will ease the pain or discomfort?.... Try 1/4 teaspoon of sugar, place on your tongue, let it dissolve then swallow.... WALA!!! no more pain.... you get immediate results.....

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JUNE 2003

Sunrise - From 5:31 to 5:32

Sunset - From 7:33 to 7:43

Full Moon - 14th - 4:16 A.M.

New Moon - 29th - 11:39 A.M.

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Farewell Ladybug

Nancy Warren passed away May 13th. Ladybug was her handle.... she wasn't very big but she made a giant impact on many lives. Always up for a new adventure and feared nothing. Her beginnings in Mexico started on Sandy Beach camping with her family. She loved the area and after years of camping in the wind, sand, and sailing the bay; she bought her first cabin in Cholla Bay in the '70's. She often laughed as she told the story of the first night in her new cabin. Arriving after dark, Nancy with her three children in tow, slept in the cabin (with no furnishings or lights) huddled together in the middle of the floor. She was always up for a party or an outing and joined the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club and the OBSC.

As always, she put her positive attitude and abundant energy into numerous years of service as an officer for both the CBSC and OBSC as well as serving on the CBSC council for several years. Nancy's friendly, energetic laughter touched the hearts of most of us in Cholla Bay. But these years were just practice for her move to Mexico.

In the 90's she and John Warren married, retired, and moved to Los Conches. True to form, Nancy served as Treasurer for the Los Conches Homeowners Assn., volunteered for Casa Hogar, Esperanza Orphanage, CEDO, and served on the Mexican-American Hands Across the Border Council. Even in adverse conditions Nancy would just smile and say we're "making memories". She used her wit, wisdom and energy to make wonderful memories for every life she touched. She was a dear friend and will be missed by many. Nancy, may you find a long, beautiful beach filled with many treasures.

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1 cup thin sliced onion

Mix together: 2 cups sugar, 1 cup vinegar, 1 tsp salt, 1 Tbsp celery seed

Pour liquid over cucumbers, onions & peppers. Refrigerate about 1 week before serving.

- Enjoy, Adriana

Share a Saturday...

During the month of May, we have been serving Esperanza De Vida Bible Study Class every Saturday. There are not as many people attending the class as usual. I have been told that this is because many of these people are vendors and must work on Saturdays during this time of year. We have been serving about 30 or 40 people. But they are very grateful for all that we bring and especially like taking any extra home to share with their families.

On Saturday, May 3rd they were attending a camp in Cholla Bay, so many were not there. But we took a couple of dozen rolls with some barbequed meat just in case. There was no one there however, but sure enough, pretty soon some kids and Moms came by and were happy to get this treat. We never have any trouble getting rid of whatever we take.

On Saturday, May 10th we took 12 dozen hotdogs, one of their favorites. All the kids ate their fill of hotdogs and the moms each took a baggie of hotdogs home. Hotdogs are easy to fix and they really like them.

On Saturday, May 17th we again made about 100 ham sandwiches. We had the ham left over from a Saturday in April. With each of these, we also give oranges. These are really a good thing to give and they always like them.

Saturday, May 24th will be a busy time for us so we will again serve hotdogs. I want to thank the people who have helped this month, Donna Wilhite, Yvonne Arnett, Judy Tuffing, Pat Goodin, Adriana Adams and Shirley Reid. We won't be doing this again this season, but will probably start again in the fall, the Good Lord willing and the creek don't rise!

Nancy S.

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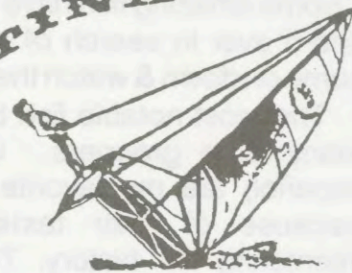
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Fish Tales

Some amazing fish have been coming in lately, and if ever in search of midday entertainment come on down & watch the boats come in...

The most notable fish brought in lately were many large groupers. Groupers (bayas, en español) are my favorite fish in the sea, not because of their taste, but rather, their interesting life history. They are all born as females that have the capacity to change sexes. Groupers are long lived (probably up to 70 years), and very slow growing. These characteristics make this species vulnerable to overfishing & they are currently listed as "threatened with extinction".

There is very little known about the ecology of this particular species, but studies indicate that sex change is socially mediated... so when the population is running low on males, a few females will change sexes in order to be able to fertilize the eggs of other groupers. The groupers form large aggregations to spawn, and a few males are responsible for the fertilization of millions of eggs.

It appears that spawning aggregations are forming now, given the number of grouper coming in lately & the percentage with hydrated eggs & milt. These spawning sessions will probably continue throughout the months of May-June.

The reality is that spawning aggregations are very vulnerable to fishing pressure, and a population can be wiped out quite quickly if fish are removed from the group... especially if those fish are mature males with milt or large females with eggs. Marine scientists studying this species have recommended avoiding spawning groups to help ensure that this fascinating fish will be around for many years to come.

- Jennifer Rupnow

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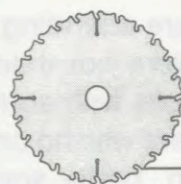


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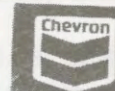
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Adios Amigo...

Manuel Gilberto Felix Rojas (Cuate) a long time and well know Cholla resident passed away at his home in Cholla. He had been battling cancer for several months. He is survived by his wife, Alva; sons, Gilberto, Jipi, Julio, and Arturo and daughters, Patricia, Chelly, Dora and Yamileth and several grandchildren. Cuate and his sons were contractors here in Cholla. Jipi and Julio are water truck drivers for Patty's store. Through a collection of donations, instigated by Jo Barnes, the family was given over \$600 for funeral costs and other expenses. It is very gratifying to know that so many of our Cholla residents are so willing to help our Mexican neighbors in a time of need, and it is greatly appreciated by the Felix family.

The Felix family has asked that we extend their "Thanks and appreciation" to all who contributed. I can tell you they were truly, truly moved by this expression of sympathy from so many people in Cholla. - Nancy Schmidli

Condolences

We would like to send condolences to the family of Alicia Grijalva of Cholla who recently passed away. Also to Mike & Lylia Hagerty whose mothers both recently passed away.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

SUNSET BOAT CRUISE

Thirty-eight people, mostly CBSC members, went on a sunset cruise on Wednesday, May 14th. We went out on the Lobo Del Mar and had a great time. Margaritas were served during the whole cruise, music played, many danced, and others just watched the scenery. We watched the sun set from the boat and it was so pretty. I guess it wasn't planned, but there was a sailboat out, and just as the sun was setting the sailboat was right in front of the sun for a while, which was really neat. The girls called "Fuego de Gitana" danced for us. They're a group of belly dancers, and they're just wonderful. I believe it translates something like Gypsy Fire. If you haven't had the opportunity go out on their boat, try to get it on your schedule. I'm sure you'll have a great time. Most everyone who went this time wants to go again. Maybe we can set up another one in the fall.

Pat Goodin

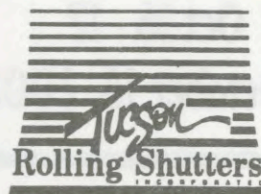


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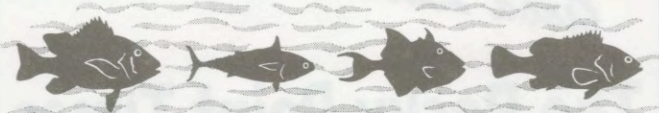
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