

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

VOLUME 47

JUNE 2004



Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club



49<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Tournament

# OUR FIRST TRIP TO CHOLLA BAY

by Janet Pisciotta

Our first trip to Cholla Bay was in March, 1971. We had moved to Phoenix from Colorado in 1960. I had always heard others talk about going to Rocky Point. When I looked at the map of Mexico, I could never find Rocky Point. (I didn't realize I had to look for Puerto Penasco.) We never made plans to go and investigate this place that others kept talking about. Our good friends, Don & Nancy Schmidli, had moved to Phoenix in 1969, and before you know it, they had a place built in Cholla Bay. We asked Don and Nancy if we could drive down in our pickup-camper and park on their lot. They graciously said we could. We fell in love with Cholla, and in 1972, we contracted Willy Green to build us a little house--30' x 20'--2 lots over from the Schmidlis. Mickey and Nancy Ryan bought their place just around the corner shortly after we had ours built.

During those early years, our three boys experienced many memorable times when we would coordinate our visits with the Schmidlis and the Ryans to go to "The Bay." Both Nancy S. and Nancy R. and myself would make many trips out into the bay when the tide was out to look for shells. Often our trek would take us clear to Black Mountain. Our husbands would get up before sunrise and go fishing for sea trout off Pelican Point. We enjoyed having such a relaxing place to go spend some time away from the telephone and television.

We kept our little place for 30 years, using it mainly on weekends, unless we were fortunate to have a 3-day holiday weekend. Our children have many pleasant memories of swimming in the ocean, looking for Easter eggs in the sand, crabbing in the estuary, and playing with their friends.

After we retired and have more time to spend in the bay, we sold our little house and bought a bigger one right on the water down by the 4 aces. We have had to make many improvements on our "new" place, but it has been fun. We enjoy all of the social events in Cholla now and meeting and getting acquainted with the Cholla residents.

## SHIP'S STORE

Don't forget - derby days are here in May. Be sure to get down to Ship's Store and get your new derby shirt before your size is gone. We are there all day each day of the derby (well, almost all day) - we start about 8:00 A.M., sometimes a little before that. We also have embroidered polo shirts and caps, done by a Cholla Bayer, Benna Goedert. They really look nice! You men just need one of these!

## CHARLES M. WILMER, P.C.

Attorney at Law

*Certified Specialist - Workers' Compensation*

2504 North Third Street • Phoenix, Arizona 85004  
602-241-9424 • FAX 602-264-9895

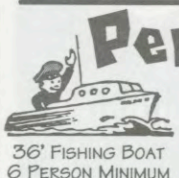


### Quality Custom Home Builders

*Specializing in Rocky Point and the surrounding areas*

**Ramon Perez**

From USA: (01152638) 383-5912 • In Mexico: 383-5912  
e-mail: dawn22@prodigy.net.mx



### Pepe's Charters

**Pepe Rodríguez**

*"The Best Captain in Rocky Point!"*

(01152638) 381-1932 or 383-5963

Tired of the Cold  
in the Winter?



Tired of the Heat  
in the Summer?

Tired of Vandals trying to break in?

LOWERY'S

**We Can Help!**

Arizona to Mexico

## AZ-MEX WINDOW & DOOR

ALL AMERICAN MADE PRODUCTS

Window, Door & Roll-a-Shields, New Residential Construction, Remodel & Commercial.  
We can remove your old windows and install new aluminum, vinyl or wood dual pane windows.

Bob & Debbie Lowery

Local 382-5095 • USA (928) 474-3157



Tired of the Wind and Sand Blowing through your Windows and Doors?

**Thanks to everyone who has helped out to make this another successful Derby. The CBSC couldn't have lasted 49 years without the hard work and determination of its volunteers!**

# DERBY UPDATE

The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club 49th Annual Fishing Derby got off to a decent start. We had warm weather, reasonably tolerable seas and a lot of determined fishermen. The first weekend of the Derby, April 30th thru May 2nd, there were approximately 60 participants entered. By the way, you DO NOT have to be a Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Member in order to fish in the Derby. Don't hesitate to join if you like, we always welcome new members. The next 2 Derby weekends are May 14th - 16th and May 28th & 29th with the Fish Fry & Awards Presentation to be held May 30th. Prizes will awarded for both Adult & Junior categories, as well as High Point All-around.

Some important changes to be noted this year, Grouper and Black Sea Bass have been removed from the eligible Derby fish list. The reason for this is that May & June are the primary spawning months for these species. Since many of the reefs fished have only 1 or 2 males in relation to a considerably larger female population, estimates show that this change alone could possibly save hundreds of fish.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped pull this years Derby together as well as all the anglers who participated in the first phase of this years Fishing Derby.

I would also like to invite everyone, Cholla Bay Club Member or not, to join us in this Derby. We have many prizes to be awarded, so lets all have some fun and do some fishing.

Thank you,

Brad Moen, Fishing Derby Chairman

## Dear Fishermen,

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the CBSC Fishing Tournament. The Club and the Tournament have seen a lot of changes over the years. We'd like to stop and look back at everything that has kept us going this long. We'd like to hear from you, whether it's a memory, story, poem, photos or anything. We'd like to publish these items in the upcoming Chatters and share them with everyone, to remind members why it all started and to show new members why they should become more involved.

Fifty years is a long time and I'm sure the 50th Derby will be the biggest Fiesta this Club has seen to date! We again ask for you help in contributing items to the Chatter or your help in the festivities yet to come. **Let's rejuvenate this Club and help it last another 50 years!**

Please contact Dave or Kelley Adams (480) 345-0623 in Tempe or 382-5111 in Cholla to help out or for further information.

All the Ads in this Chatter are Derby Sponsors. Please let them know that we appreciate their support!

Patricia De Vore de Pérez  
Owner - Dueña

Bill Paying Services



## MEXICO BONITO REALTY

REAL ESTATE SALES, DEVELOPMENT  
BIENES RAICES, VENTAS, DESARROLLO

TEL/FAX: (011-52) 638 383-5737  
APOD. 73 PTO. PENASCO, SONORA, MEX.  
patricia@mexicobonitorealty.com

PO BOX 425  
LUKEVILLE, AZ 85341-0425  
www.mexicobonitorealty.com



Johnson-Manley  
Lumber Company

Johnson-Manley-Phoenix  
12930 W. Thunderbird Rd. • El Mirage, AZ 85335  
623-933-7678 • Fax 623-933-9891

Johnson-Manley-Black  
3568 Losee Rd. • North Las Vegas, NV 89030  
702-399-9663 • Fax 702-399-7585

Johnson-Manley-Havasú  
1505 Corona Dr. • Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403  
928-680-9000 • Fax 928-680-0009

1501 North 15th Avenue  
Tucson, Arizona 85705  
Telephone 520•882-0885  
FAX 520•628-1949  
License Number 58906 C-7

## BERGERON MARINE

Repower and Stern Drive Rebuilds

Manufacturers and Distributors  
For High Performance Marine Equipment

1559 N. Country Club Dr.  
Mesa, AZ 85201

Ph: (480) 834-1531  
Fax: (480) 834-1917

## Share a Saturday

We only served at Esperanza De Vida three times so far this year because other people who come during the winter were wanting to be a part of this also, and Darlene didn't want to turn anyone down, and that was fine with me. I seem to find plenty to do.

The OBSC donated a lot of left over ham from the New Year's Party, and one Saturday we made green beans, potatoes and ham stew, and served it with rolls, also donated, oranges and cookies. It's one of my favorites, and the adults liked it, but I think the kids would prefer hot dogs or tacos. We still had a lot of ham left, so one Saturday we made ham sandwiches. We thought maybe we didn't have quite enough, so we supplemented with peanut butter and jam. The kids loved these, so we may do P.B. and J. Again.

The OBSC again was very generous and had given me the left over Bash meat from 2003, so this past Saturday we served that on the good soft rolls that they like, with applesauce and cookies. This was a big hit, especially with the few moms who got the little bit of left over bash meat to take home. And the little kids are so cute!

I am planning to serve the last two Saturdays in May. There's a frozen turkey, some left over soup, a big can of macaroni and two big cans of applesauce. We should be able to do something with all that, and there's always peanut butter and jam.

Thanks to the following people who helped this year: Yvonne Arnett, Donna Wilhite, Frankie Palmer, Pauline Shelby, Rosie Murphy, Estelle Maud, Pat Goodin, Pete and Janet Pisciotta, mi esposo, Don, and anyone else I missed (I wish I would get in the habit of writing down names at the time) but you all know I really appreciate your help. And thanks to the OBSC people who authorized the donations and other donors. It's for a good cause and very rewarding. We'll do some more in October, "the good Lord willing and the creek don't rise!!"

*Nancy Schmidli*

### KEN'S TRIVIA

June 14th was officially declared flag day on August 3rd, 1949.



**STEEL DOR  
OF TUCSON**

*In Memory of*

**Robert S. Rothrock  
"Bob"**

We miss you Dad. Thanks for the time you spent with us.  
Until we see you again, keep an eye on us.  
*Love, Sammie, Trevor & Todd*

## COOK'S CORNER

*By Pat from friend Lavona*

### HOMEMADE BBQ SAUCE

Melt 1 cube margarine. Add one medium onion, chopped. Cook until onions are tender. Add to taste: Pepper, garlic salt and Season-all  
Add:

- 1 - 16 oz. bottle catsup
- 4 dashes Tabasco
- 4 dashes Worcestershire sauce
- 1 TBSP mustard
- 6 dashes Soy Sauce
- 1-1/2 - 2 tsp. brown sugar

Continue cooking over very low heat for about one hour, stirring frequently to prevent sticking and burning.

BILL DRAKE

**Drake  
& SON**

TRUCK, VAN & 4X4 PARTS  
AMERICAN & IMPORTS  
SINCE 1968

4220 E. ILLINOIS • TUCSON, AZ 85714  
520-748-8734



**COSMIC  
CONTROL CO.**  
Electrical Specialists

**Thank You  
and  
Good Luck!**

# PROMOTORA TURISTICA PLAYA ESCONDIDA S.A. DE C.V

## CHOLLA BAY HOMEOWNERS

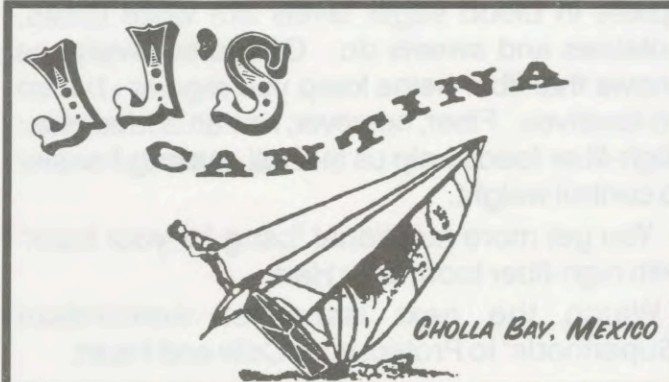
Here we are well into the season of spring with all its beautiful weather and the fun activities have commenced. The 49th Annual Fishing Derby sponsored by the CBSC is off to a good start. On derby days mother dawn hasn't even turned her lights on and you can hear the fishermen calling for their launcher. Lots of luck to all who participate as you wait for the big one to give your line the tug that tells you that you may have hooked winning fish - *now if you can just land it.*

Most of you know Alan 'Pete' Peterson has been president of the Vecinos de la Cholla almost since its day of inception and has spoiled all of us with his special attention to all of our individual situations. Under his supervision the membership has increased yearly and still continues to grow. Pete has stepped down from the presidency but still holds an honorary chair on the board, (the board members were way too smart to let all his knowledge and experience get out of their hands). At this point we have to give his wife Shirley, a round of applause for her excellent keeping of the records of the Vecinos members. Many a call has gone to their home, at all hours, from the police, doctors various emergency situations seeking their assistance and they were always there with the necessary information.

We would like to stress the importance to each homeowner how important it is to keep the Cholla Bay Office notified of address changes, telephone number changes, transfer of properties, transfer of deeds of trust etc. In cases of emergency it is our only source of contact with you. If you are fortunate enough to have a local phone service installed here, please take the time to see that we have that number. We all need to work in unison in order to work efficiently. You can call our Cholla Office to pass on this information or mail it to P.O. Box 742, Lukeville, AZ 85341, attention Cholla Bay Office.

- The Management

# GOOD LUCK FISHERMEN!!!!!!



**JJ'S CANTINA**  
CHOLLA BAY, MEXICO



**Ajo Chevron & Food Mart**  
ATM - BEER - FOOD - DIESEL  
Mexican Auto Insurance  
40 Miles Ahead 1-800-293-2560




**AJO INSURANCE CENTER**  
2021 N. Ajo/Gila Bend Hwy. • Ajo, AZ 85321 • 1-800-293-2560 • (520) 387-6286



**Lobo Del Mar**  
FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED  
CHARTERS  
Puerto Peñasco, Mexico

**Diving • Sunset Cruises • Parasailing  
Bird Island Tours • Dinner Cruises**

OFFICE (LOCAL) 383-2802 • USA 011-52-638-383-2802  
(CELL) 044-638-381-0236  
lobo@lobodelmar.com www.lobodelmar.com



**CHASE**

**Billie Jo Crumbley**  
Vice President  
Branch Manager  
Retail  
520-747-3666  
800-748-8380  
520-790-8883 Fax

**Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation**  
5151 E. Broadway Boulevard  
Suite 150  
Tucson, AZ 85711  
Mobile: 520-256-0956  
Residence: 520-299-8051  
email: Billie.Crumbley@chase.com

## RED HAT LUNCHEON

by Pat Goodin

The red hats were out again on April 27th at Portofino's Restaurant. This time we had about 30 women. Most wore their red hats and purple blouses, shirts or dresses, although as it was getting pretty hot on the patio at Portofino's, some of us took off our hats before the meal was over. We did have a nice lunch, though.

The next one will be on May 25th at Maria Bonita's Restaurant, also on the Malecon at Vina del Mar Restaurant. I haven't been there in a while, but they always have had good food. We'll be checking to see if we can get a free drink with our meal, as we did at Portofino's and also at Flavios. If not, they do have coupons in the Restaurant Guide for one free drink. See you there. It will probably be the last one before fall. At least I won't be here for the 4th Tuesday in June, but if someone plans to do it, I'm sure it'll be in the Rocky Point Times paper or you can check with Sandy at Rocky Point Times.

## Health Help

Foods for Long Life and Well-Being  
*continued from last month*

In this issue we will concentrate on:

### FIBER FOR YOUR WHOLE BODY

(as taken from webmd.com)

Once upon a time our diet was made up mostly of whole foods loaded with fiber, which helped keep our cholesterol and blood sugar levels low and kept our bowels functioning smoothly.

Now in our frenzied lifestyle, we're more likely to grab fast food or use prepared foods at home that have only a passing acquaintance with dietary fiber. It's a little known fact: Most of us should double the amount of fiber we eat if we want to reap its benefits.

"I don't think it would be a bad idea to flip the food pyramid and suggest nine to 11 servings of fruits and vegetables a day instead of the five to seven we recommend now," says William Hart. "None of us eats enough fiber." The average American eats 12 grams of fiber a day; most health organizations recommend 20-35 grams.

Studies have shown that dietary fiber - including foods such as apples, barley, beans and other legumes, fruits and vegetables, oatmeal, oat bran, and brown rice - clearly lower blood cholesterol. High-fiber foods are also digested more slowly, so they don't cause spikes in blood sugar levels like white bread, potatoes and sweets do. Of course, everyone knows that fiber helps keep you regular - but so do laxatives. Fiber, however, has an added plus: High-fiber foods help us feel full, making it easier to control weight.

You get more nutritional "bang for your buck" with high-fiber food, says Hart.

Watch the next issue for Antioxidant "Superfoods" to Protect your Cells and Heart.

LATITUDE 31°  
RESTAURANT & SPORTS BAR

IMPROVE YOUR ATTITUDE  
AT THE LATITUDE...

MIKE & CINDY

Great View!



In Front of the Anchor - Blvd. Benito Juarez S/N  
PUERTO PEÑASCO, SONORA

TEL: (011 52 638) 383-4311

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE  
TROPHY SPONSORS IN THIS HANDBOOK...  
WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT, THE CBSC  
FISHING DERBY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE!



Licores y Curios "Vasquez"



THE MENDOZA FAMILY

BLVD. DE LAS AMERICAS • NO. 11  
SONOYTA, SONORA, MEXICO

TEL. (651) 2-1189

**MERLE'S**  
AUTOMOTIVE  
SUPPLY

Danny Trujillo  
Manager  
Se Habla Español

Automotive and  
Heavy Duty Truck Parts  
Industrial Supplies

(520) 889-7202  
1-800-477-7202  
Fax (520) 746-1417

3380 E. Ajo Way • Tucson, AZ 85713

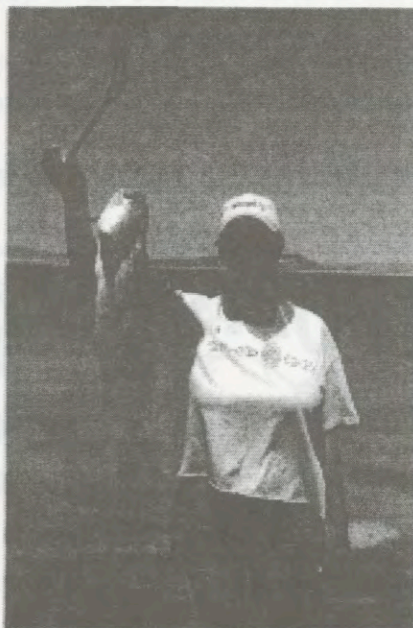
# Derby Results - 1st Phase

## ADULT

Pinto	Jim Schmidt	12.3 lbs
	Tim McFarland	9.0 lbs
	John Baird	6.3 lbs
Trigger	Tim McFarland	4.8 lbs
	Tom Cooley	3.6 lbs
	Dick Miller	3.3 lbs
Mackerel	Pete Finocchiaro	1.1 lbs
Sardinero	Jim Schmidt	17.3 lbs
	John Baird	12.3 lbs
	Tim McFarland	10.1 lbs
Red Snapper	Tod McDermott	9.9 lbs
	Greg Baumgardner	8.8 lbs
Yellowtail	Greg Baumgardner	15.5 lbs

## SURFCASTING CATEGORY

Sea Trout	Dee Moen	6.2 lbs
	Dean Fisher	3.7 lbs
	Brad Moen	2.8 lbs
Pompano	Brad Moen	1.2 lbs
	Guy Jean	1.1 lbs
	Dee Moen	1.0 lbs

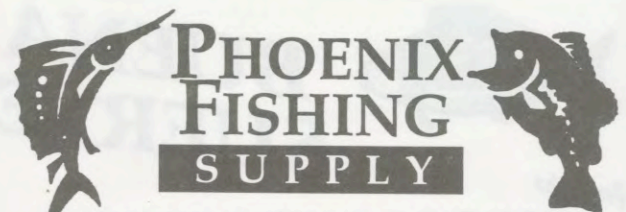
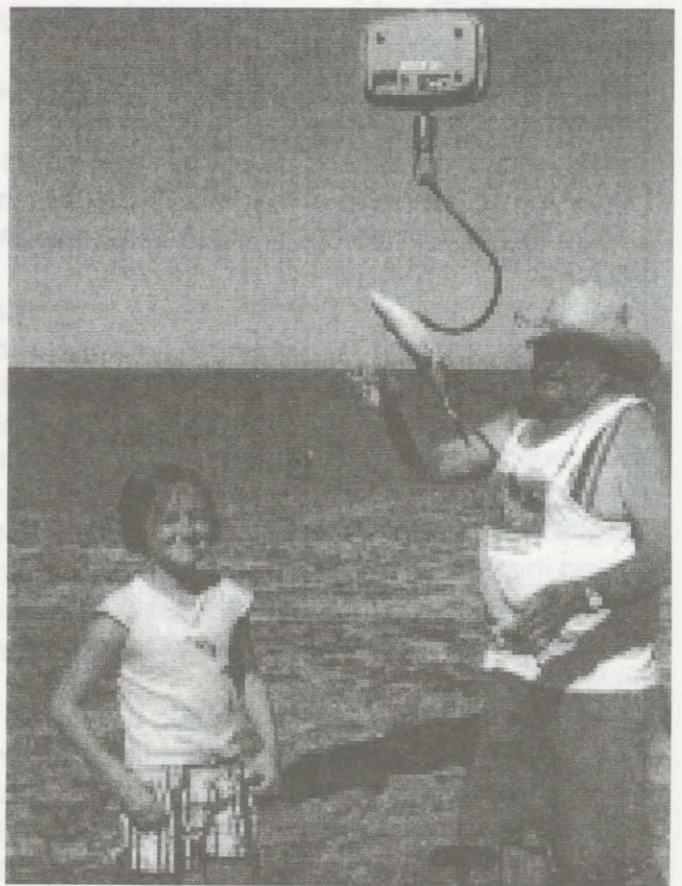


## JUNIORS

Trigger	Miranda Traverse	2.4 lbs
	Mike Traverse Jr	1.5 lbs
Jr. Misc.	Miranda Traverse	0.8 lbs
	Mike Traverse Jr	0.7 lbs
	Brandon Traverse	0.3 lbs

## SURFCASTING CATEGORY

Pompano	Miranda Traverse	1.4 lbs
---------	------------------	---------



4810 N. 16th Street • Phoenix, AZ 85016  
(602) 266-2624

ARIZONA'S MOST COMPLETE  
SALT WATER, FRESH WATER & FLY FISHING STORE

# A Guests Guide to Boating Etiquette

As a guest aboard a friend's boat, here's a helpful list of do's and don'ts to make the experience a good one for everyone involved.

1. Buy the fuel: Whether they run on gas or diesel, boats burn a lot of fuel. A guest should ask the captain how many greenbacks went through the mill for this outing, then offer to pay the fuel bill. Whenever you go out on a friend's boat pay offer to pay 100% of the fuel or split the cost with the other guests. The boat owner is already covering the cost of wear and tear, storage, monthly payments, marine insurance and a long list of other fees. Buying fuel is little enough to ask of a guest who has come along for the ride.

2. Bring lunch: The skipper gets to the boat early, sets things up and runs the boat. The least a guest can do is offer to feed him or her.

3. Help the skipper by doing what is asked: Guest generally want to help, but they improvise too much. Stand by and let the skipper give instructions.

4. Stay out of the skipper's face: A boat is a small space. The person running it often has a lot on his or her mind, such as weather, waves and where the fish are. Give the skipper some space and don't subject him to a constant barrage of questions. Let the answers unfold over the length of the cruise and let the skipper concentrate.


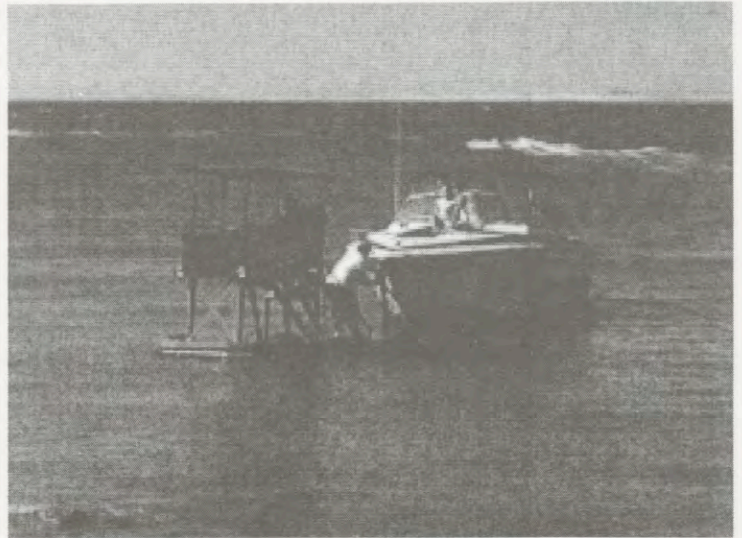
5. Don't touch that dial: Electronics are the captain's turf. Don't fiddle with the dials, punch buttons or try to make things beep. If guest want to learn about them, they should ask, not fiddle. Even better, why not read a manual while running out to the fishing grounds?

6. Remember that docking is serious business: Whenever a boat is being docked or being loaded onto a trailer most guest tend to start gathering their personal belongings. This proves distracting and it starts the weight shifting all over and makes docking or loading difficult, at best. As a guest, either man your designated position while docking or loading or sit still.

7. Keep in mind that cleanup is also serious business: Salt destroys metal, and a good skipper wants to keep a clean boat. Washing the boat is not on par with washing the car, it s preventative maintenance. Guest should offer to help at the end of the day and realize that the chores must be done quickly and efficiently.

8. Help out with the "invisible" work: Waxing in the spring, winterizing in the fall, bottom painting and countless other jobs that keep a boat fit. Whenever you go fishing or cruising often with someone, offer to help with the invisible work that may become necessary later on.

9. Please reciprocate: When the skipper shares his expertise at the helm with a guest, a guest should share his or her expertise in another area with the skipper.



**BUENA  
SUERTE**

From the  
**CHOLLA CHAPTER**  
*HAPPY FISHING!*

**SPORTSMAN'S**  
**WAREHOUSE**  
HUNTING • FISHING • CAMPING • RELOADING • OUTERWEAR • FOOTWEAR

**Saltwater & Fresh Water Gear**

**BRUCE GIBSON**  
*Store Manager*

19205 North 27th Avenue • Phoenix, Arizona 85027  
(623) 516-1400 Fax: (623) 516-1405



*Good Luck Fishermen...*

## The Rocky Point Times

<http://rptimes.com>



### Rio Rico Properties Inc. Gerry Logue

Vice President / Construction Manager

275 Rio Rico Drive • Rio Rico, AZ 85648  
520-281-8451 • 520-884-8110 • Fax 520-281-8444  
[gerry\\_logue@avatarholdings.com](mailto:gerry_logue@avatarholdings.com)



Transport Inc.

7400 S. Nogales Hwy.  
Tucson, AZ 85706  
(520) 573-1647  
Fax (520) 573-9337

### Albert E. Kinder III

Operations Manager • 1-800-524-7073

Heavy Hauling • Machine Moving  
Storage Trailer Rental • Licensed & Bonded 93562

## Court's Custom Tackle & Marine Supply



Custom Fishing Rods  
Specialize Penn and Daiwa Reels

Herman E. Court  
7 West Erie Drive  
Tempe, Arizona  
85282

(480) 967-5147  
Fax (480) 967-5148



**S & E DRYWALL, INC.**

C 10 - 154667

**Sal Otañez, President**  
**Marco A. Islava, Vice President**

1225 N. Frontage Rd.  
Rio Rico, AZ 85648

Ph: 520-761-1392  
Fax: 520-761-1398



Authorized Warranty Dealer

Gas - Diesel  
Hyd

## RAUL'S AUTO REPAIR

General Repairs

2650 E. Ganley Road  
Tucson, AZ 85706-4543

Tel (520) 388-9142  
Fax (520) 622-7339

**"Thank You" to all of our Derby Sponsors...**  
**We couldn't do it without your support!**



*Take a Kid Fishing... They'll love you for it!*

# CHOLLA CHAPTER NEWS

by Pat Goodin

We had our May meeting at the Black Dog, which is under new management and ownership of Vicki, who was formerly at JR's Restaurant. She served us a great meal and we had a choice of chicken or fish. I decided on the chicken and it was great.

We currently have 220 members in our chapter, and were happy to see a new member at the meeting - Roger Franze. Glad to have you aboard, Roger.

Soon, most of the "full-timers" or should I say "almost full timers" will be leaving Cholla again for the cooler climates. However, we will be having one more meeting before we break for the summer - Saturday, June 5th is the date, so write it down. We'll have happy hour starting about 5:30 at the club house, then pot-luck following. It's starting to get pretty hot by then, so we made it a little later. But, come on out is you're in Cholla Bay at the time, and we'll have a little get-together before the rest of us leave.

Also, write down the October meeting, which will be October 16th (my birthday), and it's going to be a pot-luck again. In June and October, we never know how many people will be around, so it's a lot easier to just do pot-lucks. Most people are back by mid-October, so we'll catch up on all the happenings from the summer - hopefully, no fires in Arizona this year.

Hope to see you at the June meeting!

*Please Patronize  
Our Derby Sponsors*

For Breakfast with Attitude Come To

## XOCHITL'S Cholla Cafe



*"Best Breakfast in Town"  
& Best Chiles Rellenos Anywhere*

Open 6am - 2pm • Closed Tuesday & Wednesday  
Located in Cholla Bay

• Kayak Rentals - Easy Access to Bay •

BOYD P. DRACHMAN

# DL

## DRACHMAN • LEED INSURANCE, INC.

2090 N. Kolb Road, Suite 100 • Tucson, AZ 85715  
(520) 885-3561 • FAX (520) 885-0496  
Email: bdrachman@drachmanleed.com



Jim Lensing - General Manager • Mobile: 520-631-1931  
Mark Argenbright - Truss Operations manager • Mobile: 520-631-1934  
Dave Bernardis - Sales Representative • Mobile: 520-631-1935

FOXWORTH GALBRAITH LUMBER COMPANY  
4151 E. Michigan St. • Tucson, AZ 85714  
(520) 747-3660 • Fax (520) 747-3351

# SOUTHWEST

## AUTO PAINTING & BODY REPAIR

622 S. HACIENDA DR. • TEMPE, AZ 85281

*"EXPERT COLLISION REPAIR & COLOR MATCHING"*



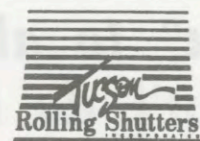
**BOB LANZON**  
President



(480) 968-5915

Fax (480) 921-5435

www.southwestautobody.com



**Solar Screen®**

Prevent Burglary, Storm Damage

Saves Energy

Motorized or Manual Operation

Available in Rocky Point  
and surrounding areas

### Sonoran Distributors

**Ken & Jerry**

Tucson (520) 577-4834  
Cholla 382-5091 or 382-5033

E-mail: kenhartnett@msn.com  
www.tucsonrollingshutters.com

Jim + Gail Allison



# Allison AUTOMOTIVE

## PRESCOTT'S IMPORT AUTO SUPPLY

528 W. GURLEY • PRESCOTT, AZ 86301  
928-778-9660 • 800-491-9660

# Releasing Fish

Is it a keeper or not? This is a question anglers must answer each time they bring a hooked fish within reach. If it is a keeper, your top priority is to get it in the boat. However, if it is not legal size or is too small, how do you unhook and release it with a good chance to survive, grow, reproduce and perhaps be caught again? The following is a few suggestions and techniques that will allow you to improve the chance of survival of released fish.

- 1. Do not use a gaff hook to land questionable size fish.** Keep a landing net on board your boat to assist in landing questionable size fish.
- 2. Do not let the fish hit the deck.** A flopping fish on the deck can lose scales, mucous and skin which protects it from infection.
- 3. Handle the fish with a wet rag.** By using a rag dipped in sea water the fish will be much less likely to lose scales and mucous.
- 4. Remove the hook carefully.** A fish hooked in the forward part of the mouth should not be difficult to remove. If the fish is deep hooked, a long pair of needle nose pliers usually works well. If the hook can not be removed without damage, it is best to cut the line close to the hook and release the fish. Chances are the fish will survive and the hook will rust or work its way out within a short time.
- 5. Avoid the use of treble hooks.** Lures with treble hooks are difficult to remove without damaging the fish in most cases. Treble hooks can be replaced by single hooks on most lures.
- 6. Use barbless hooks.** Another good idea is to make the hook barbless by closing the barb with a pair of pliers.
- 7. Deflate bloated fish.** The most successful method found was to insert a hypodermic needle through the side of the fish into the air bladder. The pressurized air rushes out the open end of the needle, a process sped-up by compressing the sides of the fish. The stomach can be repositioned by pushing it back into the fish. When the fish regains a normal appearance, it can be returned to the water.

## How to release deep-dwelling reef and bottom fish...

Although the verdict's not in yet on this one, initial studies offer some encouraging data. For instance, several studies involving Red Snapper caught off the Gulf Coast oil rigs in water approximately 100 ft. deep showed a very high rate of survival if the fish had no hook injuries and weren't eaten on the way back to the bottom. In fact most of the Snappers had no problem returning to the bottom on their own. Some of the Snappers were kept in cages on the bottom and observed for several days after release with no ill effects noted.

The bad news is that fish caught in depths over 100 ft. showed a rapid increase in mortality after being observed in cages, and many of the "free released" fish weren't able to return to the bottom because of buoyancy caused by expanded stomach gas. It appears that the deeper the water, the higher the mortality due to injuries caused by decompression.

What about the practice of deflating the fish's abdomen so it can return to the bottom? According to Ron Schnied, special assistant for National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Regional Office, deflating a fish is better than leaving it floating on the surface, where it's susceptible to predation and exposure to the sun. It's the same principal as leaving the hook in a gut-hooked fish: sure, it isn't the ideal situation, but at least the fish has a chance.

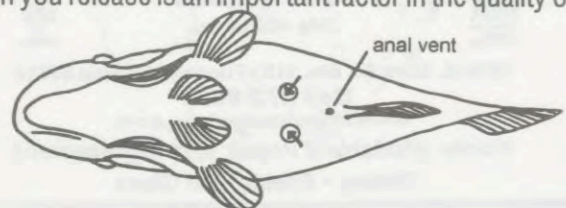
Another biologist who advocates abdomen deflation is Dr. Ray Wilson of the University of South Florida. Wilson is currently studying hook-caught Groupers taken from South Florida's offshore reefs, and has found that released survival is relatively high if the fish are taken in less than 200 ft. of water. Here the process of decompression and recompression doesn't seem to affect survival. Any deeper than 200 ft., however, any decompression injury becomes a factor and the survival rate rapidly decreases.

"Don't have the attitude that you're throwing away a good fish," Wilson says, regarding a common misconception shared by many bottom fishermen. If you can get the fish in quickly so it's not completely exhausted, and deflate the abdomen, the fish has a good chance of surviving. Wilson recommends using a clean hypodermic needle (around 14 gauge) to deflate the abdomen, because it has a hole in the center that allows the gas to bleed off. Naturally, you need to remove the syringe for it to work. If you can't obtain a needle, a clean ice pick, bait stitching needle or a debarbed hook will work in a pinch. Later, the puncture hole will heal.

## How to deflate Grouper...

The best way to deflate, or aspirate, a Grouper is to turn the fish over on its back and insert a needle or other device on either side of the centerline just forward of the anus. (Many people confuse the large bulbous sac protruding from the mouth of the Grouper or Snapper as the swim bladder. This is actually the stomach of the fish that has been everted by the expanding gas and should not be punctured.) Gently massage the gas out of the abdomen and return the fish to the water. If the fish appears to be too exhausted to swim, you can keep it in a live well just long enough for its breathing to return to normal. Groupers are surprisingly hardy, and have a fairly good chance of surviving if returned to the water in under three minutes. Some Groupers have been kept out of water for up to five minutes and have survived release. The survival rate of released fish can be greatly improved if the above procedures are followed. Remember, the survival of the undersized fish you release is an important factor in the quality of fishing you may expect in future years.

**To deflate a Grouper,** hold the fish upside down and insert a hypodermic needle (or other clean, sharp object) on either side of the abdomen just forward of the anal vent. Gently massage all the gas from the abdomen and quickly return the fish to the water.



Letter for Cholla Bay Chatter...

# Help!!!

Many of you are familiar with my Cholla Bay cabin, Casa Luna, at the top of the steps leading down to Tucson Beach.

Most of the parking area at the top of the steps is part of my lot, covered by a trust. Many folks, American and Mexican, park in the lot and use the steps to traverse to and from Tucson Beach. At this juncture I do not intend to chain-off the parking area. However, to do so remains a possibility.

A favor to ask. If you see folks on my porch, please check if they belong... In our most recent incident someone took the gate. Yep, the gate. Before that, persons unknown took the lid off the water tank. Several times. (It is now padlocked). Another time screens were cut, but the windows were locked, so there was no entry. Five years ago the front door was kicked in and half the possessions inside were taken. Anyway, with heavy traffic to and from the beach my cabin takes a beating from those persons who would steal. Appreciate any and all help.

*Moon Mullins - Casa Luna*

**Fish Fry & Awards Ceremony**  
**Sunday May 30, 2004 - 4pm**  
**Fry Shack in Cholla Bay**

**Raffle tickets still available...**  
**\$1 each or 6 for \$5**  
**Lots of great prizes up for grabs!**

**IMPACT Autoglass**

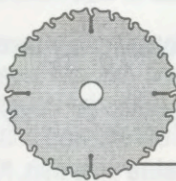
Member NGA National Glass Association

**John Hartnett**  
Site Manager

8230 E. 22nd St., Ste. 115 • Tucson, Arizona 85710  
Cell 272-9322  
www.impactautoglass.com

Mobile Windshield Repair and Replacement  
Tinting • Residential Glass

Sal Otañez  
President



**R.C.C.I. Carpentry, Inc.**

L-07 114934 • C-07 105526

1648 W. Wetmore Road  
Tucson, AZ 85705

520-293-3446  
Fax 520-293-3509

**NAPA Kord's Napa AutoCare**

2050 N. HWY 85 • AJO, AZ 85321

**Auto, RV, and Marine Parts & Service**  
**Secure RV and Boat Storage**

**ASE** CERTIFIED

(520) 387-6962  
(520) 387-4869 - Towing 24 Hrs.

**AAA** Approved Auto Repair

**DESERT BUILDING MATERIALS**

- Acoustical
- Drywall
- Metal Studs
- Fasteners
- FRP
- Tools

2310 W. Gardner Lane  
Tucson, AZ 85705

888-4950 Phone  
888-1441 Fax


22nd St. 76  
Speedway 76  
Alvernon 76  
Campbell 76

Woodgate Enterprises  
3494 N. Country Club Vista Circle  
Tucson, Arizona 85750  
Telephone (520) 615-3811  
(520) 624-8240  
(520) 323-2354  
(520) 323-2417  
(520) 323-2346

**UNOCAL 76**

Pete Blamey


HARDWARE • TOOLS • MATERIALS



**CURT SHORT**  
Branch manager

Office: 520.792.9448  
Fax: 520.792.9553  
Cell: 520.237.8037

STORE HOURS  
8AM-5PM • 10P-11P



WHITE CAP PRO-CONTRACTOR SUPPLY  
3875 NORTH COMMERCE DRIVE  
TUCSON, AZ 85745

# THANK YOU!!!

We want to thank all of you who help us do the putting together of the Chatter - folding, labeling, etc. And thanks also to any of you, especially Sue Sledge, who takes the Chatters to Tucson at times to get them to Enedina. And, thank you Enedina for taking time out of your busy schedule to take the Chatters to the main post office where they need to go for mailing. Without all of you we couldn't get the Chatter out. Again, a BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU. Also, thanks to all of you who help out at Ship's Store, especially during the derby week-ends.

- Pat Goodin and Nancy Schmidli

## Membership Report

We now have 222 members in the Cholla Chapter and 43 in the Tucson chapter. Thanks to all you who responded to the notice about delinquent dues. You really helped. Welcome to new members Roger and Mary Franze.

Remember that new memberships are pro rated for June through December. You can invite a friend to join for only \$20. That's a great deal, and a great way to support the radio that we maintain.



*Let's Go Fishing!!*

**ALEJANDRO PORTUGAL M.**

SEGUROS - INSURANCE

Phone: 001 52 (638) 383-2390

Fax (638) 383-2324

PO BOX 402 • LUKEVILLE, AZ 85341

e-mail: [segurosp@prodigy.net.mx](mailto:segurosp@prodigy.net.mx)

*Bld. Benito Juarez + Simon Morua • Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico*



**FELDMAN EQUITIES  
MANAGEMENT LLC**

**Rick Schwartz**  
Property Manager

5151 E. Broadway Blvd. • Suite 25 • Tucson, Arizona 85711  
Phone: 520-790-1651 • Fax: 520-790-2958

# CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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.

**Special Prorated  
Membership  
June - December  
Only \$20**

Cholla Chapter welcomes new members Roger & Mary Franze.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

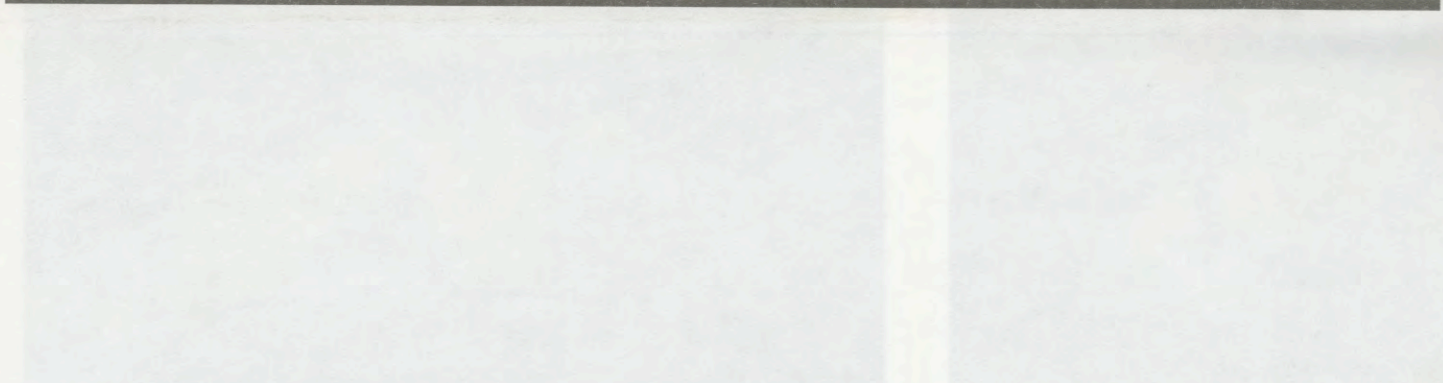
ADDRESS: (US or P.O. Box ONLY) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

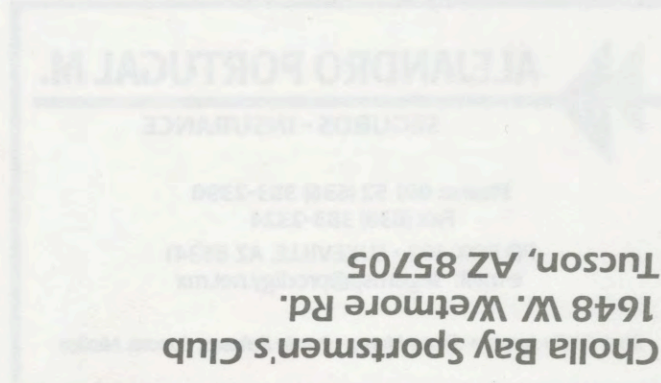
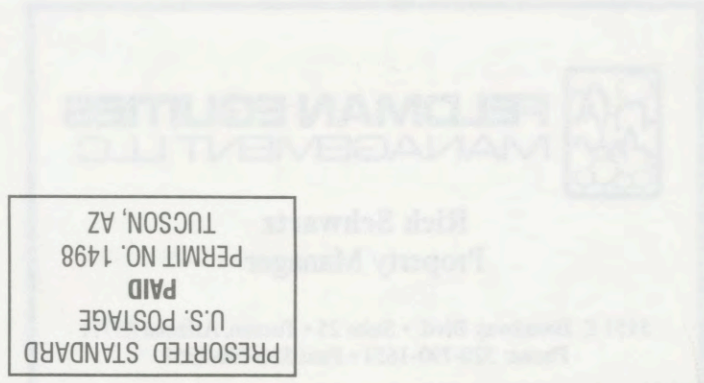
CABIN #: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN UNDER 18: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES, AGES: \_\_\_\_\_

~~ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$40.00~~ *Special Rate Above*



*Let's go fishing!*



PRESORTED STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT NO. 1498  
TUCSON, AZ

Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club  
1648 W. Wetmore Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85705