

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 26th - CBSC Bd. Meeting - 4:00 P.M.
January 26th - CBSC happy hour. Everyone bring
hors d'ouvres - 5:00 P.M. - Games afterward

February 16th - OBSC Mardi Gras

March 14th - 17th Fishing Derby
March 15th - Cholla Bay Home Tour

April 11th - 13th Fishing Derby
April 19th - OBSC Bash
April 26th - Vecinos General Meeting

May 9th - 11th - Fishing Derby
May 22nd - 24th Fishing Derby
May 25th - Fish Fry
May 26th - Memorial Day

FISHING DERBY

DATES:

March 14-17

April 11-13

May 9-11

May 22-24

Fish Fry - Sunday, May 25th

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WELCOME TO THE
53rd ANNUAL
CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB FISHING DERBY

On behalf of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club (CBSC) we want to invite you to participate in the 53rd, YES, 53rd annual fishing derby. This year's derby has fishing dates covering four weekends. These dates are:

March 14 - 17; April 11 - 13; May 9 - 11; May 22 - 24. The Fish Fry and Awards Ceremony, celebrating our successful fishing, will be held on Sunday, May 25th, the last official day of the derby.

The CBSC wants everyone to have the opportunity to fish as much as possible. If you have a boat with extra space and are willing to take on fellow "fishers", please let us know. This would give you the chance to make new friends, learn some new fishing tips, share "gas", and just have a good time. In the event you know people who will be here during the derby dates, tell them about it and invite them to join us in the derby and as new members of CBSC!!

In 2008 let's especially work to expand our youth participation. Bring you children, grandchildren, their friends. Let's line the beach and fill boats with kids fishing for fun and prizes!!

We have the dates, we have the plans; NOW all we need is YOU! Volunteer and make this YOUR Fishing Derby. GOOD LUCK AND MAY THE FISHING GODS BRING GOOD WEATHER!!

Mike O'Callaghan and Steve Canant
2008 Fishing Derby Chairmen

OTHER FISHING DERBY NEWS

by Pat Goodin

A meeting was held to determine the dates of the upcoming derby, and to get started on the various things that need to be done. Kelley Adams has made up the forms for the derby sponsors, so we can begin to get the sponsors. Anyone who can get a sponsor, we would greatly appreciate it. Sponsor support starts at \$50.00 and a \$50.00 ad will get 1/5 page in the derby handbook. A \$100 sponsor will get 1/4 page, a \$150 sponsor will get 1/3 page, a \$200 sponsor will get 1/2 page, and for a full page ad it will require \$300. All sponsors will get a business card ad in the Cholla Chatter. Please try to get sponsors. If you would like a copy of the form, please email me and I will email you the form We would need camera ready art, company logo or business card for the handbook. We need a business card for all sponsors. These need to be in very soon, so the handbooks can be printed.

You will see the derby dates on page one of this Chatter. Please mark your calendars. If you are a fisherman, you'll want to try to be here for this 53rd ANNUAL FISHING DERBY. If you aren't a fisherman, you can come and volunteer to help weigh fish or help at Ship's Store. We especially need some younger guys to help weigh the fish. Some of them are pretty heavy for some of the old-timers. Call me, email me, or just come by the house if you can help out. My phone number in Cholla is 382-5056. My vonage number is 575-635-4779. My email address is nolehacepat@yahoo.com. YOU CAN DO THIS! WE NEED YOU!

The art work needs to be sent to Kelley Adams, 6824 S. Hardy Drive, Tempe, Az. 85283. She can answer any questions about the art work, etc. Her phone number is 480-345-0623.

AROUND TOWN

by Pat Goodin

It seems like some of the building is slowing down a bit, as we don't have as many dump trucks, etc. whizzing by the house and thru the stop sign every few minutes. Or, maybe it's just because it's been the holidays. I walked around Cholla a few days ago, and even though I know about all the building, it still astonishes me when I see all the casitas, etc. all over the place. And, coming home from Rocky Point after going in for fish one night, I looked over at Sandy Beach, and looked toward Cholla and there are soooo many lights! Like I said before, I know these condos, etc. are here, but I'm still amazed when I see all the lights. Like - How can this have happened so quickly? It's just amazing to me that all of this is here, and just 10 years ago, when you looked toward Cholla Bay, and Sandy Beach, there were no lights to speak of. But, progress is here, and we will all make the most of it.

Cholla Bay Home Tour

Saturday March 15, 2008

Tickets \$10

Tickets available at the Cholla Community Center @11:30
Six beautiful homes available for your pleasure from 12 to 3PM
For more information call Frankie McCulley 602-923-2871
or Gretchen Ellinger 382-5147

Sponsored by the Old Boys Social Club**COOK'S CORNER - Shrimp Cocktail Sauce (from Jo Barnes)**

1/2 cup chile sauce, 2 TBS lime or lemon juice, Few drops Tabasco sauce, 1/2 to 1 tsp. horseradish, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 cup diced celery, 2 tsp. worcestershire. Mix all ingredients together and chill. Keep leftover in screwtop jar.

PROMOTORA TURISTICA PLAYA ESCONDIDA S.A. De C.V

Here we are rolling into the world of 2008. We hope the new year brings you and yours bundles of good health, wealth and happiness.

There are all sorts of new plans for Cholla Bay. New developments are being built, plans for the marina lots are moving forward. In other words, the future of Cholla Bay is looking very exciting.

The organizers in the three combined clubs, Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club, OBSC and the largest of all (membership -wise) the Vecinos de la Cholla certainly deserve a lot of credit for the hard work they do getting the functions organized and ready for us just to walk in and enjoy. It was good to read in one of the past Cholla Chatters the names of new homeowners who are taking over some of these jobs so it will give the ones who have carried on for so long a chance to just walk in and enjoy what's available.

As stated in the opening paragraph, the company and all its employees wish you the very, very best for 2008 and years yet to come.

SICK BAY

We have received news that Ralph Smith passed away on Thursday, January 10th. Some of you might remember Ralph & Phyllis who had a cabin at Pelican Point. We also hear that Richard Vehling passed away here in Cholla Bay on or about the 13th or 14th of January. Our sympathy goes out to the families. It might be a good idea for all of us to know someone who speaks Spanish that we can call if necessary, even in the middle of the night, to help us talk to someone at Red Cross. I believe there was some problem with that on the night that Richard passed away. Nancy Schmidli will be having a hip replacement on February 2nd. If you want to send a card the address is 10645 W. Connecticut, Sun City, Az. 85351



Let's Go Fishin' News from the Lauching Pad via Rosario Villa

December and early January were windy and "cold". About the only boats out were the Mexican panga fishermen. There were no reports of rescue missions during that time frame. The only fish seen on the ramp were some rock bass. As the weather warms up and the "wind gods" back off hopefully fishing will improve. Hope to see you all at the Fishing Derby! Humbabe!

Cholla Bay Christmas Party 2007

The Christmas party was held on Dec. 8th at the clubhouse in Cholla. Again, Santa (Sal Ontañez) was there for the pictures with all the children. Kathy Barnard took the pictures and Diane Aliano and Paul Schoonover printed them out. Pat Goodin, Pat Lee, Janet Pisciotta and Santa's helpers, Enedina Otañez, her daughter, Mavia, and son-in-law, David and their baby, Maya, and Enedina's son Sal Hopper were on hand to cut the pictures and deliver them to be framed. Joanie Perrin and friend Tyler were also helping behind the scenes, as they do every year. Linda Eger, who does a fantastic job of making all the frames every year was there to help put the pictures in the frames along with Cathy Eagen. Debbie and Wendell Lolling, Grace Schoonover and Alicia Rusche's granddaughter, Ryan, were very busy helping each child choose a gift for their Moms and wrap and label the gifts. This is a very popular activity. Ken Goodin, Donald S. and Pete Pisciotta grilled the hot dogs and served them with the chips. Sarah Hohlenkamp played the keyboard as everyone sang some Mexican Christmas songs.

Then it was outside for the piñatas which were set up by Pete Peterson. The piñatas were donated by Eric of Vaquez Liquors and Shirley and Pete Peterson stuffed them with candy. This is a favorite activity for the kids. Shirley had helpers on hand to throw out more candy so that every child was sure to get some. Meanwhile, a great crew was inside helping get the clubhouse ready for the pot luck that evening. Others who also helped with bagging in various ways were, Steve Lee, Mike Eagan, Lowell and Frankie McCulley, Bob and Barb Damman.

Then we loaded up the food boxes and toys. Santa led the way in his Santa Golf Cart followed by his helpers and we delivered boxes to 30 families and toy bags to 89 children.

I wish to thank all the people not mentioned above (all of whom also donated) who so generously donated money, food and helped with bagging and wrapping and various ways to make this party possible:

Nancy Ryan, Al and Margaret Wendt, Sally Dalton, CBSC, Phoenix Power and Sail Club, Jean Troxel, Richard and Jeanie Hunziker, Dusty and Marie Rhoades, Mike and Vicki Wright, Charles and Penny Cardinal, Soda Parker, Chuck Payne & Jo Barnes, Ralph and Marion Barlow, Jane and Bruce Beidler, Julene and Bill Wallace, Gerry and Dottie Nelson, Lisa Nelson, Jim and Carol Schmidt, Shirley McDonald, Jo and Martin Balk, Craig and Susan Roper, Jerry Ketelhut, Jr., Shiela Boyd, Moon Mullens, Lew and Agnes Felton, Margaret Makarchuk, Sue and Pat Sledge, Gene and Carol Court, Elizabeth Fields, and my toy chairman, Diane Bennett.

I have been the co-chairman of the Mexicans' Christmas Party since 1996, maybe longer. Diane has purchased the toys for at least the past 8 years. It has been a most rewarding experience and one I haven't wanted to give up until this year. It is time that I quit doing this part of the party. Diane also feels she has purchased the toys long enough and will no longer do that. If anyone would like to take over these positions as food and toy chairmen, please let me know. I will continue doing the Christmas party at the clubhouse, but I will no longer do the boxes and toys. If you would like to take over this most rewarding experience, please let me know. My phone number in Sun City is 623 444 7759, in Cholla 382 5036 and my email is nschmidli@cox.net. As you can see by this long list, you will have **lots of help**.

I wish all of you a most happy and prosperous new year!

Nancy Schmidli

PICTURES FROM THE MEXICAN FAMILIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD ON DECEMBER 8TH 2007



Pictures by Lowell McCulley

Membership News:

Hello from Gerry Nelson, your new membership chairman. I will be attempting to fill the shoes of Nancy Schmidli who has done this job so very well for many years. So if there are mistakes don't get after Nancy anymore. You can yell at me instead. My contact information is below.

So far for the current 2008 membership campaign we have 76 paid members. This is a good start but we hope to improve on this total by at least another 100 for the current year. For 2007 we had roughly 200 members when the year ended.

So far this year we have 4 new members who have not been members in previous years according to our records. Their names are: **Billie and Mike Carnes, Agnes and Jim Holther, Lisa Nelson, and Lisa and Jim O'Toole.**

Please look at the mailing address label on the front of the Chatter. If there is a "08" after your name your membership application has been received, your membership has been processed, and you will continue to receive the Chatter during 2008.

If you have a "07" after your name this means that your membership application has not yet been received, it might be in the mail, or it has not been processed by the time the new labels were made for mailing the Chatter during January 2008.

The Cholla Bay Sportsman's Club needs your support for new and old activities for 2008 so if you have not sent in your check and application please do so as soon as possible. Depending on what the Board decides, this could be the last Chatter you will receive if you do not join the CBSC for 2008.

For those of you who have joined, I thank you on behalf of the club. For those of you who have not yet rejoined, please spend a little time and write the check before it slips your mind again.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR GERRY NELSON:

P. O. Box 1320, Lukeville, AZ, 85341. nelsonengr@cox.net. Telephone from USA 011 52 638 382 5163.

Telephone from Cholla 382 5163. Or you can use the mailbox at Casa M6A-13 in La Cholla.



Membership Application 2008 Annual Dues \$40

Membership dues and other activities of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club funded the purchase of radio equipment and supports the maintenance and operation of the Marine VHF Radio (channels 16 & 26) for the Northern Sea of Cortez & CB radio(channel 3) in the Cholla Bay area. The CBSC pays the salary of the radio operator, assists in search and rescue operations and, when necessary, can assist with some arrangements for transportation of critically ill or injured. The CBSC conducts the annual fishing derby, publishes a monthly newsletter and promotes good relations between American visitors and our Mexican neighbors.

Name: _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Cabin # _____

Email _____

Summer Address: If you want your chatter sent to a different address June to Sept.

Make your check out to CBSC and mail to Gerry Nelson, P.O. Box 1320, Lukeville, Az. 85341