

# CHOLLA CHATTER

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## NEWS FROM THE LAUNCH RAMP

Our launchers were busy during April and May this year, probably because of the 50th annual derby. 169 boats were launched in April, and 229 in May. Not many problems arose, but we did have a few:

- On April 30th, the Roe Boat ran out of gas, and a ponga took out some gas to them
- Reese and Jean Gibbons ran out of gas one day in early May, and found out later they had a hole in a gas line. Someone took some gas to them, but they then had to be towed in. Clive Jordan did the honors.
- The same night, a boat was stranded out by Bird Island. Although it wasn't launched from Cholla Bay, Villa helped the Port Captain talk to them, and the Navy brought them in.
- Another one around that time went out from the Safe Marina, and they tried to contact the Safe Marina, who didn't answer. Villa helped the rescue on that one also.
- Another boat had gone out from Rocky Point, ran out of gas over by Black Mountain, and it got very windy and the boat Kick'N-Back went out to their rescue.
- A big Suburban tried to launch some jet skis at a really low tide and got stuck with the tide coming in. Villa had to go out and bring in the Suburban, and the jet skis.

Sometimes people think they can launch their own boats and jet skis, but sometimes have to get in pretty deep water to do so. Can't be too good on their vehicles!!

**REMEMBER - IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO BUDDY-BOAT!!!**

## A TIP TO TRY

*by Pat Goodin*

I tried this today, and it worked very well...

Help open a clogged drain by pouring 1 cup baking soda down the drain and then adding 1 cup hot vinegar. Wait a few minutes, then flush the drain with about a quart of very hot water. Repeat if necessary. This method of cleaning and deodorizing drains avoids using harsh chemicals and is kinder to the environment. Cut down to 1/4 cup baking soda and 1/2 cup vinegar for keeping garbage disposals clean.

## Cholla Chapter News

*by Pat Goodin*

Cholla Chapter had their final dinner meeting (before we all leave for the summer) on June 4th, at the club house. We had happy hour about 5:00, then a pot luck dinner after 6:00. It was really quite nice there, in fact, it was so cool, some of us went inside because it was too cold outside. Imagine that! Strange, but true. We did have a good time just sitting around and chatting. That morning we had our board meeting and came up with the following tentative schedule for the rest of 2005:

• **October:**

Saturday, October 15th - pot luck - club house

• **November:**

November 5th - It'll be a "4th of July in November" event - hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, apple pie & ice-cream. Sounds yummiie to me!!

• **December:**

December 3rd - Plan to have turkey, ham, dressing, etc.

All of this of course can be subject to change, depending on circumstances which could occur - don't ask what, as I have no idea. But it should be pretty much as above. We can use help cooking, etc. so if you want to help, let us know.

Now, everyone have a great, fun, and safe summer and we'll see you in the fall.

## Sick Bay...

Pat and Ken Goodin were having a great time at the fish fry dancing, which they are very good at. Unfortunately, Pat tripped, fell and broke her wrist. So she spent most of Sunday at the clinic and now she is beginning her vacation in South Carolina with a cast on her whole arm. What a bummer!

Other sick bay: Jo Barnes will begin her radiation in Tucson next week.

Jerry Ketelhut had his operation and is doing well as far as I know.

Gene Court was able to attend the fish fry, where he was presented a "thank you" award for all his donations and years of service.

I also received word that Dorothy Culty (reddot41@frontiernet.net) was very ill and spent the month of May in the hospital but now home recovering.

Also, Winston Matthews had to be taken out of the Bay quickly recently, and had a hernia operation but is doing okay now.

I think that is all for now!

## Promotora Turistica Playa Escondida S.A. De C.V.

### Cholla Bay Homeowners

Here we go into the summer... summer months of heat and humidity. However, now that we have electricity in Cholla Bay we can handle the next couple of months with greater ease. It just means a little more indoor life until the evening hours when the sun has set.

Lots are selling fast and construction is booming. We are fortunate to have several very competent contractors here with their hard working skilled crews. This allows our clients to get bids on their jobs, and check the other jobs the contractor of your choice has completed, and be the judge of the quality of their work. Cholla Bay has definitely grown up and the days of the fishing shacks is now history. But anyone who lived in Cholla during those days will not forget that is how Cholla Bay got its start and has built up a reputation as a fun loving - sports orientated community. Please feel welcome to go into the Cholla Bay Sales Office and check on the lots that are still available so you can join in on the fun.

The CBSC has now terminated their 50th Annual Fishing Derby and what a successful Derby it was. Bouquets go to the derby chairmen and their wives and to all of the unseen workers behind the scenes who did their share to contribute to this success. Never have so many prizes been awarded to make everyone feel they were rewarded in some special way. Another piece of happy history is now in the books for Cholla Bay.

## Hi Everyone,

This is just a quick note, as we are packed and ready to leave for the summer. If you wish to email me during the summer, use [stuffienan@yahoo.com](mailto:stuffienan@yahoo.com). It is a beautiful morning in Cholla. I always hate to leave when it is nice, but I know it is going to get hotter!!!

The 50th Fishing Derby was a great success. Dave, Kelley, Dawn Marie and Ramon did a terrific job. I heard they used 1000 plates at the fish fry. There were more people there than I have seen in many years. Sal and Enedina Otañez and their crews did a wonderful job cooking and serving the fish. It was delicious!! And Vasquez brought a great Mariachi band from Colorado! What a treat!

I want to wish you all a very happy summer vacation! Hope to see you all in "The Bay" in the fall.

- Nancy S.

## Goodbyes...

*I just received a note from Butch Wilda and I know there are some of you out there that would like to know about this:*

Some sad news, some of the older folks may remember Billye's dad who lived at our place in Cholla for many years. His name was Bill Stroup and was known around the Bay as "Old Bill". He passed away peacefully in Glendale on May 23rd at the age of 95.

*With great sadness we say goodbye to three previously active members of the CBSC:*

Dell Moore passed away June 18 after battling with Alzheimer's. We send our thoughts and prayers to his wife Sandy and their family.

Mel Jarvis (of Jarvis Marine fame) passed away June 21 at the age of 80. Mel was one of the early members and fishermen of the CBSC and the Cholla area. He was active in the CBSC Search & Rescue and was always willing to lend a helping hand. We send our condolences to his wife Suzanne and family.

Marlene Cliffords, who recently rejoined the CBSC, passed away on July 12. She and her husband Greg operated the Phoenix Ship Store until the Chapter dissolved. She loved to fish and especially loved Cholla Bay. She lost her life to Huntington's Disease after courageously living with it for years. We send our sympathy to Greg and their family.

## An Update...

*A note from Pat Goodin, regarding herself...*

Some of you got an email before about this, but I broke my wrist just before I left Mexico. Went to the Santa Fe clinic, and there they put a big, heavy plaster cast on my arm, from mid-fingers to almost underarm. It was SOOO heavy!!! Bob and Barb Dammann helped by driving my car to Tucson, as we were leaving on a trip the following day to N.C. And were taking two vehicles to Show Low. Thank you sooo much B & B, I'm not sure I could have done it. Wednesday I went to a Dr. here, and they took new x-rays and took off the plaster cast and put another one on. I caused quite a stir in the Dr. office with that cast. Some had never seen one like that. It took a long time to get it sawed off. However, they did say that what was done in Mexico was correct, and the new cast goes to the same place on my arm, but is much lighter, much!! Anyway, I have another appt for next Wed. and I think they will take this off and put a smaller one on. That is my hope. I have a hard time doing anything, as it's all one-handed, including this note, so for now will quite. Just wanted to let you know what is happening.

## Welcome to the Cholla Library

located at the back of the Community Building (Club House)

The library has been cleaned and organized. There are lots of great books ranging anywhere from fiction to cookbooks, how to, youth and lots of categories in between.

Please stop in and browse, borrow, return or donate books. Keys will be available every day except Wednesday. Keys will be located at the Cholla Cafe, Gretchen Ellinger's B&B, Pete Peterson's, Jen Rupnow's (yellow house across from the community building) and Barb Dammann's. **DON'T FORGET TO RETURN THE KEY.** We are happy to accept books in good conditions and of general interest. Please do not leave books by the door outside of the library. Get the key from one of the above or keep them until you can get in.

There will be a sheet in the library on the round table. Please put a check mark (✓) on it each time that you visit the library. We are going to track usage. It would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers will be needed in the fall to process and shelve returns and new arrivals and to help maintain the room. A guide to shelving books is in the library now for use through the summer months. If you have a few minutes consult the guide and shelve a few books or dust and sweep as needed.

If you are interested in being a library volunteer, contact Barb Dammann at 382 5015 or P.O. Box 623, Lukeville, AZ 85341.

Have a great, safe summer & if you are in Cholla Bay enjoy a good book on a hot summer day.

## Esperanza De Vida

On May 28th, Sara Hohlenkamp, Yvonne Arnett and myself, Nancy Schmidli, served the people at the Esperanza de Vida Bible study class, held every Saturday afternoon in what they call the colonial part of Rocky Point. This is one of my favorite things to do, and this is the first time I was able to do it this year... We served BBQ sandwiches and hot dogs. We didn't have quite enough left over Bash meat so we also took 80 hotdogs, lots of buns, a pineapple, applesauce and jello mixture and cookies. It looked like there were about 60 people there, mostly children, but when we started serving, there seemed to be many more than that. At four o'clock I think those children are very hungry and need more than one hotdog apiece! We served everything that we took, as always. The kids love the hotdogs and the adults really appreciated having the BBQ sandwiches. The smiles and word of "gracias" make this a very rewarding activity. I will be gone from Cholla until next October, but I hope we can do this more than once next year. Of course, I will be asking for helpers. Thanks to all of you who have helped in the past and we will do it again!

## 50th Annual Fishing Derby

Well, the 50<sup>th</sup> Fishing Derby is now history. And what a derby it was! Mother Nature blessed us with good weather and lots of great fish. And our sponsors... well, they went above and beyond what anyone ever could have hoped for. It was a lot of hard work to put together a Derby of this caliber but, with all of our volunteers and generous sponsors we managed to pull off a Derby that should be remembered for years to come.

This year there was a chance for one lucky angler to win \$20,000. At the fish fry, angler Dan Digioia's name and the weight of one of his fish was drawn. The number from the weight of his fish was 12. We then made a phone call to SCA Promotions and opened a sealed envelope with the number that he had to match. The number in the envelope was 19. So close, but not close enough. Still there was a lot of excitement and anticipation from the time Dan's number was drawn till after the phone call was made.

The Fish Fry this year was headed up by Sal & Enedina and crew. The fish was flounder, and they cooked it to perfection along with onion rings, beans, coleslaw, tortillas and more, mmm. Vasquez once again outdid themselves by suppling enough liquor to keep everyone happy, and some a little too happy. Tecate of course was there too serving ice cold cervesa. The Vasquez family brought a mariachi band, and boy did they get the crowd up and dancing. I myself would have to say that they were the best mariachi's I've ever heard. Thanks again Vasquez.

We'd like to thank everyone who helped make the CBSC 50<sup>th</sup> Derby the great success it was. I can't thank everyone personally, because there is a lot of people who helped that we don't even know about. You know who you are, and you should be proud that you were part of this moment in the history of the Club. Once again, thank you to everyone who helped to put this Derby together.

Next year's Derby has already got a jump start. Frank & Lori Paseka have volunteered to be the Derby Chairmen for next year. They will do a great job but, they will need help. Please show them the help and support that was shown during this year's derby.

*Thanks again, Dave & Ramon*

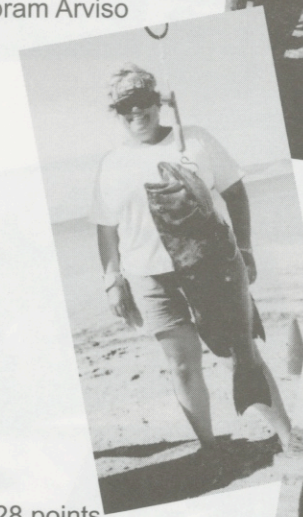
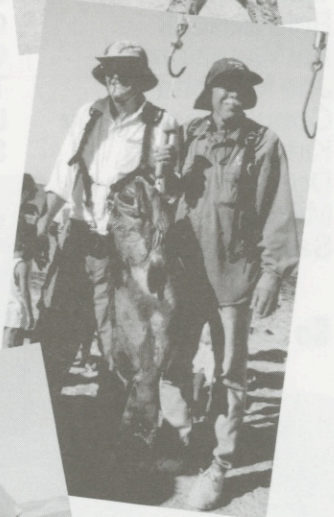
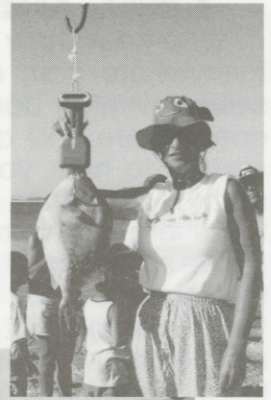
# Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club 50th Fishing Derby Final Results - 2005

**144 Adult & 23 Junior Anglers registered**

Fish	Weight	Angler - Adult	Weight	Angler - Junior	
<b>CALICO:</b>	6.50	Pepe Rodriques	3.85	Abram Arviso	
	6.10	John Thude	2.95	Steven Gibson	
	6.00	Rudy Guzman	2.80	Taylor Baumgardner	
<b>COCHI:</b>	6.60	Todd McDermott	4.65	Steven Gibson	
	6.20	Theresa Orcutt	4.40	Abram Arviso	
	5.70	Ralph Barlow	4.40	Craig Moore	
<b>DORADO:</b>			3.60	Tommy Gibson	
	<b>FLOUNDER:</b>	11.10	Ken Meyer		
		6.60	Johnny Johnson		
5.30		Steve Garcia			
<b>MACKEREL:</b>	5.00	Pat Mack	2.30	Steven Gibson	
	4.50	Maggie Lavoie	2.30	Tommy Gibson	
	4.20	Joe Roe	1.55	Zeke O'Callaghan	
<b>PARGO:</b>			1.10	Brandon Traverse	
	<b>PINTO:</b>	45.60	Rudy Guzman	19.40	Tyler Amato
		43.25	Gordo Ibarra		
40.03		Wade Brewer			
<b>POMPANO:</b>	1.45	Pat Mack	1.05	Erica Solomon	
	1.40	Mike Orcutt			
	1.20	Dan Digoia			
<b>RED SNAPPER:</b>	14.70	Joe Roe			
	13.55	Pepe Rodriques			
	13.20	Rudy Guzman			
<b>SARDINERO:</b>	18.05	Gordo Ibarra	13.05	Theresa Sweeney	
	17.40	Rudy Guzman	5.30	Abram Arviso	
	17.10	John Thude			
<b>SAILFISH:</b>					
	<b>SEA TROUT:</b>	10.80	Pepe Rodriguez		
		9.75	Bill Drake		
9.00		Chino Leon			
<b>SHARK:</b>	11.35	Greg Baumgardner			
<b>SKIPJACK:</b>					
<b>YELLOWTAIL:</b>	14.30	Rudy Guzman			
	14.20	Pete Blamey			
	13.40	Carlos Perez			
<b>GRAND PRIZE:</b>					
Rudy Guzman - 40 Points		Steven Gibson - 28 points			

**TARGET FISH:**

1st Phase: **Pinto** - Winner was **Wade Brewer** with his **40.03** Pinto.  
 2nd Phase: **Cochi (Trigger)** - Winner was **Ralph Barlow** with his **5.70** Cochi.  
 3rd Phase: **Flounder** - Winner was **Johnny Johnson** with his **6.60** Flounder.  
 4th Phase: **Sardinero** - Winner was **Chuck Blair** with his **15.70** Sardinero.



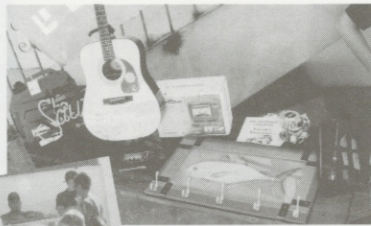
## CBSB DERBY RAFFLES

Who knew how much fun raffles could be... Everywhere from deciding what to purchase, seeing what is donated, deciding which prize goes where and of course the anticipation of waiting to hear your name drawn. This years derby, with the extraordinary help of our Sponsors, we were able to give away prizes, above and beyond years past. We had prizes for the fishermen, the weekend fishermen, and for those who bought tickets for either the normal raffle or for this years 50th 'Golden Raffle'. All we keep hearing was how great the prizes were and which ones they each hoped to win. Everyone seemed to stay put for the Golden Raffle, as all of those prizes were claimed. We do however still have a few from the regular raffle that went unclaimed.

If you name is listed below, please give Kelley Adams a call and arrange to get your prize. She can be reached in Tempe: 480-345-0623 or in Cholla 382-5111. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who participated.

Paula Jones  
Russ Capri  
Dorothy Veracruzse  
Tom Gibson  
Reid Bullock  
Pat Weinziprel  
Joe Marotta  
Connie Norsworthy  
Kirky Kirkwood  
Don Devers  
Milton  
Sandy Matthews

Kerry Jackson  
Jack Bramel  
Ken Mathis  
Jenny & Paul Wilson  
C. Watts  
Carl Jr. & Helen Denman  
T. Tucker  
Linda Younger  
Steve Darby



So many Prizes...



So many people...



Maxine Hager (far right) sold more raffle tickets than anyone... **Thanks Maxine!!!!**



## What The ???

That seems to be the most asked question. The 'Palm' above is the latest addition to Cholla. It's a cell tower that is being constructed in Cholla behind Betty's Old Office (up the hill from the old OBSC). To say it's huge is an understatement - you can see it from Circle K. Okay, that probably threw a few of you for a loop as well... Yes, there is now a Circle K on the road into Cholla, at the circle. To give you a perspective of how big it is... Those are homes and a dump truck at the bottom of the picture. Progress I guess, we can't believe how fast Cholla has grown up. Gone are the days of the little fishing shacks, they have been replaced with bigger and better homes. However, one thing has not changed... That is the people of Cholla. We are still a small community with a friendly, fun group of residents.



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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS...

During the Derby, we had several new members join the CBSC and some members remembered to pay their dues. As of this writing we have 244 memberships in Cholla Chapter and 41 in Tucson Chapter. That is the most members we have had in several years. The terrific Derby that we had really helped the club in several ways! New members that joined in June are as follows:

**Greg and Marlene Cliffords** from *Grand Island, Nebraska*. They used to be neighbors of Dave and Kelley Adams before they moved back to Nebraska. They were very active in the Phoenix Chapter, they ran Ships Store until the Chapter disbanded.

**Bruce and Cynthia Tegge** of *Prescott* joined us again after several years. I think they like our radio operator???

**Richard and Marion Grachus** are from *Phoenix*. Richard fished in the derby and decided to join. They have a place at the Reef Trailer park.

**Skip and Sharon Allen** from *Phoenix* were members in years past. Sharon used to write the Chatter many years ago. They were at the launch area a good deal of the time during the Derby and decided to join up again.

**Bob Hall** from *Scottsdale* joined at the Fish Fry. He and his friends were having a good time that evening and he decided to become a member.

**Andrew Perkins** of *Glendale* also joined during the Fish Fry, urged by his friend, Bob Hall.

**Rich and Mary Davila** of *Mesa* also joined during the Fish Fry. It was such a good time, I guess they just wanted to be members and part of the oldest club in Cholla.

**"Welcome Aboard"** all of you new and renewed members! We hope to see you all enjoying Cholla Bay often!

*Nancy Schmidli, Membership*

## Ask your new neighbor...

With the way Cholla is growing, we have many new neighbors. Please invite them to any of the CBSC events and when they see how much fun the Club is, hopefully they will join... *Just ask!*

# MISSING CHATTERS...

We have been collecting every issue of the Chatter for historic reasons. Well, after all these years we are only 6 shy. If you have any old Chatters around, please see if you have one of our missing issues that we could have or at least have a copy of. The missing issues are:

- Vol 1, No 2      June 1958
- Vol 2, No 2      May 1959
- Vol 2, No 5      Oct 1959
- Vol 2, No 7      Dec 1959
- Vol 3, No 8      Oct 1960
- Vol 16, No 1     Jan 1973

If you have one, please call Kelley 480.345.0623

## Invite a friend to Join... The remainder of the year is only \$20.00

### CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2005 Annual Dues: ~~\$40.00~~  
June and later: **Only \$20.00**

Mail this application and payment to the Chapter of your choice.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CHOLLA CHAPTER</b> PO Box 218 Lukeville, AZ 85341	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>TUCSON CHAPTER</b> 1440 E. Hampton Tucson, AZ 85719
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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.

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## Final 'Target Fish' Winners



**Johnny Johnson**

The 'Target Fish' idea proved to be a success! Each weekend, in addition to all species being caught, a target fish was identified the day prior to the weekend derby. The largest fish of that species at the close of the scales won the angler an Penn International 30 Reel & Rod combo. The 1st weekend, the Target Fish was Pinto. Wade Brewer was the proud winner with a 40.03 pounder. The 2nd weekend was Cochi (Trigger Fish). Ralph Barlow 'Rambler' gladly accepted his rod & reel for his 5.70 pounder. 3rd weekend brought Flounder and Johnny Johnson won with his 6.60 pounder. The Final weekend was won by Chuck Blair with his 15.70 Sardinero. Congratulations to these gentlemen and lets hope next year a women or junior wins one!



**Chuck Blair**

## A few Commemorative Derby items left...

At the end of the Fish Fry, there were a few commemorative Derby items left. They will be available in the Fall at Ships Store. There are T-shirts, drinking glasses and coffee mugs. Ship Store also has other clothing items, as well as items for your house, car or??? Stop in on a Saturday and check out the merchandise.

## CHOLLA CHAPTER OFFICERS

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