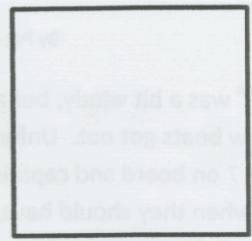
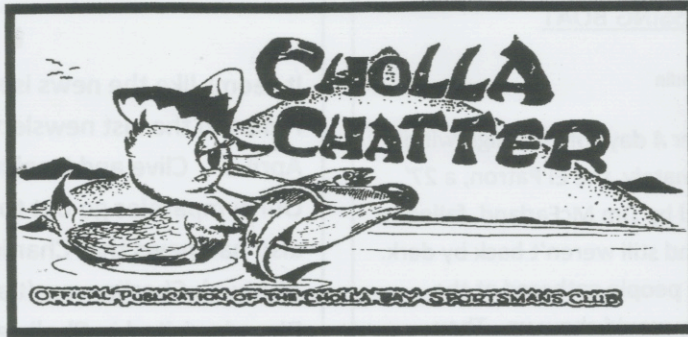
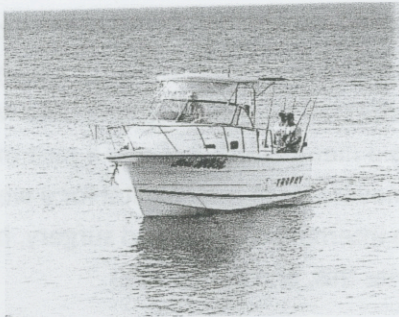


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THE 53rd ANNUAL FISHING DERBY IS OVER!
THANKS TO MIKE O'CALLAGHAN AND STEVE
CANANT FOR A GREAT DERBY.
THE FISH FRY WAS GREAT TOO!
THANKS TO ALL THE FISHERMEN AND ALL OF THE
DERBY, SHIP'S STORE AND FISH FRY HELPERS.
GREAT JOB!
LOOKING FORWARD TO A GOOD 54th NEXT YEAR!
MIKE AND STEVE WILL DO IT AGAIN!!!

THIS WILL BE THE LAST CHATTER UNTIL
SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. EVERYONE
WILL BE LEAVING FOR THE SUMMER
SOON. HAVE A GOOD ONE.

HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER

SEARCH FOR A MISSING BOAT

By Pat Goodin

May 25th was a bit windy, but after 4 days of very high winds, quite a few boats got out. Unfortunately, the El Patron, a 27' boat with 7 on board and captained by Tim McFarland, failed to show up when they should have, and still weren't back by dark. The strobe light was turned on and people gathered at the radio shack waiting and hoping they would show up. They didn't answer their radio and couldn't be contacted by cell phone either. We all waited until about 10:30 and then decided they wouldn't be coming in that night. Thank you, Sally, for the coffee. Also, someone else brought coffee, but I don't remember her name. Villa contacted the Port Captain several times and the Port Captain said he would have a Navy boat out at 8:00 the next morning. Monday morning several boats went out to search. The launch slip indicated they were going to the Sand Dune area, so Villa got Chevelo to go there by ponga to search. Others searched in different areas. The Navy boat went out toward the Dunes and didn't locate them. Other pongas were alerted but no one saw the El Patron. An airplane was leaving Rocky Point and the pilot went to look, with no success. Another plane was rented to search and still no one could find the missing boat. Late in the afternoon a call was received from the U.S. (father of one of the men I think) telling us to stop the search, that they had enough gas to get back and would be in sometime. Not much information, but the search was stopped. About 9:00 P.M. word was received that the boat was coming. The strobe light had been on since the night before, so they could tell where the bay was. Another boat, possibly a Navy boat either towed them close to the bay, or escorted them, I'm not sure, but they came into the bay and onto the trailer on their own power. Lots of people were there to greet the boat, and those on board were glad to be on solid ground.

Apparently, several things had happened. They ran out of gas – the launch slip said they had 200 gallons but the gas gauge wasn't working properly, their radio didn't work because the antenna broke, their anchor didn't hold and the wind blew them a long ways, so they ended up near El Gulfo. Someone in a ponga took one of them in to El Gulfo where he got some gas and that's where he phoned someone in the U.S.

Sooo – folks, check your gas, check your radio and all of your equipment before going out, and try to buddy boat. All of us here waiting for news of the boat were very worried. It's a big sea out there. Also, in case you do decide to change your location, radio Villa so that he can know where to search if something should happen. That wasn't what happened in this case but sometimes people do decide to move from where they were planning to go when they filled out their launch permit.

SICK BAY

It seems like the news is never good any more. We failed to report in the last newsletter that Clive Jordan passed away on April 3rd. Clive and Noel have been in Cholla for many years. Our sympathies go out to Noel and the rest of the family. We also had news that Charlie Jetton passed away in April. Although Charlie wasn't a Cholla homeowner, he and his wife Rhonda visited in Cholla a lot and stayed with Bill Coughlin. He was a member of OBSC. Our sympathies go out to Rhonda. Also, we just got word that another long-time Cholla Bayer has passed away. Lois Osborn passed away on May 28th.

Rick Smith is undergoing radiation treatments for cancer. T-shirt Bob, who has been on the Cholla scene for a long time, (but lived in Rocky Point) has been ill for a long time with cancer. T-shirt is also a member of OBSC and a past member of CBSC. Paul Schoonover was in the hospital for a week (or maybe 2 weeks) with internal problems and surgery, but he is back in Cholla as I write this, and doing well.

Also, on the good side, Jerry Ketelhut has been back in Cholla and is doing well now after several back surgeries. Pete Pisciotta is doing well after his laser back surgery. Pete Peterson is doing better after several trips to the hospital. We hope all of you stay well over the summer.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Barb Dammann

A big thank you to all who help by putting their books in the pre-shelving area across from the door. We have had some great donations and increased usage of the library. If you would like a key of your own, contact Barb Dammann at 382-5015.

Please do not "borrow" the permanent items such as chairs, storage containers, book sorters, cleaning & office supplies. At present all funding for the library comes from the sale of duplicate books. The budget is very limited and does not include replacing permanent items. If we all help, the library will be able to continue to run on donations only.

A BIG THANK YOU TO BARB FOR KEEPING THE LIBRARY RUNNING SMOOTHLY!!

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Let's Go Fishing
News from the Launching Pad
via Rosario Villa
 (assisted by his son, David)

The 53rd annual fishing derby is history, with most days being windy. In fact four of the last five days of the derby the port

was closed.

There have been several search and rescues. (See Pat Goodin's Article about one) In another case a boat was towed in to Peñasco. Two jet skis were grounded across the bay at Black Mt. and had to be pulled off a sand bar. A couple of other boats had to be rescued 2 or three miles from Cholla.

Villa says "The weather is great, so let's go fishing!" Adios, Hum Bug (aka Don Schmidli)

53rd Annual Fishing Derby

There were 52 full day entries, 25 weekend adult and 5 junior entries purchased for the fishing derby. Unfortunately there were not very many days of fishing, in fact the port was closed the last 3 days of the derby.

The results were as follows:

Boat fishing

Black Sea Bass

1st Johnny Whitehead 60 lbs 5oz

Calico

1st Sean Dugan 6 lbs.

2nd Ken Fitzgerald 5 lbs. 9 oz.

3rd Tim Schmitt 5 lbs 6 oz.

Cochi

1st Steve Spivey 4 lbs

2nd Carl Travis 3 lbs 7 oz

3rd E. J. Johnson 3 lbs 6 oz.

Flounder

1st Jerry McClung 5 lbs 1 oz

Grouper

1st Mike Brenton 46 lbs 2 oz

2nd Chino Leon 24 lbs 2 oz

Mackerel

1st Don Yearin 1 lb 4 oz

Pinto

1st Sean Dugan 23lbs 7 oz

2nd Steve Ish 21 lbs 3 oz

3rd Ralph Geisendaffer 19 lbs 7 oz

Red Snapper

1st Sean Dugan 6 lbs

Sardinero

1st Tim Boettcher 14 lbs 1 oz

2nd Miguel Suazo 5 lbs

Sea Trout

1st Jerry Teske 34 lbs 4 oz

2nd Bobby Brewer 20lbs 9 oz.

3rd Jim Gilbertson 9 lbs. 8 oz

Shore Fishing

Sea Trout

1st Dean Fisher 9 lbs

2nd Guy Dean 2 lbs 5 oz

Flounder

1st Chuck Blair 1 lb 7 oz

Pompano

1st Chuck Blair 9 oz.

Jr. Division

Calico

1st Kyle Geisendaffer 3 lbs 6 oz

Mackerel

1st Brooke Yearin 1 lbs 6 oz

Points are given to determine the all around best fisherman. Sean Dugan was the winner in the adult division with a score of 30 points. He was awarded a hand made deep sea pole donated by Butch at Blue Water Tackle and Marine in Tucson. In the junior division there was a tie with Brook Yearin and Kyle Geisendaffer each earning 10 points. Each were awarded new fishing rods and reels.

A great Big Thanks to Mike O'Callaghan and his family and Steve Canant and his family for another successful fishing derby, awards ceremony and raffle. Also, we thank the many people that helped with this event in so many, many different ways. I can't name them all but they know who they are.

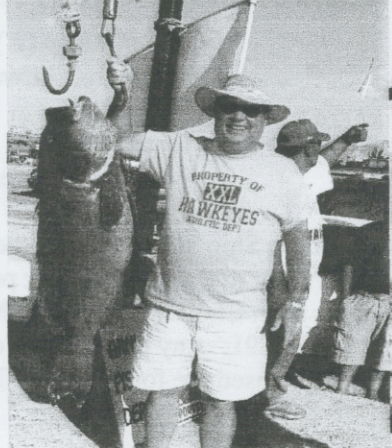
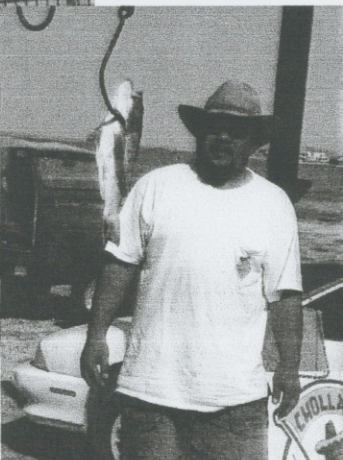
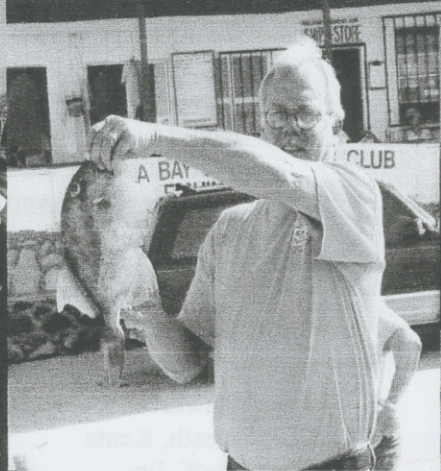
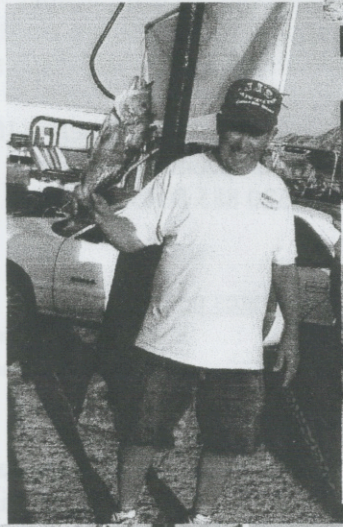
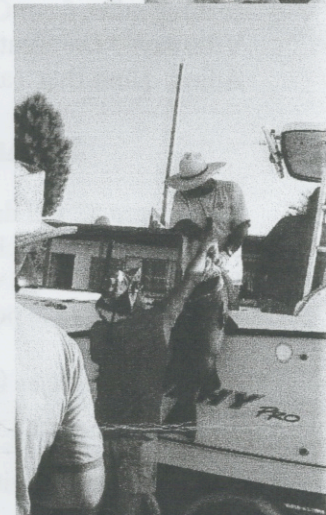
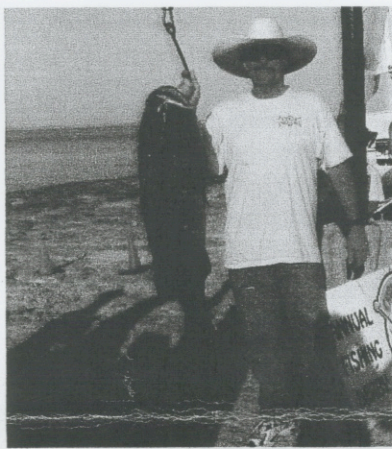
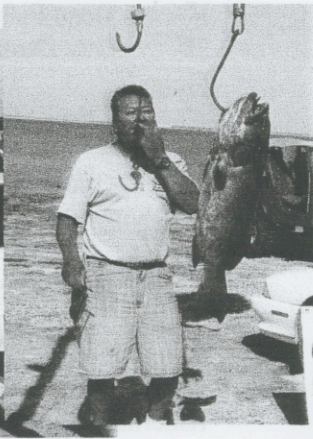
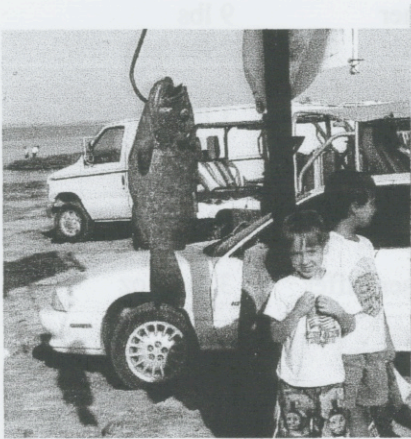
Another Great Big Thanks to all those who helped with the fish fry: Jeni O'Callaghan and family and friends (especially Sandy) and Sal and Enedina Otañez's crew of family and friends. It was great! I think about 400 people attended this year which shows it is a very popular event.

They need many volunteers to help next year.. If you would like to help with this special event please contact Steve Canant at 520 885 8045 or canantsc@msn.com

People who have Raffle Prizes not picked up

Barringer, Rose	Binegar, Kathleen
Bottcher, Tim	Brynek, Suzanne
Czuprynski, Bernard	Field, Elizabeth, (2)
Hawk, John	Hayes, Ray
Heath, Kenta	Higdon, Elizabeth
Huff, Jim	Ish, Steve (2 prizes)
Johnson, Neil	King, David
Lalli, Julie	Miller, Mary (2)
Money, Ken	Perlmutter, Edward
Rolling, Deb	Smith, Rick
Watts, Lee	Watts, c.
Joe at JJ's	Balk, Jo (3 prizes)
Mautin	

These prizes will be put in Ship's Store sometime later in the summer. If you want to know what your prize is or when you can get it from Cholla you can call Mike O'Callaghan at 520 559 5891. Any prizes not pick up by Oct. 15th, 2008 will be used the for the 2009 Derby.

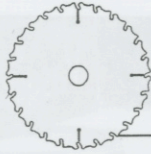






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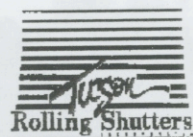
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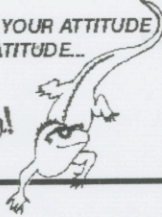
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Please welcome the following "BRAND NEW" members to the CBSC:

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- Albert Mangino, Glendale, Arizona.
- Joan and Bill Mehlhaff, Glendale, Arizona.
- Donna and Darrell Wallace, Coolidge, Arizona.
- Laurie Weber, Tucson, Arizona.
- Roguel and Stephen Wipf, Gilbert, Arizona.
- Arlene and Joe Ynzunza, Surprise, Arizona.

By the time the **Summer** is over I would estimate that we will have a membership of about 225 paid members. This should give us a good group to start the fall activities

Thanks again for joining the CBSC.

New members who join after July 1st will pay only \$20 for the rest of the year.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR GERRY NELSON:

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My summer e mail address is nelsonengr@cox.net. I would love to hear from you.



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