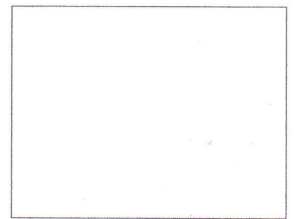
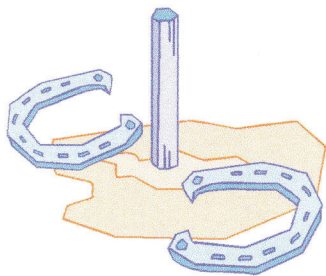


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61
YEARS**

**DON'T MISS THE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
YOU'LL HAVE A GREAT TIME!!
APRIL 9TH SEE POSTER INSIDE
LOOK - SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED**

**WE LOVE OUR HORSESHOE AND DERBY SPONSORS!!
A BIG THANK YOU!!**

61st ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

DATES

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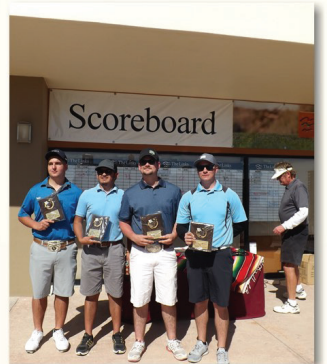
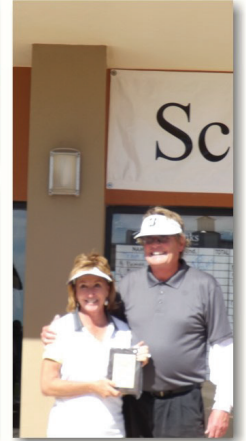
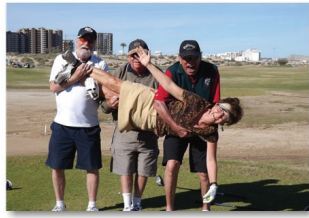
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“ Let’s Go Fishing,” from the Launching Pad, via Rosario Villa:



February is generally a slow fishing month due to cooler weather and the month began that way with mixed results for the Phase 1 weekend of JJ's Angler of the year tourney. The boat Groupzilla with it's crafty fishermen aboard brought three large Gulf Groupers to the scale but after them there was little to brag about except for the McFarland boys hooking an approximately 300 pound Mako shark that caused much struggling and

straining at the weigh-in slab. Fortunately this month the wind died down some days and good catches of fish were made the last weekend of February as well as the first week of March which was beautifully calm. A nice 30 lb. White Sea Bass was taken by club member Dave Heath. A rescue mission was undertaken by "The Gambler" piloted by John Baird of a stalled boat at Pelican Point in very rough seas late in the day on Feb. 21st that turned out well. Thanks to JB and all those who take risks for the safety of boaters in the Gulf. Remember the essentials...marine radio, anchor, lights, fresh water and cell phone. Have fun and be safe. Lucky Chucky aka Chuck Blair

8TH ANNUAL CBSC GOLF TOURNAMENT RECAP

Over 50 golfers teed the golf ball up for this year's tournament at the Las Palomas Links course on Saturday February 20th, 2016. The weather was ideal and the Four Man Scramble format was utilized for maximum fun and minimum competitive pressure on the wide range of player skills. Very stylish personalized vests were given to each participant as well as lunch for the reasonable entry fee of \$85. A nice profit was turned even with all the perks for players and the profit will go toward Cholla Bay Sportsman's Club charities. In an effort to continue building on the renewed interest in the golf tourney, people who enjoyed the event are encouraged to make suggestions and share with others that the golf tournament was supported by not only golfers but the community as a whole and that it was FUN. Our thanks go out to all the CBSC volunteers and the cordial and accommodating Las Palomas staff. Results are as follows:

1st Place Team Ken Sweet, Jerry Moore, Chuck Blair, Rick Deming - Score 63
(Winner determined by sudden death scorecard playoff)

2nd Place Team: Robbie Romero, Sean Leigh, Nick Leigh, Grant Watkins - Score 63

3rd Place Team: Ed Larkin, Chris Martelli, Ed Aguirre - Score 66

Closest to the Pin Hole #4 Sean Leigh

Closest to the Pin Hole #17 Ken Sweet

Longest Drive Hole #2 Roxann Hartly

Longest Drive Hole #18 Judy Romero

A bit of humor: My doctor ask me if anyone in my family suffers from insanity. I said “No, we all seem to enjoy it”.

HORSESHOE / CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT 2016

There's a new twist on our 9th annual Tournament this year. We've added a Corn Hole Tournament. Cost is the same for players who register first for Corn Hole, \$20 per player. You cannot register for both because there could be a conflict when your team is called up but if you are eliminated from Horseshoe you can register for Corn Hole, subject to the max of 32 teams, for a cost of \$10 per player. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes will be determined by the number of teams registered.

If you would like to be a beer sponsor or donate a raffle prize please contact Billie at 382-5133, 520-299-8051 or chollamidget@gmail.com.

LET THE GOOD TIMES BEGIN – SEE YOU APRIL 9TH!

Fishing Derby about to begin.....

Ok, no excuses this year. Every year you say that you should fish in the Derby and never do. You remember all the fun you used to have when you fished with your parents or your kids. Time to get off your butt and make some new memories. So dust off that old fishing rod, get some new line, sharpen up those rusty old hooks and enter the 61st annual Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club fishing derby. You won't regret it. Oh, and no excuses about "I don't have a boat, or my boat is too small." There are plenty of categories of fish that can be caught within a couple miles of shore, or by even casting from the shoreline. After all everyone has heard your old fish stories, so get out and make some new ones, **Go Fish!**

Derby Shirts

Ships Store will have the Derby apparel in time for the 1st phase. This year they have added new styles, lots of colors and a larger quantity so they won't run out.

Be sure to stop by and say "hi" to the new ladies that are running Ships Store and while you are there stock up on shirts for you and your family and why not buy some as gifts.

It's still a little cool in the evenings, so they also stock sweatshirts and pants - all sporting the CBSC logos.

They have lots of other items as well, they are constantly getting new things.



If The Shoe Fits, Throw It!



AND CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 9th, 2016

Sign up from 8:30-10 am / Tournament begins at **10** am

EVERYONE WELCOME!

PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE RED CROSS

T-Shirts

Raffle Prizes

Jello Shots

BEER



Players - \$20

Spectators - \$10

Kids - \$5

5 & under FREE

Price includes **BEER**, soda, hot dogs, **BEER**, chips, popcorn & **BEER!**

PRIZES FOR HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT:

1st Place \$200 / 2nd Place \$100 / 3rd Place \$50

ALL FEMALE TEAMS: 1st Place \$100 / 2nd Place \$50

**PRIZES FOR CORN HOLE WILL BE DETERMINED BY
NUMBER OF TEAMS**

LIMITED TO 32 TEAMS - ENROLL EARLY!

Located at the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club (across from the park) in Cholla Bay (Rocky Point) Mexico. For more information or Sponsorship opportunities, contact Billie or Helen at ChollaCBSC@gmail.com. Check us out on FB at CBSC Horseshoe Tournament. Like our page & keep checking for more information.



Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club

61st Annual Fishing Derby ~ Sonora, Mexico

April 14 - 17 • May 12 - 15

May 26 - 28

Fish Fry & Awards: May 29, 2016

Enter at the Radio Shack (Boat Ramp) in Cholla Bay, next to JJ's Cantina

17 Categories of Fish

- Class 1: ADULT BOATERS
- Class 2: JUNIOR BOATERS
- Class 3: ADULT SURF CASTERS
- Class 4: JUNIOR SURF CASTERS
- Class 5: KAYAK (P.E.P.) DIVISION



Weekend and Full Derby
Tickets Available

Open to Everyone

Weekend Target Fish

T-shirts, clothing & more
at Ships Store

For more information contact:

Kelley Adams: 480-345-0623 or in Cholla 382-5111 • Pat Goodin: 575-635-4779 or in Cholla 382-5056



Ship's Store

The ship's store is back in business, preparing for Spring Break, Easter and the start of the Fishing Derby in April. If you haven't been by lately you're in for a surprise. We now have CBSC car flags, custom embroidered totes, sweatshirt jackets, and much more. Derby t-shirts will be available by the first Derby weekend in April. Store hours are flexible, open on weekends and also by appointment, Volunteer porch/sales ladies are ALWAYS welcome, so come sit and visit. Call ahead to 638-386-5353 so we can be sure to have the welcome mat out for you. See you soon
Marlene, BK and Barb

GAME NIGHT 2016

From a Vanilla/Coconut Diffuser to a 2 night stay in a 2 bedroom condo at Sonoran Resorts – we had it all. 64 prizes were auctioned off and some very large sums of money (chips) were being spent. There was quite a bidding war going on over Barb Damman's homemade Snicker Doodles but Sue Kathe and her friends pooled their chips and finally won. They were nice enough to share! The margaritas, beer and wine flowed all evening and everyone had a great time.

A big thank you to the committee who helped me put this event together: Pat Goodin, Rhea Dugan, Marlene Blair, BK Arnold, Barb Baird & Nancy Schmidli. A lot of work goes into setting up the tables, preparing the chip baskets and the food. Thanks to all those who helped and special thanks to Kathy Hill whose expertise helped guide us through our first time hosting this event. And I can't forget to thank our dealers and our illustrious auctioner!!!

Sick Bay

Bill Beem, a former home owner in Cholla Bay for many years and former member of the CBSC passed away on Feb. 22nd after a rough battle. Many of us "old timers" knew Bill and Jackie. Cards may be sent to Jackie Van Nordick at 8500 E Southern #429 Mesa, AZ 85209-3608

Alex Villa, the "very much liked" fish cleaner, injured his eye recently and had to have surgery. He was unable to work for a couple of weeks but should be okay now. The Cholla Charity was able to help with this operation.

Bobby Lerma was climbing onto his roof to check his water on Saturday, March 5th when he fell off the roof and suffered a serious head injury. He was taken by ambulance from Cholla to San Jose Clinic, was well cared for there and they made quick arrangements for an ambulance to the border, and for a helicopter from the border to the hospital. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital Barrows Institute because they are the best with head injuries. He is in stable, yet serious condition. I do not have an address for sending cards, but hope to put one on Cholla News when I get it...

If you wish make a donation to the Cholla Charity Fund, a great way to honor a Cholla person who has passed (the family will be notified of your donation) or help with paying for a medical or other expense for our Mexican neighbors, send your donation made out to Cholla Charity Fund to Kathy Barnard, 1547 E. Royal Palm Rd., Phoenix, Az. 85020.

FISH ON!

A story about one of my first fishing trips in Cholla Bay – by Andrew Marshall

My family first bought a place in Cholla about 1967. I was 10 and my brother Ed was 11. This trip was in 1968 and we went out to 22 mile reef in Paul Colarich's boat, which was named "Cu Cu Ru Cu Cu" and had a small V8 Mercruiser. We began the trip by first trolling around Pelican Point for mackerel. Fishing was good and the ones caught were placed in a live well on the boat. After a couple of hours on a heading of 240°, we anchored from the bow on the shallow side allowing the stern to drift over the deep side of the reef. At first, the fishing was fair, using cut mackerel dropped straight down. Meanwhile, my brother and I were able to cast from the bow and land a few more mackerel.

Then someone had the idea of putting on a live mackerel and dropping it down the reef. All of a sudden... it was FISH ON! It wasn't more than a minute or two. Everyone started using live macks! My dad hooked the largest grouper at 110 pounds. The total fish caught that day, excluding mackerel was a combination of 32 Grouper, Cabrillo, Pinto, and Red Snapper. On the trip back the boat could not get up enough speed to plane due to the weight of the fish!

When we arrived back in Cholla, a large crowd gathered as we tossed the fish out of the boat. Many of the grouper were between 50 and 90 pounds. After about an hour a car pulled up and opened its trunk which was full of ice. It was from the port authority in Rocky Point. We were told that we were fishing commercial quantities and they proceeded to confiscate more than one half of our catch!

It was an adventure I will never forget!



Left to Right: Andrew Marshall, Don Cretty, Paul Colarich Jr, & Sr, Ed Marshall and our Dad Charles Marshall

This photo and an article appeared in the Arizona Republic due to the efforts of Bill Valentine, who was also an avid fisherman in Cholla Bay. If my memory serves, his boat was named "Misty Quila".

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hey Gang!

I heard Game Night went off without a hitch! I'm awfully sorry to have missed my favorite event of the year but as some of you are aware, I was at a very important concert in Tucson that night! ☺ I was excited to hear that there were several renewals as well as couple of new members signed up during the festivities on Game Night!! I'm looking forward to seeing the completed Chatter so I can read about the Game Night goings-ons! Our next event is The Horseshoe Tournament, which we are planning on attending. Sure hope to see you there, and if you see ME, come say HELLO!! ☺

I'd like to welcome three new members this month! Madelain Gibson, Ron & Vivien Hoffman and Bob & JoAnn Wiess! Welcome, welcome, welcome!! We're so excited to have you and thank you very much for your support! As of today, we have 278 active members in the club, with 113 paid up for 2016. Membership renewals are due at this time, so please take a minute to fill out the form below and return it with payment. This will be the LAST CHATTER SENT TO THOSE NOT CURRENT WITH THEIR DUES! If you are not current, a letter is forthcoming either by USPS or via email, depending on how you are signed up. Save me a stamp and use this form to return yours today!!

If you're on Facebook, please go to our "Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club" fan page – we have 576 likes now! You can share your stories & pictures on the page for others to enjoy. You'll also find information on our current events there! The email address for the club is chollacbsc@gmail.com which you can use to contact any one of us on the board. If you'd like to receive your Chatter by email in FULL COLOR, drop me a line to let me know – It's Nifty! **I actually had to remove a handful of people from the email list due to repeated returned email advising invalid address and/or storage full/over-capacity errors. Send me a message if you *used* to get The Chatter by email and want to again. Annual membership is \$40; with checks made payable to CBSC & mailed to the CBSC @Post Office Box 398, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

Later Alligators!

☺ Laura McIntyre ☺



CBSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Annual Dues: \$40.00

Membership dues and other activities of the CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB funded the purchase of radio equipment and continue to support the operation and maintenance of Marine VHF Radio (**Channel 28**) for the Northern Sea of Cortez. The CBSC pays the salary of the Cholla Bay Radio Operator, assists in search and 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, hosts numerous events, publishes the "CHOLLA CHATTER" Newsletter, and promotes good relations between American visitors and our Mexican neighbors.



Currently the Chatter is mailed to the address provided. We are now able to offer the Chatter via E-mail to those who would prefer. If you would rather receive your Chatter via Email and not regular mail, please check the Box to the Left.

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