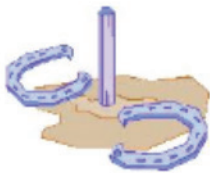


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Marlene, BK and Barb

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One of the organizations supported by this year's Golf Tournament proceeds has sent us an update on how our support is helping them. The materials needed to improve the bathroom facilities at Casa Hogar have arrived, and we look forward to following their progress on this project. Casa Hogar is a donation funded home for the elderly and we are happy to be able to help on this and many future projects for this worthwhile organization.

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Let's Go Fishing Via Rosario Villa - Cholla Bay Launch Ramp Report

Another Semana Santa / Easter has come and gone in Cholla Bay and quite a celebration it was for all. Local gringos vanished like quail in the desert as the masses of Hispanic tourists took to the beaches along the Sea of Cortez to cook, eat, drink and be merry. Reportedly 120,000 tourists flocked to the Rocky Point area for Easter week and based on the traffic and congestion and dust that ensued, that sounded like a realistic estimate. The day beachers were generally well behaved and the families and others did their duty by collecting their litter, respecting the shoreline residents property and getting along with each other. Many enjoyed the cool ocean water even though Easter came early this year because being in close proximity to a body of water is a major component for Mexicans enjoying Semana Santa.

The reports received this month about fishing conditions are all about the large concentrations of bait in the water. The presence of Pacific mackerel (greenbacks), small shrimp and Sierra mackerel in generous portions have made enticing a larger predator species like Gulf groupers, Pintos, Leopard groupers (Sardinero) and Cortez halibut more difficult but some nice fish have been taken. Fisherwoman Kathy Barnard caught an 18# Pinto on Wendy Wooter, the Martins on Pelican Point have boated several big Gulf groupers, the fishing crafts El Patron and Sutton Imports II have hauled in some White Sea Bass and the fishanators on Chivo weighed an old red tinted Gulf Grouper that weighed 92 lbs. Pintos seem to be the fish of choice to catch on Si Geis as well as on Bill McKenzie's boat. Julio Feliz has taken the big fish kudos this month with two gordo Gulf groupers snared on Bill Gallagher's "Boat with no Name".

Now it's time to get serious about catching fish as the 63rd Annual CBSC Fishing Derby begins Friday April 20th, 2018 and continues through Sat. & Sun. followed by May 10-12 plus May 24-26 with the Fish Fry on Sun. May 27th. The entry fee is \$25 for adult full derby tickets and \$10 for juniors (15 & under) with individual weekend tickets priced at \$10. Early purchase of derby tickets is available at Chuck Blair's white house with the wind sock located across the launch cove from the Radio Shack. Derby tickets must be purchased before you go fishing. So let's do it. Let's all go fishing.

Lucky Chucky aka Chuck Blair

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Weekend Target Fish Winner Mark Clouse accepting his rod & reel.

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Fishing Derby Recap - Opening Weekend!

The weather conditions were far from ideal for the beginning of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club 63rd Fishing Derby. Steady westerly wind and choppy seas kept most boats in the port for Friday April 20th but conditions improved dramatically on Saturday and Sunday. A wide variety of fish were weighed on the weekend by the sixty anglers participating. The catches were highlighted by many quality Yellowtail, White Seabass, Pintos, Sardineros and Red Snappers. Offshore fishermen landed multiple nice Groupers, Shortfin corvinas, Flounders and Orangemouth corvina. The heaviest fish weighed was a 58 pound Gulf grouper brought to the scale by Holly Martin as well as a 23 pound Sardinero by Keith Busby, a ten plus pound Yellowtail by Bub Delmastro and a 16.6 lb. Pinto caught by Terry Martin. The weekend target fish prize of a rod and reel was taken by Mark Clouse with a 5.3 pound Cochi. Nice job Mark! The derby continues with more fun and fishing on May 10-12 and May 24-26 culminating in the signature Derby Fish Fry on May 27th. Come on down.

Lucky Chucky aka Chuck Blair

Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club 63rd Annual Fishing Derby Standings (4-22-18)

Adult Boaters	First (lbs.)	Second	Third
Calico	T Bottcher 6.8	G Meyer 6.6	J Verhagen 5.7
Cochi	M Clouse 5.3	T Bottcher 5.1	M Suazo 4.8
Grouper	H Martin 58.2	S Truitt 29.3	
Mackerel	B Howard 1.1	B Schulte 1.0	M Orcutt 1.0
Pinto	T Martin 16.6	M Martin 13.6	J Verhagen 13
Red Snapper	J Verhagen 7.2	K Busby 6.2	M Orcutt 5.7
Sardinero	K Busby 22.6	S Truitt 14.4	J Altfillisch 14
White Sea Bass	M Martin 36.9	N Bolstad 26.8	L Altfillisch 18.6
Yellowtail	Bub Delmastro 10.4	B Hamblen 6.7	M Orcutt 6.0

Adult Surf Casters

Cochi	K Blair 1.2	
Flounder	K Blair 2.95	A.J. Roosen 1.7
Pompano	K Blair 1.25	
Sea Trout	C Horn 4.05	

Junior Boaters

Calico	A Hamblen 1.9 (min. weights don't apply to jrs.)	
Cochi	M Mangino 1.9	
Mackerel	M Mangino 1.1	
Pompano	M Mangino 0.75	
Yellowtail	A Hamblen 4.7	M Mangino 2.0
Miscellaneous	A Hamblen (Black Croaker) 3.0	

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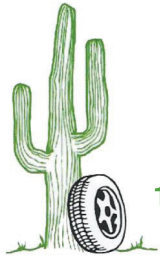
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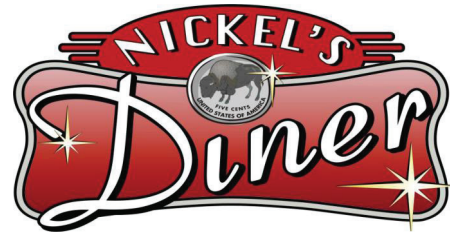
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