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NOTICE

This will be the last Cholla Chatter until October. Our first planned event after the summer will be the "Halloweenie" Roast in October. Watch the October issue for other upcoming events.

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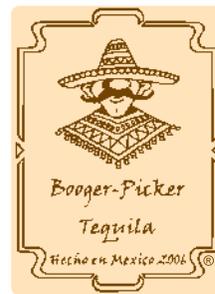
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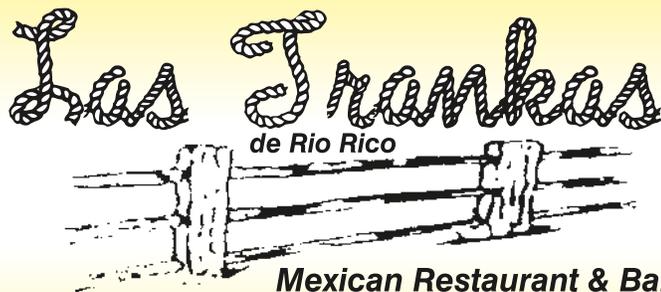


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Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club 60th Fishing Derby News

Sixty years is a long time gone. That's how many annual fishing derbies the CBSC has conducted in the past six decades. The 60th annual one was a big success with an impressive catch of prize winning fish and over 100 adult and junior entrants. The three weekend event was plagued by windy weather but when boats could safely travel to the reefs, the rewards were substantial. The derby event culminated in the Fish Fry and Awards Ceremony on May 24th of Memorial Day weekend. At the Fish Fry, the two surviving charter members of the CBSC were honored. Bill Hammer and Paul Schoonover were recognized for their contributions to the club's origins in the 1950s and other sustaining efforts latter on. Hundreds enjoyed a free fish dinner with kid's games, raffles for quilts and gift baskets and \$1750 in cash. The big diamond drawing for a Rhino off road vehicle was held for club members present at the Fish Fry and was won by new members Ken & Marsha Sweet. The fishing standings are listed below with the biggest fish being caught by Keith Busby, a 88 lb. Gulf Grouper as well as him winning the points total for All Around Fisherman. That enabled Keith to take home a beautiful Shimano 2 speed reel on a rolled rod. Aden Hamblen was the top Junior All Around Fisherman.

Looking to the future for northern Sea of Cortez fishing poses several challenging issues. One of those environmental issues is the lack of freshwater input into the gulf from the Colorado River due to western U.S. drought and multiple upstream dams. Another major obstacle is overfishing by both commercial and sportfishing interests. You can't have a fishing tournament without fish. An increased enforcement effort by PESCA (Mexican Fish Ministry) has begun. After years of lax effort by local government officials, we can all hope that in spite of dire economic consequences for the region, their increased vigilance in protecting this precious fishery will persist. A simple English version of Mexican fishing regulations in another article. Thanks to the dozens of CBSC volunteers who made this rewarding community activity happen. *Chuck Blair*

Final CBSC 60th Annual Fishing Derby Standings

	1ST PLACE (lbs.)	2ND PLACE (lbs.)	3RD PLACE (lbs.)
ADULT BOAT			
CALICO	Jeffrey Altfillisch 2.6	Mike Orcutt 2.4	Pepe Rodriguez 2.3
COCHI	Bill Gallagher 5.2	Rolando Lisaraga 4.4	Keith Busby 4.2 Matt Truitt 4.2
FLOUNDER	Jay Verhagen 23.8	Bud Hamblen 2.1	
GROUPE	Keith Busby 88.3	Pete Blamey 82.8	Pepe Rodriguez 73.2
MACKEREL	Bud Hamblen 3.6	Randy Adams 2.6	Mike Orcutt 2.5
PARGO	Keith Busby 19.4	Randy Adams 2.1	
PINTO	Mitch Callahan 29.0	Scott Truitt 20.9	Bill Gallagher 12.5
RED SNAPPER	Kyle Cramer	Lynn Altfillisch 5.1	Kim Johns 4.9
SARDINERO	Craig McFarland 19.3	Keith Busby 17.6	Tim McFarland 17.1
WHITE SEA BASS	Kim Johns 50.8	Frank Petersen 34.8	Jeffrey Altfillisch 26.0
YELLOWTAIL	Lynn Altfillisch 20.7	John Pendrick 19.2	Jeffrey Altfillisch 16.0
JUNIOR BOAT			
CALICO	Aden Hamblen 2.5	Conner Cooper 1.7	Grady Cooper 1.3
COCHI	Spencer Byrne 2.2	Nora Yearin 1.4 Aden Hamblen 1.4	
GROUPE	Spencer Byrne 3.0	Mason Stephens 1.8	
MACKEREL	Aden Hamblen 1.8	Conner Cooper 1.4 Austin Bolstad 1.4	
PINTO	Nora Yearin 1.7		
RED SNAPPER	Nora Yearin 1.8	Brook Yearin 1.5	Austin Bolstad 1.4
SARDINERO	Aden Hamblen 1.4		
SEA TROUT	Aden Hamblen 1.7		
ADULT SHORE			
COCHI	Michael Anable 2.5	Carissa Camacho 2.3	Samantha Schlaff 1.95
FLOUNDER	Lisa Xiong 3.2	Bud Hamblen 2.9	Kyle Blair 2.2
MACKEREL	Chuck Blair 1.05		
POMPANO	Randy Adams 1.55 Kyle Blair 1.55 Chuck Blair 1.55	Mike Orcutt 1.25	
JUNIOR SHORE			
FLOUNDER:	Aden Hamblen 0.8		
MACKEREL	Aden Hamblen 0.5		
POMPANO:	Nora Yearin 1.4	Aden Hamblen 0.4	
KAYAK (P.E.P.)			
COCHI:	Chuck Blair 1.45		
FLOUNDER:	Aden Hamblen 1.45		
JUNIOR MISCELLANEOUS			
	Aden Hamblen 2.0	Grady Byrne 1.9	Dominic Mangino 1.5
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MORE THANKS

There are so many people to thank when a fishing derby comes along - AND, especially this one, our 60th annual derby. And, the work starts even before time for the fishing derby. To start, we need to thank Mike Dugan and the Board members of the CBSC for putting it all together - starting last July or August. Then, we need to thank Dave Adams and Larry McIntyre for coming up with the shirt designs for the two 60th annual shirts - we have the 60th diamond anniversary shirt, and the regular derby shirt. Thanks guys - great designs.

Then, a lot of work goes on "behind the scenes", especially Kelley Adams, getting all the sponsor ads together, the various tickets, the derby hand-book, and all of that other "computer printing stuff". Thanks Kelley. And, though I don't know what I do, other than the Cholla Chatter and being one of the Porch Ladies, I'm always working on something for CBSC. (Pat Goodin)

Then comes the actual fishing derby - thanks to Chuck Blair (Lucky Chuckie) as fish weigh-in master. Chuckie knows what all the fish are, so he is great for that job. Speaking of weighing in fish, thanks to Marlene Blair and Theresa Orcutt also for doing all the recording of the fish as they are weighed in.

A special thanks to Dave Heath, who got down to the launch ramp every morning to put out the pylons and signs so that Villa would have a place to put the trailers.

A HUGE THANKS also to Ramon and Dawn Marie for all they do - order the beer, tents, fish, porta-potties, and I know a lot of other stuff. If we need something fast we usually just call them and they come through with it.

Laura McIntyre, who made 3 quilts, while trying to keep up with the growing membership list, and taking care of the different monies for that, plus golden tickets, quilt tickets and keeping all of that money separated and in the proper accounts.

Sal & Enedina Otanez, plus Jennie O'Callahan and their crew for doing the "hot job" cooking fish and serving all the food from a very hot kitchen. Plus Enedina, who handles ALL of the club money, and trying to keep it straight as different people are handing her all their bills, receipts and income.

We must not forget the 'LADIES OF THE PORCH' who spend hour after hour at the Ship's Store

MORE THANKS. CONTINUED

Derby Prizes and awards - Thanks to Mike and Eamonn O'Callahan and Steve Canant who awarded prizes and the fishing derby awards during the fish fry. Also, thanks to all their other helpers.

Thanks to all of Enedina's helpers who carried chairs out of the club house to use at the fish fry. Tecate didn't bring chairs this year, so we had to use all of the ones from the club. Also, all those who helped put away tables and chairs after the fish fry. Wow, it really takes a lot of people to do one of these events.

Thanks also to all of the people who helped Laura check people in at the fish fry so that all members got their names in for the Rhino. And, Theresa Orcutt and Nancy Schmidli and their helpers who sold golden tickets at the fish fry.

Thanks to Ship's Store - Pat Goodin, Mary Reynolds and Connie Horton at the Ship's Store table selling shirts, etc. Thanks to Connie, also, for taking all the great pictures during the whole derby. See separate pages of pictures in this Chatter.

Thanks to Don Tuffing and Bob Dammann for serving beer all afternoon, and Pat and Sue Sledge who came along to help serve beer.

AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO CAME TO THE FISH FRY. OTHERWISE, WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO WORK OUR BUTTS OFF. lol

2 Original Founding Members of the CBSC Paul Schoonover and Bill Hammer join in the Celebration!

We were so please that the two remaining founding members of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club were here to join us in celebrating the CBSC's 60th Anniversary and Fishing Derby. Paul lives in AZ, but still spends a lot of time at his house here in Cholla and Bill & Betty Lou moved to San Carlos, Mexico and call it home. If you get a chance to speak with either of these gentlemen, they will be happy to tell you all about Cholla, the CBSC and how the fishing was 'back in the day'! They both arrived to the Fish Fry & Awards with their family in tow, and were excited to see how the Club has grown. As a small token of our thanks, the CBSC gave them each a gift certificate to a restaurant near their homes. Betty brought a frame filled with old pics of when they lived in Cholla... if you saw it, it was amazing. As I told them... "Thanks for starting the Club - see how much work you have caused us!"

Thanks guys, you are both amazing people!





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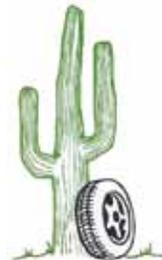
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If your name is here, you won the prize stated. You may pick it up this summer by seeing Dave or Kelley Adams, or in the fall - - see them, or Pat Goodin or Nancy Schmidli. You may have someone else pick it up for you if you would like to do that.

- George Glerup - green ice chest
- Rose Barringer - folding chair
- Pat Nilz - hydrating backpack
- B. Patterson - Timex Ironman Watch
- Alanis Gudo - Master lock with cable
- Malissa Mangino - Jim Beam Sign
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FISHERMEN: A simple English version of Mexican Fishing Regulations is in this issue. For many years the laws have not been enforced, however now that Peñasco is becoming more well known, that is changing. Please read and abide by the law, just as you do in the States!

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KID'S GAMES AT THE FISH FRY

Thank you to all the volunteers and contributors to the kid's games at the fish fry on May 24th. We could not do without you. The children who played the games had a good time and took home many prizes. Also, a special thank you to those who provided the kid's raffle gifts. Kinta Heath

SHOW LOW PARTY

Are you in the Show-Low/Pinetop area during the summer? Mike and Billie/Carnes/Crumbley will be hosting the annual "Cholla in the Pines" party this year on August 22nd. This is a fun pot-luck event where many of the Cholla and Rocky Point people go in the summer to keep cool. There are usually games to play and other fun stuff, so if you wish to attend, phone or email Billie - phone number 520-299-8051, email address - chollamidget@gmail.com to let her know and get directions to the house.

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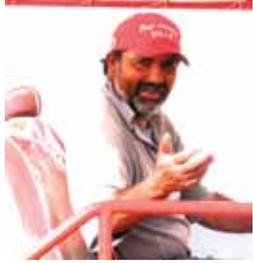
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“ Let’s Go Fishing,” from the Launching Pad, via Rosario Villa:



Sixteen boats were launched the last two days of the final phase of the CBSC 60th fishing derby. Two boats were launched on the second day. Soon after they launched the winds picked up big time. One immediately returned, the other didn’t make it out very far and returned in a couple of hours. On the last day of the derby fourteen boats were launched, and fishing was good with some nice catches being brought in. In general, it was very successful, but the wind did play havoc with the fishing many of the days. There will be a complete report of the final standings in another article of the chatter by derby chairman, Chuck Blair.

Under search and rescue, two pangas were being towed by other fishermen’s boat, when the towing boats also broke down. They ended up all being towed to shore by other pangas.

The 60th annual Fish Fry was well attended. Villa would like to thank the Sportsmen’s Club for the very nice plaque that was presented to him during the awards ceremony, honoring him for 35 years of service to the fishermen of Cholla and to Cholla Bay. It was well deserved and highly appreciated.

Villa says there will be no vacation for him this summer. His wife, Rosa, already had a vacation, but he will not be able to take a vacation. His house is too hot, so he will be very busy this summer building a big porch across the front of his house to help keep it cooler. He will be available, however, to launch boats. Now that the derby is over, the weather and the fishing should be very good . “So come on down, and let’s go fishing!”

Humbug, aka Don Schmidli

AND THE WINNERS ARE!!!



Rosario Villa received a plaque for 35 years of service to Cholla boaters..



CBSC members, Ken and Marsha Sweet, won the Rhino!



The beautiful quilt made by Laura McIntyre, won by Nancy Schmidli



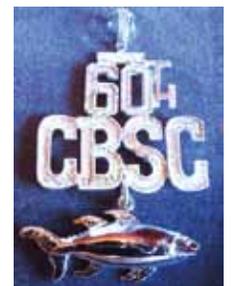
Pat and Steve Lee won the Golden Raffle \$250 prize.



Kerry Horn claimed the \$500 prize



John Lanoue had the Golden Raffle winning ticket for the \$1000 cash prize!



The 60th Silver Pendant was won by new member Darren Dodd

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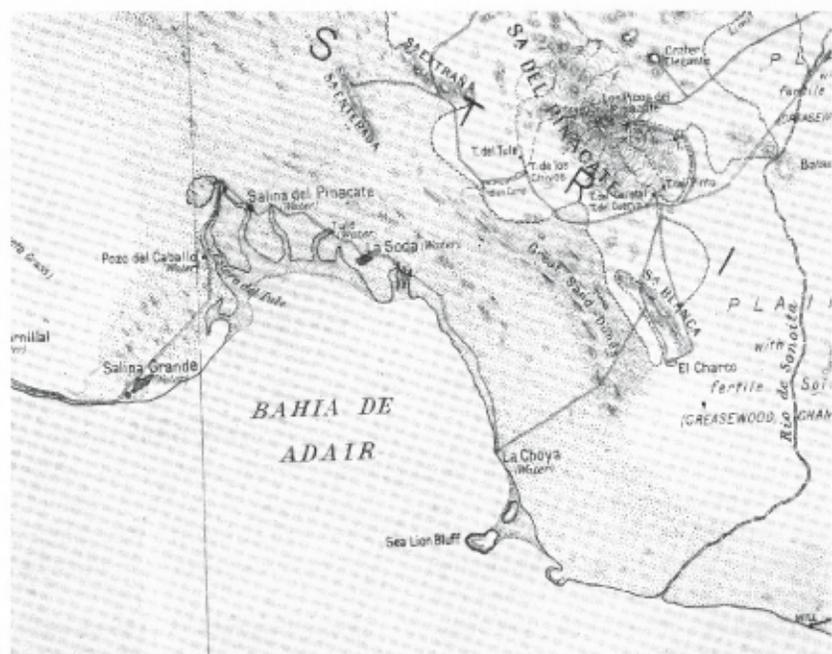


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We started eastward in a chilly northern wind of varying force, which made the atmosphere opaque with sand and salitre, darkening the horizon and hiding even Pinacate from view. As we travelled over an apparently indefinite number of sloughs all covered with a thin layer of salitre, clouds of this stuff would sometimes whirl along and envelop us as in white smoke. It was a relief to arrive again at the beach which lay

before us in a straightline eastward. After a few miles' travel we reached an old indian camping place, La Choya, a translation of the Indian name of the same meaning and derived from the clusters of the formidable spiny cacti which is found nearby among the low sandy ridges...

A small low sand dune separated our camp by a hundred yards from the beach. There is little pasture here, and there was nothing from

which to make a camp fire except driftwood. Several ocotillos made their familiar appearance on top of the low sand ridges, and near our camp were a few quaviri bushes; some very small chamiso, evidently another species, and some dusky sosa bushes completed the list of conspicuous vegetation here.

There was no doubt about the spot where water was to be found. A large hold had been excavated on the little plain on which we made camp and heaps of earth mixed with thousands of sea shells had been thrown up, but it must have been some time ago, for there was no water in sight except at the bottom of a deep burrow which had been made at one side by the cayotes. We soon uncovered water, however, but it was strongly brakish.

Four or five miles farther east on the beach two hills loomed up on the horizon and at that distance appeared as two islands, perhaps a mile long each, situated close to the beach. The nearer may be connected with the mainland and is probably a rocky promontory, at least at low water. Sand dunes could plainly be discerned there, and this was where the sand Papagoes used to kill sea lions (in Spanish, Lobos). The other may be accessible from this one at low tide.

From here I turned inland toward the so-called Blanca, which is south east of Pinacate, making for a point midway between its southern extension and a row of three large sand dunes that rose at some distance in front of us...

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CONAPESCA elaborate and publish the Mexican Official Standards for the regulation of all fisheries, including the regulation for the exploitation of those fisheries, areas and fishing gear restrictions, and rules for owners of fishing permits or authorizations and for anybody who catch some aquatic species, besides other obligatory rules.

CONAPESCA helps not only to promote the conservation of marine species, also to benefit all commercial and sport-recreative fishermen and reduce the conflicts among them.

Through the General Fishing and Aquaculture Law, the CONAPESCA look for the efficient regulation and to put in order the fisheries, to benefit all the aquaculture and fishing sector. Based on this law, the CONAPESCA sanction the illegal fishing actions, through inspection and surveillance teamworks.

A simple English version of Mexican Fishing Regulations:

BASICS

When operating a vessel in Mexican waters with fishing gear on board, it is necessary to hold a valid fishing license for everybody aboard regardless of age and whether fishing or not. (A Fishing License is not required when fishing from land).

Only one rod or line is permitted in the water, per person, but there is no restriction regarding the number of replacement items.

A fishing license allows to capture fin fish only. It does not allow to capture any crustaceans or mollusks and their capture by anyone is strictly prohibited, with the exception of squid. Totuaba, turtles and marine mammals are under protection of the Federal Authorities and may not be captured at any time.

To capture bottom fish, up to four hooks on a vertical line may be used.

The use of electric reels is restricted to disabled fishermen only, after written authorization from CONAPESCA before use.

BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS

SPORTFISHING INDIVIDUAL DAILY MAXIMUM ALLOWANCE

10 Ten fish. No more than 5 of a single species

x1 Billfish, Shark, Giant Seabass. Any of these count as 5 fish towards your 10 daily count

x2 Shad, Dorado, Rooster Fish or Gulf Grouper. Any 2 are equivalent to 5 fish in your daily count

NOTE: As of July 14, 2014, and until further notice, the capture of Blue Fin Tuna (Thunnus Orientals) is prohibited.

Limit on inland bodies of water (rivers, lakes, dams, etc.) is five fish per day, whether of a single specie or in combination.

Underwater fishing is limited to a total of five fish and/or squid per day, using rubber band, spring or pneumatic harpoons, and only while skin diving.

There is no limit to the practice of "catch and release", as long as the fish that exceed the bag limit be returned to their environment in good survival condition.

Where sportfishing is conducted from boats out at sea for longer than three days, the bag limit will be the equivalent of three times the amounts mentioned above.

VIOLATIONS

It is illegal to capture and maintain alive any fish for ornamental purposes.

It is prohibited to receive any financial gain from the product obtained through sportfishing.

It is prohibited to dump trash, litter or substances that harm the aquatic flora or fauna, whether on lakes, river banks, shores or oceanic waters.

It is prohibited to collect shells, corals, sea anemones and snails, or to disturb the original ecosystem environment.

It is prohibited to practice sportfishing 250 meters or less from swimmers.

It is prohibited to use artificial lighting to attract large quantities of fish.

It is prohibited to possess firearms in Mexican waters.

Fish caught under a sportfishing license may not be filleted aboard the vessel from which it was caught

It is requested that all unusual activities, occurrences or record catches be reported to the nearest office of the Oficina de Pesca, or to its representation in San Diego, CA. in order to ensure the preservation of natural resources for the continued enjoyment of all fishermen.

NONCOMPLIANCE WITH MEXICAN LAWS AND PROVISIONS WHICH APPLY TO SPORT FISHING ARE PUNISHABLE AND MAY INCLUDE FINES, CONFISCATION OF FISHING TACKLE AND/OR EQUIPMENT AND EVEN THE VESSEL ITSELF.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hey Gang! Well we can certainly say that our Diamond Anniversary Fish Fry was a success! Thanks to all who turned out and especially to those who worked behind the scenes and on the frontlines! It would not be possible without your efforts. As you know, the membership/registration table was a zoo!! Madeleine, Lindsay and I **very much** appreciated those of you who gave us a smile anyway and those who brought us margaritas! Special thanks to Karen Caballero for her thoughtfulness AND the margaritas as well as to Billie Crumbly for relieving the three of us to grab a bite to eat!!

MUCHO CONGRATS go out to Marsha and Ken Sweet for winning the Rhino! It was so nice to meet you guys at the registration table! I am also EXTREMELY pleased to report that the last t-shirt quilt went to none other than the driving force behind the Cholla Charity Fund, Nancy Schmidli!! *I was so very pleased to pull her name out of that bucket, I just can't even tell you!* Thank you to all who bought tickets for this important charity raffle. I'm still waiting to hear how much was made at the Fish Fry, but prior to that, we raised \$1,195.00 for the Cholla Charity Fund in quilt ticket sales!!!

As I mentioned in the last Chatter, I hadn't yet gone through all that mail so I would now like to welcome new members DeeDee Denslow, Anne & Ken Hartnett, Marsha & Ken Sweet, Tina & Kyle Cramer, Ramiro Felix & Margarita Perez, Margaret & Dave McIntyre, Lindsay Young & Lawrence McIntyre, Darren Dodd and Mary Reynolds!!

We picked up 31 new memberships at the Fish Fry! We sure do hope that you all are planning on sticking around for many years to come! Welcome to John Hurley, Lara & Kent Kristof, Vickilyn & Craig Van Sickle, Diane & Mike Olsen, Doug Gallinger, Josie & Tom Chabert, Sheree & Thomas Scholar, Keith Busby, Joan & Bob Kappell, Christi & Steve Lanoue, Todd Budde, Joy & Eric Stevens, Betty Lou & Bill Hammer, Irene & Joe Warren, Jan Blair, Jennifer & Ray Hayes, Jeff Erickson, Charlotte & Richard Smith, Robin & John Canzona, Annette Maynard, Kerri & Nicholas Bolstad, Joyce & Stanley Keegan, Lissa & Joe Benson, Mike Burrows, Christine & Darrell Smith, Janet & Bob Livingston, Joanne Hamilton-Serfway, Angel Morales, Joyce & Sam Willis, Mark Mendoza and last but certainly not least, Daniel Smith!!

If you're on Facebook, please go to our "Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club" fan page – we have 444 likes now! 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! Annual membership is \$40; checks should be made payable to CBSC and mailed as noted below. 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.

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