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TED WINS 1st PDS COOKOFF



By Greg Monger

High Desert Pod did it right again with a great cookoff at the Pueblo Del Sol RV Park in Sierra Vista, Arizona. We had 33 cooks show up in some iffy weather to produce our pots of red and raise \$859 for the Chuck Dugan Scholarship Fund. The folks at the RV park really treated us right with cooks goody bags, a nice raffle and a great place to have a chili cookoff. Here are the results:

Chili:

- 1st - Ted Fichtl, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2d - Dick Bruce, Tucson, AZ
- 3d - Sally Hite, Hereford, AZ
- 4th - Russ Hite, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 5th - Trina Hernandez, Tucson, AZ
- 6th - Elmo Hite, Hereford, AZ
- 7th - Cash Ply, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 8th - Liz Hardegan, Tucson, AZ
- 9th - Greg Monger, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 10th - Pat Rau, Hereford, AZ

Show:

- 1st - Hang Em High Chili, John Johnson, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2d - Red Hot Chili Mama's, Denise Cabello, Tucson, AZ
- 3d - Jelly Bean Chili II, Sally Hite, Hereford, AZ

CASH QUALIFIES IN SHOW AT GOLDFIELD



The 7th Annual Superstition CCO at the Goldfield Ghost Town is in the books. It will go down as one of the wettest cook offs we've had. It rained all day. In spite of that, 25 cooks showed up to compete for the bragging rights of Champion. What makes this even better is almost 250 people showed up in the rain to

Goldfield CCO, Cont.

and served chili on the back patio of the Saloon, and not a better place to be, close to the bar.

taste our chili! The cookoff raised \$984.00 for the Nancy Rutledge Foundation. Thanks to Craig Hardy and Mayor Bob for donating and cooking for all the events. And Karen Banas celebrated the New York strip steaks at the cooks' party on her 50th birthday, too! Friday night. On Saturday the cooks huddled together and shared canopies, swapped stories

ARIZONA STATE OPEN CCO

By Peter Braly:

The 27th Arizona State Chili Championship is now in the books. We started out on Friday parking RV's without to many problems except for Elmo Hite getting his extra long 5th Wheel in place. That evening we had the cooks party with plenty of good food. During the night a thunder storm arrived in the area and their was lightning and thunder and rain all night long. Saturday morning the rain was gone for a while and it turned out a pretty nice day until around 3:00 PM and here comes that stuff again. The wind blew this time and we had to scurry getting the awnings up and putting all the stuff away. The charity was the local Boy Scouts Troop 919 of Casa Grande. They did an outstanding job of handling the cup sales. At the end of the day they came up with around 4800.00 in cup sales. CHOA will kick in another 350.00 from the entry fee's and we never know until about a month what the non profit vendors do for the charity. So overall we felt pretty darn good with this amount going to the charity. The weather here in Arizona this year has rained every weekend so far and it has really put a damper on doing any good for the charities. At the end Sandi Limon of Mesa Arizona was the winner in chili and is the 2005 Arizona State Champion. Not bad for someone that just started last year. I think she gets a little bit of help from Madjack as to how to cook competition chili. Hopefully Sandi, will not kill me over that thought. Any way congratulations to Sandi and all of the other cooks participating at the Arizona State Chili Championship.

CHILI: (65 turned in cooks)

1st	Place	Sandi Limon	Mesa AZ
2nd	Place	Myrl Coultas	Tucson AZ
3rd	Place	Elmo Hite	Hereford AZ
4th	Place	Sally Hite	Hereford AZ
5th	Place	Karen Banas	Queen Creek AZ
6th	Place	Trina Hernandez	Tucson AZ
7th	Place	Nancy Swenberger	Mesa AZ
8th	Place	Bob Bell	Chandler AZ
9th	Place	Willie Raven	Phoenix AZ
10th	Place	Charlie Elliot	Queen Creek AZ

SHOW:

1st	Place	Steve Pedbereznak	Casa Grande AZ	Cirque Chili
2nd	Place	Denise Cabello	Tucson AZ	Red Hot Chili Mama's
3rd	Place	Jeff Bayless	Casa Grande AZ	Royal Chili

LOTS OF CASA GRANDE PICTURES



MAD JACK GIVES JUDGING LESSONS



WOULD YOU TRUST THESE GUYS???



NANCY'S IN CHARGE



HAVEN'T WE SEEN THESE TWO BEFORE?



WHY ARE THESE TWO SMILING???



AND, THE WINNER!!!!

GREAT PEPPER'S COMMENTS

When you're cooking chili having fun, time really flies. I was looking at this chili year calendar and realized that in 5 months you will be electing new officers for the 2005-06 chili year.

This year will be a challenge for our pod as just about every position will be up for election, ie: Great Pepper, Pepper Popper, Chili Penny, Regional Referee. At this point I am assuming that our Chili Scribe and Chilicity will remain intact for our new Great Pepper.

Our pod is blessed with a strong cadre of members who can step up and assume responsibility and continue the tradition of being one of Arizona's finest.

I'm asking all of you to please consider a positive response when our nominating committee contacts you to serve/run for a position in July. I know it seems like a long way off, but the way time flies, you need to have this thought in mind.

Our 1st place winner at Manny's, Dororthy Spishock from Clear Lakes Shores, Texas, donated her new stove to our pod. Gail Fisher painted the stove and Guy Tennison is selling raffle tickets at various cookoffs raising money for the Dugan Scholarship fund to be raffled off at the Paul's Pub cookoff on April 30, 2005. Please support this fund raising project that Guy is handling.

Let's show up in force for Nick's Place cookoff on March 12. I talked to Dick Bruce and Cece at Old Tucson Studios and they told me that they would be coming to this cookoff as this is their 1st marriage anniversary. You will recall they were married at last years Nick's cookoff right after the rain.

Bill Garbutt will be back from Mexico by the time you read this and I encourage you to send him articles, pictures, etc for the new Tumbleweed. He continues to do a great job and this is our way of communicating to everyone who with computers.

Jim Teeter underwent a back operation a few weeks ago in Houston and from the report I received from him, he is recovering well.

Light Your Fires,

Good Cooking

Roy Fisher



20th ANNUAL NICK'S PLACE CCO

By Greg Monger:

On March 12, Ben Berry held the 20th Annual Nicks Place CCO in Hereford, Arizona with 34 cooks trying their hands at cooking up some red. We had warm temp's, sunny skies and a little, (ok, a lot) of wind. After all was said and done, we raised \$475 for the Special Olympics of Arizona. Here's the results:

Chili:

- 1st - Russ Hite, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2d - Dick Bruce, Tucson, AZ
- 3d - Bud Barrick, Organ, NM
- 4th - Genee Joliffe, Tucson, AZ
- 5th - Roy Hannon, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 6th - Elmo Hite, Hereford, AZ
- 7th - Patty Kunstman, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 8th - Jackie Barta, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 9th - Greg Monger, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 10th - Lynn Barta, Sierra Vista, AZ

Show:

- 1st - Hang Em High Chili, John Johnson, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2d - Jelly Bean Chili, Elmo Hite, Hereford, AZ
- 3d - Intensive Care Chili, Cash Ply, Sierra Vista, AZ "



HANG 'EM HIGH



YA CAN'T RUN A COOKOFF WITHOUT HELP



RUSS WINS AGAIN



ELMO & SALLY

Arizona Chili Schedule (02/28/05)

CHILI YEAR 2004/2005

3/26/2005	Arizona State Junior Championship, Pioneer Village	YCS	Jerry Lee	623-388-9748
3/26/2005	1st Pioneer Village BBQ & CCO	CASA	Roland Regeon	602-920-7254
3/26/2005	Arizona State Hot Wing Championship, Pioneer Village	CASA	Roland Regeon	602-920-7254
4/2/2005	2nd Saugaro Rotary CCO, Tucson	CHOA	Carson Smith	520-792-0005
4/9/2005	1st TAPS CCO, Phoenix	CASA	Roland Regeon	302-920-7254
4/16/2005	2nd Millers Surplus & CHOA Pod CCO, Tucson	CHOA	Pete Braly	520-574-0197
4/23/2005	1st Gavalin Peak, New River	CASA	Roland Regeon	602-920-7254
4/30/2005	5th Paul's Pub, Sierra Vista	HDP	Greg Monger	520-417-9948
5/6/2005	Relay for Life CCO, Sierra Vista	HDP	Trudy Berry	520-378-3692
5/21/2005	JJ's Cantina, Cholla Bay, Mexico	CASA	David Garner	480-733-1617
5/29/2005	Wyatt Earp Days, OK Corral, Tombstone	HDP	Roy Fisher	520-803-9934
6/4/2005	3rd Summer Splash, Queen Creek	ESP	Karen Banas	480-888-0812
6/4/2005	Mayer Days CCO, Mayer	YCS	Mary Ellen Smith	623-435-0291
6/18/2005	6th Greer Days, Greer	ACS	Dick Seehusen	928-339-1840
7/4/2005	15th July 4th Celebration, Sierra Vista	HDP	Mike Strack	520-378-7179
7/9/2005	Billy Jacks CCO, Humboldt	YCS	Pam Diffin	928-567-9311
7/23/2005	7th Chili Cook Off in the Pines, Overgaard	CASA	Travis Tonzi	480-837-5888
8/13/2005	Tombstone Vigilante Days	HDP	Roy Fisher	520-803-9934
8/20/2005	10th Alpine CCO, Alpine AZ	ACS	Dick Seehusen	928-339-1840
????	4 Corners Regional Open Chamionship	NMCS	Bud Barrick	505-382-5107
9/3/2005	Chino Valley Territorial Days CCO, Chino Valley	YCS	Jerry Lee	623-388-9748
9/4/2005	Brewery Gulch Daze, Bisbee	HDP	Ben Berry	520-378-3692
9/10/2005	Great Peppers' Meeting, San Angelo	CASI	Sammie Plant	
9/17/2005	Almost Last Chance CCO, Verde Valley Moose	YCS	Jerry Lee	623-388-9748
9/17/2005	Windemere Hotel CCO, Sierra Vista	HDP	Larry Rau	520-378-7247
9/24/2005	Last Chance CCO, Skull Valley	CASA	David Garner	480-733-1617
10/1/2005	Old Tucson CCO	CHOA	Bonnie Haskins	520-748-7464
10/8/2005	9th Grandpa Horny Fart Blossom, New River	CASA	David Garner	480-733-1617
10/15/2005	1st Annual Camp Verde VFW, Camp Verde	YCS	Pam Diffin	928-567-9311
10/15/2005	Just for Kids Halloween CCO, Sierra Vista	HDP	Greg Monger	520-417-9948
11/5/2005	39th Terlingua International Chili Championship, Terlingua, TX	CASI	Alan Dean	410-879-6410

Arizona Chili Schedule (02/28/05), CONT.

11/12/2005	3rd Tucson Cowboy Roundup CCO	CHOA	Pete Braly	520-574-0197
11/19/2005	4th Vietnam Veterans CCO, Glendale	CASA	Dennis Huff	602-789-1963
11/19/2005	Basha's, Green Valley	CHOA	Cheryl Pennington	520-390-8686
12/3/2005	26th Sierra Vista Christmas Parade & HDP Pod CCO	HDP	Roy Fisher	520-803-9934
12/4/2005	14th Rancher Bar, Wickenburg	CASA	Norm Schoenrad	623-742-6476
1/14/2006	<i>South of the Border International Open, Rocky Point, MX</i>	HDP	Bill Garbutt	520-803-8989
1/15/2006	7th Rocky Point #2 (Chili Grind Only)	HDP	Bill Garbutt	520-803-8989
1/28/2006	9th Roadrunner Steakhouse, New River	CASA	Ken Holmes	623-465-8971
??/??/2006	<i>Arizona Men's & Women's Open Championship</i>	HDP	Roy Fisher	520-803-9934
2/11/2006	26th Old Tucson Studios	CHOA	Bonnie Haskins	520-748-7464
2/18/2006	8th Superstition Mountain, Goldfield Ghost Town, Apache Junction	ESP	Tom Klug	480-288-4375
2/25/2006	2nd Pueblo Del Sol Charity, Sierra Vista	HDP	Larry Rau	520-378-7247

GOOD CROWD AT THE STATE OPEN CCO



***PAUL'S PUB CHUCK
DUGAN MEMORIAL
CHILI COOKOFF***

30 APRIL 2005

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SCHOOL JUNIOR ROTC.***

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ON FRIDAY NIGHT***

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Dry camping in back of Paul's Pub, cook where you camp
Entry Fee \$15, Turn-in 1:00 p.m.*

Win a Gail Fisher Original Painted Stove if you buy the winning raffle ticket

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