



# TUMBLEWEED

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Tension 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

|                  |   |      |                  |              |
|------------------|---|------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>3/26/2005</b> | <b>Arizona State Junior Championship, Pioneer Village</b>             | YCS  | Jerry Lee        | 623-388-9748 |
| 3/26/2005        | 1st Pioneer Village BBQ & CCO   | CASA | Roland Regeon    | 602-920-7254 |
| <b>3/26/2005</b> | <b>Arizona State Hot Wing Championship, Pioneer Village</b>           | 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 |
| <b>????</b>      | <b>4 Corners Regional Open Chamionship</b>                            | 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 |
| <b>9/10/2005</b> | <b>Great Peppers' Meeting, San Angelo</b>                             | 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 |
| <b>11/5/2005</b> | <b>39th Terlingua International Chili Championship, Terlingua, TX</b> | 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 |
| <b>1/14/2006</b>  | <b>South of the Border International Open, Rocky Point, MX</b>   | 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 |
| <b>??/??/2006</b> | <b>Arizona Men's &amp; Women's Open Championship</b>             | 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***

***BENEFITS THE BUENA HIGH  
SCHOOL JUNIOR ROTC.***

***HOT DOG/HAMBURGER POTLUCK  
ON FRIDAY NIGHT***

*Come on out to 1805 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, AZ  
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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