



TUMBLEWEED

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New Pod Meeting Location

The next pod meeting will be on Sep 26, 2005 at 7 PM at Nick's Place in Nicksville. The October 2005 pod meeting will be on Oct 24, 2005 at the SSVEC Building at 311 E. Wilcox Dr. Sierra Vista, at 7 PM in the Conference Room on the ground floor. This is a non-smoking facility with very comfortable chairs, a large conference table, and if necessary, a TV and VCR is available for use. Another big advantage is that it is secluded and quiet. This will be the regular meeting location until further notice.

Vigilante Days CCO

On the 13th of August, 35 cooks showed up to make the street Tombstone run red again with an old fashioned shootout...this time with chili. We all had a great time with fairly cool weather (for in Arizona), a good crowd, reenactors giving us a taste of the west, and a great cooks party hosted by the Tombstone Vigilante Days. Special guests included Jim and Shirley Statezcny from Comfort, TX, Roger and Karen Bains from Rankin, TX and several recently new cooks, Jim and Judy Nelson from El Paso, TX. We raised \$675 for our charity (thanks in part to a lost bet....thanks to Ben). Here are the results:

Chili:

- 1st - Myrl Coultas, Tucson, AZ
- 2d - Guy Tennison, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 3d - Chris Cannon, Queen Creek, AZ
- 4th - Shirley Statezcny, Comfort, TX
- 5th - Jim Statezcny, Comfort, TX
- 6th - Bert Cornell, Queen Creek, AZ
- 7th - Ted Fichtl, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 8th - Nancy Coultas, Tucson, AZ
- 9th - Karen Banas, Queen Creek, AZ
- 10th - Larry Rau, Hereford, AZ

Show:

- 1st - Red Hot Chili Chicks, Karen Banas, Queen Creek, AZ
- 2d - Red Hot Chili Mama's, Denise Cabello, Tucson, AZ
- 3d - Intensive Care Chili, Cash Ply, Sierra Vista, AZ

Furthest Traveled went to Jim and Shirley Statezcny of Comfort, TX.
(Greg Monger)



Cooks Line Allen Street



The Chicks Strut Their Stuff



Cash Checks the Ho's



Great Pepper Roy Lays Down the Law



Myrl Wins Another



Cooks Party - Good Times



Jim & Shirley - Farthest Traveled



Great Tombstone Trophies

Thanks to Tom Smith for the pictures

Four Corner's Regional CCO

Well folks the Four Corner's Regional CCO has come and gone. It was a grand cook off and was well attended. We had cooks from New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, and Illinois. The crowd of spectators was huge and diversified including folks from as far away as Holland and Australia. I'd like to extend a special "Thank You" from me and the NMCS to Colleen Wallace, Bobby Elliott, Vickie Childers, Garnier Albus, John Montgomery, Steve Lopez, Julie Wallace, and Cece Bruce for their help running the tables, tabulating the scores, validating the NMCS "bank book", and assisting with showmanship judging. I'd also like to thank Randall and Sassy Papasan for providing that ever necessary calming effect that one so often needs when they work the larger CCOs. And the winners were:

Chili.

- 1st Place Sesario Ramos, Clovis, NM*
- 2nd Place John Montgomery, Golden, CO*
- 3rd Place Colleen Wallace, Plano, TX*
- 4th Place Steve Lee, Longmont, CO
- 5th Place Bobby Elliott, El Paso, TX
- 6th Place Mike Stevens, Homer Glen, IL
- 7th Place Sally Papasan, Midland, TX
- 8th Place Vickie Childers, Amarillo, TX
- 9th Place Gloria Stevens, Homer Glen, IL
- 10th Place Julie Wallace, Grapevine, TX

Showmanship:

- 1st Place Kick Ass Chili, Alan Buchanan, Red River, NM*
- 2nd Place Lobo Chili, Michele Estrada, Albuquerque, NM*
- 3rd Place Warriors of the Crimson Pepper, Steve Lee, Longmont, CO.
(Bud Barrick)

10th Annual Alpine, Arizona Chili Cookoff

The 10th Annual Alpine, Arizona Chili Cookoff on August 20th was once again a great success. Dick and Sue Seehusen always put on a premier event. The Alpine Chamber of Commerce also came out in force to lend support for all the work required to run the weekends events including one the largest raffles I have seen in a long time. A BIG thank you, also, to all the cooks came to enjoy the 70 degree daytime temperatures.

"Alpine Jim Martin" cooked some great brisket and corn on the cob for the Friday evening cook's party. The cooks brought some delicious side dishes too! Jim returned Saturday morning to cook up some sumptuous breakfast burritos for the entire camp.

One of the impromptu events of the day was the marshmallow gun war that broke out after we all found that

Earl Campbell was selling these unique weapons. The ground was covered in white at the end of the day from all the discharged ammunition.

The Alpine Acting Guild provided us with wonderful entertainment after the awards were presented. The group performed a melodrama named "The Ballad of Gopher Gap". It was a forty minute performance that kept us all on the edge of our seats booing and hissing.

I want to thank Gail Fisher and Karen Banas for helping with the chili judging. Jerry and Sandy Lee put the Spam-O-Rama event together and ran the judging. Nancy Klug ran the BBQ contest and Karen and John Banas got everything together for the Margarita contest and tasting.

RED CHILI - 27 judged

- 1st Bob Bell - Chandler, AZ
- 2nd Karen Baines - Rankin, TX
- 3rd Sunny Fichtl - Sierra Vista, AZ
- 4th Nancy Klug - Gold Canyon, AZ
- 5th Karen Banas - Queen Creek, AZ
- 6th Roger Baines - Rankin, TX
- 7th Scott Hamilton - Queen Creek, AZ
- 8th Chris Cannon - Queen Creek, AZ
- 9th Tom Smith - Sierra Vista, AZ
- 10th John Banas - Queen Creek, AZ

Showmanship

- 1st Intensive Care, Cash Ply - Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2nd Bearly Bearable, Julie Phillips - Alpine, AZ
- 3rd Hot Mamma, Nancy Klug - Gold Canyon, AZ

Spam-O-Rama

- 1st Cash Ply - Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2nd Bill Garbutt - Sierra Vista, AZ
- 3rd John Banas - Queen Creek, AZ

Jack Pot Beans

- 1st Ken Holmes - New River, AZ
- 2nd Lylah Raven, Phoenix, AZ
- 3rd Pam Diffin, Camp Verde, AZ

BBQ Brisket

- 1st Ken Holmes - New River, AZ
- 2nd Julie Phillips - Alpine, AZ
- 3rd Jim Martin - Alpine, AZ

Margaritas

- 1st Roy Fisher - Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2nd Jerry Lee - Wittman, AZ
- 3rd Pam Diffin - Camp Verde, AZ

BIGGEST WINNER OF THE DAY

Alpine Chamber of Commerce Charities - over \$1,100.
(Tom Klug)

Arizona Chili Schedule (08/01/05)

| CHILI YEAR 2004/2005 | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|------|-------------------|--------------|
| 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 | 2nd Pueblo Del Sol, Sierra Vista | HDP | Larry Rau | 520-378-7247 |
| 9/24/2005 | Last Chance CCO, Skull Valley | CASA | Mary Ellen Smith | 623-435-0291 |
| CHILI YEAR 2005/2006 | | | | |
| 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 CANCELLED | HDP | Greg Monger | 520-417-9948 |
| 11/5/2005 | 39th Terlingua International Chili Championship, Terlingua, TX | CASI | Alan Dean | 410-879-6410 |
| 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 | Guy Tennison | 520-378-3604 |
| 12/4/2005 | 14th Rancher Bar, Wickenburg | CASA | Norm Schoenrad | 623-742-6476 |
| 1/14/2006 | South of the Border International Open, Rocky Point, MX | 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 |
| 2/11/2006 | 26th Old Tucson Studios | CHOA | Bonnie Haskins | 520-748-7464 |
| 2/18/2006 | Arizona Men's & Women's Open Championship, Sierra Vista | HDP | Roy Fisher | 520-803-9934 |
| 2/25/2006 | 8th Superstition Mountain, Goldfield Ghost Town, Apache Junction | DBP | Tom Klug | 480-288-4375 |
| 2/25/2006 | 3rd It's Chili in Quartzsite, Quartzsite | RT66 | Tim Wasik | 928-279-1961 |
| 3/4/2006 | 28th Arizona State Open Championship, Casa Grande | CHOA | Pete Braly | 520-574-0197 |
| 3/11/2006 | 19th Nicks Place St Pats, Nicksville | HDP | Ben Berry | 520-378-3692 |
| 3/25/2006 | Arizona State Junior Championship, Pioneer Village | YCS | Jerry Lee | 623-388-9748 |
| 3/25/2006 | 2nd Pioneer Village BBQ & CCO | CASA | Roland Regeon | 602-920-7254 |
| 3/25/2006 | Arizona State Hot Wing Championship, Pioneer Village | CASA | Roland Regeon | 602-920-7254 |
| 4/1/2006 | 1st Walmart CCO, Tucson | CHOA | Denise Cabello | 520-624-2238 |
| 4/8/2006 | 2nd TAPS CCO, Phoenix | CASA | Roland Regeon | 302-920-7254 |

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| 4/15/2006 | 3rd Millers Surplus & CHOA Pod CCO, Tucson | CHOA | Pete Braly | 520-574-0197 |
| 4/22/2006 | 2nd Gavalin Peak, New River | CASA | Roland Regeon | 602-920-7254 |
| 4/29/2006 | 6th Paul's Pub, Sierra Vista | HDP | Greg Monger | 520-417-9948 |
| 5/12/2006 | Relay for Life CCO, Sierra Vista | HDP | Trudy Berry | 520-378-3692 |
| 5/20/2006 | JJ's Cantina, Cholla Bay, Mexico | CASA | David Garner | 480-733-1617 |
| 5/28/2006 | Wyatt Earp Days, OK Corral, Tombstone | HDP | Greg Monger | 520-417-9948 |
| 6/3/2006 | 4th Summer Splash, Queen Creek (Chili Grind Only) | DBP | Karen Banas | 480-888-0812 |
| 6/3/2006 | Mayer Days CCO, Mayer | YCS | Mary Ellen Smith | 623-435-0291 |
| 6/10/2006 | 7th Greer Days, Greer | ACS | Dick Seehusen | 928-339-1840 |
| 7/4/2006 | 16th July 4th Celebration, Sierra Vista | HDP | Mike Strack | 520-378-7179 |
| 7/22/2006 | 8th Chili Cook Off in the Pines, Overgaard | CASA | Travis Tonzi | 480-837-5888 |

GREAT PEPPERS COMMENTS

Wow, what a great weekend in Tombstone celebrating the Vigilante Days cookoff in between rain showers. We had 35 cooks of which 2 were new cooking for their first time and one made final table ! Our efforts helped the Vigilante charities to the tune of \$670, an increase over last year by \$144.00 with the same number of cooks. The Red Hot Chili Chicks from AZ's newest pod the Desert Breeze Pod did a refreshing show and it was well received by everyone.

As usual our dinner at Vigilante Hall was well prepared by the Vigilante group and their raffle was a success as usual. The new coordinator for the Vigilantes, Jane McClure did a good job organizing activities. Paul Brewer had to step down due to health reasons and has been grooming Jane for this and the Wyatt Earp cookoffs.

On the bright side, Pat Rau has undergone surgery and is on the mend. Larry better be on the alert that Pat needs points !

We only have 2 remaining cookoffs for our pod this chili year. Bisbee, on 9/4/05 with a 2 PM turn in and a new one at the Pueblo Del Sol, RV Resort, Sierra Vista on 9/17/05 with a 2 PM turn in also. Let's turn out in force to support these remaining 2 cookoffs, your support is needed.

For those of you who don't know, Guy Tennison will be taking over the coordinator position for our annual Christmas Parade cookoff on December 3, 2005. Guy will be looking for help and your assistance will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Guy on any donations for the raffle and assistance.

I only have one more month to serve as your Great Pepper and time has really flown during my tenure. It don't seem that it's been 2 years ago that I took command, however, my cooking skills haven't improved and I've got some catching up to work on next year.

Our September monthly meeting will be at Nicks Place, starting at 7 pm on September 26, 2005 and I'll turn over the gavel to Greg Monger that night. Be sure to be there as he will have a report on the Great Peppers meeting that he is attending. Unfortunately, I won't be attending as I have to be in Omaha during the same time of the Great Peppers meeting.

Keep Patti informed on any pic's and articles for our web site. In case you haven't viewed it go to: highdesertpod.org.

Light Your Fires, good luck.

Roy Fisher