



TUMBLEWEED

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*Remember: The next monthly meeting is at the Fichtl's home, 2017
Chantilly Dr., on July 25 at 7:00 pm.*

GREAT PEPPERS COMMENTS

This year is really flying by and it's hard to believe that I only have three months left as your Great Pepper. While flying to some of my assignments this month I had some time to reminisce about our pod and the things that we have done over the past two years.

I'm not going to list them all but prefer that you take a good breath and think about how well our pod has performed in the chili world. I feel very comfortable in saying that we are of the elite and it's been my pleasure to have worked and served with you. Why am I saying this now you ask? Well on July 25, 2005 a new leader will be chosen and I'm hoping that we have a big turnout at our election night at Ted & Sunny's house and show your support. Get out and Vote!

Support you say, well for those of you who cooked in our July 4th CCO in Sierra Vista we had 29 cooks participating. Of the 29, 28 were from the High Desert Pod in Sierra Vista, and surrounding area. Great support from our local pod members. By this we had three more cooks than last year and raised more money for the charity. That's Support! I want to use this means to thank all of you who attended.

Some of you may or may not know that there is a new pod in Arizona forming. It will be called the **Desert Breeze Pod**. It was called the East Side Pod since its conception a while back and on June 28, 2005 the Official Name of **Desert Breeze** was

selected. On the same night they had their elections. Tom Klug is the Great Pepper, Nancy Klug is Pepper Popper, Lylah Raven is Chili Penny and Willie Raven is Chili Scribe.

Most of you know these people and I'm sure you will support their activities in the Chili World. They have a good start with their membership and I'm sure you will hear good things about them in the future. Wish them well!

There are only three remaining cookoffs this chili year for the HDP. Coming up is Tombstone Vigilante Days on August 13, next is Brewery Gulch, Bisbee on Sept 4 and our last one is at Pueblo Del Sol, Sierra Vista Sept 17 (A new one). Please, please make an effort to attend these last three. Your support is needed!!

Another great addition to our pod and our communications is our new web site that Patti Kuntsman is working on. If you want to see what she has accomplished go to your computer and click on: **www.highdesertpod.org**. I'm sure you will agree that this is going to be a great way to keep informed about happenings in the chili world and will put our pod ahead of most when it comes to communicating with members. Can't wait to see the finished product!! Keep Patti informed on info for the web site, please.

**Light your fires and let's have some qualifiers
by Oct 1st ...Good luck!**

Roy Fisher

Fourth of July Chili Cookoff



We Had A Blast!

Happy belated 4th of July from the High Desert Pod. We were all too busy cooking chili to wish you all a Happy 4th on the 4th....we had a great cookoff in Veterans Memorial Park to honor the country.....the 15th Annual Welcome Home Desert Storm 4th of July Chili Cookoff.

It started Sunday night with a potluck and grilled meat party for the cooks and we had the standard picnic style grub to choose from...spicy hot slaw, macaroni salad, brats, steaks, burgers, and hot dogs, quessadillas, chips and salsa, brownies and cakes and cookies.

On the 4th, the park had static displays of military equipment from nearby Fort Huachuca, AZ (home of U.S. Army Military Intelligence, and the U.S. Army's Information Systems Command), there were re-enactments of an old west cavalry charge, fun and games for kids, a pancake breakfast, music, our chili cookoff and of course, that evening was one of the best fireworks displays in the state of Arizona.

29 cooks turned in their samples of red to see who could be the 4th of July Champion on this very hot but fun day. Captain (Ben Berry) America handed out ice cold slices of watermelon to the cooks during the cookoff, which was much appreciated. We had several VIP judges to include the Honorable Congressman Jim Kolbe and the Mayor of Sierra Vista, Tom Wheeler. Jesika Cline,

Miss Sierra Vista, handed out our trophies and gave hugs to the winners...but the real winners were the San Pedro Kiwanis charities...which gained \$648 from our cookoff efforts. Heres the results:



Russ Wins Again

Chili:

- 1st - Russ Hite, Sierra Vista, AZ (Q)
- 2d - Norm Dunn, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 3d - Sunny Fichtl, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 4th - Roy Fisher, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 5th - Jim (Black Eye) Tomlin, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 6th - Leo Lemelson, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 7th - Ted Fichtl, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 8th - John Johnson, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 9th - Tom Smith, Hereford, AZ
- 10th - Greg Monger, Sierra Vista, AZ

Show:

- 1st - Kokopelli Chili II, Sunny Fichtil, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2d - Los Tres Bendajos, Ben Berry, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 3d - Professor Monger's Chili Elixir, Greg Monger, Sierra Vista, AZ

Furthest travelled went to Peter Braly of Tucson.

This was the U.S.A. at its best...come on out and join us next year for some good old fashioned fun on the 4th of July, 2006.

MORE PICTURES FROM THE 4TH



Ben At His Best????



These Girls Know How To Have Fun



What A Shirt



Why Is Ted Smiling?



Good Cookoff, Mike



This Says It All

Arizona Chili Schedule (06/30/05)

CHILI YEAR 2004/2005

7/4/2005	15th July 4th Celebration, Sierra Vista	HDP	Mike Strack	520-378-7179
7/9/2005	Billy Jacks CCO, Humboldt CANCELLED	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
8/20/2005	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	2nd Pueblo Del Sol, 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 CANCELLED	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
10/22/2005	1st Walmart CCO, Tucson	CHOA	Denise Cabello	520-624-2238
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	ESP	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	3rd Saugaro Rotary CCO, Tucson	CHOA	Carson Smith	520-792-0005
4/8/2006	2nd TAPS CCO, Phoenix	CASA	Roland Regeon	302-920-7254
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
5/5/2006	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	Roy Fisher	520-803-9934
6/3/2006	4th Summer Splash, Queen Creek	ESP	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

ALPINE CHILI COOKOFF
10th Annual!



Some things are made to last!
CASA RULES APPLY!

August , 20th , 2005
Alpine Rodeo Grounds, Alpine, Az.

also **Jackpot Beans, Bar-B-Q and Spam-o-Rama!**
Cook's Potluck and Breakfast
Turn in: 1:00 ~~pm~~ Awards: 3:15^{pm}

Dry camping available at the Rodeo Grounds!
Contact:
Dick Seehusen (928)-339-1840
alpineinn@cybertrails.com
Hosted by the Alpine Chili Society.

SAMPLE BALLOT

HIGH DESERT POD
JULY 25, 2005

ELECTION OF OFFICERS BALLOT

Instructions: Place a check mark next to the name you are voting for. If submitting a write in, please write clearly.

GREAT PEPPER (President)

GREG MONGER _____
WRITE IN NAME _____

PEPPER POPPER (vice President)

KIM DUNN _____
BEN BERRY _____
GUY TENNISON _____
WRITE IN NAME _____

CHILI PENNY (Treasurer)

JACKIE BARTA _____
PATTY KUNSTMAN _____
WRITE IN NAME _____

CHILI SCRIBE (Secretary)

KAT TOMLIN _____
WRITE IN NAME _____

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

LEO LEMELSON _____
TOBIE BROWN _____
LARRY RAU _____
BILL GORZENSKI _____
JIM TOMLIN _____
BEN BERRY _____

WRITE IN NAME _____

Note: The Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) elected officers and five (5) additional members. The 5 candidates with the most votes will assume a directors position. Additionally the past President will serve the board as an advisory position.

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CHILI COOKOFF

Benefits The MENTOR CONNECTION
Saturday...

Sept. 17, 2005

Held in the parking lot adjacent to the Club House. Cook where you set up, but no hook-ups available at this location.

Full hook-ups at a special week-end rate for cooks.

Reservations required...call 520-378-0213...for details

Enjoy the resort amenities, make it a mini-vacation!

Golf is available.

Friday evening Cooks' Party...Dinner & Dance at the Club House!

\$ 15.00

10 am to 2 pm

Turn-In: 2:00

Any questions?

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Roy Fisher -- royfisherAZ@cs.com -- (520) 378-1311

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