



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> ...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 |
| <del>7/9/2005</del>  | <del>Billy Jacks CCO, Humboldt</del> <b>CANCELLED</b>                 | 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>8/20/2005</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            | 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 |
| <del>10/1/2005</del> | <del>Old Tucson CCO</del> <b>CANCELLED</b>                            | 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 |
| <b>11/5/2005</b>     | <b>39th Terlingua International Chili Championship, Terlingua, TX</b> | 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 |
| <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 |
| 2/11/2006            | 26th Old Tucson Studios   | CHOA | Bonnie Haskins    | 520-748-7464 |
| <b>2/18/2006</b>     | <b>Arizona Men's &amp; Women's Open Championship, Sierra Vista</b>    | 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 |
| <b>3/4/2006</b>      | <b>28th Arizona State Open Championship, Casa Grande</b>              | CHOA | Pete Braly        | 520-574-0197 |
| 3/11/2006            | 19th Nicks Place St Pats, Nicksville                                  | HDP  | Ben Berry         | 520-378-3692 |
| <b>3/25/2006</b>     | <b>Arizona State Junior Championship, Pioneer Village</b>             | YCS  | Jerry Lee         | 623-388-9748 |
| 3/25/2006            | 2nd Pioneer Village BBQ & CCO   | CASA | Roland Regeon     | 602-920-7254 |

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| 3/25/2006 | Arizona State Hot Wing Championship,<br>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**  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual!



*Some things are made to last!*  
*CASA RULES APPLY!*

**August , 20<sup>th</sup> , 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<sup>pm</sup>*

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*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.

**PUEBLO DEL SOL**  
RV  
RESORT  
**CHARITY**



**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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