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New Pod Meeting Location

The next Pod meeting will be on October 24, 2005 at the SSVEC building at 311 E. Wilcox Drive, Sierra Vista at 7:00 PM in the conference room on the ground floor. This is a non-smoking facility with very comfortable chairs and, if necessary, a TV and VCR are available. Another big advantage is it is secluded and quite. This will be the meeting location until further notice.

GREAT PEPPERS COMMENTS:



hard to believe that my tenure as your Great Pepper ends September 30 and your new Great Pepper Greg Monger takes over.

I want to use this means to thank everyone in the pod for putting up with me for the past two years. We accomplished many things during my reign and the thing that stands out in my mind the most is the togetherness we exhibited as a pod when our beloved Chuck Dugan was going thru his ordeal, especially his last 2 weeks. We were like a large family helping others and Chuck knew we were with him 'til the end. Thanks, Johnny, for your taking the lead.

To this end, we established the Dugan Scholarship program and this year we helped 4 students in Cochise County to reach their educational goals. Many thanks go to Jim Tomlin for his dedication as chairman of the scholarship program.

I'm especially proud that we established the Arizona Humanitarian Award. Even though it isn't necessarily issued every year, it's available and candidates are voted by the Arizona Great Peppers.

Additionally, our pod's premier cookoffs held in Rocky Point are the envy of many pods and we need to continue the tradition of having the best qualifying cookoff in Arizona and the chili world. Bill Garbutt is the founder of these cookoffs and he will be looking for assistance again this year. Please give him your support and contact him for volunteer work.

The team that we had for the past two years, ie: Chili Penny, Ted Fichtl, Chili Scribe, Guy Tension and Pepper Popper, Greg Monger kept

Time really flies when you are having fun cooking chili (even though you don't win all of the time). It's

me in line and I want to thank them for jobs that they did in their respective positions. They were always available to discuss issues and help me whenever I ask them. Our regional referee Gail Fisher made herself available and really worked with our head judge Trudy Berry to make the HDP chili judging one of the best teams in CASI. Thanks Trudy and Gail for your dedication, education and training given to everyone connected to chili judging.

Gail is also stepping down as Regional Referee. She wanted me to tell everyone she was grateful for all of the help she received as far as interpretation of rules and other "advice" that was freely given. Denise Cabello, CHOA, will be Greg's Regional Referee. I'm sure we will be of as much help to her.

As a matter of record, the chili year that ends September 30 had the following results for our pod. The HDP had a total of 13 cookoffs, raised \$11,087.00 for charity, judged 540 chilies and exposed 13,450 tasters to our chili.

The new chili year has two new high impact cookoffs for our pod. # 1. The Arizona Mens' and Womens' Open Championship on Feb 18, 2006 and # 2. the 4 Corners Regional Open Championship on May 28, 2006. Many of you may be asked to help with these cookoffs and you may want to volunteer your service with Greg Monger now.

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to view the POD web site that Patti Kuntsman developed. It's www.highdesertpod.org Patti has worked hard developing this site and she is dedicated to maintaining it with up to date information to our members. Please view it and send pic's and articles for her to publish. Thanks Patti for the work you are doing.

Let's all give our new officers your support by showing up at monthly meetings, cooking our chili together, spreading the word and obtaining new cooks to our pod. For our pod to remain number one in Arizona we need new quality cooks. You are the only ones able to make this happen.

For my last time I say "Light Your Fires and Good Luck".

Roy Fisher

19th Annual Brewery Gulch Daze CCO

On a hot, muggy 4th of September, High Desert Pod put on the 19th Annual Brewery Gulch Daze CCO in Bisbee, Arizona. The day started with a waiter/waitress competition of moving water glasses on a tray through an obstacle course. Next came the Pet Parade with pets and owners dressed alike. There was a watermelon contest involving throwing, eating and spitting of various parts of the

watermelon...(I stayed out of the line of fire).

Various kids activities followed...along with the infamous Ms. Ole Bisbee Contest (before you get up



in arms about the terminology, you should know that this is the official name given by the Daze organizers...). Live music played through the afternoon and probably my favorite activity, people watching. 17 cooks showed up to cook their best red, raising \$251 for the Bisbee Boys and Girls Club. Here's the results:

Chili:

- 1st - Guy Tennison, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2d - Denise Cabello, Tucson, AZ
- 3d - Johnny Johnson, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 4th - Tom Wheeler, Bisbee, AZ
- 5th - Nancy Ruiz, Bisbee, AZ
- 6th - Trina Hernandez, Tucson, AZ
- 7th - Liz Hargadon, Tucson, AZ
- 8th - Greg Monger, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 9th - Roy Fisher, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 10th - Paul Hetrick, Bisbee, AZ

Show:

- 1st- Casa Loco, Tom Wheeler, Bisbee, AZ
- 2d - Pablo's SouthWest Chili, Paul Hetrick, Bisbee, AZ
- 3d - Hang Em High, Johnny Johnson, Sierra Vista, AZ

Best of Bisbee went to Tom Wheeler again.

Greg Monger

HELP!!!!!!

We need volunteers and equipment for the Fish Fry in Rocky Point. If you have a fryer and pot and would like to help us, please contact Bill Garbutt, chilibill@azchili.us, or Greg Monger, mongo9@cox.net or 520-417-9948.

Brewery Gulch Daze Pictures



Telephone Tom, Mr. Bisbee



Hoola Hoops in Bisbee



Guy Has Something To Say



Where Else But Bisbee????

ROCKY POINT REMINDER

Its not too early to begin registering for the Sonoran Desert Fun In the Sun Rocky Point International Open CCO scheduled for January 14th, 2006. This is an automatic qualifier for the top 3 chilis and top show team. Preregistration guarantees your T-shirt will be the right size. If you can make it to Rocky Point (Puerto Penasco on the map) on Thursday, we have a fish fry on the beach potluck, fish provided by High Desert Pod. Friday night is the famous Manny's Beach Club Mexican buffet dinner with free cervesa flowing.....the free cervesa continues on Saturday during the cookoff!!!!!! (They lose money on me every year...he he he...) And dont forget, Sunday is the Day After CCO at Baja Cantina, just 2 blocks away from Manny's Beach Club. Free breakfast for registered cooks. Just think, a cookoff on the beach, sunshine in January, free beer, mexican buffet dinner.....sunshine in January, free beer.....sunshine in January, free beer.....

If you want to download a flyer so you can pre-register, go to www.highdesertpod.org and click on the link that says "Rocky Point Flyer".

Any questions, contact Bill Garbutt, chilibill@azchili.us, or Greg Monger, mongo9@cox.net or 520-417-9948.

Pueblo Del Sol CCO

After the GP meeting in San Angelo, I was ready to get back to Sierra Vista and do some Arizona style chili cooking. While I had fun in San Angelo, and Sammie Plant and the SACA pod deserve a hearty round of applause for their great work....I am a cook first and foremost and wanted to do some cooking. So on 17 September, High Desert Pod of Cochise County Arizona put on a great little cookoff to benefit the Mentor Foundation. We had 17 cooks show up on a warm (probably the last for awhile) day. The Pueblo Del Sol RV Resort did a nice job of welcoming us all with a Friday night bbq supper and dancing to some good music. Saturday morning we all started our pots of red and had some real good entertainment as Ted and Sunny Fichtl (The Blues Brothers...) sang and danced and even got some cooks out there to participate. We raised \$434 to help children at risk through the Mentor Connection. The resort also had some nice raffle prizes, with Jackie Barta taking the much coveted cooler with Corona Cervesa. Thanks much to Larry and Pat Rau for ramrodding this event. Here are the results:

Chili:

- 1st - Larry Rau, Hereford, AZ
- 2d - Denise Cabello, Tucson, AZ
- 3d - Guy Tennison, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 4th - Sunny Fichtl, Sierra Vista, AZ (Q)
- 5th - Patti Kunstman, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 6th - Nancy Klug, Gold Canyon, AZ (Q)
- 7th - Toby Brown, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 8th - Pat Rau, Hereford, AZ
- 9th - Ted Fichtl, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 10th - Jim Tomlin, Sierra Vista, AZ

Show:

- 1st - Kokopelli Chili, Sunny Fichtl, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 2d - Intensive Care Chili, Cash Ply, Sierra Vista, AZ
- 3d - Intimidator Chili, Patti Kunstman, Sierra Vista, AZ (Q)

Greg Monger



More PDS Pictures



Great Pepper Comments for October 2005

First, I would like to start by wishing all High Desert Pod members a warm welcome to the new chili year. The 2005 Chili Year was a good one for us and a lot was accomplished. Foremost, I would like to give Roy Fisher, outgoing Great Pepper, my congratulations and thanks for the excellent job he has done. Roy is due a rousing round of applause. Outgoing Chili Penny Ted Fichtl and outgoing Chili Scribe Guy Tennison also deserve a round of applause and thanks. Roy, Ted and Guy put in a lot of work to making High Desert Pod the (in my humble opinion) Premier Pod in Arizona and perhaps in all of CASI.

Next, I ask all pod members to welcome Ben Berry as our new Pepper Popper, Jackie Barta as our new Chili Penny, and Kat Tomlin as our new Chili Scribe. Please give them the support you have given previous officers of the pod.

Let's talk about the future of High Desert Pod. We have the Christmas Parade CCO on 3 December. Next is the Rocky Point International Open along with the Day After CCO on January 14th and 15th. After that, HDP hosts the Arizona Men's and Women's State Open CCO's on February 18. The next big CCO is the 4 Corners Regional Open on May 28th. Let's not forget Nicks Place and Paul's Pub fall into the very busy next few months too. So as you can see...we have a huge chili year ahead of us.

HDP needs your support. As you can see, we have a lot of heavy duty work and fun ahead of us. Please, give your support, time and energy to the pod so we can continue doing great things in southeast Arizona. Let's keep HDP as the premier pod in the state. One thing we can all do, is recruit new members. Talk with your friends, family, coworkers and neighbors and get them involved in the fun of chili cooking. They don't have to cook...we also welcome "groupies" too. If each pod member brought in one new member, HDP would truly shine.

I would also like to bring to your attention a couple of sobering notes. Leo Lemelson is undergoing medical treatment and could use our good thoughts. Also, Norm Dunn's long time friend Nelda Friedman recently passed away, so please keep Norm and Nelda's family in your thoughts also.

On a more positive vein, Mike Strack will be retiring soon, lets hope that Mike and Ann are more frequent companions of ours on the chili trail.

The Great Peppers Meeting in San Angelo, Texas was fun and interesting and some interesting rules changes came about that will make it a little easier for all pods to do their thing. I forwarded the minutes of the GP Meeting to most of you...if you did not receive it and would like to, let me know. Probably top of the list of events is that Arizona has a new pod, the Desert Breeze Pod in Queen Creek, Arizona. Please ensure you congratulate all the members of DBP on their entrance to CASI.

I want to remind folks that our next scheduled meeting is going to be held at 7 p.m. on 24 October at the SSVEC Building on the corner of 2d Street and Willcox Blvd. This is a change of location for us, so mark it on your calendar now.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the pod members for the honor of being elected as your next Great Pepper. My pledge to you is that I have 2 ears and 1 mouth...so I will listen twice as much as I speak. Your ideas and thoughts and hopes and concerns are mine also. I want to continue the great work that past HDP Great Peppers started and to ensure that HDP continues doing great things for Cochise County and Arizona.

Please thank Ted and Sunny Fichtl for hosting our annual meeting at their home and for their warm hospitality. Also remember, great accomplishments require effort, so let's make 2006 a "chili" year to remember for HDP.

See ya on the chili trail.....Greg Monger, Great Pepper

Arizona Chili Schedule (10/18/05)

CHILI YEAR 2004/2005

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



The High Desert Pod invites you to
 come on down.....
 to the beach at Manny's
 Beach Club

Benefits the Puerto
 Penasco Elementary
 School & Children's
 Christmas Charities

ROCKY POINT, MEXICO

**SONORAN DESERT
 INTERNATIONAL OPEN ~
 CHILI COOKOFF** (turn in @ 1:00)

**THE 2ND DAY eeo
 SUNDAY, THE 15TH
 BAJA CANTINA
 GRIND ONLY
 NOON TURN-IN!
 \$ 20.00**

*Don't miss
 any of the
 fun in the sun*

THURSDAY ~ Fish Fry on the beach
 FRIDAY ~ Mexican Buffet Cooks' Party at Manny's
 SUNDAY ~ Breakfast at the Baja Cantina & a t-shirt
 The Unique Rocky Point CCO T-shirt (sign up early to get the size you want!)
 (and, of course, continuous SHOPPING!)

JAN. 14, 2006 ~ \$25.00

Questions? E-mail to chilibill@azchili.us - or call Greg Monger 520-417-9948

Make checks out to H.D.P. and please mail early to...
 (Fill out separate applications for each cook included in your check. Thanks!)

H.D.P./ Rocky Point - P.O.B. 1023 - Hereford, AZ 85615

Name: _____
 Addr: _____
 Tel.: _____
 Saturday cookoff No Yes @ \$25
 T-shirt size M L XL XXL
 S XXXL (only if pre-reg)
 Additional T-shirt, Size(s) _____ @ \$12 ea. = \$ _____
 Cooks' Party guests, how many _____ @ \$7 ea. = \$ _____
 Sunday cookoff No Yes @ \$20
 TOTAL AMT. of your check \$ _____

