

This year's 10th Anniversary Bay Fest was a huge success. Starting with the Rock to the Dock regatta with 5 boats making it to the start line. Hope we can get more boats sailing in it next year. The wine tasting was a great beginning to the event. There were some tasty wines and buzzed happy people when it was all said and done. This year we had more people turn out for some seminars than I have ever seen. People learned on topics from birds to bashing and from fishing to cooking. The seminars and workshops had something for everyone.

The games were also excellent from card and domino playing to beach games of baccii, horseshoes and volleyball. With a good team turn out for volleyball this year we got to squeeze in 3 games not just two, and when the Navy had to bow out for their duties, Marina Costa Baja stepped up to fill the gap and keep us on our toes in the sand.

The Salty Sea Tales was well attended and well performed. While the newly created happy hour was also a huge hit for starting off the night. There was not a huge turn out for the costume party, but those that did, made costumes over the top. The chili cook off was a tasty event back from the early days of Bay Fest.

Not much turn out for the water games, but then there were not too many kid boats in town this year. Kids do help to make the dingy and kayak races better.

The raffle prizes were a big hit and so was the auction for the grand prizes.

The the crem de la crem was the most awesome luau you ever attended in Mexico. We had two sets of hula dancers and yours truly as the loco princessa, studly pig carriers all the way to the delicious pork roast dinner. Dancing in the sand to the DJ music mix, until the cows stumbled home topped off the night.

A big thanks goes out to Terri on Ulalena for taking the lead in the decorations and especially visualizing our Tiki gods at the entrance. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make the whole weekend look good and go smoothly.

And in case you missed the Awards ceremony, Shirleen from Chip Ahoy was announced as Member of the year. With her stewardship over all the parties we had this year, she worked with the heads of each event making it all look so easy. She made sure that we stayed focused on our goal of keeping this club fun, while a lot of distractions were going on. I would like to thank Shirleen for all of her excellent hard work she did this year. Congratulations!

Now the financial part. To put on this Bay Fest we spent 70,970 pesos. That could be the most we ever spent to put on this event. It was about 13,000 pesos more than I had budgeted. But the good news is, we made 84,195 pesos! That puts us 13,224 pesos in the black. I believe the raffle and auction put us over the top. We made 21,000 more pesos than I expected. It was not the goal of the Bay Fest committee to make such a huge profit, so to give back to those in need from us who are so blessed, the committee voted to move those profited funds into the charities account. We suggest the money be used to buy blankets and mattresses for the needy people still sleeping in the dirt in the outlying communities.

We want to thank everyone who attended and made this Bay Fest so successful.

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