



Okeechobee Samboree

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TRAIL BLAZING SAMS

Samboree was held at
Okeechobee
KOA Campground
April 15th—April 19th.
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OKEECHOBEE SAMBOREE A HUGE SUCCESS

For our Chapter and others this Samboree was one of the best. Approximately 380 rigs enjoyed the beautiful weather, entertainment and exciting games. TBS had 14 rigs in attendance including 3 which were on the State Staff. What made it so enjoyable for us was that the scheduling was done differently. Events and activities were spread out giving us more time to enjoy the Samboree. Congratulations to Joe and Debbie Weston for putting together a very workable agenda. It was obvious they spent a lot of time working and reworking the activities to make sure everything fit. Our Chapter thanks them for that consideration.



Joe & Debbie Weston
State Director



May 2015 Campout May 22nd -25th Winter Quarters Pasco, Florida
Host/Hostess : John and Gail DuBose

Fall Samboree November 18th-22nd Southern Palms RV Resort, Eustis, Florida.

Theme: "Memories of Christmas Past"

WINTER SAMBOREE AT RODEHEAVER BOYS RANCH IN PALATKA

Putting the Winter Samboree back on the schedule and going back to Palatka is under consideration. At the State Committee Meeting it was voted on by the delegates that under certain conditions Palatka should be brought back. For several this is welcomed news, for others, not so good. The main question is how many members are in favor of returning to Palatka. Is there enough interest not only in our Chapter but other Chapters as well?

As you know Palatka Winter Samboree was dropped from the schedule due to the conditions caused mostly by inclement weather. The February 2014 cancellation was very expensive to Good Sams of Florida as well as Rodeheaver Boys Ranch. Attempts have been made to find another location but to no avail.

After further discussions with Rodeheaver it was learned that several improvements have been made or are in the process of being made which if done may be sufficient to warrant putting Rodeheaver back on the schedule. We understand the following have been done or are in the process of being done:

1. Concrete Floors in Meeting Hall (done)
2. Heaters in Hall (done)
3. Bathrooms updated (done)
4. Asphalt Milling on roadways and sites (pending)
5. Reduced fee for honey wagon service (pending)

It our understanding that Joe Weston our State Director will not sign a contract with Rodeheaver until he is assured that # 4 & 5 above has been completed. For an in depth explanation of Asphalt Milling go on line to www.driveway.net. Question is, where is all the asphalt going to come from to take care of all the sites.

Assuming our Director signs a contract our Chapter should step up and support this Samboree as we do with the others. TBS has a long standing history of being a leader in the State of Florida and a lot of people depends on us not only for the Indoor Games, Bocce Ball, Water sales and Flea Market but also for setting an example for others to follow. At the May meeting you will be asked for your opinion on Palatka so please give this Samboree some thought.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GAME WINNERS

The following members either won or came in second while participating in games at the Samboree.

Holy Board	Mike Lima and John Russano	1 st Place
Euchre	Cotton Deal and Juliet Dudinsky	2 nd Place
Horseshoes	Bill Conway and Chuck Potter	2 nd Place
Madhatters	Joan Conway (Patriotic)	2 nd Place



Unfortunately, I do not have Mike Lima & John Russano, Bill Conway & Chuck Potter pictures in the winners' circle.

Winning is only half of it. Having fun is the other half.
-Bum Phillips-

Robin Murray & Cotton Deal met their match



Justin Beauchene Max Wethern

An old Greek Proverb says " Old Age and Treachery will overcome Youth and Skill". Try to tell that to two of our "senior" members and they will tell you that is a lot of bull. During the Holey Board competition two youths age 11 and 12 (**Max Wethern & Justin Beauchene**) applied youth and skill to send our astute members to the side lines. It wasn't pretty but in the very next match Mike and John came up against these youthful young men and showed them that all seniors are not alike. Justin, age

12, was overheard making the following classic comment to his partner, "We've finally met our match". With that they shook hands and were seen getting on their bikes and riding

Who Could that be?



Mary Murray as a "Safety Inspector" making sure that all those clothes on the "clothes line" are clean. But by her expression some were stinking pretty bad .

But it was all for fun.

Thank you Mary for doing such a "great job"

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

Marcel Proust

LOOK CLOSELY - YOU MAY NEVER SEE THIS AGAIN .. or



There is always a first time for everything. Mike Lima played his first game of Samgo. And beginner's luck, he won. Maybe it was a first, but would it be the last? That money in his hand might be a lure. We'll have to see.

On a more serious note....

There was a **Blood Mobile** hosted by Chapter Skyway Sams

Three of our members donated their blood. We want to acknowledge and thank them for that precious gift.



Albert Morneault



Ray Turner, Albert Morneault Rita Turner



Bill + Joan Conway

CONGRATULATIONS GOES TO TWO OTHER OF OUR MEMBERS

Bill and Joan Conway volunteered to be the liaison for "Dogs for the Deaf." Dogs for the Deaf is one of three (3) charities Good Sams of Florida supports. We wish them well and thank them for heading up this very important charity.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Thoughts and Prayers for the following members or members' family.

Lynn Frechette - Undergoing tests for possible liver cancer.

Harold and Carolyn Johnson continues with the therapy.

Richard's son is in Intensive Care at a hospital in West Springfield Mass. They found abscess on his liver and other complications.



CHANGE OF COMMAND

Two of our members who are on the State Staff have taken on new responsibilities.

Mary Murray is now in charge of the Indoor Games while **Robin Murray** is managing the Outdoor Games at the Samborees.

Liz Abrams, another member of TBS has previously directed the Indoor Games.

Thank you Liz for your help and supervision.

Juliet Dudinsky graciously accepted to replace Caroline in her absence.



A Friend is one to whom one may pour out the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away.

Arabian Proverb

Happy Birthday

May 14th Frank Ciampaglia

May 26th Nancy Carter

May 30th Ken Kuiken

May 30th Pam Keller

Happy Anniversary

May 7th Johnsons

May 7th Perrys

May 16th Mercers

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Safe travels to everyone