



Trail Blazing Sams 1977-2015

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Paradise Oaks 10th to 13th, Early Bird 9th

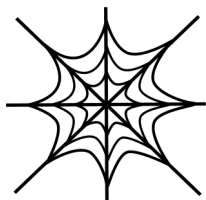
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Thanks to our Host and Hostess our December campout was a huge success. Mike and Joanne went overboard to treat us to a great campout. Held at the very popular Paradise Oaks in Bushnell we had 13 member rigs and 5 guests guest rigs in attendance.

A message from our Host and Hostess

“ Our Chapter has a tradition of doing a little extra for our December campouts. We always do something special during the Christmas season. Thanks to everyone who attended for your contributions to the Wine and Cheese Party and the Pot Luck Dinner. Also thanks to all for participating in all of the group activities. And thanks to the chapter for the Christmas Games “scratch off” prizes that bolstered the competitors “bragging rights”. Particular thanks go to Jill P. Jeannette O. and Juliet D. for the extra heavy hors d'oeuvres, Richard O. for running the “Frisbee golf” game, all who participated as informal referees at bocce ball, Liz A. for “left, right, center”, Bill Carter and John P. for “Jingle Balls”, Nancy and Bill Carter for hosting the Saturday “happy hour”, Linda V. for leading the Christmas carols and Jeannette and Richard O. for much help with setting up and cleaning up. Without all of your help we would not have been able to manage. We hope everyone enjoyed the campout as much as we did”!



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and a
Happy New Year

Thursday was the wine, cheese and hors d'oeuvres party referred to in the above comments. Lots of wine and cheese and hors d'oeuvres to enjoy.



Juliet Dudinsky Jeannette Ormsby Dennis LaPerle (guest)



After all that eating a few members headed to the main clubhouse to join the campground residents in their Thursday night Euchre tournament while others sat around and told stories of Christmases

Friday's activities started early with a Surprise Golf Tournament. We all came prepared to play regular golf and checking in we were told the new owners will not allow traditional golf. They converted the course to Disc (Frisbee) Golf apparently due to insurance restrictions. No big deal for us, if the truth is known we have only one or two diehard golfers amongst us. As it turned out we had 34 players, men and women who learned what disc golf was all about. There were some pretty wild scores and only one disc was lost (Bill) but that was promptly retrieved by the following group. You can go on our web site, www.tbsams.weebly.com for more pictures



(from right to left) **1st place** -Steve Popovich (guest) & Linda Voyton
2nd Place - Ray Turner & Bill Hemphill (guest)
3rd Place - Jill Perry & John Russano



Sunshine Corner

Judy Magedanz reports that Myron is doing better. He has been outfitted with a 30 day heart monitor. Hope they find out what is going on so he and Judy can get back to us. Ceres is the same. We hope that she is comfortable and not suffering too much. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers .



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After *golf* it was lunch time and then into our afternoon activity of Bocce Ball

We had 17 two person teams. Mike Lima did a great job in setting up the courts and getting the matches started. We followed the very modified Good Sams of Florida **Bocce Ball** rules. There were some very close matches and some very good losers. Fortunately there were no fist fights, swearing or spitting. The eventual winners were Mike Lima and Cotton Deal. They beat us up badly on the team of Richard Ormsby. and Livia Popovich (guest) Joanne Lima and Linda Kuiken took 3rd place. Once again please check our web site for many pictures of this event.



Winners Bocce Ball

1st Place

Mike Lima & Cotton Deal

2nd Place

Richard Ormsby & Livia Popovich (guest)

3rd Place

Joanne Lima & Linda Kuiken

Soon we once again entered the wonderful world of the Happy Hour. Seems like the older we get the more we look forward to that magic time of the day. After a few beverages everyone brought a wonderful delicious selection of dishes for us to enjoy. After tidying up and putting things back in order it was time to engage in our 3rd competition of the weekend, **Left, Right and Center**. Everyone gathered around the pool table and Liz Abrams explained the game to those new players. She had too many players so she divided us into two groups. Bashful, quiet Jean Potter showed her true colors and walked away with the first group's money. The next group gathered around the table and gave Linda Voyton all their money. She showed no mercy and was last seen comparing notes with Jean Potter.



Jean Potter



Liz Abrams—game coordinator



Linda Voyton

Saturday our Business Meeting was conducted by our President John Russano. The minutes have been posted so make sure you visit our web site to find out the many things that were on the agenda. We had a new member sworn in: Dennis LaPerle, Welcome to our TBS family. In addition Mike Lima and Linda Kuiken were sworn in as Secretary and Treasurer respectfully.



Dennis LaPerle with Liz Abrams ASD



Mike Abrams , Mike Lima (Secretary)
Linda Kuiken (Treasurer) & Liz Abrams ASD

We started the campout with four scheduled competitions.

“Frisbee Golf “ Bocce Ball, Left, Right and Center and Jingle Balls. Saturday afternoon it was time for Jingle Balls. With 16 men and 14 women competitors we had some really close matches.



Mary Murray, Jean Potter Ruth Hemphill (guest)



Steve Popovith (Guest) Mike Abrams, Ken Kuiken

THE GOOD, THE BAD and THE UGLY

At each campout our host and hostess is asked to evaluate the campground we just visited. This month our hosts rated

Paradise Oaks RV Resort in Bushnell Florida

Administrative	10
Site and services	9 (no cable, poor TV reception and train noise)
Facilities	9 noisy rec. hall
Rates	9
Overall Rating: 9.25	

HAPPY – HAPPY – HAPPY

With two days of happy hours behind us there should be no excuse for anybody being unhappy. In the event someone slipped through the crack they had another chance to get happy as we gathered around Carter's rig for more good times.

There was some somber moments when we called Lynne Frechette at Hospice and everybody said their goodbyes. An emotional moment for all of us. It was soon time to change hats and get ready for our Christmas Dinner. Our Hosts contracted with Ron-Don's Catering Service to prepare a wonderful meal for us. Joanne Lima had Ronda prepare turkey, ham, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, veggies and a wonderful selection of pies and cake. Supplementing the desserts was some really beautiful and tasty Christmas cookies made by our hostess, Joanne. We wonder if Mike assisted. (Those we got as favors) Yummy Yummy!!



After dinner it was time for our Christmas gift exchange. It was well organized, there was no fighting, scratching, spitting or swearing. There was however some crying as many didn't keep the presents they picked. They were taken by someone else. Several gifts fell under the watchful eye of the takers and several were exchanged, thus the term gift exchange. Once the last gift was taken and all the exchanging completed it was time for all to join in on signing Christmas songs. Linda Voyton did a fine job trying to keep us in tune and on the same song. For sure we would not be invited to audition for "The Voice" or "America's Got Talent" We all had a really great time and we heard from several members and guests what a good time they had. Our thanks to Mike and Joanne for not only making our members feel good but most importantly our guests as well.

ANGEL TREE SALVATION ARMY

As we do every year we collect from our members gifts for one of our Charity. We collected \$180.00 in gift cards plus all the toys.



Bill & Nancy Carter

Joanne & Mike Lima

delivered those gifts in time for Christmas

FUTURE CAMPOUT & EVENT

January 2016 campout

Date : January 22-23 (Early Bird January 21st 2016)

Location WinterQuarters. Lutz, Fl.,

Hostess : Linda Voyton

If you haven't already done so, please call Linda at (813) 220-5660 if you are planning to attend

Schedule will be forth coming

RALLY IN TALLY

February 3rd-7th, 2016

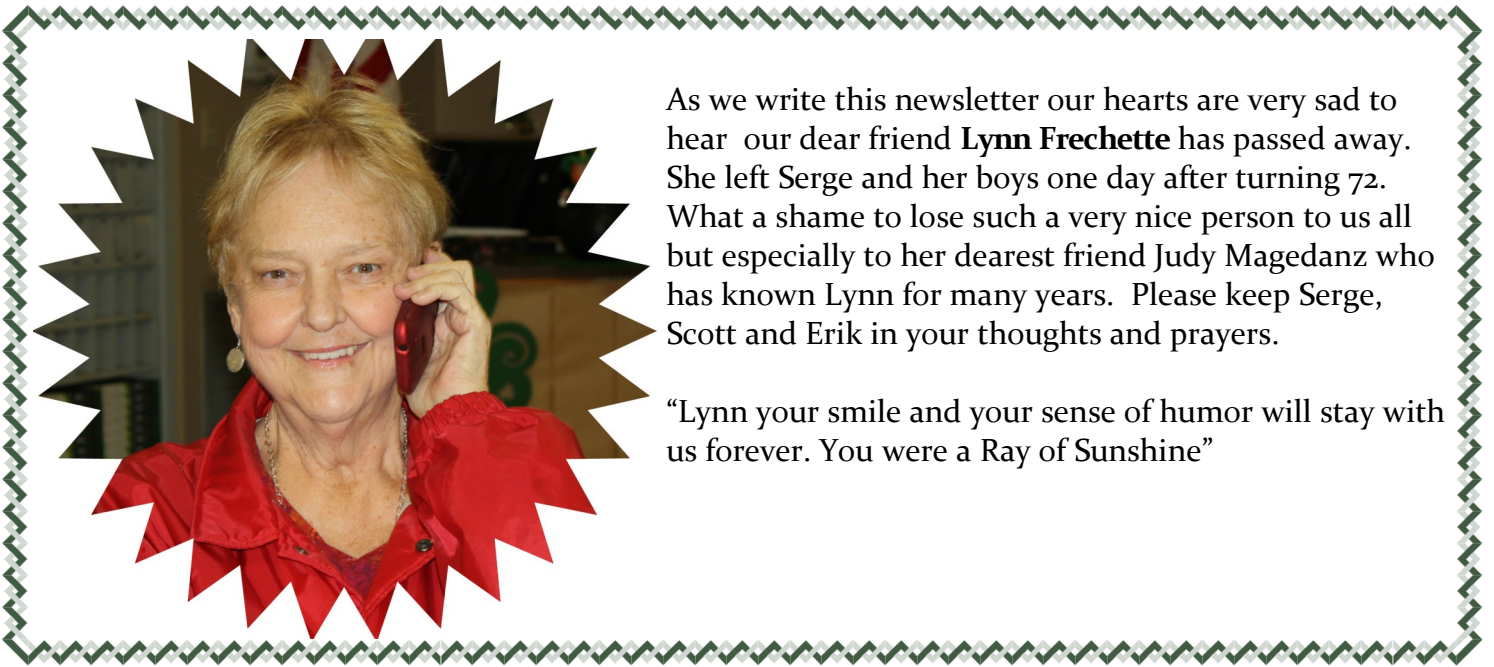
Early Bird – February 2nd

Location: North Florida Fairgrounds Tallahassee

Rally Theme: Rally in Tally

Contest: "Good Sam turns 50"

Having been just named as Chapter of the Year it would be very nice if we could have a good turnout for this Rally. Distance and cost is of concern for many but if at all possible try your best to make this event



As we write this newsletter our hearts are very sad to hear our dear friend **Lynn Frechette** has passed away. She left Serge and her boys one day after turning 72. What a shame to lose such a very nice person to us all but especially to her dearest friend Judy Magedanz who has known Lynn for many years. Please keep Serge, Scott and Erik in your thoughts and prayers.

“Lynn your smile and your sense of humor will stay with us forever. You were a Ray of Sunshine”

The Guests at our Campout



Left : Dennis LaPerle (Became a member of TBS) Carmin & Peggy Mazza / Bill & Ruth Hemphill

Livia & Steve Popovich/ Richard & Susan Yerton.

They are welcome to join our Chapter and we will be glad to count them in our extended family

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