

# TRAILBLAZING SAMS NEWSLETTER

## November, 2013



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### 2013 FALL SAMBOREE SOUTHERN PALMS RV RESORT EUSTIS, FLORIDA NOVEMBER 19-24, 2013

The most exciting news during this SAMBOREE was that **Trail Blazing Sams won Chapter of the Year!** Of course there were many things that took place over the course of the six days, but that was the first topic I wanted to cover in this Newsletter. Our deepest thanks goes to Albert Morneault for maintaining all the data, Jeannette Ormsby for all the page layouts, Joan Russano for the editing, and last but not least to all our members for their dedicated service. We had a book that not only was impressive, but also told the story of the many things our chapter does to qualify for this prestigious award. There were four chapters that entered COY books this year, and Joe Weston stated it was a difficult decision because all the books were extremely good and all the chapters worked very hard in representing the Good Sam creed.



This picture was taken in March 2012 and is not representative of all our current members.

During this SAMBOREE we had a total of 17 member rigs which includes the 3 on State staff. There were a total of 393 rigs that checked in at registration for the Fall SAMBOREE.

Each of the SAMBOREES are packed full of events and we are always kept busy with either working or participating in the many events. Tuesday is early bird and the only planned activity that day is SAMGO. We sell water at SAMGO on Tuesday and Thursday night as well at all the games. Our net profit in water sales this week was \$232.00. Our thanks to Chuck and Jean Potter for managing this project in which the proceeds are split between Dogs for the Deaf and Florida Guide Dogs.



Jean Potter selling water during card games

**GAMES** – It seems there were even more participants competing for the coveted pieces of plastic than at previous Fall SAMBOREES. Card Games were held on Wednesday and Thursday with a total of 193 participants (thanks to Caroline Johnson & her crew for the smooth running of the card games); Bean Bag Baseball was held on Thursday with 26 teams competing; Holey Board was held on Friday with a total of 79 teams; and Bocci Ball was held Saturday morning with 43 teams playing. Because of the number of teams playing in Bocci Ball and the President's meeting going on at the same time, the games did not end until 2:05 p.m. This meant that all those helping with Bocci Ball were out in the hot sun for 6 hours or more! Because of this, some changes to the game rules will be

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forthcoming so hopefully this doesn't happen again. Thanks to Richard Ormsby for heading up Bocci Ball and to all those that helped.



**Myron Magedanz, Judy Magedanz, Albert Morneault, Lynne Mornuealt, Cotton Deal, Juliet Dudinsky, Richard Ormsby, and Jeannette Ormsby**

On Thursday we had two teams from TBS participating in Beanbag Baseball. Although they gave a good showing, no plastic was awarded!



**Chuck Potter, John Russano, Serge Frechette, John Perry, Jill Perry, Ken Kuiken, Linda Kuiken, and Lorraine Zecher**

Holey Board took place on Friday morning at the same time as the Doggie Costume Dog Walk, and unfortunately I did not get pictures of the first and second place teams; however, first place went to Richard & Jeannette Ormsby and second place went to John & Jill Perry. Congratulations to both teams.

Friday morning we had Holey Board at 9:00, Dogie Walk at 9:00, and the Blood Mobile started at 10:00. Three of us participated in the Dog Walk – Juliet Dudinsky, Linda Kuiken, and myself. We collected \$100 which goes to the Florida Guide Dogs and Peanut received a first place for small dogs plastic bone (which I will wear). All the dogs were really cute.





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Linda Kuiken and Sadie



Juliet Dudinsky and Stoney



Peanut as the Cowardy Lion

During the Blood Mobile, a total of 21 pints of blood was collected.

Our business meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. followed by a pot luck. During the meeting Rita Turner was sworn in as secretay by Mike and Liz Abrams. Check the other events that took place

during the meeting once the minutes are posted to our web site.



John Russano (VP) and Bill Conway (President)



Mike & Liz Abrams and Rita Turner

**Saturday** - This was the last day of activities and it was filled with over lapping events. The morning began at 7:25 with the last day to walk with Liz Abrams; 7:30 Coffee & Donuts; 8:00 Bill and I attended the Presidents' Breakfast, which was an event that had not taken place for some years; 9:00 Bocci Ball began although the TBS helpers were there before 8:00; 9:30 State Committee Meeting started and many of these people were signed up for Bocci Ball; 10:00 Flea Market began with setup at 9:30. WHEW! I got tired just writing all that again! During the flea market we made a profit of \$188.00 which was good considering all the other events going on.



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Rita Turner selling our treasures



Part of Sassy Sams Group

**PARADE** - The theme was Wizard of Oz and it was held at 2:30 with line up at 2:00. Fortunately TBS previously decided NOT to participate in the parade which was a good thing considering Bocci Ball did not get over until 2:05. All the chapters participating did a fantastic job and Sassy Sams won first place in the parade.





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I don't know how many chapters participated, but it was a great parade. Those in costume were melting by the time the parade route went down our street as the temperature was close to 90 degrees!

**ENTERTAINMENT** – The entertainment we had during this SAMBOREE was fabulous. On Wednesday night we had a group called “One More Time”; Friday night it was “Maria Rose & Danny Elswick; and Saturday night it was a gentleman by the name of Kenny Evans. All three groups were professional entertainers and it is refreshing to have quality entertainment.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** – During the Fall Samboree it is customary to have a memorial service for all Good Sam members that have passed away during the year. Sharon Bundy presides over this service and it is quite an eloquent but emotional program. Unfortunately this past year we lost 34 members to include our own Charlie Voyton.

**Sunday** – My how fast this week has gone by. It certainly has been a busy SAMBOREE and we all said it's time to go home so we can rest! Sharon Bundy's worship service today was about Love and Forgiveness. As we enter into the holiday season it is a topic we all need to reflect upon - the reason for the season.

We thank our Florida State Directors, Joe & Debbie Weston, as well as all the State Staff, for a fantastic SAMBOREE and wish them all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Our next campout will be hosted by John and Ceres Henning from December 12 – 15, 2013 and will be held at **Little Willies RV Resort**, 5905 N.E. Cubitis Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266, 800-222-7675. Have a safe trip.

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