

TRAIL BLAZING SAM'S NEWSLETTER!

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**OUR HOSTS:
RICHARD & JEANNETTE
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PARADISE OAKS RV RESORT
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For our December Christmas campout weekend, we had a total of 18 member rigs.

For those of you that missed our December campout, all I can say to you is that I'm sooo sorry because we had a fantastic time. Jeannette and Richard were great hosts and planned a lot of fun things for us to do as well as having an abundance of food and snacks.

Friday afternoon the ladies got together to make the angels that the Voytons and Morneaults will deliver to the Hospice Center. Linda had cut out material for 30 angels but we managed to make 43 angels in the hour and a half time frame allotted as others had brought material and supplies as well. Linda said they were really looking forward to receiving the 30 angels so they will be ecstatic to receive 43. Thank you Linda for coordinating this project as well as

providing all the supplies. This was such a rewarding project, and what a perfect time to be making angels. Not only was it Christmas, but unfortunately we later learned about all the children killed at Hook Elementary in Connecticut. While we were making the angels for Hospice, all the little angels from Hook Elementary arrived in Heaven. What a very sad, ironic coincidence!



Jeannette Ormsby Caroline Johnson, Ceres Henning, Linda Voyton Lynne Morneault, Jean Potter, Linda Kuiken, Mary Cosentino, Joan Conway, Lynn Frechette, Judy Magedanz, Mary Murray, Liz Abrams, Rita Turner

GAMES - Our first game in the many that we played over the weekend was **bean bag baseball**. This game was the women against the men and our opportunity to take back the bragging rights. It was a tie score at the top of the 5th inning – 0 to 0 (we were only playing 5 innings). You know that was a real nail biter with the score 0 to 0!! Finally Mary Cosentino got a home run in the 5th inning, but the men came back with two hits and one run making it a tie game once again of 1 to 1. Well the women weren't able to get any hits in the sixth inning, but the men managed to sneak in a run and win the game 2 to 1. Oh well ladies, there's always next time! We have the men right where we want them – with a big head thinking they are the BEST!!



Kneeling – Charlie Voyton & Mike Lima
Standing – Serge Frechette, Ray Turner, Chuck Potter, Robin Murray, Ken Kuiken, Bill Conway, John Perry, Jim VonDeylen, Frank Cosentino, Myron Magedanzk

Friday evening after a great meal that the hosts had catered, we played two games. The first game we were given a piece of paper and pen and had to write down 10 different animals. After we wrote the animals down, the game show host, Frank Cosentino, would read various things such as what kind of animal do you consider yourself to be and then each of us gave the response that we wrote on the paper. Well as you can imagine this got some real good laughs.



Jeannette Ormsby – Monkey

Our next game that had many of us in tears was the Not So Newly Wed Game. The contestants in this game were Mike & Liz Abrams, Charlie & Linda Voyton, Chuck & Jean Potter, and our newest members Jim & Annette VonDeylen. The men were first asked to leave the room and

the wives were given questions to answer that they thought their husband would give a correct response.



The wives then had to leave the room and give an answer they thought their spouse would provide a correct response. Our newest members, Jim & Annette, took this game *very seriously* and had us believing it was a “Day in Divorce Court”. They definitely entertained us while we were wiping the tears from our eyes, but didn’t win. I know this is normally a funny game, but this one had to be the funniest I have ever witnessed. It was a good group that humiliated themselves for our enjoyment! Our winning couple with the most correctly matched answers was Linda & Charlie.



After our Business Meeting on Saturday (see the minutes that have been posted on the web), Bill Carter & John Perry devised a game called

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Jingle Balls where all participants threw 4 bocci balls on hole 9 of the golf course trying to get it the closest to a duct taped square. After everyone had thrown, it appeared that three of the women were the most accurate as our first place winner threw on the inside corner of the square, the second place was on the line, and the third place was on the outside corner of the tape. It was a fun game for all and surprising as to how close the majority of us got to the square! Thanks Bill & John for the creative game.



Bill Carter carefully measuring distance from square



Winners: Ken Kuiken-2nd, Linda Kuiken-2nd, Liz Abrams-3rd, Bill Conway-3rd, Joanne Lima-1st, Myron Magedanz-1st

After lunch we had three teams play a round of golf and it was definitely an evenly matched game as two teams tied with three under par and the other team was one under. The tied teams had a chip off twice, but still remained tied.

Since it was past Happy Hour and everyone was hot, the teams called it even!!



Chip off with Team 1: Richard Ormsby, Mary Murray, John Perry, Mike Abrams and Team 2: Bill Carter, Chuck Potter, Jill Perry, Robin Murray
Team 3 not pictured: Ray Turner, Bill & Joan Conway, and Myron Magedanz

Our honorary members, Frank and Evelyn Ciampaglia, paid us a visit Saturday afternoon, and we all were happy to see them. Frank felt well enough to play a couple rounds of holey board although he admitted he was portraying Toby Keith's song "I'm not as good as I once was"!!



While we were playing golf, Jeannette Ormsby set up our beautiful tables in preparation for the Christmas dinner. The Christmas dinner was catered by the same group that catered last night's meal. The catered meal on Friday evening cost each of us \$10, and it was very good with an abundance of food. Our Christmas

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dinner that the hosts provided was a scrumptious feast. Jeannette & Richard made sure everyone had a fabulous time. Prior to dinner, one of the very poignant moments for me was when Jeannette asked everyone to tell what Christmas meant to them. We had some very moving and tearful moments.



After dinner we played a fun game with our gift exchange. Mike Abrams was Santa's helper in seeing that the gifts were properly exchanged!



Once all the gifts had been exchanged we sang Christmas carols. We did not have any music to accompany us this year, but Caroline Johnson did a great job in leading with Jeannette's help in directing. .



Sunday morning we had another round of way too much food. Everyone was asking for the wheel barrels to get back to their rigs! What a wonderful weekend we had with all the fellowship and loving embraces of our extended family. Many of our members will meet at Lazy Days for the New Year's Eve celebration with more food and fun!

Our next campout will be at Paradise Oaks RV Resort from January 24 (early bird) until January 27, 2013, 4628 CR 475, Bushnell, FL, 352-793-1823..

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