

**OUR HOSTS:
JOHN & JILL PERRY
PARADISE OAKS RV RESORT
BUSHNELL, FL
MARCH 22-24, 2013**



For our January campout weekend, we had a total of 16 member rigs and one guest rig, Sue and Leslie Page (Sue is Jean Potter's cousin). For our business meeting we had one drive in member, Judy & Myron Magedanz.

Since Easter is next weekend, Jill's theme for the tables and desserts centered around that. She had some really clever centerpieces for the tables as well as some cookies that were too pretty to eat.



We were once again blessed with beautiful weather, although the nights were a bit chilly, which allowed us to play a lot of outdoor games. John & Jill kept us busy with some new games. The first game we played on Friday afternoon was Ring A Fling which is played similar to horseshoes, however, you use a disk. Well depending on how the wind was blowing, you might have your disk fly right onto the stake! Most everyone played and first and second place winners for women and men are shown below holding their prize of a box of chocolates:



Mary Murray (2nd place women), Joan Conway (1st place women), Bill Carter (1st place men), Mike Lima (2nd place men)

After the Ring A Fling we played a game of bocce ball with the women against the men. A vote was taken whether we wanted to play beanbag baseball or the bocce ball. I think the men might have been concerned about defending their title in beanbag baseball since more voted for bocce ball! Well the women won with a score of 9 to 2 which was similar to what the men won during our last campout during beanbag baseball as the score then was 9-3. I might also add, however, that the women DID NOT have any performance enhancing drugs to take this victory!



Bill Conway, Chuck Potter, Lynne Morneault, Mary Cosentino and Frank Cosentino (referee)



Winners: Joanne Lima, Joan Conway, Mary Cosentino, Jeannette Ormsby, Nancy Carter, Sandy Mercer, Jean Potter, Sue Page, Liz Abrams, Mary Murray, Lynne Morneault

After all the games we had happy hour. For those that didn't get filled up then, we definitely had plenty to eat at dinner with the pizza party that our hosts provided from Hungry Howies along with salad and dessert.

Saturday morning we had our Business Meeting at 9:30 and our President, Bill Conway, spoke of changes in the Good Sam pledge and Constitution. Please see the latest minutes once they are posted on the web for the important items that took place during the meeting.



After our meeting, the ladies and a few men got together to make the Easter baskets which will be donated to the children at Shriners Hospital. We really look forward to this project since many of us are not close by our grandchildren during the Easter holiday, and it brings back many happy memories. Not only is this such a great project for a selected charity, but it sure brings a lot of smiles to everyone's face while we are making the baskets. There were 20 of us that made a total of 65 baskets that will be taken to the Shriners Hospital on Monday. There were so many great pictures taken during this time, that it was hard for me to select the ones to include in the newsletter. I'm sure Joanne Lima will be posting many of them on our web site later on, so be sure to check out the photos once they are posted.

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Sugar High for all the children!



We put all the filled baskets on the table prior to wrapping so we made sure we got rid of all the candy.



Sandy Mercer, Judy Magedanz, Jeannette Ormsby and Liz Abrams singing "a tisket, a tasket, I must fill this basket"



Some of the baskets before they are filled with goodies!



The 65 completed baskets along with all the helpers: Jean Potter, Sue Page, Nancy Carter, Jeannette Ormsby, Sandy Mercer, Joanne Lima, Mary Cosentino, Lynne Morneault, Liz Abrams, Mary Murray, Lynn Frechette, Joan Conway, Judy Magedanz, Jill Perry, Joan Russano, Annette VonDeylen, Linda Kuiken, Rita Turner and not shown Albert Morneault and Leslie Page (taking pictures)

Our afternoon game that we played was Shuffleboard 101 for Dummies. This was certainly different than normal shuffleboard as after your first round, a bowling pin was placed at the top of the 10, and you had to get your puck around the pin without hitting it. After that round, you had two bowling pins placed on each side of the 10. If a bowling pin was knocked over, 5 points were deducted from your score.

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Although our score keeper and designer of this game, John Perry, did not deduct points if you had 0, we did have some that would have had a score of -15!! It was definitely a fun and challenging game. The first place women's winner was Jeannette Ormsby with 32; second place women's with 28-Mary Cosentino; first place men's with 38-Bill Conway; and second place men's with 36-Robin Murray. During our outdoor games, we had a surprise visit from Frank & Evelyn Ciampaglia. They both were looking very well and Frank was so proud that he has his hair back now that he wasn't wearing his ball cap.



Our hosts had our evening meal catered and we played a trivia type game after dinner with four to a team. As usual Sunday morning is here before you know it and it is time to leave. John & Jill provided us with an incredible weekend filled with Fantastic Food, Far-Fetched Fun, and Forever Fellowship that made many memories.

Our next campout will be the Spring SAMBOREE at Okeechobee KOA Resort, 4276 Hwy 441 S., Okeechobee, FL 34974 April 17 - 21, 2013. The theme for the SAMBOREE is Mad Hatters.

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After the campout, Bill and I visited with Charlie & Linda Voyton. As most of you know, Charlie has been diagnosed with stomach cancer and was just released from the hospital after one month. He is in good spirits and they are looking for possible treatment alternatives. Please keep them both in your prayers.

