

**2012 SPRING SAMBOREE
KOA RESORT
OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA
APRIL 25 – 29, 2012**

Mad Hatters



We had a total of 13 member rigs 2 guest rigs and 2 State Staff member rigs for the SAMBOREE.

The majority of our members arrived as early birds on [Tuesday](#). SAMGO (Bingo) was held at 7:00 and we sold water (the first of our 9 events) and Pine Tree Sams sold popcorn.

[Wednesday](#) morning we were provided with coffee & sausage biscuits and then signups for the various games was manned. At 1:30 Trail Blazing Sams was in charge of the horseshoes.

At 2:00 the indoor card games were held. We had a total of 77 playing Chicken Foot Dominoe's, Wizard, Euchre, and Hand and Foot. Thanks to Caroline Johnson & Liz Abrams, the card games always run smoothly.

Opening ceremonies began at 6:30 p.m with invocation provided by Sharon Bundy, presentation of Color Guard by Okeechobee High School Honor Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance, and presentation of chapter flags.



After the program we were provided with entertainment from a group called Keith Bass & the Florida Bluegrass Express. They were very good; however, we had groups of people that very rude by talking, laughing, and making so much noise that it was difficult to hear the entertainment.



[Thursday](#) morning we had bean bag baseball with a total of 27 teams competing. Trail Blazing Sams had two teams, but we did not win at this SAMBOREE! Below is one of our teams with Lorraine Zecher, Ralph Zecher, Joan Russano, John Russano Jill Perry, John Perry, Judy Magedanz, Myron Magedanz, and Mike Lima.



At 1:00 we had card games with a total of 88 participating in Mexican Train, Dominoes, Pinochle, Cribbage, and Skip-Bo. Thanks to all our workers for card games: Caroline Johnson, Liz Abrams, Lorraine Zecher, John Russano, Judy Magedanz, Joan Conway, Joan Russano, Juliette Dudinsky, Richard Ormsby, and Nancy Carter.



That evening SAMGO was held once again.

Friday morning we were provided with sausage gravy & biscuits and then Holey Board began at 9:00. There were 70 teams that participated in Holey Board and Trail Blazing Sams had the first and second place winning teams consisting of Mike Lima & John Russano and John & Jill Perry. Way to GO TBS!

Friday afternoon the Flea Market was held and as usual we had a lot of “stuff” to sell. After paying \$15 for the tables, we netted \$179.65. Thanks to all that helped.



Friday afternoon we held our business meeting and immediately following we had a cookout with everyone bringing a dish to share.



Richard Ormsby, Harold & Caroline Johnson

The evening program began at 6:30 with the introduction of State Staff and announcements of game winners. Our entertainment **Friday** evening was Cristi Vale & Sequel and they were referred to the State Director after they had played at Lazy Days at New Years. Many people got up and danced and had a great time with the music they played. This turned out to be the best entertainment we had during the Samboree.



Saturday morning bocce ball began at 9:00 with 45 teams signed up. There were only three courts on which to play, and with so many people the games lasted until 2:00. The great news is TBS had the first place winning team which consisted of Myron & Judy Magedanz and Ralph & Lorraine Zecher.



Thanks to our referees: John Russano, Richard Ormsby, Bill Conway, Mike Lima and Chuck Potter. Lorraine Zecher and I helped with the signup and check in.



Saturday afternoon many chapters participated in the Mad Hatters contest. The chapter and overall winner went to Go See Um Sams that had an outdoor barbecue theme. All members from their chapter that attended the Samboree participated in the contest. They had some great hats and definitely deserved to win. (Their picture is on the first page and below.) We had three members in Trail Blazing Sams that participated and Caroline Johnson won second place in the category of "April Showers bring May Flowers". There were more participants this year than in the past couple of years.



The evening program began at 6:30 with various announcements, distribution of Century patches and announcement of game winners. The entertainment was Jack Micci which turned out to be disastrous. He had a decent voice but was basically a karaoke

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singer. Almost everyone left the building except State Staff, about 15 from various chapters, and 13 from TBS. The 13 that stayed felt sorry for the man, but he was definitely not entertaining.

Sunday morning arrived and it was time to say good bye to everyone. We want to give a big thanks to all the state staff for their hard work in making the SAMBOREE successful.

Our weather for this SAMBOREE was beautiful although quite warm. The warm weather was definitely good for our water sales though. We sold water at nine different events during the SAMBOREE, with 17 people volunteering and a total of 72.5 volunteer hours. Our net profit going to Dogs for the Deaf was \$215 after expenses (purchase of new cooler) and giving 10% to the State.



Our next campout will be held at Frog Creek RV Park, 8515 Bayshore Road, Palmetto, FL 34221 (941) 722-6154 from May 25-28, 2012 (early bird May 23). Have a safe trip coming to the campout.

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