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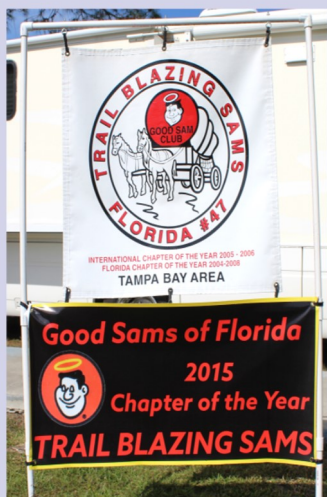


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GOOD SAMS OF FLORIDA INC. 2016 FALL RALLY NOVEMBER 8—13
SOUTHERN PALMS RV RESORT 1 Avocado Lane, Eustis FL 32726



Although we didn't win Florida Chapter of the Year as we did last year and several times in the past, State Director Joe Weston and his wife Debbie congratulated Trail Blazing Sams for submitting an excellent Chapter of the Year entry. Joe said we made the decision a very difficult one. He thanked us for all our charitable good deeds and especially for all we do to help make the Florida State Rallies such a big success.

We congratulate Jax Rambling Sams, the 2016 Florida Chapter of the Year

November Meeting

President John Russano conducted the meeting. We welcomed our guests, Dave and Carolyn Rilling.

ASD Liz Abrams conducted the swearing in of our officers. (Lynn standing in for Treasurer Linda Kuiken)



Carolyn & Dave Rilling



Assistant State Director Liz Abrams swearing in our officers

EARLY SIGNUPS INDOOR & OUTDOOR GAMES

Jeannette Ormsby and Bill Hemphill helping Rally attendees sign up to play all the great games



INDOOR GAMES—CARDS AND DOMINOES

Eleven TBS volunteers coordinated the Indoor Games at the Rally. Led by our Team Captain Juliet Dudinsky and ASD Liz Abrams, Rally attendees played Skip-Bo, Euchre, Hand and Foot, Chicken Foot Dominoes, Pinochle, Mexican Train Dominoes and Cribbage.

1st and 2nd place winners were happy to receive their plastic badges of honor

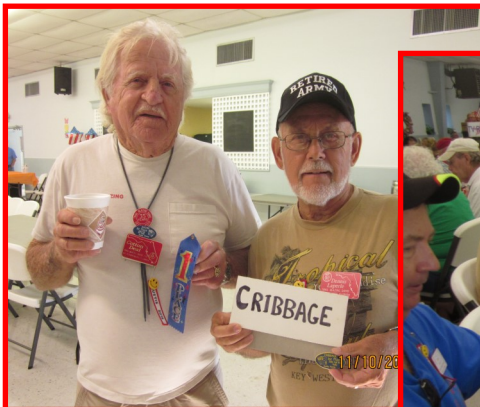
TBS photographers Joanne Lima and Al Morneault took pictures of game winners for the State Website.



Back Row: Albert, Dennis, Liz, Juliet, Ruth, Carolyn, Judy & John
Front Row: Joanne, Jeannette, Lynne



Indoor Games ASD
Our very own Liz Abrams



Cribbage 1st Place Tie



Cribbage 2nd Place



Watching the games and buying raffle tickets



We Are Up Next



HOLEY BOARD



Sitting in the shade watching the finals

Playing Holey Board at the Good Sam Rallies is a favorite game for Trail Blazing Sams. Almost everyone signed up to play on one of the 63 teams. Four TBS teams made it to Round 3 — Richard & Jeannete, Cotton & Robin, John & Mike and Serge & Dennis.

Serge & Dennis went all the way to the quarter finals before being eliminated.

Cotton & Robin went on to win 1st place of the entire competition.

Congratulations Cotton Deal & Robin Murray



BOCCE BALL

TBS Team Captain Richard Ormsby and 10 other TBS members, along with ASD Paul Schneider, sponsor the Bocce Ball Competitions at the State Rallies. This year, 34 teams (136 people) participated in the games.

Team assignments, check in, refereeing and record keeping are just some of the things we do. We all have a good time for a good cause.



Referees Joanne Lima & Bill Hemphill



Mike Lima announcing the rules

Referee Serge Frechette taking a break



Judy & Myron are playing on a team

FUNDRAISERS

We owe a big thank you to Lynne and Al Morneault who coordinate our Flea Markets at the Florida Rallies. This is one of the ways we raise money for our Chapter. We only made \$43 in Eustis, so please bring your flea market items next time.

Profits from water sales goes to Dogs for the Deaf and Florida Dog Guides. Thanks to Serge Frechette for coordinating and to all our members who sold water at the Fall Rally



Flea Market workers



Water Sales Coordinator Serge



Jeannette & Richard always sell a lot of water

EVENING FESTIVITIES

As 2015 Chapter of the Year, President John Russano and Vice President Richard Ormsby led the Presentation of Chapter Colors Parade and announced our Chapter to Rally attendees

A total of 366 rigs attended the Rally, so there were a lot of Florida Chapters represented in the Parade.

We enjoyed three nights of wonderful entertainment and some great music. TBS members enjoyed a little dancing and a lot of fun. Each night was better than the one before.



Trail Blazing Sams
Chapter Presentation

Al & Lynne



Ruth & Bill

Dennis



Judy & Myron

Ray



EVENING FESTIVITIES

We all had such a good time at the Fall Rally

Dave
&
Carolyn



Jeannette & Richard

Juliet & Cotton



Livia & Steve

Serge



Mike & Joanne

John



WINNERS

Several of our members won door prizes and awards.

Livia and Steve Popovich won \$508 in the State 50/50 drawing.

Livia also won a beautiful quilt in one of the Chapter Raffles.

Jeannette Ormsby won 2nd place in the Miscellaneous Category of the Craft Competition.



I won a Card Shuffler



We won \$508 in the 50/50 drawing

2nd Place for Jeannette's beautiful cards
Miscellaneous Category, Craft Competition



Gift Certificate

DOUBLE DUTY

Four of our Trail Blazing Sams members do double duty by also serving as Florida Good Sams Assistant State Directors. With only 18 members in our Chapter, we miss their participation as TBS members at the Rallies, but we are proud of all they do for all Chapters. Picture at right: Mike & Liz Abrams and Mary & Robin Murray



Bill & Joan Conway



Linda Voyton—State Treasurer

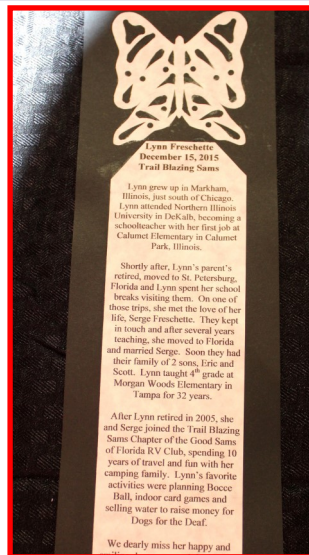
Trail Blazing Sams ASDs
Mike & Liz Abrams



We all love Line Dancing

Memorial Service

At each November Rally, we remember those who have passed away during the previous year. Sadly, Trail Blazing Sams lost two beloved members, Lynn Frechette in December, 2015 and Harold Johnson in June, 2016. Here we stand together to honor our good friends.



Mike Abrams standing in on behalf of Caroline for Harold

INCOMING AND OUTGOING STATE DIRECTORS

We look forward to the next two years with new State Directors Tommy and Lois Crutchfield.

We will miss Joe and Debbie Weston who have been such great leaders for Florida Good Sams



Tommy & Lois Crutchfield
Joe & Debbie Weston

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Ralph Zecher 5th
Juliet Dudinsky 13th
Robin Murray 20th
Mike Lima 25th
Linda Voyton 27th

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UPCOMING CAMPOUTS AND RALLIES

December 2—4 Ocala Sun RV Resort
Hosts: John & Jill Perry

2017

January 27- 29 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell
Hosts: Ray & Rita Turner

February 15—19 **FLORIDA WINTER RALLY**
Fairgrounds, Tallahassee

March 24—26 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell
Hosts: Bill & Nancy Carter

April 26—30, 2017 **FLORIDA SPRING RALLY**
KOA
Okeechobee, Florida

Be sure to make your reservation now if you are going to the unofficial "TBS Friends Campout" at H.P. Franklin Lock after Okeechobee

SUNSHINE CORNER

We wish Jill Perry a speedy recovery following her eye surgery scheduled November 18

GOOD SAM PLEDGE

As a member of the Good Sam Club I pledge to give aid to others in need, respect nature and the environment, give back to the community and those less fortunate, treat others with dignity and respect, and to wear a smile (like Good Sam and Good Samantha's) and promote the pledge of the Good Sam Club to others.