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February Campout February 13—18, 2018
Florida Good Sams Winter Rally
Tallahassee, FL



Good Sam Club

Fourteen of our twenty-one member rigs were represented at the November Fall Rally plus one guest couple.

Most of us arrived on Early Bird Tuesday in preparation for all the activities. The weather in Tallahassee was absolutely perfect all week with temperatures in the high 70s and even 80 degrees. It was “shorts and short sleeves” weather even in the evenings.

We all had such a wonderful time. Pictured below: our members at the Wednesday night Opening Ceremonies.



Ray Turner, Vice-President, and John Russano, President represented Trail Blazing Sams in the Parade of Colors during the Florida Good Sam Rally Opening Ceremonies

INDOOR GAMES

As we have done for many years at all the Florida Good Sam Rallies, Trail Blazing Sams was the host Chapter for all the Indoor Games (Cards and Dominoes), played both Wednesday and Thursday.

In addition to an overall coordinator, TBS provides a person to oversee each game. We also fill in, where needed to have the right number of players for each game so everyone can play.

Volunteers Pictured At Right L to R: Rita Turner, Ruth Hemphill, Joanne Lima, Juliet Dudinsky (Coordinator), John Russano, Jeannette Ormsby.



Having Fun Playing The Games



2nd Place Cribbage— Dennis LaPerle

**2nd Place Mexican Train
—Ruth Hemphill**



**1st Place Hand & Foot
Dennis LaPerle**



**1ST Place Euchre
Joanne Lima**

EVENING FESTIVITIES



ABOVE: Trail Blazing Sams members are ready for the evening's entertainment.



Ruth & Bill Hemphill



Frank Cosentino



Juliet Dudinsky

At Samgo Thursday evening, Frank Cosentino and Linda Voyton were very excited to win the big cover alls.



Linda Voyton



Jeannette & Richard Ormsby



Ray & Rita Turner



Liz & Mike Abrams

EVENING FESTIVITIES



Robin & Mary Murray



John Russano



Joan & Bill Conway



Dave & Carolyn Rilling



Brenda Gollihue



Joanne & Mike Lima



Eileen & Pete Colon



Big Winners



Linda Nagliari



Rick Harrison



Must Be A Good One

BEAN BAG BASEBALL

Since this is one of our favorite games, everyone signed up to play Bean Bag Baseball, some of us with a little prodding from Juliet Dudinsky.

We all cheered for all three of our teams. Two of our teams made it to the second round. In the 3rd round, these two teams had to play against each other. What a good time we all had with that game. One of our teams went on to win *the big prize, First Place.*

Pictured at Right: Bottom Row L to R—Mike Lima, John Russano, Dennis LaPearle, Frank Cosentino, Top— Mike Abrams, Bill Conway, Richard Ormsby, Bill Hemphill, Pete Colon



**OUR GUYS ARE
HOT HOT HOT**



Another Home Run For The Guys



**Brenda, Carolyn, Ruth, Mary, Juliet,
Joan & Jeannette**



**Rick, Linda, Rita, Joanne, Liz,
Eileen & Dave**



The Very Competitive TBS vs TBS Game

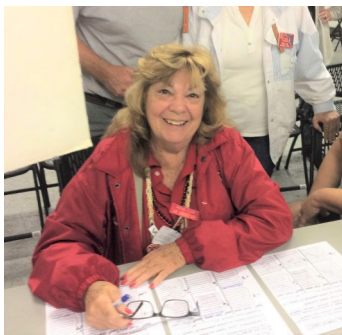
HOLEY BOARD

On Friday, most of our TBS members signed up to play one of our favorite games, Holey Board. Over seventy teams began the competition. Playing round after round, Richard and Jeannette Ormsby defeated all comers to win the overall competition. Congratulations, Richard and Jeannette.



MOST VALUABLE VOLUNTEER

Juliet Dudinsky was recognized as the “Most Valuable Volunteer” at the Florida Winter Rally. As she does at all the Rallies, Juliet coordinates all the Indoor Games on both Wednesday and Thursday. She also helps Rally attendees sign up and sign in for all the Outdoor Games—Bean Bag Baseball, Holey Board and Bocce Ball. And if a scorekeeper is needed, Juliet is always ready to step in. Congratulations, Juliet.



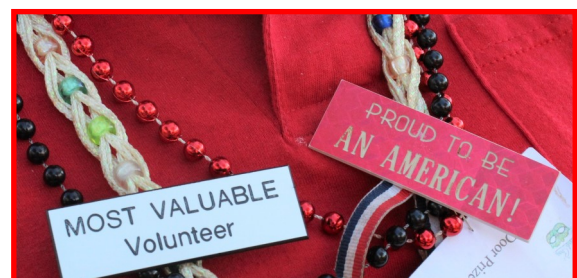
Pictured Below:
Bocce Ball Check In
Juliet, Liz Abrams and
Joan Russano



Pictured Above:
Juliet is ready to
help players at the
Bean Bag Baseball
Sign In Table



JULIET DUDINSKY



FLEA MARKET

Joan Conway was the Flea Market Coordinator at the Winter Rally and also organized Trail Blazing Sams participation. We had lots of volunteers to help sell all the "good stuff".

Once again TBS members donated a lot of items for the Flea Market. As a result, we added \$171.10 to our Treasury.



Coordinator
Joan

Jeannette

Brenda Loves
To Help



Richard & Dave
Doing A Little Shopping



Eileen, Joan, Jeannette,
Dennis, Rita, Richard

Counting The Money
Carolyn & Rita



Lots of Good Stuff

MEETING AND POTLUCK

During the year we wear our uniforms at all our regular meetings. At the Rallies, we wear our uniforms Wednesday and Saturday nights. Friday is our casual day and that includes our meetings.

Meeting minutes are available in the Members Only section of our website: www.tbsams.weebly.com

At the meeting we voted to make Easter baskets at the March campout for the Messenger of Hope Mission. Baskets will go to children who otherwise would not have one. Great suggestion, Ruth Hemphill.



Mike Giving Linda Kuiken's February Treasurer's Report



President John Conducting The Meeting

At all the State Rallies, it is our TBS tradition to have a potluck following our meeting. Time is short, but somehow we all come out with some amazing dishes to share. The weather was so beautiful, perfect for an outside potluck.



Everything Looks So Good



BOCCE BALL

Under the leadership of our Coordinator, Bill Hemphill, TBS members provide the staff to run the Rally Bocce Ball Games. This includes members to handle set up, check in and serve as referees. We also maintain the results status board.

It is a good thing so many TBS members attend the Rallies because it takes a lot of volunteers to run Bocce Ball in addition to all the other things we do.

Pictured Standing Left To Right: Mike L, Richard, Mike A, Liz, Bill C, Joan C, Bill H, Rick, John, Frank, Ray, Joanne. Seated: Juliet and Joan R.



Waiting For The Latest Results To Update The Board



Coordinator Bill Reviewing The Rules With The Referees

At all the Rallies, Dave Rilling coordinates the TBS water sales with many of our members helping out. All the profits are split between Dogs For A Better Life (formerly Dogs For The Deaf) and Florida Dog Guides.



**First Place — Bill & Ruth Hemphill
Carolyn & Dave Rilling**

MARDI GRAS TABLE DECORATION CONTEST

All chapters were invited to decorate a table for the competition. TBS chose to decorate a table for a Mardi Gras wedding. Linda Voyton borrowed beads from her son, Linda Kuiken loaned tablecloths and created the mask tower. We were honored to be able to use Linda's actual wedding dress in our display. Joan Conway made our sign, Eilene Colon brought a peacock mask. Joanne Lima made a wedding cake and a bridal bouquet.

There were many hands to help decorate and we had a lot of fun doing it.



Everything on the cake is edible except the feathers



**Joanne, Rita, Linda N,
Joan C, Jeannette, Eileen**

Quite a few chapters decorated a table. We wish more people had come to see the displays. Maybe next year the Table Contest will be combined with another event bringing more people into the hall to see all the beautiful tables.

We were very happy when TBS won \$50 for 2nd Place.



What A Beautiful Table

MARDI GRAS



Setting Up the Table Was So Much Fun



Color Coordinated Bouquet & Boutonniere

DELIVERING ALUMINUM TABS

In February, representing Trail Blazing Sams, Bill & Nancy Carter and Mike & Joanne Lima delivered aluminum tabs to the Shriners' Hospital for Children.

Everyone there was so appreciative of our efforts. They loaned us their little red wagon to transport all the tabs from the car to the hospital.

Please continue to save your aluminum tabs.



Who Remembers Disney's "Mr. Toad's Wild Ride"?

Disney Has Nothing On Us.

Now We Have Frank's Wild Ride



Frank's New Ride

BIRTHDAYS

Livia Popovich 23rd
John Henning 27th

ANNIVERSARIES

Turners 19th
Greseth 21st
Murray 29th

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UPCOMING CAMPOUTS AND RALLIES

March 24—26 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell
Hosts: Bill & Ruth Hemphill

April 18—22 **FLORIDA SPRING RALLY**
Okeechobee KOA
Okeechobee, Florida

May 26—29 Bay Bayou, Tampa
Hosts: Dave & Carolyn Rilling

Sept 20—23 Bay Bayou, Tampa
Hosts: Mike & Liz Abrams

Oct 25—28 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell
Hosts: John & Joan Russano

Nov 13—18 **FLORIDA WINTER RALLY**
Eustis, FL

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

If you already have your Lock reservation and find you are unable to go, please check with TBS members before you cancel your reservation. There may be someone who will take your spot.

SUNSHINE CORNER—Ruth Hemphill

Our thoughts are with Ken and Linda Kuiken as Ken goes through heart tests and procedures and Linda has melanoma surgery.

We will be thinking of Dave Rilling as he goes through surgery March 14.

Hugs to Lorraine Zecher who continues to battle cancer.

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.