



Trav'l'n Elks

Olema Campground, Sept. 2019

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Brand new members this year and our first time hosting a trip. What's to be scared of, right? Well Clark and I couldn't have done it without the help of our committee. Olema trip committee members were Mark and Jodi Reed, Connie Noble and Bob and Elaine Baxter. When Mark and Jodi had to leave early, Shirley March graciously stepped in to help out wherever she could.

Well the group had a little rocky start, there was a blown tire and a faulty starter on the way in but overall the group made it to camp in record time. Clark and I planned to get to camp early and set up. But I barely had the Trav'l'n Elks signs at the entrances when the group started trickling in.

Relaxing and kicking back seemed to be the overall theme of this trip. Once everyone arrived the majority of the group had dinner at the Station House Cafe in Point Reyes Station. Afterwards Mark, Clark and I tried our hand at pool at the Old Western Saloon. Clark and I could only stand so much humiliation at the hands of pool shark, Mark and headed back to camp. A rematch is needed in the near future after some much needed brushing up of skills.

Being new hosts you are going to make mistakes. Clark and my biggest mistake was assuming our group were going to be early risers like us, NOT!! Evening campfires were well attended. But we had brought a light breakfast for every day of the trip. We thought everyone would like to meet at an early morning campfire and discuss how to spend the day. The first morning we had everything set up at 7:00am. The second morning we changed that to 8:30 and by the end of the week we were planning to drop the light breakfast next time we host. The only morning we had a line before we even had the coffee and fire going was Wednesday. The day Clark planned to cook a full breakfast of pancakes and bacon. Shirley and Diane were the only two stragglers as they had forgotten. But once they realized the oversight they were running over with plates in hand.

Tuesday morning was a day of sightseeing, Shirley, Diane, Bob and Elaine took off towards the point, Clark and I headed to the

dog beach, and Irwin and Sharon went looking for oyster farms. This was our first trip camping with Irwin and if you haven't had that honor yet make sure to do it soon. I'm a little slow so it took me a couple of days to realize Irwin was pulling my leg with every word he spoke. Once I realized that, I didn't believe anything Irwin said and just waited for the punch line. Can't wait to camp with him and Sharon again.

Tuesday evening we all played "31" for nickels! Winners of those big pots of 90 cents, were Mark, Rip, Dodie and Sharon. More games were played Thursday morning. No teams this time just individual face offs. Of course with no partner holding him back Bob was the clear winner at both ladder ball and corn hole. The man is just a natural born athlete and hard to beat! Thursday evening we got together again for "Left, Right, Center" and this time Elaine and I were the big winners.

The highlight of the week was definitely the outdoor cook off. We didn't have the lodge this trip because of our late booking. So the group had to make do with canopies over picnic table with lights strung all around to make it festive. The weather definitely cooperated and we had beautiful blue skies all week. The cook off was scheduled for Wednesday night, all entries had to be submitted by five. What a competition that turned out to be. The food that was submitted was just incredible. We had steak, ribs, tri-tip, zucchini, stuffed peppers, chicken, and more. Everyone got a single vote and from the first bite we all agreed it was going to be hard to crown a winner. Connie, Elaine and I counted the ballots and with only a two point lead, Shirley won the coveted Brookstone Table Top Grill!

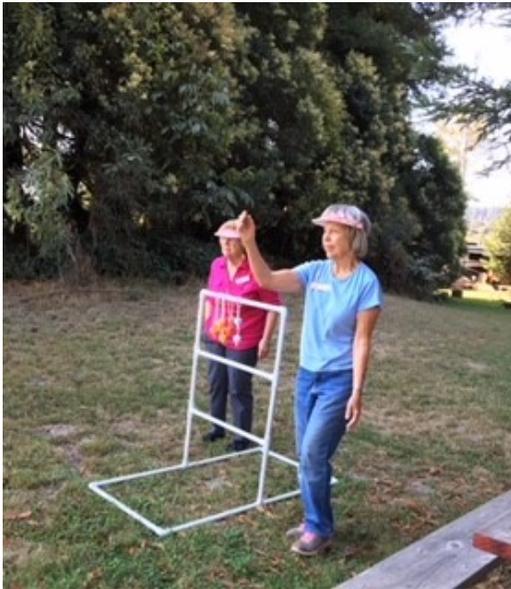
What a great trip! Everyone was so helpful, forgiving and appreciative of all our efforts. Clark and I are already planning what we want to do when we host Casa De Fruta in Hollister next March.

Next campouts:

November 20, 21, 22, 23 Heritage,
Corning, Gerry & Donna Gayner
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CHRISTMAS PARTY - TRAV'L'N ELKS



Christmas Party for the Trav'l'n Elks is December 7th at the Lodge, starting at 5 PM. Please try and come to our meeting November 4th for tickets. If you can't make it please call me at (530) 545-9628 so we can make arrangements to get them to you.