



Trav'l'n Elks

49er Plymouth Campout 2019

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The secret of a successful campout is when the Wagonmaster knows who "likes" to do certain things, and the second secret is who does it well. The Trailmaster would have been delighted that Bob and Elaine Baxter hosted this Summer Fever themed campout at the 49ER Village Resort, which is now corporately owned by Sun Resorts.

Elaine tasked me with the flyer, and this account of the trip, and Carol Kinsey to design and organize the decorations. The RV Park Manager said she had never seen the set-up of the room with a round table in the center and 4 spokes coming off using long tables. This gave the appearance of a flower, and much more inviting than prior settings. Carol and Elaine had help from Shirley Reed and Kay Rippenkroeger. A little late for a swim after unloading and setting up the room, we decided not to do a group dinner, but left in small groups at various times for Mexican food at Corina de Ora while others went further afield for and found humongous burgers.

Wednesday was open to do as you please, which included wine tasting, just lounging by the campsite and pool time. The water was a little cool for Dendra Coopriider, but for those of us without a solar heated home pool, it was just right. Good time to catch up on girl talk. Wednesday was the day of the Poker walk and 40 competitors gathered at the Club House around 4:00 pm, introduced ourselves to first timers Tom and Debbie Cregger, soon to be newcomer Connie – application in process, and a couple of nice people who were camping on their own, and invited by Rick Reed. Sheryl and Dave live in Livermore; "maybe" they will join our club. There was no doubt that they had a good time. At the first stop (hosted by Kay and Ripp Rippenkroeger and assisted by Ed Kinsey) our Treasurer Clark Richards and his lovely wife Esther got first choice at the cards, and first glass of Margarita. That was followed by stops at the rigs of Dendra Coopriider and Mike Rutledge; Shirley and Rick Reed; and Pat and Paul March. The last stop was at the Club house for the 5th card, and Margarita refill from Esther and Cathy. This was where Bobby Baxter and Clark Richards checked the results for best hand. Elaine Baxter was the winner. The evening was rounded off with potluck Hors D'Oeuvres.

Thursday was going to be a scorcher, so outdoor games started and 9:30 a.m., not too early for most. It was a good decision. Happy hour took a while to warm up after Wednesday's activities. For the record, Joan Seivwright was the first to accept a Bloody Mary. Rick Reed was the perfect choice to host Happy Hour – no one is ever disappointed. Winners of Bean Bag were Wayne Willis and

Shirley March, Snake (Ladder) Ball winners Bobby Baxter and Esther Richards. Thursday was quiet in our house and was a lazy day for many. Those helping Elaine in the kitchen were surprised she had already chopped the ingredients for her Chicken dish – now Shirley, Esther and Kay, you know the secret ingredients! When Carol and I showed up 5 minutes late, the casserole was almost put together and we were delegated to fixing the salad. Dinner went very well with chocolate covered ice cream bars for dessert. Then it was time for the left right and center game. With two games to decide the final players, first and second place winners in both games went for the play off – winner Bobby Baxter. Anything sound fixed here? Carl and Dodie Cobb came for the day and stayed for dinner. Their motorhome summers in Lake Tahoe!

Friday was on our own with a pot-luck dinner after which prizes were awarded. For the card games Bill Lyon and Joan Seivwright won pinochle, Mark Reed won cribbage. It was nice to see Gerry and Donna Gayner enjoying lunch at the Dead Fly (Marlene and Glen - They had driven up on their motorcycle).

This mid-week had its ups and downs, but each was taken in its stride. I was happy to be upgraded to a larger cabin as ours had been trashed by prior renters. Shirley March found out if your air conditioner doesn't work due to the heat, then put a pack of ice on the thermostat and wait for things to cool down. Wayne and Lee Willis took their motorhome out for its maiden voyage and had a little trouble when emptying the dark water tank, Lee was not happy with flushing the toilet when it was already full of water. It was fine. Ed and Joan Seivwright had problems with their bathroom and screen doors – Ed Kinsey came to their aid. Bobby Baxter's air conditioner in the car went out – he'll be checking that when he gets home. Maybe it just needs Freon.

All in all, it was a great camp out, Bill Toel was taking notes for the July campout that he and Kelley are hosting at Sugar Barge, Marie Bridges ready to head to Florence Oregon with a group on August 19th, and with little response to Duck Island near Rio Vista, Clark and Esther Richards suggested changing September campout to Olema near the Point Reyes. She was able to secure 22 spots and had plenty of people interested for 9-12 September. Start getting fit if you want to walk 300 steps down to the lighthouse.

Sherriff Lee Willis collected \$11 in fines from those without badges and a raffle raised \$165. Total \$176 for the Purple Pig. Lee and Wayne will be hosting this venue next year. See you



Clubhouse set up



Ricky, Bill, Connie & Shirley



Coral & Woody



Dutch, Jackie, Bill & Carol



Scorekeeper Kay, Jackie & Dutch





Joan & Ed Seivwright



Three wise monkeys - Jackie, Sandi & Connie enjoying the game



Wayne & Shirley Snake
Ball Winners



Esther & Bobby Bean Bag
Winner



Scorekeeper Shirley



Left, Right, Center
Tournament



Mark Reed
Cribbage Champion



Bill & Juan
Pinochle Champion



Elaine wins
Poker Walk