

July 2024 Happy Wanderers Campout
Oceano Elks Lodge in Oceano CA
Thursday-Sunday 7/18-7/21



Our campout was hosted by Ed & Sally Slattery along with Chris & Kathy Trauger. We had a total of 19 rigs & a few guests came to join in the fun as well.

Much of the group arrived on Monday taking advantage of the cool days & everyone else arrived by Thursday. The weather was nice & cool with intermittent sunshine. The beach was packed with people & their ATV's. Several in our group went out & joined in the fun.

We kicked off the festivities on Thursday evening at Old Juan's Cantina where we packed the banquet room & overflowed into the restaurant as well. Great food & the drinks were flowing. We came back & many of us hung out at Dave's Tiki Bar while playing Giant Jenga. On Friday some of us golfed at Avila Beach while those that stayed back enjoyed hotdogs supplied by the Bergmans & Nadeaus. Some also went shopping & enjoying the town. Friday evening was dinner in the lodge which many enjoyed along with live music. Some of us continued the fun at Dave's Tiki bar for more giant Jenga while others played cornhole into the night warming up for the cornhole tournament on Saturday.

Saturday started with Moe's famous Bloody Mary's along with Mimosas. Our continental breakfast that Sally had intended to supply turned into quite a nice spread as many of our group kept coming out with more & more food! That is pretty much what our amazing group does; always offering to help with any & everything including extra food. It wasn't long before we were setting up for the cornhole tournament. We had 10 teams. We ended with a tie between Gary Sawyer/John Clarkson & Jeff Bastedo/John Berg. Great job guys!!

So, last year Santa Clarita was there & we challenged them to a game of Baseball Cornhole. We all had such a great time (BTW, we won them) that before we left, we agreed to a rematch this year. Well, they showed up & kicked our butts! Once again, all the players donated \$5/pp & the winning team takes all. They walked away with the cash this time but we will seek to regain our winning title next year. Same place, same time! Game on Santa Clarita! We all had such a great time whether playing or cheering.

Saturday night we had our awesome spread of Hors d' oeuvres. The sheriff was in town & he did a great job keeping everyone in line. Thanks Dave Berthiaume! Also, a giant "thank you" to Jeff Bastedo for his very generous donation of \$50 to the secret sheriff!

Valetta was the lucky winner of the 50/50! The rest of the evening was spent chatting around the fire pits.

Sunday morning came way too soon & it was time to go back home to the heat. I can't wait to see all the photos from this great weekend! Fun times, good friends & many happy memories!

Kathy Trauger
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