

# Northern California

## TEL-A-SAM

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### From the Director's Desk

Greetings to All.

This year's annual Rally has come and gone. It has left lasting memories of a fun time that was had by everyone. By all accounts, it was a very successful Rally with many new attractions, and best of all, with no complaints, which equates to its overall enjoyment.

Every year, the staff has an after action critique immediately following the event. The staff is the barometer and sounding board for any problems that were identified, and I use this information to understand how we can improve the operation. Well, it was one of the shortest meetings ever, because most everything ran very smoothly. Of course, we identified some areas that could be improved, and we are always being over-critical so that we can present an improved great event. We will take the steps necessary to rectify these glitches.

Yet, the most glowing improvement was the location where the Rally was held. The facility at Casa de Fruta served our event very well, and was a welcomed change from the Lodi Grape Festival fairgrounds. With all the amenities that the resort has to offer, i.e., the closeness to all of the attractions, the full hook-ups, on-site restaurant, deli, sweets shop, fruit stand, fuel station, shade trees, and new Bocce Ball courts, which all added to the enjoyment. Because of the popularity of this resort, it has been re-booked for the Rally again next year. **Save the dates, April 30, May 1, and 2, 2020.** If

you missed the Rally this year, be sure to plan to make it a chapter outing next year where you can do everything that is usually done at your chapter outings, but with added attractions for your pleasure. Your booking procedure will be through our pre-registration to simplify your sign-ups.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere, "Thank You", to all of the helpers who graciously gave their time to assist the staff and myself in putting together a great Rally. It was only with all of your help that it, "made", the event as successful as it was. As stated before, with more help, the easier it is for everyone. Thank you, again. All of you were great!

While passing out kudos, I want to thank the Lucky Ones for providing their 'to-die-for' Tri-Tip sandwiches during the food court and also for lunch on Saturday. We would like to have our food court grow by having additional chapters participating by offering a food item for sale. It is a great opportunity for the chapters to make some extra money for their treasuries.

On a different note, I fully intended to resign my position as State Director after this year's Rally was totally completed. I have stayed in this position so that the Rally could continue as normal, but then it became apparent that we need to hold an election for

the State Treasurer position this year. It would serve the association better if I stayed on through this election; therefore, I extended to the end of 2019. My better half, Bonne, came to me during the Rally and related that since she could see that I was enjoying what I was doing, she indicated to me that because of this, I stay as your Director through the full term to the end of December, 2020. With her approval, coupled with my deep desire for NorCal to continue as a viable entity, I have decided to remain on for the full term.

The State Treasurer position will be open for election later this year. If anyone has intentions of running for this position, or if you want to nominate someone, then the election forms will be forthcoming.

I am pleased to officially announce that some key positions that became vacant, have now been filled. Shirley Harms, Gold Nugget Sams, has accepted the vacant position of Charities Chair. Audrey Johnson, Lazy Daisy Sams, has accepted the State Secretary position that will be vacated due to retirement by June Shimosaki, beginning at the State Committee Meeting in April, 2020. By the way, June has graciously served as State Secretary for the last seventeen years. She has been a dedicated, efficient, and outstanding asset to NorCal for these many years. Thank you, June.

We have also added a new Assistant Director, Mike Ward, of the Lucky Ones. We welcome Mikes' energy and enthusiasm. He will be joined with Wally Luihn, Tuleburg Sams, also a new A.D and full of pep and new ideas, and Walter Weight, Gold Nugget Sams. With this team of A.D's, and their desire to keep NorCal as an outstanding support arm of the Good Sam Club, I know that they will be visiting with the chapters as often as possible to keep the chapters informed and to make them feel as though they are a part of the organization. Sadly,

however, due to medical issues, the decision was made to release Kosta Prince from his A.D. position. Look for the new chapter territories re-alignment and their respective Assistant Directors,' coming soon.

We are losing our new Rally Registrar, Jim Guiles, as he is re-locating to Arizona. Jim did an admirable job and will be missed. His important position is open to anyone interested. If this might be something for you, then please let me know at your earliest convenience.

In closing, I wish to emphasize that the NorCal Rally is presented annually as a highlight of the year for all the chapters to join in, participate in, and have a pleasurable experience. It is simply a chapter campout, with all of the normal chapter activities and meetings. However, it is more than just that, it is the time to bring all of Northern California chapters together for the sharing of ideas, the camaraderie, fun and enjoyment, and taking pride in the organization that we have together built, and that is second to none.

Next year's Rally theme is: **'A Salute to America the Beautiful'**. Together let's make this an even better event than this year's. Let's go all out by decorating our rigs, and joining in the theme parade in costume to the great country that we live in, and be proud to be an American, and a part of the Northern California Good Sam Club.

Wayne and Bonne Wall  
NorCal State Director



## 2019 Rally Review

By Sharon Murray

NorCal Tel-A-Sam Editor

“Best rally ever!”, “We had tons of fun!”, “A great time had by everyone in our chapter!” were just some of the comments heard by the NorCal staff about the latest NorCal Rally. The setting at Casa de Fruta was more contained and easier for participants to be in all of the activities they were interested in joining. With a Mardi Gras theme, fun was the word of the week! Mardi Gras was in high evidence with the Main Hall decorated, and table decorations for the Ladies Luncheon and Saturday Night Dinner. The table decorations then went home with one lucky diner at each table. Participants were greeted with Mardi Gras beads in their “goody bags”, and most arrivals also received a tri-colored hat to wear for the festivities. Needless to say, the Mardi Gras parade on Saturday was filled with many colorful sights and sounds! Speaking of sounds, some special guest entertainers arrived to help keep everyone amused. “Elvis” kept the ladies swooning at their annual Ladies Luncheon, while “Dean Martin” and “Marilyn Monroe” entertained everyone on Friday night after the Food Court. Great fun for everyone!

The staff worked many hours to provide an exciting, fun-filled event. It was made even better by the cadre of volunteers, many of whom were last minute enlistees. Everyone was willing to pitch in any time staff needed them! Casa de Fruta catered the food for the event, and it was mostly a “thumbs up” from rally goers. Lucky Ones regaled us all with their delicious tri-tip sandwiches, both at the Friday Night Food Court and Saturday lunch time.

While we hope that everyone felt they were “winners” at the rally, there were many actual winners!

**Gold Nugget Sams** walked away with the distinguished honors of **Most Valuable Person with Cricket Weight; Volunteer of the Year with Sharon Murray**; and the **Chapter of the Year** for all of its members. **Congratulations to everyone at Gold Nugget Sams!!!** Job well done!

Check out these sample pictures from the Rally!





**Good Sam Club**

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# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GOOD SAMS ASSOCIATION

## STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES

CASA DE FRUTA, HOLLISTER

MAY 2, 2019

The NCGS State Committee meeting was called to order by Director, Wayne Wall at 4:09 P.M., May 2, 2019.

The meeting was opened with a call for the Colors, presented by Bonnie Wall with United States Flag and Cricket Weight with California State Flag. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Wayne Wall.

Invocation was not given due to absence of Dave Tomlinson, our Memorial Chair.

Roll Call was then carried out with eight (8) Chapters being represented at this NCGS State Committee for the first SCM of 2019. Those chapters present were: Eel River Sams, El Dorado Sams, Gold Nugget Sams, Lazy Daisy Sams, Lucky Ones, San Jose Blackjacks, Sunrise Sams, and Tuleburg Sams.

Director Wayne Wall thanked all the chapter presidents/representatives for attending. Wayne introduced Jim Guiles as our new Rally Registrar, Shirley Harms as our new Charity Chairperson and Wally Luihn recognized as one of the new Assistant Directors.

**Minutes:** The minutes for the last SCM were presented as published in the packets. Motion made by Ken Brown to accept the minutes as recorded, seconded by Mike Ward and motion carried.

#### **CORRECTIONS:**

However, Director Wayne made a correction in the last minutes where it stated Sierra Sams had dechartered. They HAVE NOT dechartered and are still an active chapter. The correction is made. Those chapters that have dechartered are Golden Empire, Free and Easy Sams and Willits 'lil Stinkers as of last year. Wayne tried to follow up as to the reason for dechartering but was not able to get a good reason.

#### **CHAPTER VIABILITY DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was held as to the possibility of reasons for chapters dechartering, mainly from the changes from National Hdq. regarding discrimination of admission to chapters and the discarding of bylaws and instituting SOPs instead. Wayne explained the differences of actual policies. Standing Rules are used by many chapters. SOPs are approved by the Director.

#### **CHAPTER VIABILITY DISCUSSION: (continued)**

Discussion was also held regarding the duties of the Assistant Directors and the importance of the directors to the chapters in their areas. Discussion also took place regarding information not being disseminated to the chapters by the Presidents to their members. Wayne also related that some chapters were not supporting the Rally but instead, scheduling their outings during the Rally time.

Wayne discussed the facts regarding the lack of support from National Hdq. and the issues that came about from the last National Meeting in Florida a few years ago. Unfortunately, the owner of Camping World apparently has no interest in camping or RVing and is only interested in the bottom line which is the income from the national membership dues and this pleases the Board of Directors. Wayne was told by an employee at Camping World in Gilroy that they can no longer give support Good Sam Rallies.

Wayne related the positive side of this is we still are able to carry on without much major changes overall in the operational aspects because we enjoy our social aspects of the chapter outings and we like what we do. He explained he is the liaison between chapters and the Good Sams. He explained that *if Nor-Cal should go dormant, the chapters should carry on as they have always done.*

Wally Luihn asked the chapter representatives and presidents to please come forward with any questions or problems that Nor-Cal could help with.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer's Report was given. Copies of the treasurer's report is available and will be sent to chapters on request. Ken Brown gave a report of the expenses and income for the current year (5/2018 to 5/2019). Beginning balance was \$18,082.63 plus \$270 from dues, less expenses of the last rally of \$2,685.85 which leaves a balance of \$15,666.78. There were no questions or comments regarding report. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Maureen Arney seconded by Randy Castro. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None Received.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Tel-A-Sam:** Editor, Sharon Murray asked Chapter Presidents to please submit to her, the activities of each chapter to be included in the "Chapter Chatter" in each publication. Reports and other information for the TAS from the chapters are to be sent to [nor-caltelasam@gmail.com](mailto:nor-caltelasam@gmail.com). **Deadline for articles to be sent for publication in the TAS is 05/25/19.** Sharon was commended on her job with the TAS and the Grapevine issues for the Rally. Good job, Sharon and "thank you."

**Charities:** The Charities report was given by our new Charities Chair, Shirley Harms. She stated there were only four chapters who reported their volunteer hours and monetary donations, out of 18 chapters. From January to March, 2019 was \$32,744.00 and about 700 hours computed at \$10.50/hour value which equals \$39,958.00. Chapters are reminded to report all their charitable activities which include any volunteer hours at churches, shelters, organizations, personal monthly donations, hours of activities of chapters spent in clean up, etc., and send it to Shirley Harms at [sierramts95@yahoo.com](mailto:sierramts95@yahoo.com). Shirley will send out guidelines for this charity donation.

Discussion took place as to how to monitor the charities. Especially when chapters donate food items or personal items to a charity. It was decided that when collecting canned goods or personal items, to go by the cost of the products.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Wayne announced his term as Director was coming to a close but he would stay on until the election of our Treasurer is confirmed. Wayne related two possible candidates for Director and these two are Wally Luihn and Mike Ward. The position of Director is open to anyone who wishes to run in this election. Wayne related he would be available for support of the new director if needed. He also announced that the **Secretary for NCGS** would be retiring and that position will be available for anyone interested.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The general membership is reminded to collect and bring the donated coats to the September SCM so they can be presented to Salvation Army before the cold weather sets in.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Announcement of the Chapter of the Year was made. This year the COY is Gold Nugget Sams. **Congratulations Gold Nuggets!**

Wayne stated the next SCM would be September 9/28-29/19 and the meeting would be on 9/28/19 at Flag City Resort. Reservations for 14 sites have been made for Flag City. He will be sending out more information on this SCM in the next few months.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The colors will be retired at the end of the Closing Ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,

June Shimozaki, *Secretary*

**Editor's Note: We all thank June for her 17 years of devoted service! She has been a dedicated, loyal, and wonderful member of the NorCal staff.**

**It's now time for a very well deserved respite and retirement from this duty.**

**In her place, we welcome Audrey Johnson from Lazy Daisy Sams to continue this valuable position. We look forward to welcoming her at the next State Committee Meeting in the fall of 2019.**

## MARDI GRAS CONTEST WINNERS

	INDIVIDUAL	CONTEST/ACTIVITY	CHAPTER
		<b>BLIND DRIVER</b>	
	<b>PILOT</b>	<b>NAVIGATOR</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>
1.	Pierre Tessier	Kathy Tessier	Member-At-Large
2.	Ken Brown	Patty Sisneroz	El Dorado Sams
3.	Jim Guiles	Dave Tomlinson	Gold Nugget Sams
		<b>GOLF CHIPPING</b>	
1.	Mike Ward		Lucky Ones
2.	Ron Andre		Member-At-Large
3.	Jerry Robertson		Lucky Ones
		<b>BOCCE BALL</b>	
1.	Daryl Prouty/Tom Carroll		El Dorado Sams
2.	Lonnie Arney/Charles Blunk		Eel River Samns
		<b>BINGO</b>	
1.	Karen Bennett	32" TV	San Jose Blackjacks
2.	Anne Hernandez	Portable Bar-B-Que	El Dorado Sams
3.	Echo Dot	Sherry Quint	Sunrise Sams
4.	Dave Cowan	Electric Skillet	Lazy Daisy Sams
5.	Carol Froman	Coleman Ice Chest	Sunrise Sams
6.	Pam Nepstead	Ceramic Heater	El Dorado Sams
7.	Pam Nepstead	Back-pack	El Dorado Sams
8.	Mike Grano	Portable folding table	Lazy Daisy Sams
9.	Miriam Webb	Tupperware set	Lucky Ones
10.	Kathy Poindexter	Sam's Club - \$25.00 gift card	Lucky Ones
		<b>BEAN-BAG BASEBALL</b>	
1.	El Dorado Sams		
2.	Lazy Daisy Sams		
		<b>THEME PARADE</b>	
1.	Lazy Daisy Sams		
2.	El Dorado Sams		
3.	Gold Nugget Sams		
		<b>PET PARADE</b>	
	Best in Show	Molly	Yvonne Collins (Lazy Daisy Sams)
	Best Trick	Biscuit	Paul Jae (SJ Blackjacks)

# MARDI GRAS CONTEST WINNERS (Cont'd)

	INDIVIDUAL	ACTIVITY	CHAPTER
		<b>25-25-25-25</b>	
1.	Becky Sealy	\$102.00	Member-At-Large
2.	Pam Nepstead	\$102.00	El Dorado Sams
3.	Sherry Brockman	\$102.00	Sunrise Sams
		<b>Grand Prizes</b>	
1.	Angela Streeter	40" TV	Gold Nugget Sams
2.	Daryl Proudly	\$500 Adventure Caravan	El Dorado Sams
3.	Sherry Brockman	Passport America one year sub- scription	Sunrise Sams

## More Rally Pictures!





# More Rally Fun!



# Chapter Chatter



## Gold Nugget Sams

The Nor Cal Good Sam Club chapter "Gold Nugget Sams" is gearing up for our 2019 camp out year and we are very anxious to get started. We have a full camp out schedule ready to go and plan for activities, fun and friendship. We are currently still seeking new memberships in the chapter and providing everyone with all the excitement that our chapter provides at each camp out. We have no major travel limitations, just within Northern California. Our hosts are all set to get the weeks schedules prepared.

Our chapter is a senior citizens chapter and go out once a month during the week for 4-5 days, usually Monday-Friday. At the rallies, we visit, fish, golf, sight see, play games, do crafts and most of all love to have our potlucks at these camp outs. A sample of some of our camp out parks are: (These are not all the camp outs we attend.)

March: The Lakes in Chowchilla

April: Vineyard RV park in Vacaville

May: Nor Cal RV rally at Casa De Fruta near Hollister

June: Almond Tree RV in Chico

July: No outing planned

August: Casa De Fruta RV near Hollister

September: Morro Dunes near Monterey

October: Flag City RV park near Lodi

**(Halloween)**

November: Duck Island in Rio Vista

**(Thanksgiving)**

December: Annual Christmas luncheon

If you are interested in joining a fun filled chapter, or have any questions about our chapter, please contact our chapter President, Walter Weight at [weweight@surewest.com](mailto:weweight@surewest.com).

### **March 17-22, 2019**

GNS chapter just completed its first camp out of the 2019 season at Chowchilla Lakes RV Resort in Chowchilla, CA. The weather was great for us, except for one day and night of rain the entire week. Everyone had a great time with all the social time, plenty of food, free golf, and evening cards and games. We were excited that we had our new member, Bill Danenhower, show up for one day to meet us, and we also gained new members, Sharon and Joe Dearing.

A vote was taken by the members as to whether or not we should return to The Lakes next year. It was a very positive vote, and we have made our booking for April, 2020. Please think about joining us!

### **April 7-12, 2019**

The Gold Nugget Sams chapter has just finished up another fun filled and exciting campout at Duck Island RV resort down on the Delta near Rio Vista. Upon Sunday arrival (beautiful sunshine and warm), we all gathered around one of the coaches and had plenty of social time and relaxation.

Our hosts, Dave and Ruth Tomlinson ensured we had plenty of food and drink all through the week and our potlucks went without a hitch and no one went away hungry. In the evenings, most of the members played cards and games.

During the day time hours, several members went out sightseeing and some even went fishing off the pier. One of the fishermen managed to catch a "keeper" which made his day and week a winning situation for him along with bragging rights. All though it was windy most of the week there (bad hair days a plenty) it did not keep us from enjoying the outing.

# Chapter Chatter



## Gold Nugget Sams (Cont'd)

We had so much fun, we are returning there for our annual Thanksgiving celebration in November 2019. The chapter is also looking to bring on new members, so if you want to come visit (or join) a fun filled chapter please contact our president (and temporary Wagon Master), Walter Weight at [weweight@surewest.net](mailto:weweight@surewest.net).

### NorCal Rally May 1-5, 2019

Gold Nugget Sams was well represented at the 2019 NorCal Rally, held at Casa de Fruta, near Hollister. In addition to having 10 rigs in attendance, many GNS'ers are also on the state NorCal Staff and worked very diligently to provide a highly successful rally for all attendees.

Reflecting all of our chapter's hard work this past year, two individual awards were handed out to **Cricket Weight for Most Valuable Person of 2018** and to **Sharon Murray for the 2018 Volunteer of the Year**. In addition, **Gold Nugget Sams also received the Chapter of the Year award for 2018**, reflecting their hard work, along with their charity work, meeting attendance, and Tel-A-Sam articles. Congratulations to the entire chapter! You are all awesome and well deserving of these honors! While at the rally, we met first time rally goers, Ron and Sandy Andre. They just jumped right in and volunteered whenever and wherever we needed someone. They are so friendly and fun that they accepted our invitation to join our Gold Nugget Sams Chapter! They will be a wonderful addition to our club, and we look forward to having them join us soon at one of our camp outs.

### NorCal Plaques Presented to Gold Nugget Sams



**Gold Nugget Sams plans on returning to Casa de Fruta August, 2019**



# Lazy Daisy Sams

## Lazy Daisy Sams

The Lazy Daisy Sams met at Gilroy Garlic USA Resort in March with Yvonne Collins as the Trail Boss. It seemed like Christmas in March with Yvonne hosting a gift exchange. She always comes up with unique items which sometimes creates some heated exchanges between members, of course it's all in good fun.



April brought us to Los Banos KOA. Unfortunately, the Trail Boss, Harold Burdick, had some health issues so with the help of Homer and Barbara Hoglund, the gang pulled together and managed to have a fun time. We all hope Harold gets better soon.

May started with a jolly group heading to the Nor Cal Rally at Casa de Fruta. The new venue turned out to be a winner and the activities kept us all busy. Much to our delight the Lazy Daisy Sams won first place in the costume parade and Yvonne Collins and Daisy won in the pet parade. Good job guys! We also participated in the Horse Races and Bean Bag Baseball. We hope that next year more members will attend and share in all the fun.



If you would like more information about possibly joining our Chapter or "Share Camping" with us, please call or email our membership chairman Audrey Johnson at 408-221-7073 or email [johnson-ranch1@gmail.com](mailto:johnson-ranch1@gmail.com). We can send you a schedule of our upcoming outings.

# Chapter Chatter



## Lazy Daisy Sams (Cont'd)

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A few of the parks we will be visiting in the future:

- June - Jackson Rancheria
- July - Almond Tree RV Park, Chico
- August - Duck Island, Rio Vista
  
- September - Sugar Barge, Bethel Island
- October - TBA
- November - French Camp, Manteca
- December - Durango, Red Bluff
- January - Flag City, Lodi
- February - Casa de Fruta, Hollister



# Chapter Chatter

## El Dorado Sams Gold Country Spring-Summer 2019



The El Dorado Sams Gold Country chapter held its kick-off luncheon on February 14, 2019, at the El Dorado Saloon in El Dorado Hills. It was hosted by Elin Black and Don Frankel.

The first campout of the season was at Flag City RV Park in Lodi beginning St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2019. Our hosts were Barbara and Robert Bohaboy and Ruth and Gary Pihlaja. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, many of the attendees went to Habanero Hots (Mexican) for dinner. The featured drink was green Margaritas. Comed Beef Tacos were tasty. We were treated by our hosts to a delicious dinner of minestrone and vegetable soups, clam chowder and chili with salad. Those attending were asked to bring jars of peanut butter to donate to our local food closet. Many of the ladies did facials, courtesy of Pati Kenney's planning. We had 13 rigs signed up for the campout, including 3 prospective members.



The NorCal Rally at Casa de Fruta served as our April campout. Ten rigs from our chapter were in attendance. The Mardi Gras theme was very festive and colorful. We did not have the most participants in the theme parade, but we made ourselves seen and heard. Our chapter received a certificate acknowledging 30 years as a Good Sam chapter. The Ladies Luncheon was very good, and the Elvis impersonator certainly kept us entertained. The Dean-a-Holics, featuring Dean Martin and Marilyn Monroe impersonators put on a good show.

Casa de Fruta's catered meals were delicious.

We are looking forward to our upcoming campout at The Lakes RV and Golf Resort in Chowchilla later in May. Our hosts will be Teri and Daryl Prouty and Mary Jo and Dennis Weber. This will be the week before Memorial Weekend. Two new prospective members are expected to attend this campout.

Charity summary: The peanut butter donated at our March campout was valued at \$115.00. A total of 225 hours benefitting four organizations was reported.



# Chapter Chatter



## San Jose Blackjacks

### San Jose Blackjacks Recent Activities May 23, 2019

The San Jose Blackjacks hosts monthly campouts at a variety of locations within 150 miles of San Jose, where the group was founded almost 40 years ago. In December, we “adopted” two families and brightened their Christmases with presents, food, and, most importantly for the children, hand-made quilts. Each child received a unique quilt personalized with that child’s name embroidered onto the fabric. Despite the often-heavy rains that managed to coincide with our monthly campout weekends, we met each month — camping at Smithwoods (Felton), the Lakes RV & Golf Resort (Chowchilla), Sugar Barge (Bethel Island), and Casa De Fruta (Hollister) two times – once with just our Blackjacks group and once as part of the Nor Cal Good Sam Rally in May. The Rally’s Elvis impersonator was a big hit with everyone!



## Tuleburg Sams (Stockton, CA)

### February 2019 Casa De Fruta

Friday night was a remembrance to the “nineteen-twenties”. The clubhouse turned into a nightclub for the night; women wore beautiful dresses that swished and swayed with headbands and pearls. The men had pinstriped suits with hats looking sharp. Possibly a ~ gangsters, or card sharks was amongst in the group. The card games available were Black Jack, Poker, and Craps along with a High Stacks Black Jack table. The high winners were given raffle tickets to win prizes at the end of the night. Hundreds of dollars were all around the room and shoved in pockets and dresses. The room was filled with moneybags, silver dollars and half dollars; poker, blackjack, high-stack table, craps table were available to play.

### March 2019 Feather Falls

The blustery weekend didn’t match March’s Spring time theme in the club house. The weekend hosts decorated the clubhouse with many birdhouses, flower pots with pretzel dipped in spring colored chocolate for flowers. We had a silent auction with proceeds going to St. Mary’s. Friday night was game night with 2 games; 60 second frenzy and Tuleburg Family Feud. 60 second frenzy had a chance of 1 in 4 games to play, while the Tuleburg Family Feud was writing 5 answers to 1 question 15-20 seconds.

### April 2019 Vacaville

The theme for the weekend was a weekend in Italy. We were also celebrating Jerry Alejandro’s retirement on Friday night. Donna spoke about her son’s career like a proud mama. In keeping with the “Weekend in Italy” theme, dinner was all Italian. The trail bosses made homemade meatballs, lasagna and tortellini. After dinner the clubhouse was cleaned, everyone sat around a couple of gas fire pits and enjoyed the evening.

# Chapter Chatter



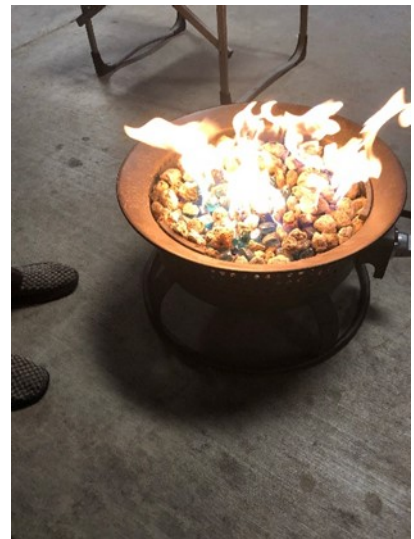
## Tuleburg Sams (Stockton, CA) Cont'd

Sunday everyone left for home and eagerly await the next outing which is an excursion to South Lake Tahoe. For those not attending the excursion, the next Tuleburg outing is in Laguna Seca from July 15 – 21. Until then ...

### February Casa de Fruta

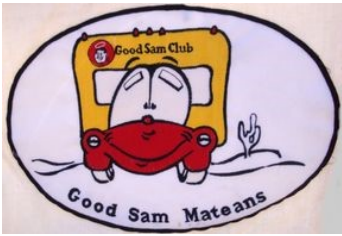


### **April 2019 Vacaville**





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## Good Sam Mateans

A Message from the President  
Terry Augustine



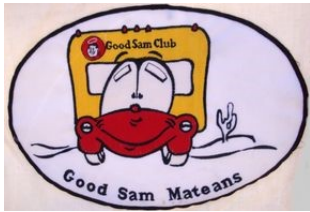
What a beautiful outing at Sugar Barge. Even though the mosquitoes were getting us left and right, we survived. We had a small group but we still can be pretty noisy. Joann your shepherd's pie was fantastic. Welcome back Tim and Darby it was so nice to see both of you up and about. I would like to send my heartfelt get well wishes to all of our members that are not feeling up to par. If you haven't checked out our 2020 outings do so in the back of the Trails End. Look at the outings and plan the one that you would like to be the host. Our Charity collection for June is laundry soap pods or soap for the washing facilities in Redwood City and San Jose school districts. Our next outing is at Duck Island. It should be beautiful there in June. I am enclosing a rough draft of our new honorary member status for our bylaws. Please read it and let me know if you want any changes or any questions. We will be voting on this new bylaw soon.

Have a great rest of May,

Terry



# Chapter Chatter



## Good Sam Mateans (Cont'd)



## Good Sam Mateans 2019

January 01/03 - 01/06	French Camp Rsrt 209-234-1544	Booked	3919 E French Camp Rd Manteca, 95336	Kohr Thomas
February 1/31- 02/03	Laguna Seca 831755-4899	Pending Book in /Oct	1025 Monterey-Salinas Hwy 68 Monterrey, 93940	Bengel Dingle
March 2/28 - 03/03	Vineyard RV 866-447-8797	Booked	4985 Midway Rd Vacaville, 95688	Caspersen, Clark, DelGrande
April 04/04 - 04/07	Angels Camp Rsrt 209-736-0404	Booked	3069 Hwy 49 South Angels Camp, 95222	
May 05/02 - 05/05	Sugar Barge Rsrt 925-684-9075	Booked (30 amp only)	1440 Sugar Barge Rd Bethel Island, 94511	Huber Martens
June 06/06 - 06/09	Duck Island Rsrt 916-777-6663	Booked	16814 CA-160 Rio Vista, 94571	Camelot
July no outing				
August 08/01 - 08/04	Porto Bodega	Booked	1500 Bay Flat Rd. Bodega Bay.94923	Baumgarten, Fettig, Dusine
September 9/05- 9/08	Calistoga RV Park 707-942-5221	Pending	1601 N Oak St. Calistoga, 94515	Martens Moore
October 10/03 - 10/06	Yanks RV Rsrt 831-740-8007	Booked	40399 Livingston RD Greenfield, 93927	Augustine Fischer
November 10/31- 11/03	Heritage RV Park 530-824-6130	Booked	975 Hwy 99 W Corning, 96021	
December 12/05- 12/08	Vines RV Rsrt 805-467-2100	Booked await- ing contract	88 Wellsona Rd. Paso Robles, 93446	Club Commit- tee

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## Eel River Sams

### EEL RIVER GOOD SAM OUTINGS 2019 & BEYOND

May 8,9,10,11,2019	Steeves	Mountain Gate, Redding
June 12,13,14,15 2019	Arney/Mulholland	Mystic Forest
July 21,7,18,19,20, 2019	Dokweiler	Brookings, OR
August 7,8,9,10, 2019	Harris	Hitachi
September 9,10,11,12, 2019	Dokweiler	O'Brian
October 9,10,11,12, 2019	Freitas	Turtle Rock. OR
November 6,7,8,9, 2019	Group	Benbow
December 2019	Paine	River Lodge, Fortuna

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