

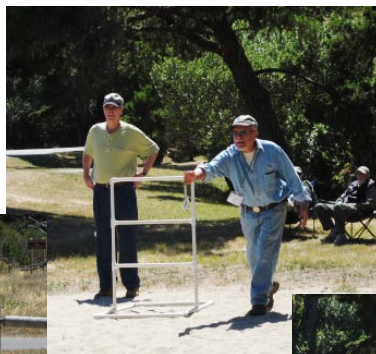
Earl's Diary - Thursday - July 18, 2013

A BIG surprise this morning - the sun was actually shining! The Oregon Gathering is beginning to gain momentum. I went across the road to set up the Ladder Ball game in preparation for the tournament that will be held this afternoon at 1:00. So far, we have 14 teams signed up for the fun and games.

More people are arriving at the gathering point to register for the weekend. We must be getting close to the 98 eggs who have pre-registered.



The cheering section



The tournament chair keeps track of the scores

Different methods of throwing the bolos



In the evening, some of the group engaged in a beer exchange event. The idea is to bring a six pack of your favorite local "craft" microbrew then to exchange yours for someone else's. That way you might end up with six different brews. It took only about 10 minutes for the exchanges to be made.

It appeared that a large share of the group was not into beer and just watched what was going on. I am not into beer either. IF I indulge at all, it's Bud Light - I understand that is definitely NOT a "craft" beer!

This event is set up for a "meet and greet" fellow egg owners.



This bird just happened to wander in. I wonder if it wants a beer or a pretzel?

The rest of my day was spent in meeting new and old friends. This is my fifth year at the Oregon Gathering and it's always nice to see old friends. (I know, I know, we are ALL getting older!) There are so many people here it's almost impossible to visit with everyone. I have found the best way is to sit and visit with a one group for awhile, then get up and move to another group.

Well, Loyal Readers, it's time for me to crawl into bed. Tomorrow is another day for visiting. Thanks for coming along with me today. Bye for now - - Earl

