

Earl's Diary - Saturday - September 21, 2013

Dear Loyal Readers, One and All;

We did have rain last night. Fortunately for our gathering, it had stopped raining shortly before day break. The rain made everything smell so fresh and nice. It also helped settled the dust. The first event for today was the Ladder Ball Tournament (We called it "Cowboy Horseshoes). We had a good turnout of players, as well as sideline rooters!



Ellen shows how to do it!



To the winner -
First Place
Trophy!

The returning rain held off just long enough to get our double elimination tournament completed. Toward the finish the wind came up and a few raindrops were falling from the sky. We hurried to find out who won the bronze, silver, and gold trophies.



Hat Creek proves to be an excellent fishing place as these two fisherman confirm.



The Ranch has its own private pond with private stocked trout. The two fishermen, above, went the primitive route by going "native" in nearby Hat Creek.



The requisite group photo



Of course, it took a little maneuvering to get everyone in place!



We lucked out, once again, as the rain held off so everyone could enjoy the "Trailer Tour". The rule: If the door is open, you are invited to come in and look around.



You pull that with this????



Whoops! Where did THAT come from????? Well, we ARE molded fiberglass and friends!



Most gatherings, whether it be molded fiberglass, horseshoes, quilting, Stamp Collecting or others, have the requisite last night potluck. Our Nor Cal Roundup was no different. So much too eat - so many choices!



Going, going, going, almost gone!!



We even had a couple of guests.



It had been overcast all day long with a few sprinkles. As night time approached, the temperature continued to drop. A good campfire was in order following dinner. Of course, that lead to lots of smoke at the beginning. Some hardy souls didn't seem to mind the smoke that continued to billow forth!



This has been a very busy day here at The Ranch. It's always a lot of fun meeting and greeting folks. Tonight it's raining a little bit. I'm glad we got all of our planned activities in, even if it got a little windy and cold. ((I'm told it is even snowing on Mount Lassen tonight.))

Anyway, now it's off to bed. Tomorrow morning we hold the final event of the gathering - a potluck brunch. Several folks will be heading home right after breakfast.

Once again, thanks for coming along with me on this trip. Bye for now - - Earl