

# CALOOSA WINNIES

## Local Chapter



Summertime in Florida! While many of our members are traveling around the country—some of us are in Florida! An UNOFFICIAL Caloosa group gathered together at Riverside RV Resort near Port Charlotte on August 18—21, 2016. We were a much smaller group than our regular seasonal meetings, but we really had a BIG time together! Chris & Bob Ross co-hosted for a relaxing weekend among friends. The Caloosas welcomed new members Rick & Natalie Amos, Roger Gardner & Sylvia Lundin. Since the summer Olympics were in full swing, our theme was also Olympics with games and fun for all!

Luckily the weather cooperated most of the weekend without any storms and very little rain! Everyone gathered at the rec hall on Thursday for the 4:00pm ritual of Happy Hour! Introductions were made around the room and soon it was time for our Potluck Dinner at 5:30pm. LOTS of great dishes were prepared and enjoyed by all! The Ice Cream Social was held after dinner with lots of choices to make sundaes!



For the evening games, teams were formed and answer sheets given to the team captains to record the scores for Olympics Trivia. The questions were about this Summer Olympics and luckily at least a few people on each team did watch the games and knew the answers! Picture at the left is the team who won with the most correct trivia answers showing off their WINNERS ribbons!

The rest of the evening some people hung around to play Nickels which is a favorite game of the Caloosas.



Rick Amos is up to bat for his team!

Friday breakfast was everyone on their own—early rising for breakfast was not on the agenda. At 10:00am we met at the rec hall for a challenging game of Beanbag Baseball! The ladies were teamed up against the men, and it was a close game but the



Frank Cipolla heads for home plate!

men came away with the win! And graciously accepted their prizes of Cracker Jacks! The score was a close one—the men won by 2 runs! It was a FUN game!

For lunch everyone was on their own, and back at the rec hall at 1:00pm for round 3 of the Olympic challenges! These games were a series of puzzles to solve. One was a map of the U.S. to assemble, along with a word search, word scramble and list of all games played at the Olympics. This team on the right won Silver medals for their score!



Happy Hour at 4:00pm began with our usual great snacks! Car pools were formed to head out for dinner at a great local restaurant—Peter’s Family Restaurant. The food was good, service was great and soon we were on our way back to Riverside. Some of the group decided to play Nickels again for the rest of the evening.

Breakfast was at our leisure with Round 4 of the Olympic challenges beginning at 10:00am in the rec hall. Teams were formed and this time the games were 6 individual as well as team challenges. “Minute To Win It” is what we called it—which proved to be fun—and challenging! This team on the right is doing the Marshmallow Pickup game. Some of the other games were cup stacking, cracker stacking, toothpick drop, Fruit Loops pickup, and marble scramble.



Team # 3 were the winners for the team score: Diane Cipolla, Jerry Miller, Bud Rucker, Natalie Amos and Rich Beck. The overall individual winners were pictures at the left, (L to R) Bob Ross, Rich Beck & Diane Cipolla.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Olympic Games winners!!! You all were good sports—and I can promise you—there will be repeats of some games in the future meetings! So at least you have a head start!!

The rest of the afternoon was free time to go to the pool, go shopping, visit with neighbors or take a nap! Happy Hour at 4:00pm preceded another Potluck Dinner with a GREAT spread of food by the best cooks!!

The evening entertainment was a movie—”Mamma Mia” - a rousing musical comedy that had everyone laughing and tapping their feet to the music!

Sunday morning at 8:30am breakfast was served—coffee, donuts and bagels. It was soon time to go our separate ways until our first official meeting in November. We were delighted to welcome our new members and give them a snapshot of what the Caloosas are all about!

The Caloosas will meet at Gulf Waters RV Resort near Ft. Myers Beach November 3—6, 2016. The agenda for the meeting will be emailed about September 1st so be watching your Inbox!

For those who have signed up in advance for our Keys trip beginning November 19, 2016—details will be coming out again around September 1st. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving that week in the Keys, and it is an UNOFFICIAL Caloosa gathering—which means no business meeting or official rules. (Except for Happy Hour—standard practice!)

Our schedule and information is posted on the website: [www.winniegators.org/Caloosa](http://www.winniegators.org/Caloosa). We also advertise our schedule in the WIT magazine : “Who’s Inviting Travelers” column. Feel free to contact us and Winnebago owners are always welcome to join us for a weekend!