



March 2020

## *Caravan Report for Lake Perris*

The Drifters would like to thank everybody for all their help managing the host tent at Lake Perris. Thanks to all for the big turnout to celebrate a very special event for Ed Widmer, imagine 350 caravans. It all started in 1977. He couldn't have missed very many. Ed is a very special person, who has served in a lot of capacities and functions in the club for many years.

The weather was exceptionally good, thanks to a magical weather man, Steve Tivy. He tries to tell everybody he has no control over it.

This could be the last trip to Lake Perris with our format. We are going to try to persuade Lake Perris to continue as is. If not, we will have to make our own reservations with the state.

We hosted two very nice first timers, we hope they come back: Mike and Barbara Warr, and Terry Jackson. We also had surprise visits by two old timers that we had not seen in quite awhile. John and Zoe Caires and Bill and Carolyn Weir, hope they come back more often.

We have to give Tualota Springs for April a count of people attending and exact nights that they will attend. Everybody needs to make a reservation with the club if they intend to attend. Any reservation made that is not cancelled prior to the cutoff date will need to be paid for by the caravaner. Contact your group rep or At Large people contact Christine to make a reservation.



# WE SALUTE YOU

**HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS  
FAMILIES FOR FEBRUARY**

**Bill Arthur**

**Betty Boschma**

**Don & Pebby Deatherage**

**Lurlie Edgecomb**

**Al & Lydia Granger**

**Herb Johnson II**

**Herb Johnson III**

**Rich & Georgeann Lovett**

**Dave Nordstrom**

**Ken & Linda Palmer**

**Claude & Carol Potts**

**Roadrunners**

**Byron & Mona Shaner**

**Margaret Skinner**

**Dan Stiegler**

**Sharon Turner**

**Vern & Charlene Tutterrow**

**Doris Wren**

**Greg & Sandy Young**



## Washer Toss Tournament



Our caravan to Lake Perris was met with great weather, with the daytime temperatures getting up into the low 70's. Evenings got a little chilly making a jacket feel good.

We had two First timers check in, Mike and Barbra Warr and Terry Jackson. We had Mark and Marta Winslow, Second timers check in Friday. They were First Timers at La Paz but had to leave before the General Meeting so were not introduced to the group.

We had 10 teams for our Washer Toss tournament with the First Timers participating. Claude Potts was chosen to play as Claudia and was teamed up with Mike Lemp for team #9. They were able to hold off the competition to win the winners bracket of our double elimination tournament.

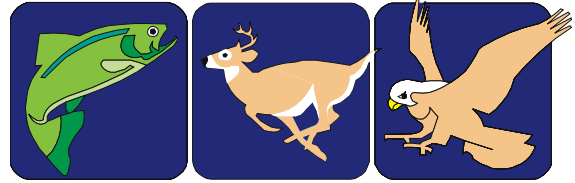
Team 1 consisting of Peter Peternouschek and Carol Potts had to beat teams #3, #6, #7 and #2 to win the losers bracket and play team #9 for the championship.

Peter and Carol were unable to overcome the skill of Mike and Claudia and lost to them in the first game.

Congratulations to Mike and Claude for their win.



# Mother Nature



I entered Lake Perris S.R.A. through the Perris Gate and had just passed the entrance to the Regional Indian Museum when I spotted a roadrunner coming downhill through the brush. It did some kind of flip or jump and then continued on through the sage, brittlebrush and encelia, while not crossing Alta Calle. Did you know that a roadrunner is a member of the cuckoo family? It was a good start to a beautiful winter camping week--warm days, clear skies, sparkling stars, but cold nights.

Birds could be heard in the trees--warblers singing, woodpeckers rat-a-tating, black phoebes chirping, and crows cawing. Sharon Turner found a great blue heron on the lawn above the beach patiently waiting, probably for a pocket gopher meal. There are many mounds indicative of their underground action. Some of us at Ed Widmer's 350 celebration were aware of 6 large white birds riding a thermal. The trailing edges of their huge wings had black secondary feathers. I was pretty sure they were American white pelicans; later I confirmed that with my Peterson's Guide to Western Birds.

On Thursday while scouting for Friday's walk, I heard and then saw a large, very dark "hawk" fly out of a palm tree near the lake. It headed uphill. Days later Lydia Granger showed me a cell phone shot of a pair of bald eagles she had seen on her bike ride to the farther side of the lake. Back to the book. Sure enough..the juvenile form of the bald eagle is like a large dark hawk, no markings, charcoal gray head and tail and black body. Probably this was the pair's youngster from last year's nesting. As it matures, it will need to find its own territory for hunting and mating.

On the Nature Walk, we saw starlings (black with yellow beaks and noisy), western bluebirds (not a lot as yet), crows (cawing as they flew), and perhaps a dozen coots on the lake (having seen none the previous day). There were three empty blue heron nests way up in the eucalyptus trees, but no herons were seen. Next month there will be activity up there. As we went around the fencing there was one duck (white on neck or shoulder), a number of small chirping birds (couldn't watch them as I had to watch my feet, the path is eroding away), then we stopped to watch 6 large white birds flying in a line just above the water. Coincidence or the same pelicans as the day before? I think so.

Carefully walking further, we spotted 3 large dark birds sitting on the rocks. Viewed from the back and one having spread its wings, we speculated that perhaps these were cormorants. That is until they turned their heads and we were disabused of that notion. Naked red heads with white beaks made them turkey vultures. That is the closest I have ever been to carrion eaters!

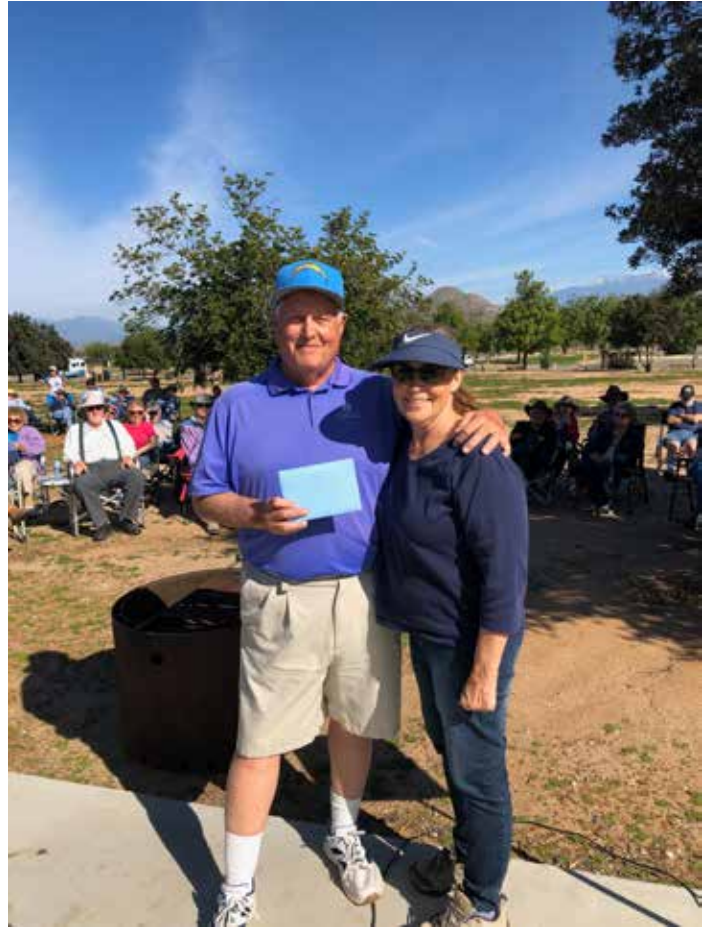
March brings us to Vail Lake, a new experience for me. I will need help finding where to go to and what I may see. Please find me to report what you have seen. I'll appreciate the help.



# Birthday and Anniversary



Charlene Tutterrow — Birthday Prize



Mark & Marta Winslow — Anniversary



General Meeting

# Ed Widmer's 350 Caravan Anniversary Party



Wonderful celebration for Ed Widmer's 350th Caravan.



# Caravan Anniversaries



Mike & Margeret Skinner — 175 Caravans



Ed Widmer — 350 Caravans



John & Caryl Fisher — 125 Caravans



Gary & Velna Wells — 175 Caravans

# First Timers



Mike & Barbara Warr — Calimesa, CA



Terry Jackson — Los Angeles, CA



## Crafting with Lydia Granger



At the February camp out we made this pot of gold and filled it with plastic gold coins to display on St Patrick's Day. In March the papercrafting activity will be an Easter or spring card and possibly a flower box.



# GOODWILL AMBASSADOR REPORT

Drifter, BOB KODY #731, suffer a stroke and now in rehab. If you want to send him a card, his address is: 38190 Camino Cinife, Murrieta, CA 92563-6626.

Outback, CLAUDE POTTS #2816 is not at Lake Skinner this caravan because he is having knee surgery.

Roadrunner, GARY PHILLIPS #2750, had emergency surgery on February 9th, for a double inguinal hernia. Here is another person who will miss Lake Skinner.

Sorry to share this sad news, DON REINER #2549 had a massive stroke last week and the Doctor recommended ending life support. He passed away peacefully surrounded by Millie and his family and was cremated. His celebration of life will be private and take place later this year in his beloved High Sierras with only his family.

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