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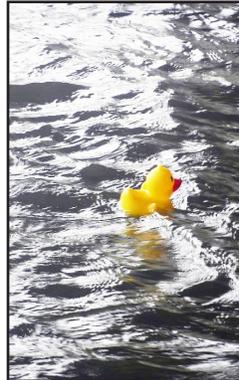
1655 Simms Street

Post 178

Lakewood, CO 80215

2,699 Ducks Raise \$5,398 For CWF

It was cool and overcast with intermittent light rain showers on July 28 in Golden, Colorado—perfect weather for a duck. A record number of the rubber variety dropped into the rushing waters of Clear Creek at precisely 1:00 p.m. for the *17th Annual Duck Race at Buffalo Bill Days*, organized by SAL Squadrons at Post 178 (Lakewood), 21 (Golden), and 17 (Edgewater). The Son's primary beneficiary, SAL Child Welfare Foundation (CWF), will receive all of the proceeds.



17th Annual SAL Duck Race

VOLUNTEERS

*Dave McBrien
Roni Johnson
Ward Scow
Rocky Mountain
Bill Radunz
Tom Davies
Tonya Kiger*

Post 178 Bartenders

PRIZE CONTRIBUTORS

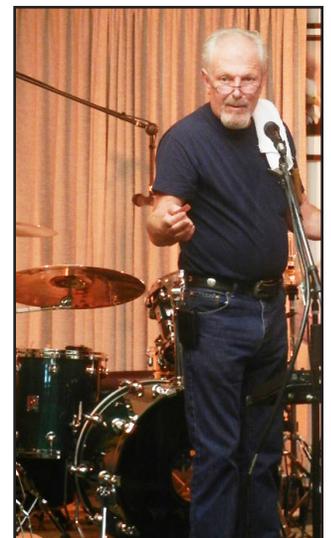
*Jose O'Shea's
Guido's Nickle
The Dive Bar
Shark's Saloon & Grill
Vicki's Barbershop
Bill Radunz
SAL Squadron 178*

(TV Grand Prize)



Riders Rake In \$4K

The American Legion Honor Guard and Redistribution Center Inc. split \$4000 raised August 3 at Post 178. Our friends at **Aspen Mortuaries** sponsored their annual picnic to benefit the Honor Guard which included a silent auction made possible by a long list of contributors. **Randy Baria** organized the Poker Run that started and ended at Post 178. After everyone was well-fed and auction winners announced, the band "Boomers" provided live entertainment for the evening.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT*John Rabatin*

Heavenly Father, bless our Post with your grace. As we begin our monthly meetings,

please give us the wisdom to make good decisions and the dedication to carry them out. Watch over all our members as we endeavor to represent veterans. Bless our troops around the world, and safely keep our departed comrades in your eternal care. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

COMMANDER'S REPORT*Steve Tomlinson*

Labor Day is upon us, summer is winding down, and our last picnic of the year is already here. Our September meeting is the very next day. It will be time to get back to work. As Commander, I am officially requesting assistance from our members.

Please begin by attending your unit's monthly meeting. I earnestly solicit your input for encouraging our membership to use and support our Post, so we can keep the doors open and our award-winning programs going. It all starts at your unit's monthly meeting where you can have a say, make proposals, vote on issues, and volunteer a bit of your time. The first item of business on the Legion's September 2 agenda is to launch a search for a new Executive Committee member. Any volunteers?

ADJUTANT'S REPORT*Bill Radunz*

2013 membership has reached

734, or **98.5%**. That's only 11 members short of 100%. 2014 numbers are not out yet, but I've received

over 200 so far. If you've paid your Legion or SAL dues for 2014, **your new card is at the Post**. See the bartender. **After the Labor Day Picnic, all cards will be mailed**. Please help us save money by visiting the Post to pick up your card. **Pay your dues by October 5th** and you'll qualify for our **FREE Early Bird Dinner**.

I will be vacationing December 5 through January 2. Therefore, if you want to receive your 2014 door card in time for the New Year, pay your dues no later than December 1.

SAL REPORT*Tom Tucker*

SAL Volunteer of the Month goes to **Dave McBrien** for all the flying around he did to get Duck Race sponsors signed up and for pushing duck sales. "Thank you, Davey Mac."

Also, a big thank you to **Roni Johnson** our "Madam Ducky" for again strutting her stuff. Thanks to all **Duck Race Volunteers** for the time and effort you each contributed, to our **Duck Race Sponsors** for your generous donations, and to the hundreds of people who purchased ducks.

A very special shout out to **Shenanigans Bar & Grill**. Thank you for all the ducks and "duck stuff" you bought. Also, without the enthusiastic support of your patrons our horseshoe tournament would not have enjoyed such a great turnout. Speaking of which, we raised **\$625** for **Collier Hospice Center**.

The tournament's winners are **Willie Porter** and "**Vonno**" **Gonzalez** from Shenanigans. To **Sheri Tucker, Tonya Kriger, Tom Davies, Wayne McClimans, Joe Calabro, Bob Black,** and **Mr. Brad Hall** (for the trophy donation), I say "thank you guys." We did it.

To all SAL members, please attend our monthly meeting Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. We have work to do.

Please pray for these members and their families.

Final Roll Call

Jack Helm—WWII—Marines
Robert Munson—SAL (7-9-13)
Patrick Farrell—Gulf—Army (8-14-13)
Edward L. Cox—Korea—Army (8-9-13)

WALK

Join Team "Pink Post 178"
Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

RUN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Ride from Post 178—Take Light Rail—Meet at the Pepsi Center
Register/Join Pink Post 178 at komendenver.org

DONATE

JOIN 178



SUNDAY

SAL Breakfast
9:00–11:30

MONDAY

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00–2:00

BINGO
5:30

Cindy's Dinner Spl.
5:00–7:30

TUESDAY

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00–2:00

WEDNESDAY

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00–2:00

Burger Night
5:00–7:30

AUXILIARY REPORT*Nita Calicum*

It's almost **Auxiliary Soup Contest** time again! Soup is \$2.50 a bowl on **Auxiliary Burger Night** every

Wednesday at the Post from October through the end of February. Diners all vote, then in March the winners (1—3) will be announced. See **Mary Tomlinson** to sign up, or e-mail alaunit178@gmail.com. Or just come and enjoy our Post's best homemade soups.

If you still need to renew your membership, see Mary or e-mail the address above. You can get your 2014 card during the **Labor Day Picnic** or later by mail. I want to thank everyone who helped redo our Auxiliary room. Great job!

RIDER'S REPORT*Brian Conway*

Riders who didn't make the annual trek to Sturgis stayed behind to raise **\$4000** for the **Honor Guard**

and **Redistribution Center Inc.** Thank you **Randy Baria**, **Aspen Mortuaries**, and the many **silent auction donors**.

The Riders will be in Arvada on Saturday, September 7 for the annual **Harvest Festival Parade**. It leaves 57th Avenue and Olde Wadsworth at 9:00 a.m. and heads west on 58th to Independence. Our monthly meeting will be after the parade at Post 178, at noon.

BUSINESS REPORT*Bob Heer*

Saturday September 14 is our **3rd Annual Car & Bike Show** from 9 a.m to 2 p.m. In conjunction, we'll have a competition for **Best Smoked Meat** beginning at noon. Expect a variety of smoked chicken, pork, and beef entrees available for lunch with all the fix'ns.

Plan on spending the day at Post 178 checking out the show and enjoying all the smoked meats.

Our member picnic on Labor Day starts at noon. I'm always looking for volunteers to staff the doors, checking membership cards. A sign-up sheet is in the lounge. Please consider giving a half-hour of your day during our **FREE** picnic(s). The Post will provide the pig, brats, dogs, burgers, and beer. Members are admitted by showing their membership card, and non-member guests pay only \$5 (children \$2).

We netted **\$222** from our **Car Show Awards Raffle**. I won the \$100 King Soopers gift card, **Dave Simpson** the \$50 gift card and **Dennis Crowley** the tool kit. (*Dennis donated the tool kit back*). A big thanks to **Doug Lemons** for his \$50 donation to purchase the second gift card and to all who supported this raffle.

The Corporation Board is considering bringing back occasional Friday night live entertainment. It's contingent on whether members will pay a modest cover charge to help off-set the entertainment cost. Entertainment was curtailed because lounge revenue did not cover the cost of the bands. Please let the office know if you support or oppose this idea.

At press time, the lounge is not planning a New Year's Eve party. Members have demonstrated declining interest over the last two years, causing an expense for the Post.

Going forward, security will always be required when the back hall or back yard are rented. Our guidelines now require one security person for up to 50 guests, two for 50 to 100, and three or more for over 100 guests. Several issues arising over the summer that involved liquor being brought into the Post, underage drinking, and alcohol consumption in the parking lot have made the new security policy necessary. Any one of these

infractions places our liquor license in jeopardy. So please cooperate with our security and welcome them to "The Friendly Post."

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

Lori Sanchez—Auxiliary

Peggy Lawler—Auxiliary

Melanie Majors—Auxiliary

Alison Ponisetti—Auxiliary

Darlene Loeffler—Auxiliary

Cheryl K. Caspary—Auxiliary

David R. Sanchez II

Eric W. Blair—Gulf—Navy

Ernie Gill—Vietnam—Marines

Purta T. Clifford—Gulf—Navy

Paul D. Bowen—Korea—Marines

Bob Cordova—Vietnam—Marines

George M. Deutman—WWII—Army

Ralph D. Austin—Vietnam—Air Force

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: Please attend your September meeting.

Legion

7 PM, Tues. Sept. 3

Auxiliary

7 PM, Tues. Sept. 3

SAL

6 PM, Wed. Sept. 4

Rider's

12 Noon, Sat. Sept. 7

THURSDAY

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00–2:00**BINGO**
1:00Cindy's Burritos
5:00–8:00

FRIDAY

Steve's \$6 Lunch
11:00–2:00SAL or Riders Dinner
5:30–7:30

SATURDAY

Legion Brunch
9:00–11:00**BINGO**
1:00

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Lounge Hours*

Mon.—Thurs. 10:00 AM to 12:00 Midnight
Fri. 10:00 AM to 2:00 AM
Sat.—Sun. 9:00 AM to 12:00 Midnight
*Bartenders may close earlier on slow nights.

BULLETIN BOARD

LABOR DAY Picnic
Monday September 2—Noon

POST 178 MEMBERS FREE
(PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH)
Non-members \$5 (children \$2)

SEPTEMBER 14

CAR & BIKE SHOW 9:00AM TO 2:00PM
FREE registration (come early)

BREAKFAST 9:00 TO 11:00AM
\$6 all you can eat buffet

CACKLEFEST TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED
"You Won't Believe Your Ears"

SMOKEFEST 12:00 TO 2:00PM
\$5 all you can eat buffet (take home for sale)

JUDGING 1:00PM
Polish your car or bike, or bring your best smoked meat

AWARD PRESENTATIONS 2:00PM

COMBAT VETS POKER RUN FINISH 3:00PM
Over 100 more bikes will arrive at Post 178

INFORMATION 303-204-0439
Karen

WALK *Join Team "Pink Post 178"* **RUN**
Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
Ride from Post 178—Take Light Rail—Meet at the Pepsi Center
Register/Join Pink Post 178 at komend Denver.org **JOIN 178**
DONATE

Conrad's Cause Collects \$625



Collier Hospice Center At Exempla Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge took home the proceeds raised by the very successful *First Annual Conrad West Memorial Horseshoe Tournament* held September 27 at Post 178. Mickey West, Connie's widow, is responsible for the connection between our Post and Collier's Executive Director, **Carol Salzmann**.

Chief among the tournament's many contributors was **Brad Hall**, who provided the memorial trophy to be engraved annually. Our Post's **Legion, Auxiliary, Riders,** and **SAL** all donated as did many individuals. Food for the occasion was contributed—and deliciously prepared—by **Bob Black** (succulent pulled port) and **Tonya Kiger** (everything else).



Shenanigans Bar & Grill deserves special thanks for providing a plethora of players, including the inaugural tournament's winners. Promises were exchanged to continue the rivalry next year.



Winners Willie Porter (left) and Servando Gonzalez Jr. with Mickey.