Rooster Picnic Weekend 2001

June 14 through 16

The Rooster Picnic Weekend for 2001 from all accounts was a very successful endeavor. We had representation from as far away as Florida while Dover, Delaware, Virginia and D.C., were also well represented. Indiana was represented from the west and from the north Roosters came from Cornwall, Syracuse, and Endicott, New York. From the east New Jersey was well represented and the remainder of the group was made up of our local members. Most of our out-of-towners stayed with Rooster friends or at the McIntosh Inn.

We began the weekend with the annual welcoming cocktail party held on Valley Forge Mountain at the home of Bobbie (WB3EAO) and Fred (W3PHL). There was a nice crowd of Rooster friends that attended the evening activity; we had a lot of locals and a few of our out-of-towners.

A lot of old acquaintances were there and we could hear a lot of great conversations about the days gone by. Bobbie and Fred did their usual outstanding job of entertaining and the food was outstanding. It was an exceptional evening for all and we wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Bobbie and Fred for opening their home to the Roosters.

Friday activities began by 7:30 A.M. at the Twin Ponds Golf Course; once again Jim Toth (K3CHJ) graciously accepted the duty of golf chairman for the Annual Rooster Open and did a great job. Tee off time was advanced to accommodate the remainder of the day's activity. After breakfast the 18 golfers teed off for an exciting 18 holes. The weather was super with just enough overcast to keep it comfortable. One of our new Roosters, Joe Jr. (KA3ACP), was the winner with an 85; and once again, Ed (W3QC) received the award for getting his money's worth. Everyone had a great time and is ready to do it again next year.

While the gentlemen were out on the links some of their spouses went shopping at the King of Prussia Mall and as women usually do, they enjoyed their shopping spree.

Friday afternoon our Chief Rooster, Walt (WA3PPW) and his xyl, Donna held an Open House

for the Roosters at their home in King of Prussia. This year the golfers were able to join the party along with spouses and our Rooster friends for a wonderful gathering. The tents were erected, the tables and chairs were setup, and we were all enjoying the outside when Mother Nature decided to interrupt the party and present us with a downpour.

The weather didn't chase anyone home or dampen any spirits; everyone moved inside and continued to enjoy the afternoon. Connie and Paul had some of their photos from their 9 counties and 2 principalities, what a trip!! We were happy to see Tom's (W3BED) wife Martha Jane at the Open House. Donna surpassed her last year's outstanding menu with the choice of food that she served this year. The hit of the day was her special Cheese Mold; the recipe is on the web page. If you would like a copy and don't have access to the Internet send a note to the Chief. Thank you Walt and Donna, it was an enormous success.

This year the Formal dinner was moved to a nearby location, the Westover Country Club in West Norriton. We were able to schedule the dinner for an earlier time to better accommodate many of the Roosters. A private room was provided and we were able to mingle and enjoy golf and shopping stories from the group. The evening began with cocktails, and when it was time for the highlight of the night the meal was served with a fresh fruit cocktail, super fresh salad, the choice of entrée, either chicken or beef and a non-fattening desert of ice cream served with black cherries. The service was superb and the food hot, the change in restaurants was well received by the Roosters. A special thanks to Donna and Bobbie for making the table centerpieces which were given to the Rooster with the lowest number at each table. Everyone had a gala time, and we will probably make the Country Club reservations for next year.

Once again the Annual Rooster Picnic was held at the Valley Forge Firehouse pavilion. Hal (K3ATO) was the chairman of the event and did an outstanding job. He planned every detail to the fullest and everything worked like clockwork.

The morning was gray but the mood was really upbeat. Myrtle and Glenn, with the help of some strong backs, got the tables setup in the pavilion and we were ready for the Rooster final event. We had 91 attending from a 7-year-old prospective Rooster to some of our members in their 80s and everyone enjoyed the day.

Mother Nature wasn't kind to the Roosters. She paid us a visit in the middle of the activities and for most of the afternoon we had to move into the Pavilion and but we still had a great time. Needless to say the horseshoe tournament was as washout, the pits looked like dams.

Hal (W3AHP) celebrated his 84th birthday and the group gave him a rousing happy birthday song. One of our new Roosters Marvin (KA3TEO) and his wife Delores entertained everyone with keyboard and song. Everyone enjoyed their repertoire; it was an outstanding addition to the afternoon. Hal (K3ATO) modified his activity schedule because of the weather and the annual group photo shoot by Bob (AA4SV) was completed in the morning. As in years past Fred (W3PHL) took individual rooster photos with the official Rooster. Thanks Fred!

Pastino Caterers provided the food; we had ribs, chicken, beef assorted salads and dessert. Paul and Carolyn presented prizes to all attending and Connie and Paul had the "free table" setup in the back of the Pavilion. Myrtle and Glenn setup the Rooster sale table; it looked as though the sales were very brisk. If anyone is interested in purchasing Rooster articles please contact Myrtle or Glenn. Thanks to Carolyn, Paul, Connie, Paul, Myrtle and Glenn for helping make the picnic a success.

The 50/50 winner was Ted (W9TED). Ted and Mary Ann traveled all the way from Indiana to be with us. An unexpected "treat", Walt, the Chief gave us a melodious rendition of Found A Peanut with his Rooster flavor; never challenge the chief, you don't know what you'll get.

Jay (W3JAH) led the initiation of the new Roosters with the Annual New Rooster Chorus. To help the new Roosters feel a little more comfortable he called on the older Roosters to give them a crow. This year we had a father Joe Sr. (W3HQA) and son Joe Jr. (KA3ACP) crow in together for a Rooster Picnic first. We also had two new Roosters from Florida Connie (KG4KBO) and John (KE3EGC) crow in at the picnic.

Walt (WA3PPW) discussed with the picnic attendees the Boards decision to suspend the Admiral Ramage Fund. He voiced the suggestions received at the Board, (1) using a portion of the fund to purchase a plaque dedicated by the Roosters to be installed at the Admiral Ramage Building in the naval yard at Norfolk, VA. (2) Transferring funds to the "Wives of the Ramage", a group who gives aid to the sailors manning the Ramage in case of family hardships or disaster. He requested comment on the two suggestions or recommendations for the use of the funds to be passed to the Board of Advisors.

Merle (K2AOV) was named "Rooster of the Year"; he has been an outstanding example for all Roosters to follow. He has been an active participant in the Net for 30 years. Merle has simplified the daily chores of net control by implementing net control tools including the Active Rooster by name and by calls. These lists have simplified the daily activities of the Net Control. He built a birthday list that provides the Net Control the opportunity to recognize the Rooster or spouse with a special birthday wish giving the Net a family feeling. Merle assumed the position of Net Control Coordinator along with moving from a substitute to a scheduled Net Control.

Fred Veth, WB2YTA "Rooster Ambassador at Large" received the "Chiefs Award". His job keeps him constantly on the road. He contacts Roosters when going through their cities, sets up breakfasts or lunches, and has eyeball QSO's with people we hear on the air, but may never have a change to meet. He has spread friendship and warmth from the Atlantic Ocean westward and brought to the Roosters a real meaning of camaraderie.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to our two-digit Rooster number members. Honored were Luke (W2SGP), Hal (K3ATO), Merle (K2AOV), Ruthie (WA2GWA) and Frenchie (W4VMO). They joined the Roosters many long years ago and became the foundation of the Net. Their diligence and allegiance, for so many long years, have made the Rooster Net a fun and lasting hobby for our thousand plus Roosters. The Chief had done some investigating into the Net history and found out that they were never required to crow. Well they all have now flapped their wings and crowed with the whole group as judges. They were all good sports, and they entertained the audience.

It was a great weekend, and I believe it was an outstanding success. For all who couldn't attend we hope to see you next year when we plan to outdo this year. Reserve the third weekend in June; we already have the Picnic Grove reserved.

Hal

Hal (K3ATO)
Picnic Chairman

Walt

Walt (WA3PPW)
Chief Rooster

Rooster Picnic Financial Statement 2001

Weekend Events			Expense	Received
Copy/Postage for Picnic Letter			$211.10	
Golf				
Golf Breakfast		$ 41.20		
Golf Prizes		$ 31.77		
Sub Total Golf			$72.97	
Banquet				
Westover Country Club		$ 1,158.25		
Bartender	$50.00			
Chicken 20 @ 19.75	$395.00			
Beef 25 @ 19.95	$498.75			
Service Charge	$ 160.87			
Tax	$ 53.63			
Dinner Centerpieces		$ 44.50		
Sub Total Banquet			$1,202.75	
Picnic				
Picnic Lunch		$1,195.00		
Hot Buffet 84 @ 11.25	$ 945.00			
Serving Staff 4 - $250.00	$ 250.00			
Valley Forge Picnic Grove Rental	$ 250.00	$ 365.00		
Beer	$ 70.00			
Birch Beer	$ 45.00			
Soda/Water		$ 29.07		
Awards & Prizes		430.57		
Sub Total Picnic			$2,019.64	
Funds Received From Roosters				
Banquet 45 @ $21.00				$987.00
Picnic 91 @ $13.00				$1,170.00
Picnic 1 child @ $3.00				$3.00
Total Expense & Received			**$3,450.87**	**$2,160.00**
Rooster Net Expense			**$1,290.87**	
Bank Balance as of 6/26/01			$1,787.92	

PICNIC ATTENDEES

Rooster	Guest	Rooster	Guest
N2AKC/K2EHM		N3JOS	Carolyn
WA5MQM	Mag	N3CYO	Carolyn
WB3ALF		KA3ACP	Elaine, Brad 7 yrs.
W3PHL	Bobbie	KF3ZA/KF2ZB	
K3ATO	Sharen	K2LK	
N2JGS	Winnie	WB3JUV	
W3QC		KB3EGL	
WA2GWA		AA3NN	Karl
K3KFL		W2UXH	Gloria
W4LPF		WU3I	
KE4EGC	Gail	K3CHJ	
K2AOV		N2EMG	
KA3TEO	Delores	KB3EGL	
N3IRN	Dorene, Dora Hanford	W3JAH	Susan
W3IPK	Josephine	WD4EBA/KG4KBO	Joe Quinn
KD2UJ	Vivian, Martha Jones	KB3CGC	
K3SUE		WA3RSU	Steve & Juana O'Kula
WB3EQW	Carolyn Brown	N3BQV	Al Jr., Esther Stewart
W3HQA		WB3GTP	Ketty, Bill & Carol Muller
KB4MIA		KW3JF	Linda
W3AHP		N2HRK	
W2SGP	Shirley Cunningham	WA3PPW	Donna, Emily
AA3SV		K3ITH	Kate, Hans
K2DMB	Ed Wilcox	N3LQS	
W9TED	Mary Ann	N3JPV	
AF3R	Terri	K3AI	Mary Ann
N3JRW			

2001 ROOSTER GOLF OPEN

We had 18 golfers participate at the 2001 Rooster Open Golf Outing – 13 roosters and 5 guests. We played at Twin Ponds Golf Course near Pottstown where we had played last year. The weather cooperated as the rain stayed away and the cloud cover kept the temperatures down.

Our 2001 Rooster Open Champion is Joe Jr. KA3ACP who shot an 85. Joe was also low net based on the Calloway handicap scoring system. Although Jim AF3R, our 1999 and 2000 champion, shot the low gross of 84, he was not eligible to be champion this year according to our rules. Chris, K2OG was second low net with a 73 (93 gross) and Luke, W2SGP was third low net. The grossest score was won(?) by who else but Ed W3QC with a 140. The long drive on #17 was Jim, AF3R, his wife Terryl was closest to the pin on #9 and Hal, K3ATO was closest to the pin on #18.

The rest of the field included Ed K3YTR (first timer), Bob AA4SV, Bill KB4MIA, Bill K2LK, Mike WB3EQW, Paul N3CYO + clan members Carolyn Jr., Vince (shot a 76 gross), Laura and Greg, and yours truly Jim K3CHJ.

73, Jim K3CHJ