



Rooster Picnic Weekend 2003 Wrap-Up

June 19th through 21st

After weeks of preparation, the Big weekend arrived, with a forecast for rain. Despite the inclement weather, The Rooster Picnic Weekend, from all accounts was a very successful endeavor. We had representation from as far away as Florida while Delaware, Virginia and Maryland and New York were in attendance. From the east our New Jersey group came out in-force and the remainder of the group was made up of our local members. Most of our out-of-towners stayed with local 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 family members that attended the evening festivities; 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 afternoon our Chief Rooster, Walt, WA3PPW and his XYL, Donna held an Open House for the Rooster Family gathering at their home in King of Prussia. We were ready to enjoy the outside activities and the beauty of Donna's gardens but as it did in the past two years, it rained on the party. In spite of the inclement weather we all had a great time. Donna had an outstanding menu with quite an array of food choices to please everyone's palate. The Roosters express their gratitude to Walt and Donna for the afternoon. It was an enormous success.

This year the formal dinner was held at a new location, the Sheraton Park Ridge Hotel & Convention Center, Valley Forge, 27 Roosters with guests were in attendance. 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 fruit cup, Super Chef Signature salad, the choice of entrée, either chicken or beef and a parfait desert. The service was superb and the food was hot and delicious. A special thanks to Donna and Bobbie for making the table centerpieces that were given to one of the lucky couples at each table. Everyone had a gala time. A survey was taken to rate the restaurant on a scale of 1-10 and the rating came out an average of 8 ½, we will make the Sheraton reservations for next year.

Once again the Annual Rooster Picnic was held at the Valley Forge Firehouse pavilion. Ken, W3IPK was the chairman of the event and did an outstanding job. He planned every detail

to the fullest and everything worked like clockwork. Thank you Ken and Josie for another great event and Ken agreed to be 2004's chair so we can expect another great year.

As in the past two years picnic morning was gray with sprinkles but the mood was really upbeat. Myrtle, N2AKC and Glen, K2EHM with the help of some strong backs, got the table's setup in the pavilion and we were ready for the Rooster final event of the weekend. We had 78 attending, from two prospective Roosters ages 10 and 11 to some of our members in there 80s and every age in-between and **everyone** enjoyed the day. Mother Nature paid us a visit several times during our activities so for most of the day we all stayed in the Pavilion but we still had a great time. Needless to say the horseshoe tournament was as washout again, the pits looked like dams.

Pastino Caterers provided the food, they have been our caterer for 20 years (Bill Pastino is an honorary Rooster). We had ribs, chicken, beef, corn on the cob, assorted salads and dessert. Les, N3LQS and Mary were kind enough to provide all of the tables with delicious potato chips, cheese twist and popcorn. Thanks again for your generous donation, we do appreciate it!

Once again this year Paul N3CYO and Carolyn handled the prize table and presented prizes to all attending. Keith, KB3EGL ran the "free table" setup in the back of the Pavilion. The Rooster Net supplied some of this year gifts and we had many generous donations from our Rooster family to complete the prize table. Once again because of the inclement weather Ken, W3IPK modified his activity schedule and the annual group photo shoot by Dick, K3ITH was completed in the afternoon. The results are available on the Bob's KD2UJ website. As in years past Fred, W3PHL took individual rooster photos with the official Rooster. Thanks Fred, and Dick, for another great job!

Myrtle and Glenn setup the Rooster Sale table; it looked as though the sales were very brisk. This year's addition of the CD of the History of the Roosters was a big seller. If anyone is interested in purchasing Rooster articles please contact Myrtle or Glenn. Thanks to Carolyn, Paul, Keith, Myrtle and Glenn for helping make the picnic a great success.

The 50/50 winners were Neil, WB3KIL and Dennis, N3JRW. 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". Nat, N2NEI (crowed on the air 6-19-03), Joe, K3UYK, Ted, K3TNH, and Rocco, K3ROC, made up the 2003 Rooster Chorus. They of course didn't pass on the first few try but the Old Roosters decided that it was finally good enough. The Chief called to the attention of the Roosters the fact that out of the four crowing three have accepted the job of net control.

This year four of our fellow Roosters were recognized for their contributions to the Rooster Net. Ken W3IPK and Dick, K3ITH each received "The Rooster Net Certificate of Appreciation", Keith, KB3EGL received the "Chiefs Award", and Mike, WB3EQW was presented the "Rooster of the Year" award. The certificates read as follows:

Appreciation Award

Ken, W3IPK - Rooster #552

The Rooster family recognizes Ken Maden for his dedication to the Net over his 20 years. You are a regular check-in and willing to lend a helping hand when needed.

You have acted as our Picnic Chairman and Master of Ceremony for two consecutive years, which requires detailed organization skills and a lot of time and effort. Every minute of the picnic is organized and your dedication to your duties makes our annual event a success.

We strive to make our net a family group and your efforts contributed greatly to obtain our goal.

Appreciation Award

Dick, K3ITH - Rooster #465

The Rooster family recognized Dick Stewart for the dedication he has had for over 23 years with the Net. He is willing to lend a helping hand when needed and when his regular job allows he checks in regularly on a weekend basis.

You have given the Net the opportunity to present to all Roosters the activities that the Rooster's have "flocked" too by being our official Rooster photographer. Not only do you spend time traveling to all events, you have the photos on KD2UJ web site for everyone to eyeball the very next day.

You greatly help our Net by obtain our goal of friendly, family organization..

Chief's Award

Keith, KB3EGL – Rooster #1060

You are one of our "New Breed" Roosters and in your short time with the net you have energized the group. You have been responsible for the DC weekend in 2002. You also organized the "rooster Camp-out" at WU3I's campground in the Pennsylvania.

Since your crow-in you have been a faithful Net Control and willing to fill in to keep the daily net gong if needed

We are grateful for all you have done in the past and hope you will continue in the future.
. Thank you from 3990.

Rooster-of-the-Year 2003

Mike Errigo, Rooster #411

For his many years as an active supporter of the Rooster Net, including the organizing of a number of activities, the donation of both time and materials in the production of net newsletters and, for his enthusiastic performance as both a regular and a substitute net control station, it is with pleasure that Mike Errigo is named the Rooster-of-the-Year for 2003.

With the monies collected from the Roosters for the banquet, picnic, 50/50, and generous donations our financial obligations were met without utilizing Rooster funds. For the breakdown of cost vs. amount received see the Financial Statement page for addition information. This included the costs, the amounts paid by Rooster attendees for the banquet, picnic, the donations to the Rooster Net and the 50/50 winnings.

It was a great weekend, and once again it was an outstanding success. For all that couldn't attend this year we missed you not being there and hope to see you next year. We plan to outdo this year!! Next year we are going to try to outsmart Mother Nature by changing our weekend activities to **July 8 through the 10th**. We are hoping a little later in the summer will break our string of rainy years. The picnic grove has been reserved for the Rooster Picnic Weekend so circle your calendar for the **second weekend in July**.



Ken, W3IPK
Picnic Chairman



Walt, WA3PPW
Chief Rooster

Picnic Attendees

Rooster	Guest
N2AKC	
K2EHM	
K3SUE	
W2OAO	
KT3Z	
WU3I	
W3PHL	
WB3EAO	
W3IPK	Josephine
N3WEY	Gloria
W3QC	Mary
K3CHJ	Dottie
W3JAH	Susan
K3ROC	Kevin
WB3EQW	Carolyn
K3TNH	Denise
WB3KIL	Pearl
N3JOS	Carolyn
KE4EGC	Gail
K3UYK	
N2EMG	
WA5MQM	
KA3QBF	
KF2ZA	Ester
KF2ZB	
N3IRN	Doreene
K2LK/WB3KUR	
K3BKT	
N2NEI	Linda
W3TTY	
N3CYO	Carolyn
N3JPV	Jeannette
W3DJL	
KD2UJ	Vivian/Martha Jones
W3BDR	Andre/April Child
WA3RSU	
AA3WP	
K3ITH	Cathy/Katie
KA3ACP	Brian
W3HQA	Karen/Jim
WB3JYR	Evelyn
WA3PPW	Donna
KW3JF	Linda
KA3FVB	
WB2YTA	Michelle/Brian
AF3R	
KA3LNK	
N3JRW	
N3LQS	Mary

ROOSTER GOLF OPEN

After being rained out last year things didn't look good again this year. After a nice tailgate and well wishes, we headed for the first hole shortly before 9 AM. Still threatening, but no rain so far – better than last year. Seven rooster's and three guests (all Candelori clan) embarked onto the Valley Forge Golf Course. We got 9 holes in before the steady rain started and we all mutually called it quits.

The scores after nine holes were: Jim AF3R - 41, Joe Jr. KA3ACP – 43, Hal K3ATO – 49, Jim K3CHJ – 50, Paul N3CYO – 57, Bill K2LK – 58 and Terryl KA3LNK – 61 (hitting from the men's tees)

To no one's surprise, Jim AF3R is our 2003 Rooster Open Golf Champion. Congratulations Jim for a great effort under adverse conditions. To add insult to injury, he was also closest to the pin on hole #4.

Jim, K3CHJ
Golf Chairman

Rooster Picnic Financial Statement 2003

Weekend Event	Expense	Received	Deficit	Rooster %
<u>Recurring Expenses Yearly</u>				
Copy/Postage for Picnic Letter	\$ 235.60			
Insurance for Weekend	<u>\$ 350.00</u>			
Total	\$ 585.60		\$ 585.60	100%
 Golf Breakfast	 \$ 41.28		 \$ 41.28	 100%
 Banquet				
Bartender	\$ 100.00			
Chicken 13 @ \$18.00	\$ 234.00			
Beef 19 @ \$18.00	\$ 342.00			
Service Charge	\$ 109.44			
Tax	\$ 41.13			
Centerpieces	<u>\$ 35.11</u>			
Total	\$ 861.68			
Banquet 32 @ \$25.00		\$800.00	\$ 61.68	7%
 Picnic				
Hot Buffet 70 @ \$11.75	\$ 822.50			
Serving Staff (3)	\$ 250.00			
VF Picnic Grove Rental	\$ 200.00			
Beer	\$ 60.00			
Soda/Water	\$ 48.51			
Awards/Prizes	<u>\$ 245.48</u>			
Total	\$1,626.49			
 Picnic 76 @ \$22.00		 \$1,584.00		
Picnic 3 @ \$ 3.00		<u>\$ 6.00</u>		
		\$1,590.00	\$ 36.49	2%
Total Picnic Cost	\$3073.33	\$2,390.00	\$ 683.33	22%
Donations for 2003		\$ 614.00		
50/50		\$ 100.00		
Total	\$3073.33	\$3104.00	\$ 30.67	1%