

THE ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual picnic for our families and friends was held on Monday, July 19 at Round Lake, Illinois. Golf was played at Round Lake Country Club, where Don Swenson was our host and made his course available and had it in fine condition for us. The Committee had inspected the picnic area and the golf course some time before the picnic and decided to have the get-together on the lake front at Round Lake. In combination with the day that Bill Stupple picked out as official weather man from his records of over 40 years, (Editors Note: "I ain't that old.") the lake front was ideal. The beach was long and sloping and sandy, the water was warm as toast. The Mole has no idea as to the number of families that came, but Chairman Davis said that supplies of hot dogs that were ample last year, were inadequate and that we ran out of both dogs and buns. However, one of our members, Bill Saielli, scouted around and picked up a mess of them and everybody was happy. There was plenty of other food around and nobody went away hungry. In fact the Mole was able to pick up some delicious apple pie and turned down lots of cake and potato salad. He could have done better but he is trying to reduce and get down to Ray Didier's 170 pounds. Ray and Mrs. Didier were at the picnic and Ray looks in fine shape as though the farming and nursery business have agreed with him. Paul E. Burdett brought his little outboard boat and was kept busy riding big and little kids around the lake all afternoon and even then there were some who wanted to and didn't get to make a trip. The Mole was too busy in the water all afternoon to be able to give an accurate report of who and how many there were there. It was a beautiful, hot afternoon and a grand picnic. Ray Davis' games Committee with Mrs. Al Johnson, Mrs. Dom Grotti and Paul W. Burdett did not get a chance to run off the games till after supper. There was too much activity for everybody during the afternoon, but during the evening the kids had their games and the prizes were distributed and then the grown up couples lined up to toss eggs at each other. For the first time in their lives, wives threw eggs at their husbands legitimately and in spite of great care, there was many a spattered shirtwaist and yellowed shirt. Details are lacking as to the winners of the egg throwing contest, but everybody had a good time and that is what counts.

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Adolph Bertucci played golf at Round Lake, lost his watch on the course and had it returned to him during the course of the evening. Naturally, Adolph was very appreciative and happy.

As we go into the second half of the summer, it might be well to evaluate what has happened during the first half. June was hot with an unusual number of above 90 degree days. Greens trouble appeared everywhere with some men losing parts of greens in a very short while. Melting out seemed to be the worst pest all the early summer and even during July sudden and vicious attacks appeared with devastating results. However, prompt and effective action on the part of the Superintendents prevented the terrible loss of turf experienced during the 1949 season. Altogether, we are not in such bad shape considering everything.

The Mole regrets that he is not able to give as many personal items as usual but both the Mole and the Gopher have been busy doing what they can to help their friends and with the advent of cooler weather pledge that they will give their time and attention to filling these columns.

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