

## Coming Next...

### **MAAGCS Picnic** ***Wednesday, August 9th***

Bretton Woods Recreation Center welcomes back the MAAGCS Picnic Wednesday, August 9th. There have been a lot of changes at Bretton Woods since our last meeting in 1993. It's hard to imagine BWRC without Gerry Gerard and Larry Ott, but both gentlemen have left the center and are off to bigger adventures. Beginning in January 1995 our owners, the International Monetary Fund, entered a management arrangement with the Marriott Corporation and we are operating as a Marriott Conference Center. The facility itself is relatively unchanged, however, and the purpose of this article is to highlight some recreational activities nearby that we have overlooked in the past.

Bretton Woods is located on the Potomac River roughly 25 miles from downtown Washington. The C & O Canal National Park borders the course and offers some of the best hiking, biking, and canoeing found in the area. BWRC is located between Violet's Lock and Riley's Lock, both locks have access roads off River Road or you can park at our soccer fields and use a gate onto Violet's Lock Road. Violet's Lock was an inlet lock bringing water into the canal and the river is navigable to the north. To the south there are about five miles of beautiful white water and rocks culminating at Great Falls. Riley's Lock is also a historic lock, having one of the four aqueducts on the 60 mile canal taking the canal over Seneca Creek. You can see Loew's Island Golf Course directly across the river. The tow path is perfectly flat and you can walk or ride for miles. My favorite ride is to the north to Summit Hall Turf Farm about six miles. At Swain's Lock, two miles outside downtown Potomac, you can rent bicycles and canoes. If the weather is too hot for exercising and you have never visited Great Falls Park on the Maryland side, or if you haven't been since the bridges to Olmstead Island were completed, you really should go, it's beautiful and not far out of your way to BWRC. Turn left in Potomac on Falls Road about two miles, then right at the end on Canal Road and follow the signs to the park.

Once you reach Bretton Woods, we have golf, tennis, swimming, soccer, basketball, beach volleyball, fishing and plenty to eat and drink. Leave work early, bring the family and make it a day to remember.

#### **Picnic Information**

**Time:** 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Tennis Pavilion.

**Golf:** 11:00 am Shotgun, no exceptions. We need to resemble a golf outing as much as possible. \$25 per person.

**Swimming & Tennis:** Sign in and state that you are with the MAAGCS.

**Directions:** BWRC is 13 miles outside the Beltway, 8 miles past Potomac on River Road (MD 190) at the intersection of River Road and Seneca Road (MD 212).