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by Al Wimmer

It hasn’t been done for a long time, but on Saturday, April 21, 1979, Spring Forester’s Day was held at the Holst Tract State Forest. The day was modeled after Fall Forester’s Day, having field events and a large meal at the end of the day. The day was set aside to increase enthusiasm, participation, and comradship among participants rather than the usual competitive atmosphere that is felt during Fall Forester’s Day, which is held just prior to the Midwest Conclave, in which ISU participates yearly.

Of the 16 events scheduled, there was only time and energy for 12 of them. In these 12 events, over 20 different people placed first or second, so individual participation was high in all events.

John Jennett was the overall first place winner and second place went to Mark Sandvik. After the long day of challenging events, it was almost unanimously agreed that honorable mention be awarded to John Crane for his enthusiasm throughout the day’s events. Here’s your “E” for effort, John.

The day must be considered a success because of the needed break away from classes and the camaraderie that was felt by many at the close of the day.
Is that how you learned to throw a chain, Curt?

"Whew, that was hard work."

"OOMPH"