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In keeping with established tradition, the Forestry Club celebrated its regathering at the annual Fall Forester’s Day. To those unfamiliar with our holiday, it is a day of festive competition; re-creating the events and methods of the old-time loggers and foresters.

Fall Forester’s Day is held at Holst Tract State Forest. It’s a day of tree-felling, match splitting, tobacco spitting, buck sawing, speed-chopping, - - to name a few - - and good eating in good company. If you could fight off the mosquitos, it was a chance to roll up your sleeves and show off your skills at traditional forestry in a laid-back atmosphere.

This year, the Fall Forester’s Day was marked by good times, close competition, and about a dozen freak eggs, (some of which bounced and rolled up to forty feet without breaking!)

As darkness closed in on Holst Tract, the partying mood took hold of us. The group slowly broke up, only to rejoin later at Reinee Eshelman’s apartment where we talked until the wee hours of the morning while trying to diminish the world supply of popcorn.

ONE-MAN BUCK
1. Al Wimmer
2. Mike Scanlon

TWO-MAN BUCK
1. Mike Scanlon & John Jennett
2. Kris Holt & Al Wimmer

TWO-LADY BUCK
1. Julie Thompson & Sue Mellerup
2. Michelle Shaw & Margaret Straub

LOG ROLL
1. Greg Miller & Dave Peters
2. John Jennett & Mike Scanlon

DENDROLOGY
1. Mark Sandvik
2. Koral Santman

TOBACCO SPIT
1. Mike Scanlon

BOLT THROW
1. Mark Sandvik
2. Dave Peters

TRVERSE
1. Dave Hallam

EGG TOSS
1. Kris Holt & Duane Stall

PULP TOSS
1. Tim Morrow & Bob Hogeboom
2. Carl Mize & Greg Miller

SPEED CHOP
1. Mike Scanlon
2. John Jennett

TREE FELLING
1. Bob Hogeboom
2. Mike Scanlon

NAIL POUND
1. Kelley Peters
2. Patty Feany

MATCH SPLIT
1. Greg Miller
2. Al Wimmer
3. Sandy Hallam
4. Duane Stall (for lighting the match)

WOOD TECH
1. John Jennett

DIZZY IZZY
1. Jeff Miles