

The Solitude Pointe Picnic returned after a five year absence, with great fun. The temperatures were cool but the enthusiasm was hot. It started out with the Hawkinson's and the Kenney's enjoying conversation, but were soon joined by the Sharp's and the Taylor's. The kids started off the fun with a water cup relay to fill buckets to tip the teeter totters. Soon after, the adults began the horseshoe tournament to decide the new sub-division champion. More people began to filter in and by grilling time, several families were represented.



Everyone brought some great dishes to pass, and the charcoal grill began emitting the tempting smells of hot dogs and brats. Everyone was jealous of the steak being cooked by Eric Morfe, but he shared with many. The kids were in Heaven with a plethora of desserts to choose from.

After dinner and some great conversation, the fun continued with the dress up doggie parade. There were some creative minds at work, with a half dozen dogs strutting down the street. Personally, I think "Missy," the Taylor's dog, stole the show



Soon after, residents were asked to start their engines for the “Grasscar 200” lawn tractor race. Two laps around the park. Very fun. The kids ran alongside the competitors, as the battle raged on for bragging rights. In the end, Julie Sharp held off four other racers to claim the checkered flag. (We joked that she won the rights to mow the park for the next year!)



The kids were even given the chance to race one lap, and after Erin Sharp stalled going into turn two, Tara Hawkinson pulled away to win .



The horseshoe tournament was getting intense, and even went on into the darkness (by lantern and flashlight), but in the end, Alicia and Mark Velarde were the overall winners and took home the trophy.







The women seemed to appreciate the propane heater that Frank Kenney graciously provided later in the early evening.

In the end, a warm campfire helped to settle everyone into a relaxed mood until mother nature could hold off no more and started to rain down to close the event. Thank you to all who helped with food, tables, chairs, canopies, campfire grill and propane heater. See you next year for more fun.

