World Bank Group Archives
Exhibit Series

Summer Recreation at the World Bank Group

NUMBER 052
ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED: JUNE 2006

January 2016
The World Bank Group Archives Exhibit Series contains exhibits originally published on the Archives’ external website beginning in 2002. When the Archives’ website was transferred to a new platform in 2015, it was decided that older exhibits would be converted to pdf format and made available as a series on the World Bank’s external database, Documents & Reports.

These exhibits, authored by World Bank archivists, highlight key events, personalities, and publications in the history of the World Bank. They also bring attention to some of the more fascinating archival records contained in the Archives’ holdings.

To view current exhibits, visit the Exhibits page on the Archives’ website.
Summer Recreation at the World Bank Group

Every summer, World Bank Group staff and their families would meet for a day of fun outdoor activities. Following the tradition started in the early 1950’s, the World Bank Group staff gathered for the annual picnic in 1959.

The annual picnic in 1961 was held at Smokey Glen Farm, Gaithersburg, Maryland. The photographs above depict scenes from this event.
Tennis, softball and golf were among the favorite summer sports of World Bank Group staff. Clubs would meet throughout the year to prepare for the upcoming season and recruit new members. More and more teams were formed every year to play and participate in the tournaments, and each season ended with an awards banquet.