

**Pine Knoll
Shores
Fire
Department**



**P K S FIRE DEPARTMENT RODEO--
HUGE SUCCESS**

The recently renovated Garner Park was the scene of the first Pine Knoll Shores Fire Department Rodeo.

On November 15th the entire Fire Dept. participated in several practical competitions, followed by a picnic, featuring barbecued chicken breasts (cooked to perfection by the Fire Auxiliary president, Barbara Flynt) and MANY side dishes (contributed by the members wives).

The competitions, directed by Capt. Dave Gildner, started with a speed test consisting of the donning of "Bunker Gear" (Turn out gear-clothes worn while fighting a fire). The 1998 champion was Lt. Walter Geist, with firefighter Norm Beattie as runner up.

The second competition was also a timed event, that consisted of donning S C B A (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) equipment, while in full Bunker Gear--ready for entry into a burning building. The Filan brothers were the two winners, with Vic barely beating out Bill.

The third competition involved two man teams. They were required to remove the Positive Pressure Fan from the fire truck, carry/wheel it some 30 feet, start it and direct the air flow into a basketball hoop, blowing a balloon out of the net. John Riso and Fred Boring made up the winning team (55 seconds), while two teams tied for runners-up---Roger Middlesteadt and Lt. Ed Schlatterer, and Lou Tresino and Lt. Duke Foulk (1 minute 7 seconds).

The final competition was one of real teamwork. It was the "Ladder, Lock &

Hose." Two men removed a ladder from the fire truck, carried it to the side of a building while a third man took the booster hose (charged line) from the truck, handed the hose up the ladder to one of the ladder men who locked in and who started a water stream. The hose and ladder were returned to the truck, to end the competition. Lt. Walter Geist, Norm Beattie and John Riso were first with a time of 1 minute. Roger Middlesteadt, Lt. Ed Schlatterer, and Capt. Dave Gildner were runners up with a time of 1 min. 10 sec.

Trophies were awarded to the winners, and coffee mugs to the runners up.

The outing was voted a HUGE success, thanks to the efforts of many people, too numerous to mention....but you know who you are. My personal THANKS TO YOU ALL.

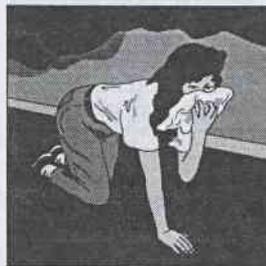
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Andy Turney - Fire Chief

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