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# Information For Visitors



## Stickball Players and Rules, Manners

Indians get up stickball at this time, chances are good. A phrase used in the blood in an area is real. It was in-chiefs who fully players would slaughtering was the idea. for spunky young

warriors in those days just as they do today and the chiefs knew that idle time, petty arguments and disagreements could lead to savage brawls and feuds.

**Grudges Paired Off.**  
So rather than have the young bucks lie in ambush for their enemies and crease their scalp locks with a stone axe, the chiefs invented stickball. Each full moon, the chief rounded up his quarrelsome warriors, paired them off according to individual grudges and set the whole crowd to playing stickball.

The ball is an oversized walnut. Each player carries a small racquet. The only rule is that the ball cannot be picked up from the ground with anything but the racquet. Once the player has his hands on the ball he can get it through the enemy goalposts any way he chooses. He can throw, run, crawl, fight, slug and anything else that helps. Usually he puts the ball in his mouth to keep both hands free and lights out for the goal.

Since each player has an opponent and that opponent is chosen for his enmity, the game soon turns into a series of two-way brawls all over the field with very little attention being paid to the ball.

### Referees Mum

That is perfectly all right with the three referees who generally have grudges too and pay little attention to their supposed job of keeping order with their long switches.

Things have changed slightly now. The Cherokees, who stayed in the Great Smoky Mountains despite the best efforts of the Army to push them westward, play stick-

## Necessary Link On The Parkway



Not all the Blue Ridge Parkway follows the mountain tops. There are several tunnels along the route which add a little unexpected variety to the traveler. This particular tunnel is at Wolf Laurel on the Parkway leading off Soco Gap. The highway is closed at this particular spot, however. There are three tunnels in the vicinity of Waynesville. (Mountaineer Photo).

ball just at the spring council and at their October fair. That means that pent up grudges are saved up six times as long, and afterwards during councils or fairs are times for mayhem on the stickball field.

### Hard on Hose

Thirty pairs of hose are worn out per year by the average business woman.

## Great Variety Of Plants Found In National Park

Few, if any, areas in the eastern United States possess so great a variety of plants as does the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Altogether, the tree, shrub, and herb varieties total more than 1,300.

Botanists have also listed over 1,700 species of fungi, 330 mosses and liverworts, and 230 lichens.

The earliest flowers occasionally appear by the close of February in lowland areas, while the witch-

hazel, latest to bloom, may hold its blossoms into December. Late April finds the spring flowers, including the abundant dogwood, at their blossoming peak; May is best for the mountain laurel; middle June usually finds both the flame azalea and rose-purple rhododendron at their finest, while the white rhododendron's blooming peak is reached usually in middle July. The height of the autumn coloration comes near the end of October.

### Mayonnaise Hint

Piquante Mayonnaise, excellent for salads, can be made by adding 1/4 cup chopped sour pickles and two tablespoons of chopped onions to regular mayonnaise.

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