

Minutes of SPGNA 2010 Picnic at Bear Creek Park, Houston

On 27th November 2010, members of the Society of Petroleum Geophysicists North American Chapter (SPGNA) and their families got together for a picnic at the beautiful Bear Creek Park in Houston. A particularly crisp winter afternoon, it was just the perfect weather for an outdoor event. While men energetically participated in games of football and volleyball, women mostly enjoyed practicing their skills at badminton. The gathering consisted of both the senior and junior members, and the informal nature of the gathering ensured a free discussion on the trends and concerns of both personal and professional lives. The senior members were happy to guide and advise the young professionals. Some of the senior members like Dr. Mrinal Sen and Dr. Subhashis Mallick drove all the way from Austin and Wyoming respectively, to encourage the young guns with their presence. There is no greater stimulus for thinking minds than food; members enjoyed both the Indian delicacies from 'All Bengal' as well as American Pizza. An on-spot tea making session handled exclusively by the boys, reminded everyone of the pleasures offered by the local 'chai' joints in India. The aim of such meetings is to let the members connect on a personal level too, as letting oneself loose once in a while rejuvenates the interactions between the members.

Below are some of the moments captures in camera. The pictures are courtesy of Chandni Kumar and Dhananjay Kumar.

The minutes were prepared by Vinita Shalini.



Time for a photo-op



Our driving forces: Dr. Mrinal Sen (2nd from left), Dr. Partha Routh (2nd from right) and Dr. Subhashis Mallick (extreme right) with younger members Ravi Shekhar (leftmost) and Dilip Tiwari (in middle).



Dhananjay with his tea-making paraphernalia, surrounded by supportive friends!



Everyone seems to be enjoying the good weather along with tea!



No one could match these kids' enthusiasm



No, not just posing; they were seriously game for it!