

Alumni Picnic at the Toronto Islands

Fun under the Sun

A number of alumni gathered at the Toronto Center Islands on a sunny Saturday in August for a small picnic. Here is an account of the event by Anwar Ahmed who painstakingly arranged the get-together.

Ferry ride, Cricket, Soccer and Tasty Pakistani Food

On Saturday August 22, the first IBA alumni picnic was organized. The venue was Center Island (Toronto Island). Around 35 persons gathered. Few other than IBAians were also invited.

Alumni and their families participated enthusiastically to make this event a big success. Everyone seemed to agree with the idea of having a potluck lunch; there was a nice assortment of delicious Pakistani dishes.

Just to name them- Biryani, Chicken BBQ, Gosht Salan, Qeema, Chicken Salan, Noodles, Shami Kabab, Cholay and for those who wanted to have non-desi foods, sandwiches were also

there. And not to forget the Suji Halwa and sweets for dessert. Many thanks to all those who took the trouble of making these items.

As planned everyone gathered near the Second Cup store on Queen's Quay one block away from the ferry terminal. Some people were waiting by the terminal as well. It turned out to be a good opportunity for introductions. Around four in the afternoon we all boarded the ferry to Center Islands.

After the late lunch, the business of introductions and exchanging conversations continued. Later, there was the cricket and soccer game.

Apparently people thoroughly enjoyed the picnic and general feedback is that we should have more of such occasions. But I guess this year time for the picnic is over so we may organize some indoor gatherings.

I also suggest that we should start some sort of sports amongst IBAians. Any suggestion is most welcome.

Some of our friends could not join due to their prior commitments. Hope that next time we will have a bigger crowd.

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