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## FUN GAMES FOR THE SWIMMING POOL By Evelyn Witter

When you and your friends get tired of swimming practice and sun-tan lounging, your swimming pool fun isn't over. This is the time to have more fun with swimming pool games.

The first one is PILOT PING-PONG.

This is a good game for shallow water bathers. Two sides line up behind a captain in shallow water. A ping-pong ball is floated in front of each captain. At the count of three the two captains begin the game by trying to pilot the balls across the water by blowing on them. They have to blow their ball across the pool and back again for the next player. They may not use their hands to touch the ball or move the water. Using hands counts them out of the game and the next player must take over where they left off. The first team whose players have all piloted the ball back and forth wins the game.

The second swimming pool game is called DIVE AND SEEK. This game is fun for both shallow water and deep water swimmers.

Dive and Seek will remind you of Hide and Seek. All the players except the leader line up on one side of the pool and cover their eyes. The leader has an object, preferably shiny for easy seeing, like a metal belt buckle or a brick wrapped in aluminum foil.

When all eyes are covered the leader hides the object somewhere in the pool, being very careful to place it quietly so the splash won't give away the hiding place. Then the leader calls out: "Dive and Seek!" All players begin the watery search and the first one to find the object is the leader who gets to hide it the next time.

The third game is called CALL TO COLORS. This is a game for those who are skilled in deep water swimming. Everybody except the "color caller" lines up on one side of the pool. The caller treads water in the middle of the pool. The game begins when the caller calls out three colors. If the colors are the same like white, white, white, for example, everybody dives in and swims for the other side. Any who are tagged by the "color caller" before they touch the edge of the pool must stay in the water and help the caller tag the others. And too, anyone who dives by mistake, when the three colors called are not the same (white, white, red, for instance) must stay in. The last one tagged wins.

The fourth game is not only fun to play but improves your leg work too. It's called PADDLE BOAT RACE. All the swimmers line up against the side of the pool with arms outstretched. At a whistle from the person who acts as steamboat captain they all push off, and with faces in the water, arms out stiff, they paddle across the pool. (The paddle should be some special type of kick for good practice...the flutter kick, or the scissors, etc.) The first swimmer to touch wins.

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THE FLAMINGO'S SUNBATH  
By Margaret Evelyn Singleton  
(illustration #5)

A flamingo stood sunning, quite cozy,  
When a duck said "Perhaps I seem nosey,  
But how can you tell  
If you're sunburning well  
When your color's already so rosy?

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