

Cabin John Park Picnic

July 16, 2019

David Gross unlocked the gate to the Cabin John Picnic area at 11 am on a perfect summer day. He was joined by grill master Avi Strolson, who set about cleaning and koshering.



Caterer/quartermaster extraordinaire Vince Berg unloaded mountains of hamburgers, hot-dogs, and all the fixings. Chuck Brownstein set out fresh corn and watermelon. Isaak Bockman, Dave Fenster, Eddie Chidikel, Simon Sznurman, Avi, Marvin Arluk and Lew Cohen got the food prep going.



Sheldon Lehner arrived with a whole sporting good store worth of picnic game equipment and, with David Gross, set up a whiffle ball field, a horse shoe pitching ground, and an assortment of field game setups.



Toby directed parking traffic, and members starting arriving at the pavilions. By 1 PM more that 55 were on hand to dig into, and over the next 90 minutes, feast on more than enough hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, potato salad, cold slaw, ears of grilled corn and oversize watermelons!

With the serious business of chowing down completed, more fun happened. Alvin Lieberman (official Bronx champion) showed how to pitch horseshoes. Before long, a large group of “boys of summer” were off imitating bulldogs and Englishmen in the mid-day sun, first



with a whiffle baseball game, then with an extended water balloon-tossing contest. “Official Ref” Sheldon led active competitions in sports trivia, basketball tossing, velcro baseball pitching and one (giant) pin bowling in the shade of the pavilion.

Picnickers were treated to a gentle breeze, cold beverages, more watermelon and finally, the piece de resistance

(for those who couldn't resist) smores (inventively assembled and grilled by Lew and Eddie). Full, tired and happy, a large group lingered in the shade schmoozing and wrapping up a great day out.

