

2019 Annual Gateway GTO Picnic and Washer Tournament

by Gail Schott



This year's picnic was held on Sunday, October 6. It was pushed out a little bit in order to avoid the heat that we had last year. As it turned out, the weather was cooler, but along with the cooler temperatures we had overcast skies. This did not daunt our hearty crew of BBQ'rs! This year we had the expertise of Tony Bezzole, Rich Vie, Richie Vie and Robert Anderson. Collectively they put out another great array of barbequed meats for us to enjoy.

Terry and Gail Schott arrived at 8:00 AM and started the task of cleaning out the BBQ pits. As it turned out, the used charcoal had already been dumped and we just had to wire-brush the grates and load them up with fresh charcoal and set them afire. Tony arrived shortly, and we completed the cleaning and firing task. Rich Vie arrived and as soon as the coals were ready, they started loading up the grills with pork steaks, chicken breasts, hamburgers, bratwurst, and hot dogs. Around 11 AM, members started arriving, and by the time it was all over we had approximately 48 members who participated in the lunch and washer tournament.





Many thanks to Barb Lewis, who even though is now retired, is keeping in good graces with her former employer in order to borrow the many washer games that they have. Many of us played in the tournament again. Even though some light rain showers showed up..., the games went on! The competition and anticipation were at their max. The washers would clang into the box, but with frustration..., would often bounce right back out onto the pavement! Ahh..., but when they would “stick”, shouts of joy would erupt from the team! Tony Bezzole was once again on the winning team. He and Joe Mayweather beat

out the competition. Tom Oxler and Will Bowers, each holding up one finger must have thought *they* were number 1?! But alas, no, those were big “L’s”, ...the winners of the “Losers!”

So, whether you were relaxing and watching the game, perusing thru the magazines that Will Bowers was trying to purge before their move, scratching your head while watching Bob Blattel perform some of his magic, or “throwin’ them washers”, everyone seemed to have a great time.

