



OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



Hello all you picklers!!! We have had a busy Spring and Summer and it's continuing into Fall. We want to share with you the growth in players and events we have witnessed so far in 2022.

The picture above is a long awaited view of the **Bob Edger Pickleball Complex** that opened officially August 2nd in the Town of Elmira. It has been a popular place for existing and new players alike since opening. Everyone is really enjoying the beautiful **LIGHTED** Courts. More to come below on how we have been able to use the new courts to share the Pickleball experience with all ages. A huge Thank You to **The Friends of Bob Edger** for, not only their monetary Donations, but for their Labor, Materials, and Time and to the Town of Elmira for allowing it all to come together.



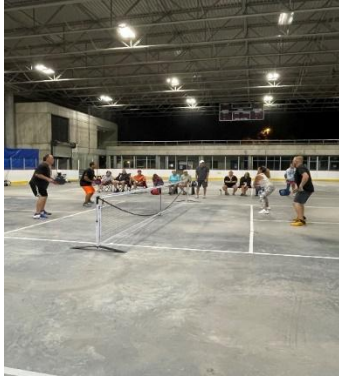
Picklers didn't waste any time getting back to outdoors in the spring. March 26th a group got together with some PATT Members and hung the windscreens at Chapel Park!! Thanks to all the dedicated workers!!

Our first Spring Event was the **Second Annual PATT Spring Pickleball Round Robin** held at Chapel Park in Pine City, May 18th and 20th. Beginner/Novice was held on the 18th. Despite their beginner jitters, they all seemed to truly enjoy themselves, and played well. Intermediate/Advanced played on the 20th and showed some good competition.

Congrats to **Beginners/Novice 1st Place Winners, Daisy McPeak & Dan Lewis** **2nd Place Winners, Dawn Dimon & Ian Vischansky**. Congrats to **Intermediate/Advanced 1st Place Winners, Bobbie Crandall & Tim Doughty**, **2nd Place Winners Chuck Amrine & Billy Rappalee**.



We also had a Basket Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, Pickleball Paddle Raffle, graciously donated by Susan Redding, a Representative of diNGK Sports.



CORNING PICKLEBALL A big shout out to the Corning Pickleball Group & Alex Hamilton, Recreation Director for working together with PATT to prepare the Corning Civic Center to be added as a place to play pickleball. There are 6 covered, lighted courts and was added to places to play on our website.

Thanks for the help of some of our PATT Members who assisted in preparing the courts to be open by painting lines on the courts. Some members of the PATT League Committee met with Alex and shared our desire to have our Summer League held at the Corning Civic Center, and so it began. Lighted, Covered, Courts, how can you go wrong?



So, our **2ND ANNUAL PATT SUMMER LEAGUE** began at the Corning Civic Center on June 22nd. We had 12 Beginner/Intermediate Teams and 12 Intermediate/Advanced Teams, consisting of 2-3 players with some very

interesting team names. We also had a Sub List consisting of 20 people, bringing our Roster to 78, which also increased Corning's Memberships. They played every Wednesday thru August 10th, with Finals on August 17th. We never missed a game, even though there were some rainy days. There was great competition to watch and some of the Beginners/Novice from the Spring Tournament played in the League. It was exciting to see their improvements. Again, more new faces. We were happy to support the Corning Parks and Recreation Program. Alex Hamilton, Recreation Director, worked well to accommodate us, even supplying snacks and water for a voluntary donation. Thank you!!

The playoffs were so much fun to watch!!! There were some really good, intense games with lots of spectators. Pizza and cookies were provided by PATT for players and spectators. PATT also provided surprise raffle prizes for participants.



Beginner/Intermediate Winners: **1st Place – Melissa Wichtowski, Daisy McPeak & Lindsay Barrile (not pictured)**, **2nd Place – Wendy Hall, Ben Hall & Jennifer Howe**, **3rd Place – Mike Rundle, Mark Depue & Henry Fuksman (not pictured)**



Intermediate/Advanced Winners: **1st Place – Tim Doughty & Bill Rapalee**, **2nd Place – Kimberly Maloney & Steve Smith**, **3rd Place – Diane Berman, Julie Kucko & Ken Emmanuel (not pictured)**

The winner of the DINK'd Paddle Raffle was **Caitlin Sutton**!!!

Steve Smith generously donated a Pickleball Paddle from his sponsor **HUDEF**, and the winner was drawn during the beginning of our Fall Ladder League.

Congratulations to **Steve Forrest** who won that Raffle.

Thank you to those who purchased tickets for all our Raffles. The proceeds go towards the growth and promotion of pickleball in our area.

TOWN OF ELMIRA BOB EDGER PICKLEBALL COMPLEX

Finally after years in the making and many setbacks the Town of Elmira gained 6 beautifully designed, lighted pickleball courts and they are getting great use. Many people shared that they have been waiting for these courts for a long time! We have seen many new faces on the courts, with a variety of skill levels. Several of our PATT Members, while playing on the new courts have taken the initiative to give instructions and guidance to newer players. They have all been very appreciative.

The first official event held on the new courts was a **Kids Clinic** arranged by **Patty Carozza** for **Town of Elmira Parks and Rec**, in August. **PATT Members, Chuck Liberatore, Dorothy Marshall and Bill Hoyt**, got together with the Camp Leaders and gave 24 Summer Camp kids ages 6-12 the basics of Pickleball. The kids loved it and wanted to start competitive games right away. They were hooked! . They even started calling Chuck **"Coach Pickle"**!!! We saw some real potential with them and have even seen them on the courts playing since then.

Dorothy and Chuck also rounded up some Tennis players and some interested people from the Waverly, Sayre area who wanted to learn about pickleball. They spent time at the Town of Elmira Courts giving them instructional lessons. Of course, because of their tennis skills, they picked up the game quickly and will be well on their way up the ladder.

PATT Fall Ladder League - Very quickly after the Summer League ended the PATT League Committee began plans for a Fall League. With a lot of preparing and time spent, a League was formed and began on September 7th and will continue to run thru October 26th. The league is being held at the Town of Elmira, Bob Edger Pickleball Complex. The lights were completed just in time to allow for night play. A few adjustments to the lights were made and some minor adjustments still need to be made, but the courts are well lit and everyone is enjoying the night play.



The League is set up with **Women's and Men's Intermediate**, no partners needed. You play 2 games with everyone in your foursome and move up the ladder according to number of games won. Ultimately you end up playing competitive games with similar skill level. Intermediate Leagues filled up fast and have 12 players each.



Advanced Women started out the first night with 6, but by the second week they had 8 and are going strong with the same format. Last week there were some long matches on one court and some tired players! They were very competitive games, so I guess they found their way to similar skill level.



Advanced Men didn't have enough players who could committ to every week, so they rounded up over 24 players that were willing to play when they could. They started the first night with 16 players and as always their games are very competitive and fun to watch the fight for the top court.



Everyone will be starting their fifth week, Wednesday, October 5th . Intermediate play starts at

5:30 and Advance at approximately 7:00. **Feel free to stop down and watch.**

So, it has been a busy Pickleball Season and we see the sport growing so fast in our area. The cold season is coming and it's going to force us to go indoors. Make sure you visit our **Website@ pickleballtwintiers.com** where you can find a drop down menu of **Places to Play** in our area. You will also find information about how to **become a PATT Member** if you aren't already, along with other updates and happenings. We also have a **Facebook page at [Pickleball Association of the Twin Tiers](#)** with lots of informational posts and pictures. We post upcoming events, tournaments, etc in the area. **For more information on places to play wherever you are, you can go to USApickleball.org and click on Play, choose Places to Play from the drop down menu and search away!!**

Being a PATT Member gives you discounts on certain events and you will receive emails on all our Membership Events, News and Happenings.

PATT is now part of the Pickleball Central Club Rewards Program. [Under this program you will receive a 5% discount on everything you purchase from Pickleball Central.](#) Our Association will also receive a 5% reward for each purchase. This is a great way to get a discount while helping our Association promote the growth of pickleball in our community.

See you on the Courts!!!!