



PATT Fall Newsletter

October 2023

Hello all Current, Past and Future PATT Members!!! We hope you all have had a great Summer!!

PATT has sponsored several events over this season and we would like to share them with you. But first we would like to say THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to all those who participated in the events. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and will continue to participate. We are always interested in hearing your input and suggestions, so please feel free to contact us if you have any!

THANK YOU to all those who volunteered at the events. It is so nice to know that the pickleball community is willing to help us meet our goal to grow the sport of pickleball in the Twin Tiers. It also gives us an opportunity to get to know you and to hear of any suggestions or new ideas you might have.

Volunteers are a very important part of successful events. The more pickleball players there are, the more volunteers are required to keep things moving smoothly and to bring fresh new ideas to the table.

We are looking for all types of volunteers for all of the PATT sponsored events, including but not limited to, Youth programs,

Tournaments, Leagues, etc. (Youth Programs especially, as they are the future of pickleball!) Also, if you are interested in being on any committees to help with the planning of events, please contact us.

You can volunteer for anything from running an event to selling raffle tickets. Please contact us at www.pickleballtwintiers@gmail.com if you are interested.

All that being said, see below for what PATT has accomplished this Spring, Summer and Fall season.

The Tournament Committee started out the season with a Spring Tournament at the Bob Edger Pickleball Courts in Elmira. The Tournament was held on May 13, 2023 @ 10:00 am. There were 2 divisions –Mixed Intermediate and Mixed Advanced. The top four players moved into the final round with the top 3 being awarded medals.

Advanced Winners:

1st place - Steve Smith, **2nd place** -Tim Doughty, **3rd place** - Jared Parker, **4th place** - Kim Maloney

Intermediate Winners:

1st place - Marvin Roberts, **2nd place** - Shinhee Leone, **3rd place** - James McIntosh, **4th place** - Daisy McPeak

The first “Ladies only” Round Robin Tournament was held this year on Saturday, September 9th at the Robert Edger Memorial Pickleball Courts in West Elmira. The rain only held the tournament up for an hour, as many volunteers helped to clear the courts as well as performing other duties needed to make this a very successful and fun day. A shout out to PATT Members, Patti, Duane, Michelle, Melissa, Mike, Bob, Scott and Marv!

There were two events with 26 players total between the divisions. The top four players in each division had a playoff for the top 4 spots, with the top 3 awarded medals.

Advanced Winners:

1st place - Kim Maloney, **2nd place** - Diane Berman, **3rd place** - Deb Prutsman and **4th place** - Tracy Mennig

Intermediate Winners:

1st place - Meg Lin, **2nd place** - Anna Khrapkorr, **3rd place** - Elaine Klugo and **4th place** - Cindy Beyler

A Big Thank You to New York Sport and Fitness Pickleball, Joycrest Pickleball and Chemung County Family Fitness Center for their generous donation of the Tournament Prizes!!

The Clinic/Lesson Committee sponsored a Lesson Clinic for Intermediate players wishing to improve their game. PATT members donated their time and expertise every Monday for 4 weeks, starting June 4th at Chapel Park. There were 12 spots available and they filled up fast. They focused on shots down the middle, proper stance, deep serves, deep returns, 3rd shot drop, court positioning, improving dink shot, proper backhand/forehand, and proper footwork. Everyone had a great time and felt the lessons were very helpful. We look forward to doing it again next season!

The Youth Committee, sponsored a youth pickleball program at the Town of Elmira Edger Pickleball Complex on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2-4 pm for six weeks from June 27th – August 3rd. Seventeen youths from ages 8-14 signed up and learned the basics from volunteer instructors. Many individuals learned skills to the point where they played short games. Many volunteers were very helpful to make this event a success. We are looking into sponsoring

a more structured program next year and perhaps a Youth Tournament. A special Thank You to NYSF Pickleball who donated 20 paddles for the youth program.

PATT participated in another Youth event this year. Last year PATT volunteers were asked to give a 2-hour pickleball session to the youth summer camp group from the Town of Elmira at the Bob Edger pickleball courts. The Youth Camp Director, Patti Carozza, got a great response from the kids last year and requested we do the pickleball session again this year. The kids all had such a great time. There were two sessions, one Monday July 31st and the second one on Wednesday August 2nd. There were 24 kids, ranging from 6-12. Most of them had never played pickleball before. With racquets in hand (donated by NYSF Pickleball) and some fun drills and instructions the kids were hitting balls in the courts and some were playing games at the end. They didn't want to leave, and will surely be coming back next year.

The League Committee organized Summer and Fall Leagues on Wednesdays at Bob Edger Pickleball Complex.

The PATT sponsored Summer League was for Intermediate Level (3.5 and below) from 5-7 pm and Advanced level (3.5 and above) from 7-9. The league ran from June 27th – Aug 2nd. We had 24 people sign up for each division. We ran a ladder league using Pickleball Brackets, based on Percentage of points, to determine position on the ladder each week. Everyone had a great time and we all enjoyed pizza and treats on the last night of the league.

The Fall League ran from Aug 16th – Oct 4th. We ran a women's ladder league from 5-7 pm and a men's ladder league from 7-9 pm. We used Pickleball Brackets software and tried different

methods of ranking, including percentage of points and club ratings. We filled all positions with 24 people in each division. Again, everyone enjoyed the league and especially the pizza and laughs afterward.

The Grant Committee applied for and received a grant from Franklin Pickleball. It included 50 paddles, 50 balls and tape to line courts. The committee is planning to follow up with the school athletic departments to see if there is any interest in having them use the equipment and also if they would need any assistance learning or teaching the game. If you would like to submit any other suggestions feel free to send an email to www.pickleballtwintiers@gmail.com.

Public Relations Committee contacted Rainbow Lettering to open up the online PATT clothing store. Many new items were added and it was a successful fundraiser. You will probably be able to see the items modeled around town! We plan on opening up the store more often. Check Facebook and our Website for announcements. A big Thank You to Melissa Wichtowski for spearheading the entire clothing store.

UPDATES ON THE PROGRESS OF NEW AND RESURFACING COURTS IN THE AREA:

Big Flats – The Town Supervisor, Lee Giammichele, has reported that they are in the process of putting together the RFP (Request for Proposal) to send out to contractors. They are planning to break ground next year, as long as the new board members are still in favor of the project.

Chapel Park – The Town of Southport is working with Edger Enterprises Inc. on a proposal for resurfacing Pickleball and Tennis Courts along with the walking track/trail.

Corning - Houghtalen, Don has reported: The biggest improvement was clean floors! The courts are less slippery and the balls stay cleaner. There is still an issue with visibility. If and when we get the new lights that will all but eliminate problems tracking the ball. I feel until we get the lights it is not safe to have competitive play like a league. There is definitely interest to have leagues in Corning.

The city plans to improve the tennis courts (2) at Denison and probably stripe them for pickleball as well.

The high school built new tennis courts (8) this year. They striped 4 of them for pickleball and use them for gym classes.

The Corning area now has 13 public outdoor courts:

6 at the rink

4 at the high school tennis courts

2 at Beartown Rd lighted tennis courts

1 at a park in Hornby

PATT MEMBERSHIPS

PATT Memberships run from **January to December** and qualify you to receive discounts on PATT events, priority sign up of events and a 5% discount if you purchase anything from Pickleball Central. Some events require you to be a PATT Member to participate. You will also receive emails notifying you of the events and any other pertinent information about PATT.

Student Memberships are \$10 per year

Individual Memberships are \$20 per year

Family Memberships are \$40 per year (2 Adults and children living in the household under 21 years of age)

Attached you will find the application to complete and return with your check payable to: **PATT PO Box 1042, Elmira, NY 14902**

We are in the early stages of updating our website to include online Membership and payment. We are hoping to have it completed mid to late 2024. Thank you for your patience during this process. **Please continue to submit your payments through the mail until this process is completed. We will notify everyone through email when it is up and running**

Your Memberships help us to sponsor events and programs, which allows us to continue our goal of supporting and growing the sport of pickleball in the Twin Tiers. Thank you for your continued support.

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