

PICKLEBALL LINCOLN

Online Newsletter

The Winter Issue Featuring:

- New park bench dedicated to Bill Roehrs
- Winter pickleball play
- Cornhole and new gates at Peterson Park



PLI MEMBERSHIP

Your PLI membership is only \$15 a year and your dollars help support our club. Joining PLI also ensures that you are up to date on all local pickleball news, special events, and tournament offerings. Thank you so much for being a member of PLI! Memberships renew annually in May. From the PLI website, click on the red JOIN button to become a member. Go to: www.pickleballlincoln.com

Bill Roehrs Gets “Benched”

On a chilly day in November, pickleball players gathered at Eden Park to dedicate a new courtside bench in honor of Bill Roehrs. Wearing masks and using their water bottles, they toasted to Bill’s dedication to the advancement of our favorite sport through his roles as one of Lincoln’s Ambassadors of Pickleball and also District Ambassador.

No donations were collected for the purchase of the bench—it was paid for in full by one anonymous donor who wanted to keep the satellite courts bouncing by not taking away from donations given to PLI.



As he’s been known to do, Bill told a story or two and then he and all of those gathered commenced to playing pickleball just as the sun came out to warm up the courts. A big thank you goes out to Bill Roehrs for all he has done for PLI and the Lincoln pickleball community!



Mike Korsakas, Larry Kay, and Max Wing attend the dedication of the bench at Eden courts, honoring Bill Roehrs



Bill finds a great spot to have a quick, rejuvenating nap between matches

December 2020 Pickleball: Fun, Fitness, Friendship..... and Freezing!



Sally Connell executes
a serve



Miriam Wallick and Dennis Burkle
bundle up and enjoy the chilly
December weather



Charlie Safarik and Dave
Lux enjoy outdoor play in
the sun



Tom McDonald warms up
fast



Stan Gierhan keeps his eye on
the ball



Chuck Gregorios sets
up his backhand



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Peterson Court Improvements

Recent PLI donations have gone towards improving court safety at Peterson Park. Towards the end of the outdoor season, four new gates were installed in the west courts to prevent balls from rolling onto adjacent courts. New bars were also installed on the bottoms of fences to prevent balls from rolling underneath the internal fences. Both additions make the courts safer and reduce the number of times that play has to stop because of errant balls.



Cornhole & Pickleball

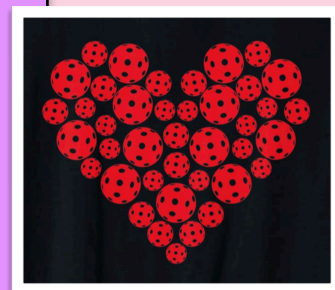
Pickleballers can now be multi-sport athletes. Many thanks to Andrew Palmer who built two new cornhole boards for PLI members. These boards will be stored in the orange PLI lock box located by the west courts of Peterson Park. They can be used for fun social events, and you can even learn the basics of the pickleball drop shot by practicing your cornhole throw! If you are interested in having your own cornhole board, (customization is available) please contact Andrew through his email: andypalmer109@gmail.com



For other wood projects and to learn more about cornhole boards, you can also visit Andrew's Facebook page, **S.A.W Woodworking**.

January Pickleball

Who would have ever guessed that the first two weeks of January could be great for outdoor pickleball? The only issue was...some snow had to be removed from the courts first. Several hardy souls attacked the snow at Ballard and Eden Park courts. Channel 8 TV news came out and interviewed Phil Wolfe and featured his efforts on the evening news. Way to go, Phil! Read the news article here: <https://www.klknv.com/cold-temps-wont-stop-this-lincoln-man-from-staying-active/>



Above, Phil Wolfe celebrates a shot with snow in the background



Above right, Cliff Lemen, and below right, Trish Freeman together clean snow off a Ballard court



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What did one pickle say to the other on Valentine's Day?
Answer: You mean a great dill to me!

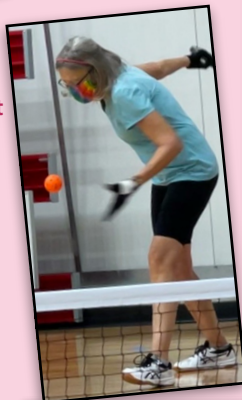
What happened when the two pickleball players met?
Answer: It was "lob" at first sight!

How did the pickleball flirt with the paddle?
Answer: He said, "Hit me up!"



Speedway Reopens January 2021

After discontinuing play half of November and all of December due to COVID-19 concerns, PLI resumed pickleball play at Speedway in the beginning of January. (To play at Speedway, you must be a PLI member. See the PLI website for more details.) Special thanks to PLI board member Jane Cech for organizing play and opening Speedway in the mornings, as well as many other volunteers who assist with opening and closing each day.



Featured players at Speedway from left to right and then clockwise:

Deby Beck celebrates a great hit

Dennis Bauers and Jon Grubb finish up a game

Brenda Wacker and Julie Grubb team up

Dennis Burkle and "Brucey B." Bowers in the background

Jim Shaw faces off against Miriam Wallick

Skyview photo of Speedway players

Joan Dietrich sends off a scorching serve



♥ Our Pickleball Sweethearts ♥

Mark Nelson
Bill Roehrs
Jane Cech
Gale Breed
Joel Houston
Mike Magnuson
Rosalie Duffy

THANK YOU PLI BOARD MEMBERS!!

Do you have a special talent?

Pickleball Lincoln is always looking for volunteers in many areas like court maintenance and surrounding area upkeep, photography, or even assisting in teaching new players.

If you have a special talent that could help out our club, contact Bill Roehrs at 402-432-6790 or email him at wroehrs@me.com

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