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***Silver Bay YMCA offers expanded outdoor recreation with new courts***

***Outdoor recreational opportunities increased at Silver Bay***

Silver Bay YMCA is proud to be offering expanded outdoor recreational activities with the addition of its four Pickleball courts. Silver Bay YMCA unveiled its new courts on July 7 which were made possible by the help of Silver Bay's generous donors.

Powered by the inspiration of Silver Bay YMCA members, enough money was raised in a year to not only build the pickleball courts, but to resurface the hard tennis courts and basketball courts. Pickleball court lines were also added to the basketball courts to allow more games to be played when all the courts are full.

Keeping true to its mission Silver Bay YMCA strives to offer recreational opportunities, both indoors and outdoors, to the community to help foster relationships, strengthen communities and nurture mind, body and spirit for all. In this spirit Silver Bay YMCA partnered with Patty Hogan to bring in local community members to utilize the pickleball courts, and despite how rainy it was this summer, if the sun was out, it was a guarantee that the pickleball courts were full.

Silver Bay YMCA also worked with Hogan to run a Pickleball Camp with Pickleball's number one ranked doubles player Collin Johns. This week-long camp was held at Silver Bay YMCA and participants were given the opportunity to fine-tune their Pickleball skills with advice and feedback from Johns. With it being the first camp of its type, Silver Bay YMCA was pleased to see the camp fill up with the max number of 32 participants.

"I was thrilled to be a part of the first ever destination Pickleball Camp with Silver Bay being the perfect backdrop with its brand new state-of-the-art pickleball facility. Every player was thrilled to take in the natural beauty of Silver Bay's Campus, including Johns who had never been to Lake George before. Pickleball is a phenomenal amenity for Silver Bay which will lead to unlimited future participation, and I am thrilled to be part of it," Patty Hogan from Lake George Paddle and Pickleball and the organizer and director of the Pickleball Camp stated.

Hogan and her team of volunteers instructed and organized Pickleball at Silver Bay this summer. Over 1,000 players were on the courts and for most of the players it was their first time playing Pickleball.

Silver Bay YMCA plans to continue offering Pickleball to the community throughout the winter with indoor courts in Fisher Gymnasium.

Chet Lastowski, Assistant Vice President of Campus and Conference Programs added, “We’re excited to be able to offer multi-generational sports recreation at Silver Bay. Sports recreation allows people the opportunity to connect spirit, mind and body in a very real, tangible way.”

To learn more about Silver Bay YMCA visit their website [silverbay.org](http://silverbay.org).

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**Our MISSION:** To foster relationships, strengthen communities and nurture spirit, mind, and body for all.

**Our IMPACT:** Because of Silver Bay YMCA, connections between people and family are stronger. People are more connected, respectful, and caring. They have the confidence to develop to their full potential and to positively impact the communities in which they work and live. As a result, communities are more dynamic, inclusive and diverse. As stewards of Lake George, we inspire people to be stewards of the environment while they are visiting our magnificent campus and in their home communities.