

KEOWEE KEY PICKLEBALL CLUB UPDATE

President's Corner

At our recent membership drive, we had 66 people either renew their membership or join the Club. If you haven't renewed yet, please do before your membership expires on June 30, 2017. I wanted to reiterate that your club dues (\$20/year) go to many social events; training events, like the Elliott's clinics and lessons as well as the weekly skills and drills; and to competitions, such as our Keowee Key Classic in the fall. We have some new members who joined recently: Gail Anderson, James Clay, Pam DeLarme, Karen Graves, Olga Kritskaya, and Nancy Piotrowsky. Please welcome our new members. I'm looking forward to seeing you on the courts.

Keowee Key had 2 representatives, Nancy Lenkowski and Scott Jensen, participate in the 2017 US Open Pickleball tournament in Naples the week of April 23rd. Nancy Lenkowski and Wendy Evans (Stillwater) (see picture below) brought home bronze in the women's 50+ 3.5 level in a bracket of 38 teams. Wendy Evans and Bill King (Stillwater) took home silver in the same level for mixed. Congratulations to Nancy and Wendy!



I would like to remind all our members that when you set up a reservation for the pickleball courts, that you must release them 24-hours in advance if you don't have adequate players. I have received a number of complaints in this regard (courts reserved, but not used) as other people can't reserve the courts and therefore can't play when they would like to. Please be courteous to all players and not over-reserve the courts.

We had a pickleball orientation this past Friday with 12 new players. I would like to thank Ward Snyder for his efforts to coordinate this event as well as several of our members who helped out on the courts.

Karen (Daniels)

Social Scene

Our Annual Membership Drive and PB&B was a big success. Approximately 125 were in attendance. We started the evening with the Elliott Family Demonstration which was then followed with our membership drive. Each person joining got 5 raffle tickets to vie for 21 donated prizes from the following : **FRC, The Club, KK Golf Club, KK Marina, Wine Emporium, Keowee Subway, For the Birds, The Elliott Family, and our PB Club.** Thanks to Randy Kamischke for handling the finances and passing out the raffle tickets and to Eliot Smith for managing and updating our roster. We then had pizza, beer and pickleball! Also a big thanks to Jeanne and Geoff Chambers and Darla and Ron Cady for help in set-up and clean up and as always Ann Savoca for bringing the music and Jean MacGuffie for taking her fabulous pictures . We also want to thank our PB Members who are always so gracious in bringing delicious snacks to share at our PB Events.

Save the Date July 7: Our next PB&B. We will be hosting **John Cesserich from WYFF-TV.** He will be broadcasting live from our PB courts during his weather segments. Stay Tuned for More Details.

Ladies: Save the Date July 14 (9:00-11:00) : Our next Ladies Social will be Beach Party. Bring your beach bag as we are having a contest for the following beach bags: Most Classiest, Most Bling, and Most Useful.

Nancy and Ron (Kliewer)

Player Development

The Elliott Family Clinic weekend was a huge success. Friday's three generation Exhibition was attended by ~125 mesmerized spectators. On Saturday, 36 Keowee Key Pickleball Club members were joined by 12 local area participants in the Clinic sessions. Sunday's rain forced the private and semi-private lessons indoors to our back-up facility at the Central-Clemson Recreation Center. The feedback has been filled with excitement and happiness over the value gained from the events.

Robert Elliott has provided us with the 6 top-selling EngagePickleball Paddles to try out. These Demo Paddles are available at the Wednesday Player Development sessions and on request (contact me at jswalker5233d@gmail.com). EngagePickleball will give us a discount on paddles purchased through the EngagePickleball website. Stay tuned for details.

The Wednesday Player Development sessions continue to provide individualized attention by our team of Facilitators. Anyone who would like to take advantage of seeing yourself play (being videotaped), let me know and we'll make it happen.

John (Walker)

Competition

JULY 22nd KEOWEE KEY SUMMER MIXED DOUBLES PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

This will be a one-day fun event so please sign up early. Details of the tournament will be based on the amount of interest and the number of players signed up to play. Mixed doubles is played the same as doubles, but with one man and one woman per team, you do not need a partner to sign up. The intent of this year's tournament will be to make it a social yet some fun competition, enjoyable and fair for all.

Please let me know if you are interested in playing by sending me an email at.

jrjiland@gmail.com

There's also been some interest in having a men's singles tournament. Again depending on the amount of interest will determine how we establish a singles tournament for men.

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JJ (Jim Jacobs)

Interclub Social

We kicked off this year's interclub festivities with eight players from the Stillwater group on May 18th. Wendy Evans and her crew were in great spirits and even better form. As is the case with our own club, the level of play among their players has improved dramatically over the last couple of years. Be on the lookout for the next interclub announcement and jump at the chance to sign up. You'll be glad you did!

Doug (Crenshaw)

[Click here to view calendar for pickleball block times and special events.](#) We encourage you to create your own schedule by going to the reservations column and reserving a court(s) up to 72 hours in advance when available.

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