



KEOWEE KEY PICKLEBALL CLUB WEEKLY UPDATE

Chairman's Corner

Good Morning KK Pickleballers,

I was away for most of the week, but I made it a point to get back by Friday. What a fun PB&B! Our group seems to always be ready to party. I am so excited about the upcoming events at Keowee Key. Next Saturday, we will have one of the most talented pickleball families in the country right here on our courts sharing their expertise and love of the game. I have heard of the accomplishments of the Elliot family, and I've seen them in action on the videos. Having them here with us is a wonderful opportunity to learn from the best. Even if you weren't able to get one of the 32 clinic slots, you can still observe the lessons at courtside. See more details below under Pro Invitational.

You won't want to miss the Keowee Key Pickleball Pro Invitational next Sunday. Our own George Esqueda will be competing with 3 other men and 4 women in Men's, Women's & Mixed events starting at 10:00 AM next Sunday. It's a rare chance for all of us to see the pros up close playing at the highest level.

This past week was the first for our modified schedule for Block Times. I hope that there wasn't too much confusion or too many disappointments. With more free court time available, you all have more chances to gather a group together and reserve a court. There is a link to our calendar at the bottom of this newsletter. Find a time, gather some friends, and go play.

Have a great week,

Tom

Social Scene

Sixty five pickleballers took to the courts this past Friday night for our 'End of Summer Heatwave' celebration. After a moment of silence and the playing of 'God Bless America' in memory of Sept 11, 2001, the courts and pavillion were lively until about 9 PM. Thanks to everyone for contributing to the pot luck dinner- what a tremendously delicious spread!

Remember: Our next PB&B will be on Friday, October 23, the first day of the 2015 Keowee Key Pickleball Classic (for more information about the Classic Tournament, see below). This PB&B will be open to the entire Keowee Key community as well as tournament participants from other clubs who want to stay, socialize and have some friendly games after a day of competition. Beer will be provided. As usual, please BYOB if you'd prefer something other than beer. For those interested, a BBQ dinner will be available for purchase at \$10/plate. This can be charged to your member account. We hope you can attend this event. It's a great opportunity to get out with fellow pickleballers and meet players from other communities.

Dee (Helvik), John (Howell), Ann (Savoca), Bob (Skaluba) and Lee (Urove)

Ladies: Please mark your calendars for Friday, October 2 from 3-5 PM for a “Be true to your team” Fall Fling. Sport your favorite team color and please bring a snack to share. We will provide spiced and regular cider. If you prefer another beverage, you can BYO. We hope to see you there.

Ginny (Bench), Janet (Kamischke), Ann (Savoca) and Elaine (Smith)

Interclub Events and Competition

Keowee Key Pickleball Classic

As mentioned in last week's blast, the 2015 Keowee Key Pickleball Classic scheduled for October 23-24 has filled up. We are now actively looking for volunteers to help with the event. Specifically we need 12 referees - 4 for each of the 3 events - mens doubles, womens doubles, and mixed doubles. Each referee will get 5 raffle tickets that will make you eligible for t-shirts, visors, towels, wine, paddles, pickles, etc. The referees can come from the players if, of course, you are not playing in the event.

We also need people to help with the scoring, player management, food acquisition, and serving. Lastly, we are looking for some sponsors for the event that can contribute something to the raffle - their names will be announced and if they have a banner, they can display it at the event. If you can help in any of these areas please contact Karen Daniels at 850.621.3394 or danielsk3394@gmail.com. All volunteers will get raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the over dozen raffle prizes currently available.

Keowee Key Pickleball Pro Invitational

There have been a couple of cancellations (due to injury) for the clinic so let Jon Goyert (goyertj@gmail.com) know if you can attend. In addition, the Pickleball Club has paid for twenty chairs inside the courts so you can observe the sessions up front and personal. This will be on a first come- first serve basis. There is also the possibility that we might have a last minute cancellation so, if you come to the courts to observe, bring your paddle and sneakers and you might get a chance to participate - we want to be sure that the clinic is full. The cost of the clinic is \$20 and please send your check to Randy Kamischke.

Player Development

The Player Development session scheduled Wednesday, Sept 16 is full with three on the waitlist.. I've been out of town with limited internet connectivity and will be in touch with all involved later today.

The session will be from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. with extended time until 11:00 for play to practice lessons learned.

See you on the courts.

John (Walker)

[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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