

KEOWEE KEY PICKLEBALL CLUB UPDATE

President's Corner

Wow! What a month. We had 15 new members join the Club. Welcome to Keowee Key and to pickleball! They are: Larry and Nancy Babyak; Deone and Sam Davis; Mary Ann and Bill Gilligan; KellyJo Jones; Beth and Tom Mumper; Diane and Gary Queen; Mike (Butch) Batton and Carol Burnside; and Jeff and Kim Bierbower. We also had a few "old" members renew this month, which brings our membership up to 211. I met a number of new members at Player Development this past Wednesday and Social play on Saturday and hope the newcomers will take advantage of the Club's activities which are described below in subsequent sections.

As we have so many new members and newcomers to Keowee Key, I thought I would clarify some groups related to pickleball. We are officially "The Pickleball Club at Keowee Key" (the Club). Our Club goals are threefold: 1) social - have fun AND play pickleball with various events sponsored by the Club throughout the years (see Social Scene below); 2) training - through our weekly Player Development, through the Pros (like the Elliott family) we sponsor to come here and teach clinics and individual lessons, and through our support to monthly Pickleball Orientation (see Player Development below); and 3) competition - where we provide internal tournaments and tournaments with other players in the Upstate and beyond (see Competition below). The organization is the Pickleball Committee who in effect owns the assets of Keowee Key - the courts and the pavilion. When the Club plans events or recommends Block Times, the Committee must review and approve them. They are also responsible for Pickleball Orientation, which our Club members support. They have a liaison with the KKPOA Board (Kevin Minton) and report directly to the board. Their President is Carter Thomasson. Outside of the Club, our Pros, Brad Huff and Ward Snyder, provide private and group lessons. They are planning a clinic along with Bryan Coker (our FRC manager) to provide an 8-week performance training beginning Tuesday, September 26. Please see attached flyer for more details and how to sign up for this.

As you have probably heard, Keowee Key's 45th anniversary is this year. We have an exciting event planned for all our pickleball players. The KKPOA Board has asked our pros, Ward and Brad, to come up with both a pickleball and a tennis event. We will be having a fun pickleball tournament on September 13 from 5-7 p.m. Please read the attached flyer for more information. We are still looking for more players, so please sign up at the FRC if you are interested. I hope to see everyone there, if not to play, then to watch. It should be entertaining. Please note that the Ladies Block time is cancelled for that evening as we will be using all 4 courts.

I don't have an update yet on the block times as the Pickleball Committee is evaluating them and they will likely vote on any changes at their meeting on September 11. If I get any changes, I will send them out to you as soon as I receive them.

As far as other news around Keowee Key that will potentially impact pickleball players, I wanted to remind you of the major project which is the expansion, reconfiguration, and repurposing of the Fitness and Racquet Center (FRC). One of the pluses for us is that it will include a bathroom less than 50 yards from the current courts and 15 yards from the future courts location, which would be a vast improvement now as we have to go into the FRC through the courtyard. I know many of you use the FRC in addition to

playing pickleball. The project also includes a reconfigured group exercise room with more square footage, floor space for stretching, an additional group exercise room that will provide virtual on-line training and one-on-one personal training. After those tournaments and competitions, you can also look forward to visiting a massage therapist in a new multipurpose room.

As a reminder, the userid and password have changed for the members only portion of the pickleball website. To get to the site, you can go to the Keowee Key login/fun/pickleball and then some of the menus will say *Members Only*. If you access those areas, the userid is kkpickle and the password is picklemember.

Karen (Daniels)

Social Scene

Approximately 50 people enjoyed our most recent PB&B August 25th. Low humidity, good music via our new sound system, and fabulous food contributed to another successful event. Club members are very talented; many participants managed to play pickleball and dance to the Summer Oldies music at the same time! (you know who you are)....

LAST LADIES SOCIAL OF THE YEAR

On September 27 at 5 PM. Wear your favorite school colors and BE TRUE TO YOUR SCHOOL. We will provide a submarine sandwich for all, please bring chips or something sweet to share. As always, BYOB...we look forward to seeing you there. GO TEAM!

Save the date:

Sunday December 3 - 6:00 p.m. Holiday Party at the Club. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the event.

Leslie and John (Walker)

Player Development

For all of you new members, we have reserved courts every Wednesday morning so you can come out and practice various skills and drills. We use the ball machine to practice strokes, such as forehand, backhand, lobs, as well as volleys at the net. You can also practice your third shot drop into the kitchen. On the third Wednesday of the month, we use all four courts and have different drills and facilitators on each court. You rotate through each court, practicing various skills and strategies.

Last Wednesday's Self-Directed Player Development session had all courts active with lots of productive practice on specific skill needs followed by integration into game point sequences. Our warm and friendly community of Pickleball Club members continue to do a great job of welcoming and encouraging the growing flow of new people onto our Pickleball courts. Three cheers and thank you!!!

The next Facilitator led Player Development session - 9/20 from 9:00 - 11:00 will include Serves; Return of Serve; Drop Shots; Ground Strokes; Dinks; Volleys; Lobs; Play Strategies. Please sign-up at jswalker5233d@gmail.com to help us organize groupings in advance.

These sessions are great opportunities to prepare for our upcoming Keowee Key Classic Tournament.

John (Walker)

Competition

4th Annual Keowee Key Classic Pickleball - October 13th and 14th

Thanks to everyone that signed up for the KK classic tournament this October 13 and 14th. We have 80 players signed up for the event including participants from about 7 nearby clubs. We are looking forward to an exciting, well organized, and fun filled event. Anyone that would be interested to sign up as a sub please contact me by sending an email. Also I'm looking for volunteers to make sure that the event is coordinated and runs smoothly without any issues. Volunteers would help to organize court assignments, scoring, and registration.

Keowee Key Fall Pickleball Club Championship (Saturday November 25th) Rainout Date will be Sunday

- 1st and 2nd Place Trophies
- Men and Women (all levels compete against one another)
- Multiple Partners □ Whist Format

<http://keoweekypickleball.org/KKClassic2017.pdf>

JJ (Jim Jacobs) 248-514-1102 or email jrjjsland@gmail.com

[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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45th Anniversary of Keowee Key Pickleball Celebration

Pickleball Mini-Clinic, King/Queen of the Court Tournament and Social

Wednesday, September 13th from 5-8pm

To register either stop by the FRC or call the FRC, 944 1001, and add your name to the signup sheet. There is no entry fee and request that you sign up by Monday, September 11.

Meet at the Pickleball courts at 5:00 pm. A short mini-clinic will be provided by our pickleball professional staff, to be followed by a doubles tournament with randomly drawn partners.

Complimentary non-alcoholic beverages and a keg of Fosters will be served

Great Music from Around the World

We encourage ALL participants to embrace this historic and amazing 45th year celebration of Keowee Key by having a genuinely FUN time and to embrace the inclusive nature of our format of random partners so that people will get a chance to meet others and play with a variety of members in a friendly yet competitive environment. Thanks for being a part of our pickleball event to celebrate your wonderful community here at Keowee Key!

8 Weeks Performance Training Course For Better Movement on the Court

**120 Dollars for 8 sessions (1 session per week) Every
Tuesday For 1 Hour**

Starting Tuesday September 26th, and ending 8 weeks later, on November 14th.

Class is limited to 12 men from 9 to 10 am and 12 women from 10 to 11 am.

Call the FRC 944-1001 and get your name on the list. Space is limited.

We will take the first 12 men and the first 12 women and then make a waiting list.

Ward Snyder and Brad Huff have found that one of the most predominant limiting factors in improvement our players is their physical ability to move with speed, quickness, and agility.

Ward, Bryan Coker, and Brad are excited to start a program that is going to help our members at Keowee Key become much stronger pickleball players by, frankly, making them better athletes.

We will be combining Brad and Ward's knowledge of pickleball and the various movements of the sport with Bryan's background and experience in athletic development. Every session will be instructed by both a pickleball pro and Bryan, so that everyone gets personal attention. Speed, quickness, and agility require specific and detailed movements that require learnable skills to move efficiently and safely. It is important to us that each person in the session learns the proper movements and executes them correctly and instinctively. The first few weeks will be slower, focusing on form, then we will build up your speed and strength over the weeks.

The exercises are guaranteed to be low to moderate impact, no more than a game of tennis would be. Do not let your current fitness level prevent you from engaging.

We look forward to working with you and can't wait to see the benefits that will surely come to everyone's game.