

KEOWEE KEY PICKLEBALL CLUB UPDATE

President's Corner

The Pickleball Committee has approved some revised block times which I have attached to this email. The primary changes deal with combining beginner/intermediate times and intermediate/advanced times. Since there are no hard and fast definitions for levels, you are free to choose what block times you want to attend. As an "intermediate" player, you may be more comfortable with the beginner group or you may want more of a challenge with the more advanced group. The number of courts for use during block time has also been reduced to 3, in some cases, so that others may reserve the courts during these times. However, if no one reserves the 4th court, the block time users may also use that court, if there are sufficient numbers of people. If someone does reserve the court, but doesn't show up, anyone may "claim" that court after 10 minutes.

It is time now for us to begin thinking about 2018 and your new Club Board. If anyone is interested in serving on the Board, please let me or any of the Board members know as soon as possible. These are not elected positions, but voluntary ones. We generally like to have new board members come to the December meeting so they can begin their indoctrination. The only position "set in concrete" is that of the President. Doug Crenshaw is our current Vice President and will become President in 2018. Other Board positions include vice president, secretary, treasurer, chairpersons for Social, Competition, Player Development, Communication, and a liaison to the Pickleball Committee.

Our Club, the Pickleball Committee, and the Committee Board Liaison met with KK Tennis Association, the KK Tennis Committee, and Bryan Coker this past week to discuss how pickleball players can use the 2 hard tennis courts (1 and 2). We will use the reservation system just like we do for pickleball to reserve either of those two courts. They have asked that we first select court 1 as court 2 is used for the ball machine. If court 1 is being used, then we can select court 2. As some of you social players know, court 1 has been taped for 2 pickleball courts. We are experimenting with the tape and hope to leave it up for it's "lifetime" which is 45-60 days, according to the manufacturer. The tennis courts were resurfaced when our courts were and they are quite nice and somewhat soft, like ours. JJ plan some of the other players plan to tape court 2 this afternoon, so we will have 4 additional courts for our use. This should relieve some of the wait time during crowded block times. We can also use the pavilions there for shade and rest. As I mentioned, this is a test to see how much use these courts get from the pickleball players which will help assess our need for additional new pickleball courts. So, please use the reservation system so that we get accurate counts of their usage. Please give me or the Club Board any feedback you have on using these courts.

Karen (Daniels)

Social Scene

FALL FLING PB & B

Come and enjoy playing in the cool evening temperatures of Fall!!

WHEN: Friday October 6 at 7 PM

We provide the beer and music; snacks are appreciated but not required.

Hope to see you on the courts !

It was great to see so many ladies dress in their favorite school colors at our last ladies social of the year on September 27. Everyone enjoyed good music, good food, and of course fun pickleball play.

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. On the third Wednesday of the month, we use all four courts and have different drills and facilitators on each court.

On Friday, 9/22 & 9/29 there were two courts available for reservation so we offered “drills for skills” practice for Intermediate and Advanced level players. More than a dozen people rotated in and drilled on all strokes that make up the game. With everyone doing each drill, there are a minimum total of 960 practice shots.

The next Facilitator led Player Development session - 10/18 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. **NOTE: This month we are limiting the numbers to the first 16 who sign up. If you don't make the first 16, you are welcome to come and see if someone dropped out or just doesn't show up.**

John (Walker)

Interclub Events

We have two interclub events on tap for October. On Wednesday the 4th from 7 to 9 pm, players from Seneca will be on hand for some fun and games. And, on Saturday the 21st, from 1 to 3 pm, 10 players from Central Clemson will be here. If you're interested in seeing some different faces across the net, email Doug Crenshaw at mariner343@gmail.com to sign up.

Doug (Crenshaw)

Competition

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

Thanks to everyone that signed up to play and volunteer for the KK Pickleball Classic tournament on October 13 and 14th. Come out to watch some exciting pickleball matches and support our Keowee Key Pickleball Membership family. Matches will begin at 8:30 on Friday and Saturday. Seating will be limited in the Pickleball Pavilion, so please bring a lawn chair so you can be comfortable. 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.

Check out the link below for all the details of the tournament.

[4th Annual Keowee Key Pickleball Classic](#)

Stay tuned for updates and details on the last tournament of the year, the **Keowee Key Fall Pickleball Club Championship**.

JJ (Jim Jacobs)

[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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