

KEOWEE KEY PICKLEBALL CLUB UPDATE 4/30/2018

President's Corner

Greetings PickleNation,

Wow! I don't know who'll serve on the Pickleball Club Board next year but, I do know this: They've got some really big court shoes to fill. I continually find myself in awe of the job your Board members do for you. JJ and Scott Lincoln, for example, just put on another superb Spring tournament, one where the effectiveness of John Walker's hugely successful player development program was clearly on display. And, no worries if you didn't get to stop by. Jean MacGuffie will undoubtedly give you and the rest of Keowee Key a colorful and concise account of all the festivities in her next eagerly anticipated Scuttlebutt entry.

And then there's Jim and Jennifer Rowe whose PB&B extravaganzas can only be out-done by their next elaborate production. If these parties get any more popular, we may need to start budgeting for a "wall" of our very own.

And speaking of the budget, you can't go there without Randy Kamischke, our revered treasurer. Randy can usually be found in a quiet corner putting numbers in little square boxes, and dreaming up new and creative ways of saying "No, don't even think about it". You may find it interesting to know that Kamischke in Polish translates to "man who pinches other peoples' pennys".

And, I certainly can't forget my lovely bride, Valerie Crenshaw, who is valiantly serving as your Secretary for a second consecutive year. While her motives are certainly rooted in a charitable heart, I suspect her willingness to serve is bolstered in part by her perceived need to keep an eye on me, your humble servant. I don't know what her problem is...it's not like I'm going to go out and buy a motorcycle or anything. Notwithstanding her somewhat dubious motivations, we can all rest assured that Valerie's writing everything down for all to see, and doing a splendid job in the process.

And, of course, Nicole Andrews, your 2018 Vice-chair, is always front and center with her youthful exuberance and love for Keowee Key, bringing a new level of excitement wherever you find her. I kinda think of Nikki as our resident Energizer Bunny, always there, pitching in and making everything a lot more fun in the process. She's going to make a great Chair next year.

And how 'bout Leslie Walker and all the time she devotes to the Pickleball Club and to Keowee Key, in general. This year, she's serving as the liaison between the Pickleball Club and the Pickleball Committee. Leslie does a stellar job keeping us all on the same page and working together. As the Club's goals become realities in the years to come, Leslie will be among those we need to thank first.

What a great group! I'm honored every day to get to work with these guys. If you happen to run in to a Board member this week, give them a high-five. I know they've earned it.

As always, you are encouraged to create your own schedule by going to the KK website's reservations column and reserving court(s) for your group. And, remember that you can reserve the hard tennis courts (first court no.1 and then no. 2) when block times are crowded or our courts are otherwise unavailable. We are trying to track our usage of the tennis courts. So, when you book a reservation, **please enter "Pickleball" (not your name) in the description space**. The portable nets are located in the Fitness and Racquet Center for checkout with your keys or ID.

Doug Crenshaw

Social Committee

Make sure you have our next PB&B on your calendars:

Friday May 11th

We kick things off at 5 p.m. with the Elliott's Demonstration followed by the membership drive and raffle.

We will be serving burgers, chicken, pizza and of course beer and soft drinks.

If you'd like to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert please do so according to the first letter of your last name:

A-G bring an awesome appetizer

H-N bring your favorite side dish or salad

O-Z bring a scrumptious dessert

We hope you feel lucky because we have some terrific raffle prizes for those signing up for membership. In addition to the raffle tickets you get for renewing your membership, you can purchase more raffle tickets with the proceeds going to charity. It promises to be a big weekend !

Yours in partying,

Jim and Jennifer Rowe

Player Development

There are **4 places** remaining for the **Elliott Family Clinic sessions on May 12**. To ensure you get on the roster, submit your registration form with check payment. Contact me at jswalker5233d@gmail.com with any questions.

Last Wednesday we had 14 players for player development. Come practice skills and drills on Wednesdays May 2 & 9 and on Fridays May 4 & 11, all sessions from 9:00 - 11:00.

Wednesday **May 16** is the next **Facilitator Led Player Development session 9:00 - 11:00**. It is limited to the first 16 who sign-up at jswalker5233d@gmail.com

John (Walker)

Competition

This past Saturday was our Keowee Key Spring Men's and Women's Doubles Pickleball Tournament, we were blessed with perfect weather and beautiful Carolina blue skies.

We had some great play and some very close matches, below are all the results of the tournament.

- **Women's Intermediate**
 - Silver Medal winners (Diane Williams & Jeanne Smol)
 - Gold Medal winners (Ellie Croft & Aimee Fountain)
- **Women's Advanced**
 - Silver Medal winners (Lynn Carlson & Kathleen Fosha)
 - Gold Medal winners (Nicole Andrews & Nancy Lenkowski)
- **Men's Intermediate**
 - Silver Medal winners (Gary Grizard & John Lewelling)
 - Gold Medal winners (Geoff Chambers & Dennis Heine)
- **Men's Advanced**
 - Silver Medal winners (Jared Coffin & Randy Finzer)
 - Gold Medal winners (Scott Jensen & Paul Neerhof)
 - Gold medal was determined by a tiebreaker, both teams had the same number of games won. The first tiebreaker was head to head play. In head to head play (Scott Jensen & Paul Neerhof) scored one more point than (Jared Coffin & Randy Finzer).

Congratulations to all the 34 players that helped to make this a great day at Keowee Key Pickleball.

Competition Co-chairs

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