



KEOWEE KEY PICKLEBALL CLUB WEEKLY UPDATE

President's Corner

Hello Picklenation!

The courts are getting busier now that the weather is cooler and this week there were many players getting ready for the Keowee Key Classic. What a great tournament this weekend! Participation was fabulous and we had really enthusiastic spectators. A special thanks to Jon Goyert, Karen Daniels, Jim Jacobs (JJ), and so many others who worked behind the scenes to make the tournament a success. Tournament results can be found in the Competition section of this newsletter.

See you on the courts!

Ann (Savoca)

Social Scene

Fall Fling PB&B -- Friday, November 4
Holiday Dinner -- Sunday, December 4

Kaleen (Dixon), Dorcas (Annett) and the Social Team

Competition

Hurricane Matthew tried his best to shut down the Keowee Key Classic Tournament on Friday, but we prevailed! This is an invitational tournament with players from 9 other clubs. The women (and some of the men) worked for several hours drying the courts between very light showers. At 11:15, we thought we were close to starting the women's doubles. The courts were dry and there was no rain... for another 5 minutes. Then the skies opened up and we knew we were doomed. So, we quickly changed gears and the women were headed to Seneca to the indoor recreation courts.

We were lucky that the City of Seneca let us use their courts to play our matches and many thanks to John Walker for helping to make it happen. We mixed the intermediate and advanced women so those not playing at the moment could watch from the bleachers. There were six women's intermediate and six advanced teams that each played a round robin format with 5 games.

Winners were based on number of games won with ties being decided by total number of points in all games. Two teams had 3 wins so the 2nd place was based on total points. The second place winners were Janet LaTone and Pat Harper, who are relatively new players (albeit tennis players) from Hartwell. The first place for the intermediate women went to Keowee Key's Dorcas Annett and Kaleen Dixon who won 4 out of 5 games. In the women's advanced two teams were tied with 4 games each and they played each other for first place. The second place went to Carrie Palmer and Tammy Lentini from Franklin, NC with 4 wins and the first place went to Keowee Key's Nancy Lenkowski and Stillwater's Wendy Evans with 5 wins. Congratulations ladies for some great Pickleball and for hanging in there all day.

On Saturday, we had 12 intermediate mixed doubles teams and 12 advanced mixed doubles teams, representing 8 area clubs. Each level was broken into 2 groups and each team played 5 matches until the playoff. After the 5 matches, the winner of group 1 played the 2nd place in group 2 and vice versa in semi-final matches. The winners of these matches played each other for the first and second places. For the mixed intermediate doubles, Keowee Key dominated. The 2nd place went to John and Leslie Walker and the first place went to Dorcas Annett and Al Fosha. In the advanced mixed doubles, second place went to Deb Richter of Connestee and Larry Formichella of Hendersonville. The winners in this event were Nancy Lenkowski of Keowee Key and Kent McKinney of the Reserve. Congratulations to all the winners who were great fun to watch.

On Sunday afternoon, we had 17 men's doubles teams meet to play under cloudless skies and a light breeze. In the men's intermediate doubles, Keowee Key's Dennis Heine and Jeff Williams won 6 of their 7 games to take second place - losing by only 1 point to Dan McGonigle and Barry Baum from the Reserve who took first place. The men's advanced doubles was an even closer event with the top 3 teams all winning 7 games. Keowee Key's team of Bob Hamilton and Scott Lincoln edged out Mike Kaplan and Larry Formichella of Greenville by one point to take first place.

Keowee Key players had a great showing in this 3rd annual Keowee Key Pickleball event taking home 5 first place trophies and 2 second place trophies.

We want to thank everyone who helped with this event, particularly Jim Jacobs (aka JJ) who kept everything going as well as the electronic scoring and Dave Dixon, Sally Brinker, and Randy Kamischke for helping with registration and scoring. We had terrific help from Elizabeth Sheridan, Sam and Ann Savoca, and John Walker who all helped take the multiple photographs from the event.

Jon Goyert and Karen Daniels

Player Development

Thought for the day: **What did you learn from the tournament this weekend?** Let's talk about it out on the courts.

Last Wednesday's Self-Directed practice session had 17 participants, 3 of whom were new. We're growing and certainly improving. The next Self-Directed Player Development practice is scheduled for next Wednesday 10/12. Please let me know what we might do to better address your needs. The Ball Machine will be available. Y'all come out and join in the fun!

10/19 will be our next Facilitator Led Player Development session. The session will be custom designed to meet the needs of those who sign-up at jswalker5233d@gmail.com and indicate what you believe might benefit you most to improve your Pickleball play.

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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