



KKPBC Newsletter

May 2025

Status of Open Play Courts

At this week's Pickleball Committee meeting, a subcommittee was formed to deal with the number of courts blocked off for Open play in the mornings. It is their hope to have a decision asap. You will be notified of that decision. Much will depend on attendance at the courts currently available for Open play.

Upcoming KKPBC Events

Saturday May 17—A doubles tournament just for KKPBC members.

Thursday May 22—Free PB Orientation with Larry, 4-6 pm at the FRC

Friday June 6—Friday Frolics Open Play / Cocktail hour BYOB

Thursday June 12—Ladies Social at the FRC

Wednesday June 25—Free PB Orientation with Larry, 4-6 pm at the FRC

Membership Party

The weather didn't cooperate but KKPBC persevered and we had a fun event last Saturday night. Larry arranged for an exhibition among superb local talents and our Social chairs, Kim Kraft and Lynn Chiappane organized a feast for the eyes as well as the stomach. Emcee Tony Bonitati handed out many door prizes but two fountains (chocolate and Fireball) stole the show. If you haven't joined or renewed yet, you still have time this month. Go to our website and follow the links .

New Members

Hello Brooks Bosley, Andy & Brenda Redpath, Mary Carter, Jill Heintz, Diane Eldridge and Liam Snyder. Welcome.

Longterm Event Dates

Sizzlin' Saturday: July 12

Ladies Social: Sept 10

11th Annual Classic Tournament: Oct 3-5

Halloween Party: Oct. 31

Christmas Party: Dec 7

Lobster News

The new machine is in the process of being replaced. The original came with a misalignment between the chute and the motor. The company is sending us a new lobster and it should be here shortly. Until then, our old ball machine is available for your use.

Don't Forget!

Come to the FRC this weekend and cheer on our Club members as they compete or a Doubles Championship.

Video of the Month:

With our doubles tourney this weekend, perhaps this strategy session will help

Advanced Mixed Doubles Dink Strategies



And the Award Goes to...

Congratulations are in order for our medalists over at the Greenville Smash, and to our Interclub Women.



On the left are the bronze medalists in the 4.0 division at Greenville Smash, Sheron Parks and Kelly Weldon. On the right are their 2.5-3.0 division counterparts also taking bronze, Lynne Chiappane and Kim Weber.

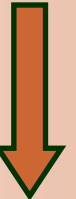
The entire Advanced interclub season came down to the final competition on May 5th against Reserve Rebels to determine the winner. Keowee Key traveled to The Reserve and battled to win 5 of the 9 matches to secure 1ST PLACE FOR THE SPRING 2025 SEASON!



Front row (left to right): Nancy Lenkowski, Kathleen Foshua, Lanie Hassel (Co-Captain), Pam Shealy, Kelly Weldon. Back row (left to right): Vicki Enos (Co-Captain), Kelly-Jo Jones, Susan Brennan, AJ Koontz, Jay Melanson.



Front row (left to right): Jane Chesshire, Claudia Jackson (captain), Johnna Neri, Sandra Berkeland. Back row (left to right): Kellie Boyce, Sheron Parks, Karen Pontell, Debbie Lantz, Nancy Lenkowski (coach) (Missing: MJ Raymond, Debbie Swiney, Kristin Zima, Samantha Holt)



Unlike the Advanced schedule, the Intermediate teams conclude their Spring 2025 season with a 3-week, single elimination tournament. In Round 1 on April 29th, the Dinkerbells played the team they'd lost to 2 weeks before. They played their season's best in that round beating Cliffs Legends of the Falls 7 matches to 2 and advanced to the semi-finals on Tuesday, May 6th, where they fell to Cliffs Vineyards (Seed 2) at The Falls.



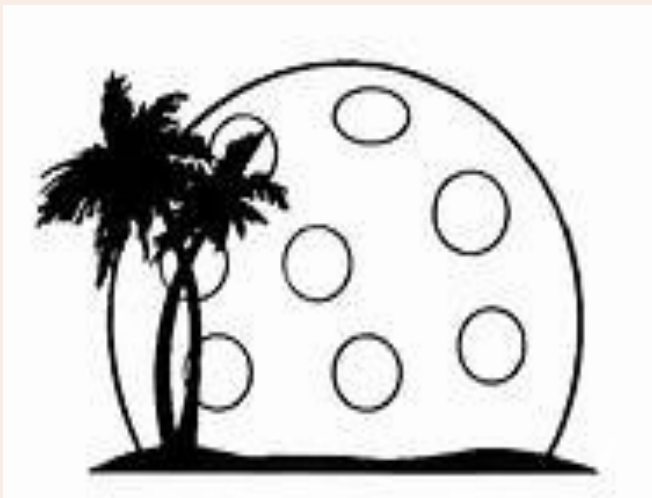


The Pickleball Club celebrated Earth Day with several activities. Our own Pickleball Club Member, and International Speaker, Myles Cohen gave a lighthearted and funny presentation on recycling and all things plastic.

Myles Cohen is considered one of the USA's leading experts in the recycling industry. Cohen was previously president of 2 of the largest recyclers globally. Both of these companies are also multi-billion dollar integrated manufacturers of sustainable packaging; Sonoco - the \$6 billion packaging manufacturer based in South Carolina; and Pratt Industries, the world's largest manufacturer of 100% recycled paper packaging.

In 2021, while a Keowee Key resident, Cohen formed Circular Ventures, LLC, a sustainable packaging recycling advisory firm providing expertise on these topics to both the public and private markets. He is a sought-after speaker at virtually every recycling and sustainable packaging conference in the country as well as a recipient of a lifetime achievement award in the recycling industry. He currently serves on the board of the USA's division of largest independent trader of recyclables in the world. He is a past board and executive committee member, division chairman and chapter president of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, the pre-eminent lobbying, trade and advocacy association in the U.S.

At 8 am on Earth Day we held our first ever "Stretching For Pickleball" Class, led by Caron Bey-Knight, FRC Instructor. It was well attended, and our members loved it. We are working on a new Stretching Class that can fit into everyone's routine. Stay tuned.



Indulge in the ultimate pickleball getaway with a private pickleball destination vacation created specifically for your group. Take your loved ones, friends, and pickleball squad to the breathtaking Caribbean and experience a fusion of sports and travel like never before. With our bespoke itineraries tailored to your every whim, you get complete control of your vacation with no stress of planning. We take care of everything from answering inquiries from your guests to room bookings to court reservations and everything in between. Interested members can email tbonitati@gmail.com.