



KKPBC Newsletter July '25

Website: www.keoweekypickleball.org

Check us out on Facebook at **Keowee Key Pickleball Group**

Membership

As we near our goal of 500 members, we welcome Stephanie and William Windsor, Bernie Kremer, Martha Mensing, Tim and Teri Harrison, Melissa and Mike Dempsey, Lucy Kimmons, Vera and Mark Plescia as new members. We welcome back to the fold Sandra Hoskin, Lynn Carlson, Larry Berridge and Eileen Orisak.

Longterm Event Dates

Friday Frolics: Sept. 5
Ladies Social: Sept 10
11th Annual Classic Tournament: Oct 3-5
Halloween Party: Oct. 31
Christmas Party: Dec 7

KK Master Survey

The survey was sent out by email from KK on 7/7 with a response deadline of 7/28. The survey is also available on the main page of the KK website. The survey contains amenity specific content, including pickleball. We should all complete the survey (areas can be skipped if not relevant). Completing the entire survey takes about 20 minutes. Please do this!

Video of the Month:

[3 shots to get to the Kitchen](#)

And So It Begins,

Initiatives for the Club in a New Fiscal Year

- ♦ **Membership drive continues:** the club will be reminding you for the remainder of the summer to renew your membership asap. You can do so easily by going to our club webpage shown above.
- ♦ **Ladder Competition returns:** Our goal is to have every member who wants to play competitive pickleball, do so. Even if you're not sure you're ready, we want to help. We will be reintroducing LADDER PLAY. The Ladder play will roll out in late August and run through October. Playing will help you determine how far you want to go in the sport. It will also help us track our newest players and compare results. For more information or to sign up, email tbonitati@gmail.com
- ♦ **Interclub Revamp:** Because our Club has grown significantly in size, we are making some changes to our interclub process as a whole to add more structure and enhance community involvement. Charlie Beagan is the acting Interclub Liaison on the Pickleball Club Board. If you have any questions or concerns about Interclub men's or women's play, please email Charlie at cbeagan@gmail.com.

Upcoming KKPBC Events

Friday Aug 1—Friday Frolics. Tell your friends who aren't in the club they are welcome too.

Friday Aug 8 —National Pickleball day. An Eblast will be coming.

Saturday Aug 23—Activity Fair highlighting all KK clubs (incl. ours)

Wednesday Aug 27—Free PB Orientation with Larry, 4-6 pm at the FRC

A Review of July's Activities

- ♦ **4th of July Family Reunions:** The 4th of July holiday brought us oodles of 20 somethings. Good news was they soaked up our non peak time slots and played in the heat of the day, mostly from noon to 4 pm. Open Play saw bulging numbers multiple days that week as well.
- ♦ **Honor Their Service:** Courts were set aside for those Veterans being honored by the KK community to play their favorite sport. They were joined by other community players on the courts too.
- ♦ **Sizzlin' Saturday:** Saturday Sizzle (cookout) was a huge success. We counted nearly 90 people in attendance. Charlie Beagan was our grill hero (along with some new friends) and Lynn Chiappane helped the food presentation flow smoothly. We polished off 90 hamburgers and about 50 hotdogs. Every court was in use for most of the evening, with a great mix of level based play.

Medalists



Chris and Sheron Parks got a silver medal in Mixed Doubles at the Highlands Pickleball on the Plateau tournament. Congratulations!

July Brides



The most recent Ladies Social had a great wedding reception for 25-30 ladies, with a toast to pickleball and a cake.

TIGERTOWN THROW-DOWN IS HERE!

Join us for the **ultimate indoor pickleball tournament** fundraiser supporting the **Clemson Area Chamber** and **The Tennis Foundation** at **Clemson University**!

Held INSIDE Clemson's private indoor tennis facility
12 courts • bleachers • vendors • training room • food trucks • and yes... **air conditioning** in August!

TOURNAMENT WEEKEND:

August 1–3

- **Friday:** Adaptive • Kids • Singles
- **Saturday:** Men's & Women's Doubles
- **Sunday:** Mixed Doubles



Lisa Morris and Samantha Holt are debating—Dink or Drink?