



# KKPBC Newsletter

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## Christmas Waltz

Lynn Chiappane and Kim Kraft concluded their successful term as the club social committee in style with a wonderful dinner dance at the Club on December 7th. JJ and Scott were toasted while Tony was roasted. Stories were shared and no one was spared from the liveliness of the night. Photos courtesy of Dave Dann on the next page, and also on our club website.

## Baby It's Cold Outside

With winter temperatures dropping, and snowbirds migrating, some regularly scheduled events will be put on pause. Larry will not be having an orientation in January. Friday Frolics and Thursday evening open play will go into hibernation for now. The number of open play courts has been cut back too.

## I Saw Three Ships



We saw many ships at the Christmas boat parade but guess who won 1st place? Our own Pickleball players on the SS Minnow, all decked out to resemble Gilligan's Island. Congratulations to all.

## Santa Claus is Coming to Town

As mentioned in previous reports from Keowee Key, we will be introduced to a new Racquet Sports Manager in the coming weeks. Interviews have already taken place, along with meet and greet sessions. Though the new hire may not actually be Santa Claus, we know that he or she will deliver the gifts of energy and leadership to this new role. Santa's hardworking elves will form a new committee that replaces the separate pickleball and tennis committees. The racquet sports committee that oversees Pickleball, Tennis, Racquet Ball, Ping Pong, etc. will include Tish Fontana as Chair, Eileen Simollardes, Cindy Fisher, Charlie Beagan, Rob Nance, Kim Weber and David Blakely.

A farewell party for Brad Huff and Ward Snyder will be held at the Club, in the Vista south room on December 30 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. KKPBC members are invited. A brochure appears later in this newsletter with details.

**Membership** We welcome Louise Perreault to our club.

### Upcoming Events

There will be a memorial service for one of our fellow pickleball players, Stanley "Doug" Guerin. It will be on January 10 from 1-3pm in the Lakeview room at the North Marina. Questions can be referred to Pam Bailey at 330-904-2947.

### Did You Move the Tables?

There is new furniture in each pavilion at the pickleball courts and they are there for your use. All we ask is that when you leave, please return the tables and chairs to their designated spots, as shown in the Laminated Furniture Placement Diagrams posted in each pavilion.

### Videos of the Month

[Preview YouTube video Pickleball Fourth Shot Strategy Explained](#)  
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[Preview YouTube video Advanced Dinking Strategy: Control the Kitchen](#)  
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# They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games

RUDOLPH WAS DISAPPOINTED WHEN HE LEARNED THE ELVES ONLY INVITED HIM TO PICKLEBALL TO LIGHT THE COURT



**Next time you step on the court ask yourself**

Did I welcome someone? Did I include someone? Did I check my ego at the gate? Did I make this court better or worse today? Pickleball doesn't need more exclusivity. It needs more generosity. More kindness.

More of what made it explode in the first place.

-Anonymous



You Are Invited To A

# CELEBRATION PARTY

In Honor Of  
Tennis Pros

*Brad Huff*  
&  
*Ward Snyder*

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December 30, Tuesday | The Club  
5:30PM-8:30PM | Vista South

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Join us for a fun, upbeat tennis-themed trivia night as we send off our pros Brad and Ward in true style! Expect friendly competition, great stories, and plenty of good-natured smack talk.

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Guests will enjoy light bites- chicken wings, fresh garden salad, spring rolls, and crispy potato skins.

**\$20++**

Make your reservations with  
The Club 864-944-2151