

KKPBC Newsletter—4 Pages

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The Club Championship and Membership Drive are now on June 6

Yup, June 6 is later than May 2 which was the original date for this combined event. A conflict arose with the May 2 date and then we discovered the lower courts are being resurfaced in late May. So rescheduling took us to the first weekend in June. The Club Championships in Men's and Women's Doubles will be open to KKPBC members only, with three playing levels: Advanced, High Intermediate and Intermediate. It will be a round-robin style, starting in the cool of the morning with the finals in the early afternoon; perfect for partyers to witness. We learned something from the March Madness event, so we are timing our Membership Drive party to coincide with these playoffs. You can renew your membership (by check or PayPal), get a wonderful (and free) lunch, socialize with your fellow clubbers and watch the finest pickleball players in our community, all at the same time. When the finals conclude, the courts will be available for Open play. We are planning on a 12:30 start to the party/finals, and our Social chair, Samantha Holt will be asking for volunteers to help her. More details are on page 3.

Membership Update:

New: Robert Keller, Travis Patterson, Wendy Gremillion, Ginny Dillon, Tim Rieger, Philip and Susan Zitello, Danielle Patterson and Sara Foster. Welcome!

Upcoming Events:

May 13: Larry's monthly orientation for new players, 4-5 pm.

May 18: Rally for Lake Keowee

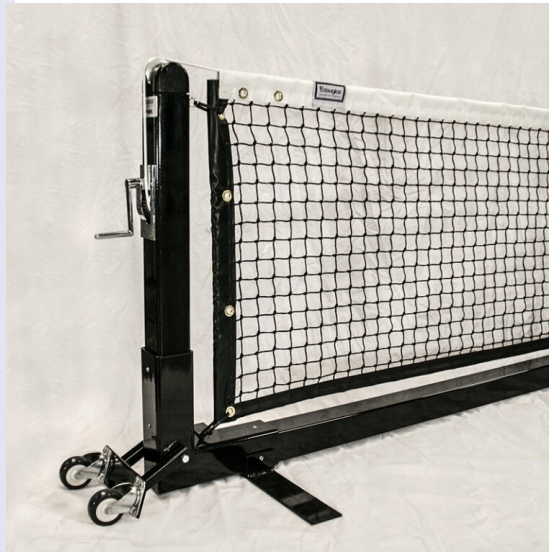
Late May: Resurfacing of lower courts, which affects the next item...

June 6: Club Championship / Membership Drive. Party starts at 12:30.

Sometime in June: Women's Social event.

WWJWW? April Videos

This area should be filled with wonderful learning videos from John Walker but for some reason the YouTube links will not work this month. Obviously some AI robot is playing an April fool's joke on us. Hopefully by next month this issue will be resolved.



Do You Use the Dual Lined Courts?

A reminder that when using the hardcourts, make sure to not leave the portable nets on their wheels. If left on their wheels they damage the surfaces.

What's the story on Open Play? You have us confused. Now that warmer weather has arrived, we expected the Open courts (Social Play) to be overcrowded, and instead they aren't being used very much at all. Please email (Subject line = Open Play)

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if you'd like to express your opinion.

March Madness! This was a new twist on bracketology, fashioned after the NCAA Basketball Championships, and it was an unqualified success. The play was enthralling, the food was enticing and the event raised \$720 for First Light, a non-profit endorsed by Keowee Key Community Partnership (see link at bottom of this page) . Congratulations to Queen and King, Sheron Parks and David Dann, for winning the crowns this year. And a special thank you to all participants for playing and to everyone that filled out a bracket. See you same time next year.



Breaking News!

Save the date of Saturday, June 6th. The combining of the annual Pickleball Club Membership Drive Party & the Club Championship Tournament has been moved from May 2nd to June 6th. The round robin play for the tournament will take place in the morning and the party will start in the afternoon with the finals for each group being played as entertainment for the party revelers. Find your partner and get ready!

Tournament Format:

Categories: Men's Doubles & Women's Doubles

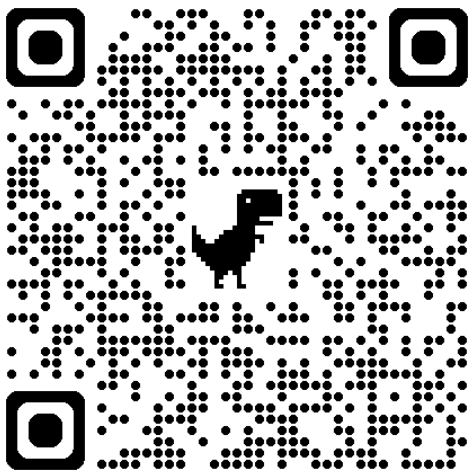
Groupings – Advanced, High Intermediate, Intermediate

Format

Round Robin matches within each group (Men at 8AM, Women at 10:30AM). Top 4 teams in each group will qualify for a playoff (based on wins & points). Single elimination play for each group in the afternoon during the Membership Drive Party (both the men's & women's playoffs will be in the afternoon)

Register using the link or QR code below!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhEctd4ZXiX5rJriPjdSliuF-6UzADKnbkJQNDzPPAAeNO4g/viewform>



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From Elizabeth Higginbottom to Jaye Melanson:

Pickleball in Paradise is offering a Ladies-Only 3.5+ trip to Beaches Turks & Caicos on October 1st, 2026, with two of our top pros, Mary Helen Atkins and Jodie Merrill. Mary Helen and Jodi are incredibly warm, welcoming, and a joy to be around. They provide outstanding instruction while ensuring everyone has a great time—both on and off the court. It's going to be a fantastic experience, and I would love for members of your club to join us.

If anyone in your club is interested, please feel free to pass this along—I'm happy to offer a \$200 discount off the package rate. All they need to do is enter the code **200#** when booking.

Here is the brochure: [BTC 10/1/26](#)

Here is the deposit link: [BTC 10/1/26 Deposit Link](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions at all. I hope some of your group can join us—it would be wonderful to have them there!

