

KEOWEE KEY PICKLEBALL CLUB UPDATE

President's Corner

Greetings Pickle Nation,

Welcome to a new year of Keowee Key pickleball! The men's club championship tourney was exciting with some fantastic play by all who competed. We've had our first social, the chili cook-off, with some spicy chili, spicy dancing and a good time had by all!

Key info:

15 Jan- Women's Club Championship

16 Jan- Facilitator led player Dev

17 Mar- St. Patrick's Day party

Block times:

<http://www.keoweekeypickleball.org/calendar.htm>

Niki Andrews

Social Committee

Following a series of rain-outs, our Pickleball Club's Chili Cook-Off took place at the Lakeview Room on Sunday, Jan 13th. The event, which showcased the culinary talents of nine of our members, was well-attended. All who participated enjoyed the mouth-watering, uniquely different chili offerings. The winners of the competition were as follows:
1st Place - Dave Dixon for his Tiger Champion Chili
2nd Place - Margie and Dave Gilchrist for their Share the Load Chili

Save the Dates

Please mark your calendars and join us for the next Pickleball & Beer parties, which are currently scheduled for Sunday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day Party), Friday, May 10th (Annual Membership Drive Party) and Friday, June 21st (Summer Solstice Party).

Party On!

Joe and Joan

Interclub Events

We will be planning four interclub events at our courts this year. We hope to have our first interclub play on February 9th and are confirming this date with The Reserve. Stay tuned.

We have also been contacted by The Death Valley Pickleball Club (Central/Clemson) who are trying to arrange an interclub event at the Central/Clemson Recreation Center (CCRC) in the near term. We will let everyone know when this event is scheduled.

Player Development

Want to improve? Come “practice with a purpose”:

Sign up for the **January Facilitator Led session 1/16/19** from **10:00-12:00**. Make your reservation at jswalker5233d@gmail.com and indicate what skills/strategies will provide the most benefit to you. There are a few spots available.

Wednesdays January 23 & 30 from **10:00 - 12:00** two courts are reserved for **self directed Player Development** and are open to any skill level.

Intermediate/Advanced players - Fridays 9:00 - 11:00 two courts are reserved for **drills** practice.

Play with a purpose:

Focus on one thing that you need to improve. Keep that focus for the entire time you are playing. e.g. on each shot, watch the paddle meet the ball...

Eyes see the ball hit the paddle - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-19Wqqbd1Vk>

Pickleball Solo Wall Drills -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWvILrOuMUc>

John Walker

Competition

The weather in December presented a real challenge to schedule the 2018 Keowee Key Fall Pickleball Club Championship.

Thanks to all the men that agreed to play this past Thursday January 10, 2019 and the weather cooperated. The competition was spirited and there was great pickleball played.

<i>Men's Brown Division</i>

<i>Men's Orange Division</i>

Scott Lincoln	(JJ) Jim Jacobs
Bill Wech	Bill Smith
Dennis Heine	Jose Cabrera
Gary Cooper	Geoff Chambers
Stephen Hirsch	Bob Andrews
Joe Ferrara	Thom Jagielski
Dave Gillis	Jackel Rowe
Bob Daffin	John Walker

Scott Lincoln and Joe Ferrara advanced to the finals to represent the **Men's Brown Division**.

Men's Brown Division	Games Won	Total Points	Place
Scott Lincoln	6	72	1
Joe Ferrara	5	67	2
Dave Gillis	4	63	
Stephen Hirsch	4	53	

(JJ) Jim Jacobs and Geoff Chambers advanced to the finals to represent the **Men's Orange Division**.

There were four men tied with the total games won the tiebreaker was determined by total points. Great playing gents.

Men's Orange Division	Games Won	Total Points	Place
(JJ) Jim Jacobs	5	72	1
Geoff Chambers	5	69	2
Jose Cabrera	5	62	
Bob Andrews	5	61	
John Walker	3	49	

Scott Lincoln was undefeated in the finals and took 1st place overall with Joe Ferrara finishing in 2nd place.

As special thanks to all the folks that came out to watch the tournament. A very special thanks to Leslie Walker and Mitch Simon for helping with the tournament.

**Women's schedule for the 2018 Keowee Key Fall Pickleball Club
Championship**

- Women will play on Tuesday January 15th on the Pickleball courts.
- Warm up at 12:30 PM and we will start the tournament at 1:00 PM
- Women finals will be played on the Pickleball courts and should start about 3:30 PM.
- Come out and cheer on the ladies

<i>Women's Orange Division</i>	<i>Women's Purple Division</i>
Nancy Winchcombe	Niki Andrews
Mare Metzler	Jeanne Chambers
Nancy Lenkowski	Kathleen Fosha
Wendy Jakszta	Jennifer Rowe
Aimee Fountain	Jeanie Smol
Ann Savoca	Lynn Carlson
Leslie Walker	Dorcas Annett
Val Crenshaw	Pam Shealy

Competition Co-chairs

JJ (Jim Jacobs) Scott Lincoln
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