

KEOWEE KEY PICKLEBALL CLUB UPDATE

President's Corner

Congratulations to our club member, Nancy Lenkowski, who has been busy playing in several tournaments in the region. She, and her women's doubles partner, Wendy Evans from Stillwater, took Gold last weekend in the 4.0 level in North Myrtle Beach's Paddle at the Beach! They also took gold in Greenville's Spring Smash at the 3.5-4.0 level on April 1. They played at the 4.0 level in Tiger, GA in March and took Bronze, missing gold by only 3 points.

Congratulations to Club member Jim Jacobs (JJ) who won the 2017 Men's League event with second place going to Jose Cabrera.

I would like to thank Brad Huff and Ward Snyder, our racquet pros, for hosting the "re-keg" party, pickleball clinic, and social on Friday, March 31. Unfortunately, we were traveling and missed out, but I heard it was a lot of fun.

Don't forget to sign up for the Elliot's clinics or private and semi-private lessons. The club is subsidizing the cost by paying for \$10 of the \$40 cost for the clinics for club members. We have opened up the available clinic spaces for other clubs so it is important for you to sign up quickly. For more info see Player Development below.

NEW BLOCK TIMES

The Pickleball Committee has revised the block times based on the spring temperatures and the change in time. They become effective today, Easter Sunday.

I would like to remind players that we have a lot of new players to the game who come to the C block time. Please encourage and help them with their game and the rules. If you are a better player attending a C block time and you are playing with new players, then you should play to simply keep the ball in play and not try to win every point. You can also try some new skills that you've learned. The alternative is to attend the B block time.

DAY	BLOCK TIMES	COURTS
SUNDAY	Social 4 - 6 PM	4
MONDAY	C Players 8 - 11 AM	4
	A/B Players 5 - 7 PM	2
TUESDAY	B Players 8 - 10 AM	2

	A/B Players 10-12	2
	C Players 7 - 9 PM	2
Wednesday	Player Development Open* Skills & Drills 10 AM - 12	4
	Ladies 7 - 9 PM	2
THURSDAY	C Players 8 - 11 AM	4
	A/B Players 5 - 7 PM	2
FRIDAY	Ladies 9 - 11 AM	2
SATURDAY	Social 8 - 11 AM	4

* Open means any KK PB Club member.

Karen (Daniels)

Social Scene

Save the Date Friday May 19th: Our next PB&B will coincide with our Annual Membership Drive, Raffle and Elliott Family PickleBall Demonstration. We will provide pizza and beer or if you prefer another beverage BYO. Snacks to share are always welcome. The Elliott Pickleball demonstration will be from 5:00-6:30 open to the public, followed by orientation on the courts from 6:30 to 7:00 . The PB&B will be from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

Reminder the Ladies Social “ Cinco De Mayo” will be Wednesday May 3rd 5:00-7:00 pm during our normal block time. The date was changed from Friday May 5th. Bring a snack to share, your drink and of course your paddle for a fun evening on the courts.

Nancy and Ron (Kliewer)

Player Development

It's heartwarming to hear the kind words from so many people and see that the level of play at Keowee Key continues to improve. And yes, we are experiencing a continual growth in new participants.

Wednesday, 4/19 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon is the **next Facilitated Player Development session.** We will be focusing on “hitting the ball out in front” for directional accuracy; serve

consistency; drop shots; getting to the ball for ground stroke control; point play analysis...where to return serves...getting to the net; strategies for patient dinking...moving the opponents to open up the court for winning points..

Please let us know if you can participate so we can have enough Facilitators ready by registering at jswalker5233d@gmail.com. At the same time please let me know what specific skills and/or strategies are of most importance to you.

The Elliott Clinic Sessions are filling up, so to guarantee a spot in at the reduced Club membership price of \$30, please send in your registration form. Surrounding area Pickleball enthusiasts have been notified and we've received a strong response. There are a few spots remaining.

The forms are available at this link

<http://keoweekeypickleball.org/ElliottClinicSignUpKKPBClub2017.pdf> Copy and paste this url to your browser.

If you have difficulty accessing this, please contact me directly at jswalker5233d@gmail.com .

John (Walker)

Competition

WE NEED PLAYERS FOR THE KEOWEE KEY SPRING WOMEN'S AND MEN'S PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT!

Saturday, May 6, 2017

The first pickleball tournament of the year will be held on Saturday, May 6th. Please sign up as the tournament is just a few weeks away. The tournament will be divided into 4 groups (Women's Intermediate and Advanced) and (Men's Intermediate and Advanced).

This will be a Round Robin (whist format) and you **do not need a partner**. Each player will be playing with every player in his or her group one time and against each player twice. If we have 8 players in each group you will play a total of 7 games. Games will be played to 11 win by 1.

Please sign up by e-mailing me at jrjisland@gmail.com

JJ (Jim Jacobs)

Other Items of Community Interest

As you may know, each year for the past eight years, a small group of individuals here at KK have been responsible for a program which brings active duty MARSOC Marines and medically retired Marines to our community for several days in order that we may afford them an opportunity to relax, enjoy our exceptional facilities and receive our showing of appreciation for what they do. PB Club members, Randy and Tami Finzer, are coordinating the effort to sign up hosts to sponsor the Marines. Here is what they would like to share with you:

This year we would like to add new hosts to our ranks especially from our PB group. From past experience, our PB hosts have been outstanding due to their active lifestyle, upbeat attitude and display of caring towards others. Last year, Jose' and Linda Cabrera, Ron and Darla Cady, Nancy Lenkowski, Pat And Linda Morgan, Paul and Debbie Rote, Richard and Raylene Webster and Mickey and Amy Zarra joined long term hosts Jon Goyert and Karen Daniels (who now are in charge of the water sports activity, Randy and Janet Kamischke (who are now in charge of transportation) and Tami and myself.

This year's event begins with the Marine's arrival in the afternoon of June 19, and concludes with their departure on June 22, around noon. This link <http://honoring-their-service.org/> sends you to our website with information about the program. Pay special attention to the page Event 2016>>>Expectations of Hosts. (Dates and schedules are from previous years.)

This is an opportunity to get to know and "give a little" back to our men and women who give so much so that we can live the lives we lead. Plus, you can participate in several of the activities, should you so desire.

If you would be willing to take a small amount of time out of your life or would care to know more about this special event, please contact me, Randy Finzer, at sideout76@gmail.com or call me at: [864-719-0161](tel:864-719-0161).

[Click here to view calendar for pickleball block times and special events.](#) We encourage you to create your own schedule by going to the reservations column and reserving a court(s) up to 72 hours in advance when available.

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