

KEOWEE KEY PICKLEBALL CLUB UPDATE 11/23/19

President's Corner

Greetings Pickle Nation!

This year has flown by and my term is coming to an end. It has been my great pleasure serving as your Board President and I've enjoyed getting to know the fantastic people associated with Pickleball! A huge thanks to my phenomenal Board members, who are a true gift to the community. Without their selfless giving of time and expertise, this club wouldn't be what it is today! Kudos Ann, Leslie, John, JJ, Scott, Joe, Joan, Jean, Randy and Mark. I commend you all for your giving spirits and professionalism!

Please see the below statement about new courts from your incoming President and Vice President, Ann Savoca and Leslie Walker:

With Keowee Key's 2020 vote package on the horizon, please be reminded that the next step toward construction of new Pickleball courts is approval of funds to complete a bid package for the courts and additional parking spaces for the FRC (FRC Phase 1). **Funds are already available in the Major Projects Reserve to pay such fees. There is no assessment increase necessary to pay this expense.** Community approval for FRC Phase 1 is required to pay for the cost of construction design documents. If the community votes 'yes', contractors will then develop firm bids for construction and a contractor will be selected. Once a contractor has been chosen and accurate project costs obtained, the KKPOA Board will call for a vote to proceed with FRC Phase 1. This vote would occur sometime in 2020. A 'yes' vote at this time does not commit us to invest in any of the projects currently under consideration nor does it commit us to any part of the FRC Master plan which anticipates further enhancements to the FRC campus in the coming years. If the construction design request is voted down, we will not have approval to develop a bid package for additional pickleball courts and will not get new courts in the foreseeable future. (Approval this November will simply allow the community to have a firm handle on the actual costs of the proposed project.)

The upcoming vote package will also include a request for community members to agree to an option to borrow up to an additional \$1M from our current bank at 3.89% (a better rate than we have for our existing loan). This funding will be used, ONLY if needed, for major Capital projects. These funds will not be 'tapped' and there will be no additional loan payments if the FRC Phase 1 project is not approved in 2020.

If you have any questions about the vote package, don't hesitate to speak with a KKPOA Board member.

Important dates:

18 Dec 19-Facilitator Led Player Development

08 Dec 19- Christmas party

Social Committee Update:

Greetings Pickleball Nation,

Thanks so very much to the following members who have agreed to host our Pickleball Parties for 2020.

January Party: Hosted by **Vanessa and Freddie Bonet** and **Niki and Bob Andrews** (Theme and date to be revealed next month)

March St Patrick's Day Party: Sunday, March 15th from 1 to 4 hosted by **Cindy and Dan Doherty**

May Membership Drive Party: Cinco de Mayo party hosted by **Carolyn and Paul Black** (exact date and times will be revealed at a later date)

Summer Party: Hosted by **Nancy and Larry Babyak** (theme and date to be revealed at a later time)

October Tailgate Party: Hosted by **Cindy and Todd Gillespie** (date and time to be revealed after Clemson releases its 2020 football schedule)

Christmas Party: Hosted by **Aimee Fountain** (date will be coordinated with the December Club Championship)

And best of all, **Pam Shealy** has agreed to coordinate the Ladies' Pickleball Parties with the help of **Cindy Doherty**. I know this is at least the third year that Pam has planned and coordinated the Ladies' Parties. She has such original ideas that have truly helped the ladies get to know and appreciate each other even better. If you see Pam out on the Courts, please give her a big thank you for agreeing to keep the party going another year!

Barb Jacobs has graciously agreed to serve as the **Pickleball Social Committee Chair**. Barb will attend the Pickleball Board meetings and keep our club members informed of Pickleball parties via the Pickleball Blast newsletter.

We think 2020 will be the best year for parties and we are looking forward to what these enthusiastic and creative individuals have in store for us.

Christmas Party:

Finally, our last party for 2019 is the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8th at 6 p.m. in the **Vista Room** at the Keowee Key Country Club. **The party starts at 6:00**

p.m. with an open cash bar and dinner will be served buffet style at 6:30

p.m. Dinner is \$24.50 ++ and includes the following:

Salad Bar

Broccoli Salad

Tomato, Cucumber, Mozzarella Salad with pasta

Beef Madeira

Lemon Pepper Chicken

Lemon Dill Salmon

Mixed Vegetables

Mashed Potatoes

Bread

Tuxedo Mousse Cake and Apple Pie

We will open up the dance floor after dinner and dance the night away to a playlist by DJ Joe. **Please call the Club today at 864-944-2151 to reserve your spot** for what is sure to be a wonderful evening of lively conversation, good food, music and dancing.

Joan and Joe

Ferrara

Social Committee Co-Chairs

Player Development

The next Facilitator Led Player Development session is December 18th. Sign up at jswalker5233d@gmail.com and include specific areas that might be most beneficial for you.

NOTE: The 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 10:00-12:00 we have 2 courts reserved for “drop in” Player Development sessions that are open to any skill level.

“Practice with a purpose”

For your viewing pleasure, watch this point starting at 1:50 into the video featuring

Leigh Waters/Dave Weinbach

vs

Anna Leigh Waters (12 year old)/Kyle Yates.

[Click here](#)

Let me know what you think? at jswalker5233d@gmail.com

John Walker

Competition

Thanks to all the ladies and gents that have signed up for the Club Championship scheduled for December 7th.

Here are the divisions for the tournament, we will update start times for each division later this week.

Women's Division:

Jean Petersen, Nancy Winchcombe, Kim Szabo, Nancy Lenkowski, Caroline Foster, Sidney Davenport, Maura Gerstner, and Eleanor Croft

Women's Alternate: Niki Andrews

Men's Red Division:

Thom Jagielski, Stephen Hirsch, Tom Lund, John Walker, George Davenport, and Gary Grizard

Men's Blue Division:

Larry Babyak, Jim Rowe, Greg Szabo, Greg McCown, Rich Ricketts, Erik Sprogis, and Al Fosha

Men's White Division:

Geoff Chambers, Joe Ferrara, Mitch Simon, Jim Jacobs (JJ), Scott Lincoln, Dennis Heine, Freddie Bonet, and Bobby Daffin

Men's Alternate:

Dave Gillis

Saturday, December 7, 2019.

Rainout Date will be Sunday, December 8, 2019

Men's whist round-robin format

Women's whist round-robin format

Draw for the playing schedule will be the morning of the tournament at 8:30 AM.

Click on the link below to sign up as an alternate:

[2019 Club Championship Sign up form](#)

Our friends at Hartwell have invited anyone interested is welcome to sign up for their Second Annual Lake Hartwell March Madness Pickleball Tournament March 6th & 7th, 2020 Bell Family YMCA Hartwell, GA
If you are interested, click on the link below to see all the details.

[Lake Hartwell March Madness Pickleball Tournament flyer](#)

Competition Co-chairs

JJ (Jim Jacobs)	Scott Lincoln
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Interclub

Ann Savoca