

Karen Schoepke is a native cheesehead who left Wisconsin after college graduation at UW Madison. She began her teaching career with APS in July 1998 and retired in July 2018. The last four years of her teaching career were spent at the PE teacher at SY Jackson Elementary. Upon taking the position she was asked if she played pickleball. Never having heard of it, she was directed to Ray and Renee Padilla. That's all it took for her to become hooked on the sport! With Ray's and Renee's help, she introduced pickleball to all of her students and organized an SY Jackson Elementary Pickleball team.

Karen and husband, Tony, have two grown children. Their daughter is a registered nurse in the Burn Unit at University Medical Center. Their southpaw son is a college sophomore, transferring to UNM next year and playing for the Lobos.

Karen is co-venue coordinator at Hoover Middle School on Friday nights from 6:00-8:00PM and encourages all to come and play before this school year ends.