

#### **PB Shirt Orders**

The shirts were designed by Elizabeth Goff, daughter of Kim and Mark Weber. Her design is above. Thank you Elizabeth.

#### **Winter Warnings**

Never use shovels to clear snow or ice off the pickleball courts. Also the portable gas heaters in the pavilions are wonderful but you must remember to turn them off, or we will have real problems.

#### What's Coming Up?

Larry's next Orientation is February 19 from 4-6 pm using paddles that have been generously donated by club members.

#### Who is New?

Welcome to Luanne and Michael Kerrigan, Terri Giles and Catherine Twedt.

**Video of the Month** 



## **Pickleball Club of Keowee Key**January Last Update 1/30/25

#### **Eagles and Birdies Galore**



Last Friday's Pop-Up Party for golfers was a huge success. We had nearly sixty people on hand, and most of them were not what we would call "die-hard picklers". All 8 courts were in use for almost the entire two hours. Also, the "Robert Picard designed" mini golf



course was a big hit. The turf next to the pool made for a great place to set up for putting. Thank you Tony Bonitati for putting it together.

#### The Only Brittle We Like is Peanut

It's warming up a bit this week- and hopefully our torrid pace of breaking pickle balls will wind down. We've ordered some more batches and should be covered for another month. We need a strategy for balls, and we will look to hone in on our regular and seasonal ball needs in the near future. Given the high rate of cracking (roc) of Engage and Vtech balls some would like to propose that we switch to the Selkirk balls that we tried last year. They have a very low roc. They do have a different feel and occasionally get out of round but going through 200 balls in 3 weeks is not sustainable.

#### **Open Play Extends**

We've added a couple of AFTERNOON sessions --- from 1 to 3 pm on both Tuesday and Thursday. Some of these will be "Play with the Pro" sessions with some nice warm afternoon temps. Please come on out!

### No Failure to Communicate Here

Our message board is now digital! We have some painting and touch up to do, but the TV monitor is live. Several TV's were donated to the Club by the FRC. This is a joint effort with our Club, and in-



cludes members of the FRC & Pickleball Committees. Our KKPBC social media and website updates are continuing also; all in an effort to make you more aware of what is offered here in Pickleball Paradise.



## Major League Pickleball Comes to Keowee Key

On Saturday (1/25), we had a great inaugural MLP Event here at KK. Teams were randomly assigned for this fun, competitive format. We had great weather and excellent camaraderie...not to mention, some super pickleball was played. Cheers to all the players and Congrats to the winners! We'll definitely be doing more MLP style events. Pickle On—Larry



First Place Erne team: Ben Walker, Fran Franke, Kelly Weldon and Scott Lincoln



Second Place Lobbers Team: Greg Szabo, Kathleen Fosha, Sheron Parks and Joe Ferrara













# "Love to Dink" Fundraiser for Adaptive Pickleball (APB) hosted by Keowee Key

Divisions are based on skill levels:

When each division is filled you will be added to the wait list in the order you signed up.



#### **TOURNAMENT DETAILS:**

The LOVE TO DINK TOURNAMENT (LTDT) is a Round Robin Whist tournament event benefitting Adaptive Pickleball (501c3 nonprofit). APB teaches pickleball to people with diverse abilities in the SC upstate. For more information visit us on Facebook: ADAPTIVE PICKLEBALL- APB. The dink tournament will be outdoors at Keowee Key Pickleball courts 1-8 on Saturday February 22, 2025, 12 pm start time.

A minimum donation (see QR code below) of \$25 is needed to participate.

#### **REGISTRATION CLOSES FEBRUARY 16.**

Hope you can come and showcase your "Dinking" skills for a great cause!

#### Let's have fun!

- Prizes for the champion in each bracket.
- 50/50 cash raffle with the winner taking 50% of the cash collected. Anyone can participate.
- Please call us if you have any questions and thank you for your support!

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