



KKPBC Newsletter

January 2026

Website: www.keoweekeypickleball.org

Friend us on Facebook at **Keowee Key Pickleball Group**

Membership : Francie Coiffi, Elizabeth Buffington and Kevin Nye are new members.

Upcoming Events: Larry's next orientation will be Wednesday February 11 from 4-6 pm. An Eblast will go out from the FRC with details. Friday frolics is on hiatus until it warms up

There is a big section on page two about the upcoming Love to Dink tournament on 2/21.

LOVE TO DINK

Tournament benefitting Adaptive Pickleball



Sat. Feb 21

12:00 - 3:30

The Pickleball Club at Keowee Key



Registration is \$25

3 Divisions: Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced (Registration begins Feb. 1)

Tournament proceeds will benefit Adaptive Pickleball (APB), a 501(c)3 nonprofit serving the greater Upstate South Carolina area. APB teaches people with physical, cognitive, and developmental challenges how to play the wonderful game of pickleball.

In addition to the Dinking Tournament, there will be a 50/50 cash raffle, prizes and more!

Thank you to all who participated last year. We hope to see you again!

Questions? Call Cindy Doherty 864 985 9977.



Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot?

We bid farewell to the KKPBC Board from last year and welcome the newest edition this month. There is something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue. There will be adjustments as the year progresses when we get to know each other, but here is your board as it currently exists:

President/Liaison to Racquet and Paddle Committee: Charlie Beagan

Vice President: Tony Bonitati

Co-Secretaries: Dave and Deb Higdon; Secretary in transition Leslie Walker

Treasurer: Tom Beck, Fran Franke

Communications: Tom Donegan

Competition: Chuck Howard, Jaye Melanson,

Kim Shoulars, Vicki Enos

Social: Samantha Holt

Training: Jon Goyert, Karen Daniels

Equipment: Jim Weinstein

Web Master: Susan Brennan

Member Roster: John Walker

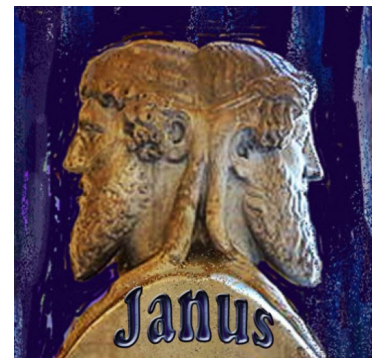


The Gift of the Magi

The wise people of the FRC have given Keowee Key a gift. They are pleased to announce that the Tennis Committee and Pickleball Committee are officially coming together as one unified Racquet & Paddle Sports Committee. This combined approach will: **Strengthen** collaboration and communication, **Create** a more cohesive vision for programming, events, and court use, and **Ensure** all racquet and paddle sports continue to thrive together. The goal is to better serve the entire community while fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and energetic environment on the courts. They will introduce Daniel Shidler as our new Head Racquet Sports Professional, beginning February 2nd.

How January Came to be Named

January was named after Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and transitions. He could look to the future as well as the past. It is the hope of your '26 KKPBC Board that we aren't two faced like Janus was, and that we truly try to accentuate community this new year. We will revisit our social and competitive events in the hope that we can encourage improved attendance so we get to know each other better.



WWJWW: Stands for What would John Walker Watch?

John has been sending us Videos of the Month for several years now and he deserves some credit. So this section will be called WWJWW in his honor.

<https://youtu.be/SuDAwDyy3g4>

Where to Aim serves?

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SAVE THE DATE:

Keowee Key with the help and support of the Pickleball club will host the 2nd annual “LOVE TO DINK” competition Saturday February 21, 2026 from 12pm-3:30pm. The proceeds will benefit APB Pickleball (501c3) serving the greater Upstate South Carolina area. APB teaches people with physical, cognitive, and developmental challenges how to play this wonderful game of pickleball.

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Photos from 2025's Love to Dink Tournament



Did You Get a New Calendar for 2026?

Pencil these in

Competition Possibilities:

October 10 (tentative date) for the 12th KKPB Classic

March King & Queen - Mixed Doubles

May Club Championship – find your own partner

Social Event Possibilities: Dates are tentative

2/21 Love to Dink

3/21 March Madness Mixed Doubles (Kings & Queens) 3/22 Rain Date

5/2 Membership Drive & Club championship

8/8 National Pickleball Day

October – Joint PB / Tennis event

12/6 Holiday party

Scattered throughout the year will be smaller events such as Lady's Days and Men's Days and GloBall evenings.