



# KKPBC Newsletter

## March 2025

### New Members

Timothy Zima, Kathleen and Hugh Hobus, Robert Judy, Bill Mackey and Donna Bayliss have joined KKPBC. Welcome!

### Mark Your Calendars

- KKPBC Mixed Doubles Tournament: Mar 22(RD 23rd)
- Men's Social: March 23
- Men's Interclub starting this month
- KKTA is hosting a "Lob, Dink & Toss" Social Tournament and Party on April 12 - **inviting PB players that are also KKTA members.**
- Membership Renewal Party in May
- Ladies Social: June 12
- Ladies Social: Sept 10
- 11th Annual Classic Tournament: Oct 3-5
- Christmas Party: Dec 7

### Movers and Shakers:

Thanks to Susan Brennan and Scott Lincoln for lugging 8 totes of PB supplies from John and Leslie's house to our new storage closet in the FRC.

### Video of the Month:

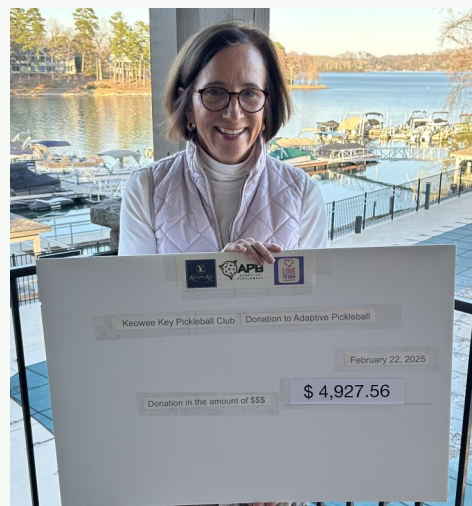
### Blocking Drill

## Love to Dink A Big Success

The generosity of the Keowee Key community was once again on display raising almost \$5000 in donations supporting Adaptive Pickleball thanks to our Love to Dink tournament held February 22. It turned out to be a beautiful day for a beautiful cause. This will be enough for a new wheelchair and other adaptive equipment. Thirty-two players battled it out in the first dinking tournament here at KK. Congratulations to our winners who competed in a dinking playoff for the grand prize!

APB exists to create an inclusive recreational environment, where participants have access to adaptive Pickleball therapy that promotes joy, self-confidence, and enhanced quality of life.

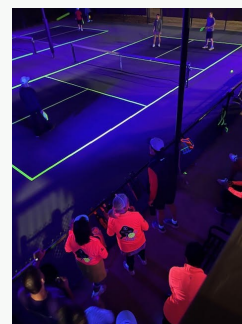
Visit them on Facebook at Adaptive Pickleball – APB if you want more information on how to volunteer, participate or donate. Thanks also to KKPBC's competition committee (JJ Jacobs, Scott Lincoln and Jaye Melanson) whose expertise made the day run smoothly. **The photos on page three will show how great the participation was.**



## Weather Wreaks Havoc

A March Madness Event had to be cancelled two nights ago due to major storms moving through the area. Luckily they weren't as severe as we were warned, but all the planning was for naught.

One week earlier though, over 70 people enjoyed another night of Glow Pickleball hosted by the KKPBC President Tony Bonitati.



## Pickleball Updates

New furniture is being purchased for the pavilions. New fans will be installed in them too. The fencing is going to be repaired. The water and ice machine will be turned on soon, if not already. Plans are in place for completing landscaping before summer. The lost and found box is full and will need emptying next month. Please check if something is yours. And another refresher course on how to use equipment and software may be scheduled this spring. And from Larry, if you have not already done so and want to be part of the level based SPOND groups that were created, please complete a Player Self Evaluation Survey. Simply go to: [Pickleball Player Self-Evaluation](#)

# Long Live the King and Queen of Pickleball

We are just a few days away from the much-anticipated Mixed Doubles event on March 22 when we will determine this year's queen and king of the courts. We are thrilled to have a full lineup with 26 women and 26 men participating. Here are some important details:

**Partner Drawing:** The random drawing for partners will take place on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00 PM in the Upper Pavilion. The process will only take about 30 minutes, so please be sure to arrive on time.

**Partner Pairing:** The ladies will be drawing for their male partners. There will be three groups based on skill level, ensuring fair competition.

(If for any reason, you are unable to play in the tournament, we ask that you find a replacement of similar skill level. Please inform us of any changes as soon as possible.)



We're excited about the event and can't wait to see everyone out on the courts! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. Keowee Key Pickleball Club Competition Co-Chairs

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## The Lobster is Coming

Are you new to pickleball? Are you old to pickleball?

Do you want a machine that will help you master the basics?

Do you want a machine with a large ball capacity so you can spend more time practicing and less time reloading?

Do you need a machine that's easy to transport and store, even in tight spaces? Meet the Lobster, the new ball machine coming to the FRC thanks to KKPBC. Details will be forthcoming once the machine has arrived and passes the rigorous testing procedures we will put it through.





