



# KKPBC Newsletter

## February 2026

Website: [www.keoweekypickleball.org](http://www.keoweekypickleball.org)

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

## Welcome Daniel Shidler



**Membership :** Kevin Giles,, Dora Leonard, John Brubacher, Jonathan and Patty Maag have joined us and Gretchen Hobkirk has rejoined us. Glad to have you all.

### Upcoming Events:

2/21 Love to Dink  
3/7 KK Welcomes Daniel  
3/21 March Madness  
Mixed Doubles Competition (see page 3)

### Did You Re SPOND ?

If you have downloaded the Spond App, you should have been included in the 2025 Keowee Key Pickleball Club Group roster. This is another way we can communicate with you quickly. Please let us know if your name is not listed there by contacting Tony Bonitati.

WWJWW? Feb. Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fT4grTWXD4>

<https://youtube.com/shorts/wJ1c64tvGvs?si=bwHyy5fkb1xnSfGm>

On Thursday afternoon a small meet and greet was held to introduce the new Racquet and Paddle Committee to the pickleball and tennis club boards of directors. At this time, Daniel Shidler was also introduced, though he has made



a point of being very visible in his first ten days here. Everyone else in the KK community is welcome to attend a much bigger welcoming party on March 7 at the FRC. [Details on page 2.](#)

## In February We Love to Dink

Keowee Key with the help and support of the Pickleball club will host the 2nd annual "LOVE TO DINK" competition next 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.

Registration began February 1. There will be 3 divisions. Novice, Intermediate 3.0- 3.5, and advanced 4.0+. 50/50 cash raffle, prizes and more!

Thank you to all who participated last year and we hope to see you again! Questions? Call Cindy Doherty 864 985 9977.



Is it true that you haven't signed up yet???

**Signed up for what?**

Meeting Daniel Shidler of course!



We invite all members to meet Daniel in person at our Racquet Sports Welcome Party on March 7. This will be a relaxed, fun opportunity to connect, enjoy casual play and exhibitions, and officially welcome Daniel to Keowee Key.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

Join us in welcoming Daniel! Help us roll out the red carpet. Sign up **[HERE](#)** so we know you're coming!





**Pickleball meets March Madness bracketology for a great cause.**

Get ready for a fun twist on March Madness—pickleball style! This lively charity tournament features mixed doubles with randomly assigned partners, so expect surprises, laughs, and maybe a few new pickleball friendships. The tournament will follow an NCAA-style bracket, with team seedings based on skill level. To keep the March Madness spirit alive, NCAA Men’s Basketball games will be televised throughout the event.

**Playing for a Purpose:** 50% of all entry fees, plus 100% of additional donations, will benefit **First Light**, a local community organization that supports survivors of sexual assault and child abuse.

**Bracket Challenge:** Think you know your pickleball friends? Put your prediction skills to the test! Fill out a tournament bracket for \$5. The most accurate bracket wins a cash prize. Proceeds support this great cause.

The event is for Pickleball Club members. Please come and participate, watch, cheer, enjoy the games, and support a worthy charity — the atmosphere will be festive and fun! Food and drinks will be provided. All club members will receive an email with registration information.

Questions? Contact Charlie Beagan at: [cbeagan@gmail.com](mailto:cbeagan@gmail.com)

Interested in joining the fun? Use the QR code for a link to our club website. <https://www.keoweekypickleball.org>



**This will be our March Social Party, replacing the St. Patrick’s Day event of past years. Please come, watch and fill out a bracket even if you aren’t playing in the tournament.**