

Sun River St. George Spring Pickleball Tournament April 16 and 17, 2010

Come join us at the Sun River St. George pickleball courts Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17 for championship play. **Play starts at 8:30 AM each day.** There will be three events:
 Friday - Mixed Doubles
 Saturday - Women's Skill Level Doubles and Men's Skill Level Doubles

Mixed Doubles will be a seeded event and mens and womens skill levels 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, and 5.0 are planned subject to sufficient entries. Skill levels will be combined is necessary. See SKILL LEVEL Table below.

Rating	Description
2.5	Players are able to keep quite a few balls going with their forehands, make most easy volleys, and are beginning to make some backhands but need to work more on developing their strokes. They are thinking more about coming up to the non-volley zone to hit volleys and are making an effort to be more aggressive.
3.0	Players are fairly consistent when hitting medium-paced shots, but are not comfortable with all strokes and lack control when trying for direction, depth, or power on their shots. They are beginning to attempt lobs and dinks but don't fully understand when and why they should use them and don't have a lot of success with them.
3.5	Players have achieved improved stroke dependability with directional control on most medium speed balls and some harder hit balls. They still need to develop more depth and variety with their shots, but are exhibiting more aggressive net play, are anticipating their opponent's shots better, and are developing teamwork in doubles.
4.0	Players have dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both forehand and backhand sides with most shots. They can use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys with some success and occasionally force errors when serving. Rallies may be lost due to impatience. Teamwork in doubles is evident.
4.5	Players have developed their use of power and spin, can successfully execute all shots, can control the depth of their shots, and can handle pace. They have sound footwork and they move well enough to get to the non-volley zone whenever required. They understand strategy and can adjust their style of play according to their opponent's strengths and weaknesses and their position on the court. They can hit serves with power and accuracy and can also vary the speed and spin of the serve if desired.

