**Palmetto Doubles Invitational**

**Pickleball Tournament • Aiken, SC**

**Saturday, August 15th** and **Sunday, August 16, 2015**

**Friday Night, August 14th, “Meet and Greet”**
Odell Weeks Sport Community Center
Aiken, South Carolina

**Indoor Tournament**
Skill Level / Age Combination
Men’s, Women’s and Mixed Doubles

(Revised 03-24-2015)

The Skill Level /Age Combination will be used at the “Palmetto Indoor Pickleball Doubles Invitational” to be held at the Odell Weeks Sport Community Center, located at 1700 Whiskey Road, in the beautiful City of Aiken, South Carolina.

The “Palmetto Indoor Pickleball Doubles Invitational is part of the “Circuit of Tournaments “in which players will receive 20 pts. for participation and additional points for coming in 1st- 15 pts., 2nd- 10 pts. and 3rd place 5 pts. in all divisions. A total listing of all players and current point standings can be found at PickleballSpecialties.com. At the Atlantic South Region Championships 2016, in Naples, Florida the TOP TEN POINT WINNERS from any division will be awarded great prizes!

Pickleball Specialties LLC. the Tournament Directors, and Pickleball Tournament Inc. have partnered with another non-profit Susan G. Komen to raise money for breast cancer awareness through the” Circuit of Tournaments”. There are 10 + tournaments in which you can participate in to earn points. Check our web site PickleballSpecialties.com for those tournament listings.

We will start the tournament weekend out on Friday night August 14, 2015 with a “Meet and Greet”, at the City’s Municipal Building from 7:00pm-9:00pm, located at 215 The Alley. Dinner and beverages will be served. There will be a short program with lots of great door prizes! Then on Saturday August 15, the Men’s and Women’s Skill Level Doubles will be played and Sunday, August 16th, will be the Mixed Doubles. Lunch will be served both days to players participating.

**Format This Year – (additional age grouping)**

- Not familiar with Skill Level / Age Combination?
- You not only can play against others in your own skill level, but also to play against others closer to your age rather than all being grouped together in a skill level no matter what the age
- The Skill Level / Age Categories to be used are: 2.5 (19+, 50+, 60+, 70+) 3.0 (19+, 50+, 60+, 70+) 3.5 (19+, 50+, 60+ and 70+) 4.0 (19+, 50+, 60+, 70+) 4.5 (19+, 50+, 60+, 70+) 5.0 (19+ 50+)
- You must be 19 years of age by December 31, 2015 to participate.
- Medals will be awarded to all 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Finishers, there must be at least 3 teams in an age group even if combined to receive medals and points
- Referees will be used for all Semi Final and Final Matches
• Tournament Directors reserve the right to combine age groups within the skill level, to ensure adequate playing time, or to adjust players into the correct skill level, but we will not combine the Skill Levels

Scoring
• Upper Bracket Matches will be 2 out of 3 games to 11 pts. win by two points. Back Draw matches will be one game to 15 pts. win by 2 pts.
• Back Draw players if they defeat the Upper Bracket players in the finals, then an additional game to 15 pts. win by 2 pts. will be played to determine 1st place.
• In the event that there are fewer than 5 teams a Round Robin may be played in which each team will play each other one game to 21 pts. or 15 pts. win by one point. At the end, the total points scored will determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. In the event of a tie head to head competition scores will be used
• This is a Double Elimination Tournament
• The Jugs Ball will be used

Tournament Fee
• $40.00 Flat Fee - Includes One or Two Events, Player Bag, Dri Fit Tournament Shirt, and lunch both days
• $10.00ea. “Meet and Greet, Social” on Friday, August 14th, from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 215 The Alley, Aiken, SC (Southern Bar-B-Que Dinner) Please let us know how many will attend________

___________ TOTAL

Partners
• If you need a partner for this tournament please try to get your form in as soon as possible. We will try to match you with someone of the same skill and age group if possible. However, we cannot guarantee anything. If you find a partner after your form is in, just email us at: Pickleballtournaments@gmail.com with the update.

Hotels / Lodging
You may either go to www.aikenis.com or http://www.cityofaikesc.gov/index.php/goverment/departments/parks-recreation-tourism-department/ to help you with reservations.

Event Times- This Is an Indoor Tournament
• Friday, August 14 – Open Practice Time 3:00 – 5:30pm (Due to setting up - Please wait until 3:00pm)
• Friday, August 14 – “Meet and Greet” Southern Bar-B-Que Dinner 7:00pm
• Saturday, August 15 - Men’s and Women’s Doubles - (Starting times to be announced)
• Sunday, August 16 - Mixed Doubles – (Starting times to be announced)

Registration
Make check payable to: Pickleball Tournaments

Mail Check to: (Deadline for Postmark: MONDAY, JULY 27TH, 2015)

Pickleball Tournaments
P.O. Box 383
Oxford, Florida
34484

If you go to PickleballSpecialties.com and click on the tournament page there is a “Register Now” button that will take you directly to Active.com On-Line Registration Begins March 26, 2015
On-Line Closes, SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015 at 11:58pm

Any questions please call: Nancy/ 419-320-3655 or Cindy / 954-309-5882
Or email PickleballTournaments@gmail.com

We hope you will come and participate in this great tournament in the beautiful and quaint city of Aiken! There is plenty to see and do, Aiken is the home of the Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame and Museum, Farmers Market, Living History Park, Aiken Center for the Arts, Hitchcock Woods, (the largest Urban forest in the US – yes, larger than New York’s Central Park!), Equestrian Center, or visit chic shops, or wonderful dining. Experience all of Aiken’s charm and elegance with a guided tour on a climate controlled trolley!

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