Friday, August 18th through Sunday, August 20th, 2017
Odell Weeks Recreation Center
1700 Whiskey Road, Aiken, South Carolina
Indoor Tournament
Skill Level / Age Combination
Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles

We are pleased to announce that we will, again, bring you the Palmetto Pickleball Doubles Invitational in partnership with the beautiful City of Aiken, SC. This year’s event will be held from Friday, August 18 – Sunday, August 20, with clinics, exhibition matches and practice time on Thursday, August 17. Thanks to a wonderful group of participants and volunteers, we had a great tournament in 2016. We look forward to you helping us make 2017 even better. Please let us know if we can do anything to assist you in making your arrangements to join us.

Tournament Format
* Skill level within age group.
* 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, 2017 to participate.
* Awards will be made to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. There must be at least 3 teams in an age group, even if combined, to receive medals.
* Referees will be used for all semifinal 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. We will not combine the skill levels without prior agreement of the players involved. We may also close registration of an event or multiple events, if the projected time of the number of matches exceeds the available court time for the day.

Scoring
* Upper Bracket matches will be 2 out of 3 games to 11 points, win by two points. Back Draw matches will be one game to 15 points, win by 2 points.
* If Back Draw players defeat the Upper Bracket players in the finals, then an additional game to 15 points, win by 2 points, will be played to determine 1st place.
* In the event that there are 5 or fewer teams in a bracket, a Round Robin may be played in which each team will play each other team, one game to 15 or 21 points depending on the number of teams, win by one points. At the end, the number of matches won will determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd, place. In the event of a tie, head to head competition scores will be used to determine the winner.
* This is a Double Elimination Tournament
* Orange Onix Pure 2 balls will be used.
**Tournament Fee**
$40.00 Fee Includes Registration, One Event, Player Bag, Dri Fit Tournament Shirt, and lunch for the day of your event
$5.00 Second event with lunch for that day.
$10.00 Social and Dinner Event on Friday, August 18th, from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm, at the Aiken Municipal Auditorium

________ Number of players and guests attending the Social and Dinner Events/$10.00

________ TOTAL FEE

**Partners**
You may register for our tournament even if you do not have a partner. You will then be listed on the PickleballTournament.com website under "Player Needing Partner", for our tournament, which will hopefully cause another player to contact you through the website to partner. You may also enter the "Player Needing Partner" section of the website to contact a player, agree to play together, and then register with that individual as your partner. Please note that you will not be considered fully registered until you have a registered partner. It is important that you work through the “Player Needing Partner” function to communicate with like age and skilled players to engage a partner. If we have to close the registration for your event before you have a registered partner, we will refund your event fee up until the final day of registration and refunds.

**Event Times- This Is an Indoor Tournament**
* Thursday, August 17 – Clinics, Practice and Exhibitions 9:00am – 7:00pm (Detailed schedule to be announced.)
* Friday, August 18 – Men’s 60+ and 70+ starting at 9:00am
* Saturday, August 19 – Mixed (all categories) – starting at 8:00am
* Sunday, August 20 – Women’s (all categories) Men’s 19+ and 50+ -- starting at 8:00am

**Hotel / Lodging**
You may go to www.visitaikensc.com for help with lodging reservations.

**Dining**
* Players will be served lunch on match day(s). For non-players, there is an assortment of restaurants within a half-mile of the tournament, on Whiskey Road. Take a car because it can be dangerous to walk across Whiskey Rd.
* Downtown Aiken has many fine dining restaurants for you to enjoy during your visit.

**Registration**
* On-Line Registration closes SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017 at 11:59pm
* No Refunds after August 11. Credits for events of individuals without partners will be processed at that time. Credits will take about two weeks.
* You must pay electronically during the online registration process. Click “PayPal” and you can use a credit card.

For registration questions contact Nelson Spitnale (803) 226-5509, nspitnal@gmail.com. For general tournament questions contact Mo Garcia (803) 292-9420, mog01@aol.com, Keith Shaver (803) 270-6300, kashaver755@yahoo.com, or email in the support section of pickleballtournaments.com

We hope you will come and participate in this great tournament in the beautiful City of Aiken! There is plenty to see and do. Aiken is the home of the Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame and Museum located in the beautiful Hopelands Gardens, 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!), Aiken County Historical Museum, Equestrian Center, or visit chic shops, and enjoy wonderful dining. Experience all of Aiken’s charm and elegance with a guided tour on a climate-controlled trolley!

Your Tournament Directors,
Mo and Keith