

Popping Pickleballs in Stockbridge

The pickleballs were flying all over the place as the sport was introduced to some future "Olympians" who were out of school for a school break. The Jimmie Lee Smith Community Center (JLSCC) started its pickleball program on February 1 with some social, but competitive play. The children had never seen nor heard of pickleball, but were excited to learn and play. Thanks to Stockbridge USAPA Ambassador Chuck Blackshear and McDonough USAPA Ambassador Stan Manous, as well as veteran pickleball players Gary Duffey, Roy Gibbs, Elvie Barlow, Mike Caynor, Lee Mullins, and Center Director, Stephen Butterfield, the children played and abided by most of the rules, except the "kitchen." They just couldn't understand why they couldn't go into the kitchen. Sounds familiar? The JLSCC will hold an open house on Saturday, March 25, from 9AM to 2PM to introduce pickleball as well as other activities for children, adults, and seniors to the Stockbridge community. The pickleballs will definitely be flying on that day.



Play With A Vet

Are you a soldier or Would you like to give honor to our former soldiers? Join us outdoors in Hlawassee, GA Saturday, April 22nd, for the "Play with a Vet" Fundraiser. A FREE Round Robin, friendly competition between Vets of all the branches of the military and Non-Vets. Play will start at 10 am after the bugle call. If you are a Vet please email Pickleballpeggy16@gmail.com and list your name, branch, and contact info. If you would like to "volunteer" to play along

with a Vet, please email Pickleballpeggy16@gmail.com and note your name, preference of branch you would like to play with and contact info. There will be lunch served, silent auction, vendors and a wonderful outing for the whole family (two- and four-legged family members welcome) at the Towns County Pickleball Complex. Bring a chair, sunscreen and wear your red, white and blue. Registration must be in by April 14. Alternate rain date April 29.

From the Kitchen

Pickleball players are always looking to find a better player they can play and drill with to improve their game. How about reversing this and finding a weaker player who would like to play and drill with you to improve her/his game.

Working with a weaker player will also improve your game.

Word of caution that player may soon be pushing you. Win win for both of you.

THE GPB

The GPB is produced for all our Georgia pickleball players to enjoy hearing about tournaments, tidbits, photos and fellow players throughout the state. The information herein is provided by readers, ambassadors & players like you.

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Champion Pickleball's Kickoff Tournament



Champion Pickleball's Kickoff tournament was a big success. We loved meeting everyone! Luckily the weather held out and we were able to get in some great matches. We look

forward to seeing everyone at our next tournament on June 17th. Congratulations to our Winners Robert Potosky, Jason Kimbell, Alan King, and Dennis Edwards

Blairsville Pickleball Company News Release March 10, 2017



Photo: l-r: BPC Ambassador Kathi Patrick, of Hiwassee; Robin Ruth, of Suches; Nancy Smith; BPC President Nolan Lang; BPC Secretary Christine Ferras, of Blairsville; Marty Evans; BPC 2nd Vice-President Dave Evans, of Morganton; Chuck Herrera, Jared Sandler, of Blairsville; Blake Harper, of Young Harris; BPC Ambassador Bud Patrick, of Hiwassee, GA.

Blairsville Pickleball Club Tournament

The Methodist Activity Center gym in Blairsville, GA was filled with spectators and players for the second annual Pickleball tournament, held on March 9. The sixteen competitors were required to be at a 3.0 level or above, and played in a Round Robin style, which was fast and exciting. Medals were awarded to: 1st place Men’s Mixed Doubles, Blake Harper; 2nd place, Jared Sandler; and 3rd place, Chuck Herrera. In the Women’s Mixed Doubles, Medals were won by Robin Ruth, 1st place; Nancy Smith, 2nd place, and Christine Ferras, 3rd place. President Nolan Lang remarked, “ It was a great competition, with awesome skills shown, and dominated by good humor and friendliness, which are typical of the Blairsville Pickleball Club.” The Novice tournament will be held on March 16th in the MAC gym, 1:00-4:00. Both tournaments were organized by Dave and Marty Evans. Medals were provided by Ambassadors Bud and Kathi Patrick. Visitors are welcome to attend all tournaments. For information, contact Bud and Kathi Patrick, at kathipatrick2@gmail.com

League Pickleball Play



Champion Pickleball

Imagine Pickleball on your terms!

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- ✓ **6 Matches in 7 Weeks**
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- ✓ **Local Matches 3 Home/3 Away**
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Doubles League \$25: Men's Women's Mixed

Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Season: Spring (4/2-5/28, playoffs 5/29-6/10) Summer (6/11-7/30, playoff 7/31-8/12)

Make the Right Call

The Play: Midway thru the game, Team A serves to Team B. Team B wins the rally. Team A then realizes that the wrong player took the serve and claims the point. Who is correct?

Answer: Team A is correct.

Rule 5.B.7. The receiver is the person on the diagonally opposite side of the court from the server. In doubles, this position corresponds to the player's score and starting position.

Rule 5.B.8. The receiver is the only player who may return the ball. If the wrong player returns the ball, it is a point for the serving team.

Pickleball In the Headlines

TV announcer takes a swing at Pickleball

<http://www.cbs8.com/story/34680193/jeff-takes-a-swing-at-pickleball>



As we complete our first year and Launch our Spring League 5-Line season for 2017, I wanted to reflect and share what our journey as a Pickleball organization has grown and transformed.

The first important thing is you must love what you do so that you love it

when you're doing it! Atlanta Pickleball started with a simple thought on how to solve the places to play issue and still have a community of players to enjoy your time with. We have grown since our first launch up to over 450+ members now and it is still growing! Every time we go give a clinic or have a club mixer at least 50% of the attendees are first timers and are instantly hooked.

The second important aspect is Team work. We at Atlanta Pickleball are blessed to have a great team of hardworking and caring individuals that help make our association great! Sue Morton, Chris Wolfe and I each have our own talents but we always have each other's back and have become even closer friends through this journey.

As we go into 2017 now with all the great things we are doing: Our May 20th/21st Tournament, our Seasonal 5-Line League, Friday Night Mixers and Wednesday Drill Day we are excited to see how this year unfolds and try and learn along the way to be a great Pickleball association.

On one last note, I want to thank Bill Hess and Tom & Ann Early for all the guidance and support throughout. I feel they have been a great influence on me and our Organization. The Pickleball community is great and every single person I have met or been in contact with has a wealth of knowledge they are willing to share and are some of the most genuinely nice people you will ever meet!

WWW.ATLPBA.ORG

TOURNAMENT

Date: May 20 - 21
Where: Lifetime Athletic and Tennis, Peachtree Corners, GA
Cost: \$35. Then \$5 per event or \$75 per pro event
Surface: Outdoor
Ball: Dura 40
Format: See Below

This is one tournament you don't want to miss!
 ★ ★ ★ Come watch the pros play for CASH! ★ ★ ★

KYLE YATES

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Pro Clinics on Friday (May 19th) - Details Coming Soon

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- Center Stadium Court
- 20 Outdoor Portable Pickleball Courts
- Use of Indoor Courts (Rain)
- Full Bar and Food Indoors

Free Towel
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FORMAT

1. Pro Doubles Format - CASH PAYOUT
 - Men's Pro Doubles - Saturday
 - Women's Pro Doubles - Saturday
 - Mixed Pro Doubles - Sunday
2. Regular Doubles Format
 - Men's Skills Doubles 19+, 50+ (2.5 - 5.0) Saturday
 - Women's Skills Doubles 19+, 50+ (2.5 - 5.0) Saturday
 - Mixed Skills Doubles 19+, 50+ (2.5 - 5.0) Sunday
3. 3 on 3 Team Pickleball (6 players per team) Saturday
 - Men's and Women's Teams
 - Advanced = 4.5 - 5.0
 - Intermediate = 3.5 - 4.0
 - UpComers = 2.0 - 3.0

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Yonah Play?

Spring Pickleball Tourney - May 5th - 7th



Yonah Mountain Pickleball Club and White County Parks & Recreation are co-hosting our first "Yonah Play? Spring Pickleball Tournament" at 327 Asbestos Rd., Cleveland, GA, located just north of Gainesville and an hour+ northeast of Atlanta. Online registration available now on www.pickleballtournaments.com. A majority of proceeds will benefit nonprofit organizations in White County, Georgia.

Ages: 7 to 100+ **Skill Levels:** 2.5 to 5.0 (Novice to Advanced). **Specific Event Dates:** Friday May 5th: Men's Singles and Women's Doubles; Saturday May 6th: Women's Singles and Men's Doubles; and Sunday, May 7th: Mixed Doubles. Clinics on Mon, May 8th by IPTPA certified Coach Rodney "Rocket" Grubbs, who is also a USAPA rated 5.0 player: check out pickleballrocks.com.

Round Robin format - - - winners determined by total points. Brackets will be by age and skill levels, but Tournament Director reserves the right to combine groups after final registration is complete. All singles and partner team categories guaranteed a *minimum* of four games per event entered. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals awarded to 1st through 3rd place in all events.

QUESTIONS: Contact Tournament Director Laurie Lee on cell phone 770-317-1062 or email YonahMountainPickleball@gmail.com or sauteelodge@gmail.com.

Atlanta Pickleball Association

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and Play Pickleball tournament

SATURDAY MAY 20TH & SUNDAY MAY 21ST 2017
REGISTER @ <http://atlpba.org> - 1.2.17 thru 3.10.17

Doubles Event [2.5 thru 5.0]

Men's Skills Doubles 19+ & 50+ [Skill Level 2.5—5.0]
 Women's Skills Doubles 19+ & 50+ [Skill Level 2.5—5.0]
 Mixed Skills Doubles 19+ & 50+ [Skill Level 2.5—5.0]

3-LINE (3 on 3) Team PICKLEBALL Event

TEAM ATLPBA	VS	TEAM PADLETOK
LINE 1: CHAD C & DAVID S		LINE 1: KYLE Y & DAVE W
LINE 2: CHRIS W & KELLY T		LINE 2: OLIVER S & DANIEL M
LINE 3: MICHAEL W & JAMISON W		LINE 3: TYLER W & DAVID M

Men's & Women's Teams (Advanced [4.0-5.0] and Intermediate [2.5-3.5])

*What is the 3 on 3 Format? It's a team format. You need 6 players to form a team.
 *You compete against other teams in your skill level.



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.

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Events include: Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles, Men's and Women's Singles Age/Skill Groups (when possible) – 19+, 50+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+ plus a special St. Jude challenge team event (one paddle, 2 women and 2 men, singles format). Tournament Director reserves the right to combine ages and/or skills

Format – Double Elimination – Round Robin for brackets with 4 or less teams

Registration opens February 17th at pickleballtournaments.com

For additional information go to pickleballtournaments.com or USAPA.org

Champion Pickleball

Open Round Robin Doubles Tournament



Saturday June 17th 2017

1:00 PM

Windward Lake Club

2001 Lake Windward Drive
Alpharetta GA 30005

- ✓ *Fun Match Play*
- ✓ *Great Prizes*
- ✓ *Free Giveaways*
- ✓ *Rotating Partners Format*
- ✓ *Round Robin Social*
- ✓ *Meet New Players*

To reserve a guaranteed spot. Register now on: www.championpickleball.com

Pre-register \$20/player Day of event \$25/player. Walk-ins welcome.

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Two Pickleball Tournaments - One Location

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September 15 – 17

2017



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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PICKLEBALL - COPA INTERNACIONAL 2017 September 15, 2017

Team North America

(All North Americans who register)



COPA INTERNACIONAL 2017

September 15, 2017

Team Europe

(All Europeans who register)



Date: Friday, Sept. 15, 2017 **Tournament:** Age/Skill-Based 19+, 50+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+

Format: Team Competition: North America vs Europe **Events:** Men's, Women's, Mixed Doubles

N. American & European Teams: Teams will be formed by "ALL" players that register for the event

Matches: All participants will play multiple matches **Participants:** All ages and skill levels welcome

All Nationalities Welcome: A "Rest of the World Team" will also participate

Rules: IFP sanctioning rules will apply

Super Senior Circuit
Official Event



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3RD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT 2017 SPANISH PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION September 16 and 17, 2017

Hosted by the
Spanish Pickleball
Association



INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT III

September 16 - 17, 2017



Date: Sat. and Sun., Sept. 16 - 17, 2017 **Tournament:** Age/Skill-Based 19+, 50+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+

Events: Men's, Women's, Mixed Doubles **Participants:** All Skill Levels Welcome

Format: Round Robin Pool Play followed by Double-Elimination Playoffs

Matches: All participants will play a minimum of 4 matches / event

Rules: IFP sanctioning rules will apply

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Official Event

REGISTRATION, LODGING AND SIGHTSEEING

Registration: Early registration is open at www.pickleballtournaments.com/welcome.pl?tid=933

Visiting Spain: Join fellow pickleballers on tours of some of Spain's most historical sites: Madrid, Segovia, El Escorial and Toledo. Tour info: www.pickleballspain.org/en/tournament-activities

Accommodations: Recommended hotels in Madrid www.pickleballspain.org/en/tournament-hotels

More Information: Pickleball Spain: www.pickleballspain.org IFP: www.ipickleball.org

Contact: email to internationals@pickleballspain.org

Arthritis And Degenerative Changes

Arthritis is a painful inflammation and stiffness of the joints. The average age of pickleball players is around 60 years of age. And, the majority of middle aged and older individuals have symptoms of osteoarthritis or wear and tear arthritis, a chronic common form of degenerative joint disease. It commonly begins as stiffness and pain in the spine, hips or knees. Typically, it is worse in the morning and gradually improves as the day progresses. Toward the end of the day and into the night, the pain and symptoms reappear.

Osteoarthritis primarily results from a reduction and deterioration of hyaline cartilage. Articular cartilage is the connective tissue between joints that acts as a shock absorber and cushion. This prevents the bony surfaces from rubbing against each other. Cartilage is a gristle like protein matrix that does not regenerate and can be broken down by injuries, wear and tear and aging. Once cartilage wears down, the resulting bone rubbing on bone causes pain, lack of mobility and the formation of bony growth known as osteophytes.

Osteoarthritis is a progressive degenerative disease which typically worsens with age. However, some of the risk factors that predispose an individual to osteoarthritis include: genetics, obesity, joint trauma or injury, gender, race and certain occupations and recreational activities. For athletes participating in gravity based sports and activities, the loading, impact and surrounding soft tissue damage causes stress on the cartilage.

Arthritis is easily diagnosed by film x-rays or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). These typically show a loss of, or irregular joint space with calcified or damaged cartilage and osteophytes.

The greatest threat to the joint and structural system of the aging athlete is not the aging process itself, but inactivity. Motion and activity are critical to maintain joint and articular cartilage health and healing. Once osteoarthritis advances and the pain increases and mobility decreases, the aging athlete is faced with either giving up or modifying his sport

or switching to a more joint friendly activity, such as swimming or cycling.

In the past, treatment for degenerated joints consisted of oral NSAIDS, cortisone injections and arthroscopic surgery. However, some patients who use NSAIDS develop serious gastrointestinal (GI) side effects, due to the acid content in these medications. Alternative treatment with a combination of glucosamine and chondroitin has not proven to be an effective treatment. Bracing can, however, sometimes be an effective non-surgical option for instability in the knees and ankles.

New advances in medical treatment for degenerative joint disease have given many athletes a new lease on life. Currently, joint instability and cartilage wear can be treated with prolotherapy, consisting of platelet rich plasma therapy and stem cell injections. Another non-surgical option is the injection of Hyaluronic acid. This is a gel like substance made from chicken combs that cushion and lubricate the joint and acts as a shock absorber. The application of moist or dry heat can also help to decrease pain, stiffness and increase mobility. When the pain and inflammation is more acute, ice application also can be helpful.

When non-surgical options have been exhausted and the pain, inflammation and limitation of motion become unbearable, joint replacement or arthroplasty becomes an option. The choice for a total or partial arthroplasty is based on numerous factors: age, activity level, weight and the extent of degenerative disease. Partial joint replacement has a higher failure rate than total replacements. However, partial arthroplasty has fewer complications, reduced time in the hospital, a smaller incision with less blood loss and a quicker return to normal activities.

Total Knee replacement

Last year, I had the opportunity to play on a Decoturf cushioned Pickleball court in Colorado. This surface played like a normal hard court but provided cushioning similar to playing on a soft tennis court. Unfortunately, the Decoturf system is expensive and not readily available at this time. Because these courts offer real relief for older players with sore, worn out arthritic joints, hopefully the trend toward cushioned courts will continue.

Finding Your Pickleball Skill Level

1.0

- New and have only minimal knowledge of the game and the rules.

1.5

- Limited to some rallies.
- Learning how to serve.
- Developing a forehand.
- Fails to return easy balls frequently and occasionally misses the ball entirely.
- Played a few games and is learning the court lines, scoring, and some basic rules of the game.

2.0

- Sustains a short rally with players of equal ability.
- Demonstrating the basic shot strokes – forehand, backhand, volley, overhead and the serve, but has obvious weaknesses in most strokes.
- Familiar with court positioning in doubles play.

2.5

- Makes longer lasting slow-paced rallies.
- Makes most easy volleys and uses some backhands, but needs more work on developing shot strokes.
- Beginning to approach the non-volley zone to hit volleys.
- Aware of the “soft game.”
- Knowledge of the rules has improved.
- Court coverage is weak but improving.

3.0

- More consistent on the serve and service return and when returning medium-paced balls.
- Demonstrates improved skills with all the basic shot strokes and shot placement but lacks

control when trying for direction, depth, or power on their shots.

- Beginning to attempt lobs and dinks with little success and doesn't fully understand when and why they should be used.

3.5

- Demonstrates improved stroke dependability with directional control on most medium-paced balls and some faster-paced balls.
- Demonstrates improved control when trying for direction, depth and power on their shots.
- Needs to develop variety with their shots.
- Exhibits some aggressive net play.
- Beginning to anticipate opponent's shots.
- Learning about the importance of strategy and teamwork in doubles.

4.0

- Consistent and dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both forehand and backhand shots.
- Reliable serves, lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys and can use spin shots with some success.
- Occasionally can force errors when serving.
- Rallies may be lost due to impatience.
- Uses the dink shot and drop shots to slow down or change the pace of the game.
- Demonstrates 3rd shot strategies – drop shots, lobs, and fast-paced ground strokes.
- Aggressive net play and teamwork in doubles is evident.
- Fully understands the rules of the game and can play by them.

4.5

- Beginning to master the use of power and spin, can successfully execute all shots, can control the depth of their shots, and can handle pace.
- Beginning to master the dink shots and drop

shots and their importance to the game.

- Beginning to master 3rd shot choices.
- Displays sound footwork and moves well enough to get to the non-volley zone whenever required.
- Understands strategy and can adjust style of play and game plan according to the opponent's strengths and weaknesses and court position.
- Serves with power and accuracy and can also vary the speed and spin of the serve.
- Understands the importance of “keeping the ball in play” and the effect of making errors.
- Making good choices in shot selection.
- Anticipates the opponent's shots resulting in good court positioning.

5.0

- Mastered all the skills – all shot types, touch, spin, serves, with control and can use them as weapons.
- Excellent shot anticipation, extremely accurate shot placement and regularly hit winning shots.
- Forces opponents into making errors by “keeping the ball in play.”
- Mastered the dink and drop shots.
- Mastered the 3rd shot choices and strategies.
- Uses soft shots, dinks and lobs to set up offensive situations.
- Mastered pickleball strategies and can vary strategies and styles of play in competitive or tournament matches.
- Dependable in stressful situations as in tournament match play.
- Athletic ability, quickness, agility, and raw athleticism are also qualities that are sometimes what separates the top players from those near the top

2017 GEORGIA PICKLEBALL CALENDAR

As we continue to add new pickleball events in Georgia we want to have complete event calendar. Laurie Lee, Ambassador for White County, has volunteered to keep it updated. She will send event updates to Fran Conn, our designer, by the 10th of each month.

Please check the event calendar before setting an event date and send your info to Laurie: Sauteelodge@gmail.com

If you have a question feel free to contact us at B3779@hotmail.com

**CAN'T PLAY? JUST WANT TO WATCH? NO PROBLEM! TOO YOUNG? TOO OLD?
NO PROBLEM! EVERYONE'S INVITED!**

TOURNEY/EVENT	2017	LOCATION	CONTACT	AGE	URL / NOTES /
Spring Battle of the Paddles	Mar 24–26	Rabun County Rec Center, Tiger (near Clayton)	Amy Martin 706-782-4600 Amy.martin@rabuncounty.ga.gov	7+	Nine indoor courts. All round-robin format. Online registration: pickleballtournaments.com
Cherokee County Senior Olympics	April 1	Lake Arrowhead, Waleska	Bill Hess b3779@hotmail.com	50+	Round robin format on outdoor courts. Do not register with a partner. You change partners each game. Entry fee \$12 incl t-shirt and medals for 3 winners per flight. Limited registration opens mid-February at: cherokeecountyseniorympics.com/index.html
Yonah Play? Spring Classic	May 5–7	White Co. Parks & Rec 327 Asbestos Rd, Cleveland 30528	Laurie Lee, 770.317.1062 sauteelodge@gmail.com	7+	Six outdoor & 3 indoor courts. One location. Online registration: pickleballtournaments.com
Get Off Your Butt & Play Pickleball	May 20–21	UTA Tennis Center, James Creek	Chad.cromwell@gmail.com	19+	Outdoor. 2.5 – 5.0 skill levels. Regular WD, MD, and Mixed events, plus "3 on 3" League competition. Registration opens 1/2/17 & closes 3/10/17. atlpba.org
St. Jude National Indoor Pickleball Classic	Sanctioned May 22–24	Lakepoint Sports Complex I-75, Exit 283, Emerson, GA	www.lakepointsports.com or www.usapa.org	19+	Phenomenal facility donated by Lakepoint Sports in Georgia for this national event with 100% of proceeds going to St. Jude's Hospital. Women's & men's & mixed doubles by age & skill level plus other special events. Online registration available on pickleballtournaments.com . Registration begins Feb 17.
Georgia State Games	June 9–11	Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park, 1301 Cowan Rd, Griffin, GA	Bill Hess b3779@hotmail.com	12+	Brand new 18-outdoor court complex, with four courts covered. Online registration information soon
Doc Holliday Shootout	Aug 12–13	Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park, 1301 Cowan Rd, Griffin	TBD	TBD	The Spalding County Pickleball Assoc. More information soon.
Georgia Mountain Pickleball Fall Classic	Sept. 15–17	Hwy 76, Hiwassee	TBD	TBD	14 outdoor pickleball courts. Ambassadors John Hall and Peggy Castorri in process of finalizing details.
North Georgia Pickleball Club Fall Invitational Tournament	Sept 22–24	Earley Farm, Canton	TBD	TBD	More information soon
Special Pops/Southern Motors Pickleball Tourney	Oct 13-15	Landings Club, 910 Franklin Creek Rd. N., Savannah (Skidaway Island)	Ted Copeland 216-406-6775 tcopelandusa@gmail.com		Friday night: Open Party. Saturday: M & W Doubles; Sunday: Mixed. Outdoor courts. Manual registration: send email address to Ted Copeland.
Super Seniors Pickleball Tourney	Tues/Wed Oct 17–18	Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park, 1301 Cowan Rd, Griffin	TBD.	TBD.	More info coming. Tourney held 2-days prior to the Atlantic South Regionals at the same location.
Atlantic South Regional Pickleball Tournament	Sanctioned Oct 19–22	Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park, 1301 Cowan Rd, Griffin	Karen Parrish 850.699.1692 karenparrish@usapa.org	TBD.	Singles, M & W Doubles, and Mixed at 18-court complex in Griffin, Ga. Possibly adding a junior division. Registration opens on pickleballtournaments.com April 1.
Yonah Play? Fall Classic	Nov 3–5	White County Parks & Rec 327 Asbestos Rd, Cleveland	Laurie Lee, 770.317.1062 sauteelodge@gmail.com	7+	6 outdoor & 3 indoor courts. One location. Online registration available soon: pickleballtournaments.com
Turkey Shootout Pickleball Tourney	Nov 17–19	Rabun County Rec Center, Tiger (near Clayton), GA	Amy Martin 706.782.4600 Amy.martin@rabuncounty.ga.gov	7+	Nine indoor courts. Probably all round-robin formats. Online registration available soon: pickleballtournaments.com

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Text: plain text format (.txt), or part of your email. **Please do not** format text: no tabs, centering, bullets, double spaces, etc. And a reminder: the word pickleball is all lower case, not capitalized.

Photos & images: jpg format (separate from the text file, i.e., do not paste or embed photos into your text or pdf file). The images should be renamed appropriate to your text (*j.smith.jpg; winner.jpg; new courts.jpg*, etc)

Calendar Events: Submit calendar events as a separate email with the information below. **Email all to:** Bill Hess • B3779@hotmail.com