

OCTOBER 2019

PICKLEBALL PRESS



A Monthly Newsletter

MEMBER TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 12-13, 2019

OPELIKA SPORTSPLEX

REGISTRATION FORM BELOW

SMASH-MOUTH PICKLEBALL

When I say I play pickleball,
they ask what is that?
I explain about the small courts and lowered nets,
the paddles and plastic balls,
the underhand serves and the dinking.
They smile and smile and think that's nice;
they see me at a community center for seniors,
standing about, conversing, tapping at the balls
that bounce my way, walking after those
which get by, that go between my legs
and roll to the bleachers.

I don't tell them I play with peering darting eyes,
await the slightest mistake, the fluffed shot,
a high ball to punish, to lash out at it
and make somebody pay.
My old gray coals have been stoked,
inside I glow again, feel the fire of youth.
I know the score all too well,
know this to be my last game, my last go,
and play with fiendish glee.

Scott Melville

**STILL TIME TO REGISTER
FOR
MEMBER TOURNAMENT!!**

DEADLINE OCTOBER 1

**IF SOMEONE WANTS TO PLAY, THAT IS
NOT A MEMBER, HE/SHE CAN PAY THE \$10
MEMBERSHIP FEE, TO JOIN THE CLUB!
(plus the registration fee)**

OPELIKA-AUBURN PICKLEBALL CLUB:

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PLAYER COUNT: JOHN PARKS (text) 334 614-8972

SAVE THE DATE

**PICKLEBALL CLUB
CHRISTMAS PARTY!!**

DECEMBER 7, 2019

11am

**AMSTERDAM CAFÉ
410 S. GAY ST, AUBURN**

LIMITED SPACE – RSVP 334-462-5288



WE NEED **VOLUNTEERS** FOR THE TOURNAMENT.
 TO HELP WITH PRIZES, SNACKS, GOODIE BAGS, DONATIONS, etc.
 TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT CAROLYN (334-462-5288)



OCTOBER 2019

BIRTHDAYS in RED

TOURNAMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS in GREEN

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
		1	2 Jim Young	3	4 Battle at the Bardmoor Seminole, FL	5 Port Orange Tourney Port Orange, FL
6	7 Jim Newton	8	9 Julie Melville Jane Slay	10	11	12 "PADDLE at the PLEX" David Gunter
13 "PADDLE at the PLEX" Sam Bailey Janet Boyce	14	15 Gail Jones	16 Sandy Garman	17 Billy Kennedy	18 Eventus Pickleball Grand Blac, MI	19 Charleston Open Daniel Island, SC
20 Jim Laws Halloween Open Baton Rouge, LA	21 Patsy Morelock	22 Young Kwon	23	24 Pam Koon	25 Dink or Treat Johnson City, TN Haunted Halloween Punta Gorda, FL	26 Jo Jones Rusty Knorr Jeri Kost
27 Pat Cofield	28	29 Renee Lee	30 Martin County Stuart, FL	31	Pops Charity Tourney Savannah, GA	

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What's News in Pickleball

ONE-OF-A-KIND PICKLEBALL FACILITY OPENS IN OPELIKA, ALABAMA!

Opelika Parks and Recreation has completed the construction of 12 new pickleball courts at the Opelika SportsPlex and Aquatics Center.

The new facility is one of the premier pickleball facilities in the nation, offering thoughtful amenities that are not often found at tournaments. All 12 courts are individually fenced, allowing for tournament-style play, and the entire facility is covered by a large canopy, offering protection from the elements. Because the facility is situated directly behind the Opelika SportsPlex, players have access to ample parking, bathrooms, lockers, showers and concessions.



"Since we now have a premier pickleball facility, it's inevitable that we host three or four big tournaments and several small tournaments each year," says Sam Bailey, Director of Opelika Parks and Recreation. "With the larger tournaments, we'd expect 250-300 players and the smaller tournaments would have about 150 players."

The courts have already seen a lot of play. On opening day, more than 50 players came to test out the courts. Since then, the Opelika-Auburn Pickleball Club has hosted daily games at the courts for its members and those interested in learning the sport.





"PADDLES AT THE PLEX"

October 12-13, 2019

OPELIKA SPORTSPLEX PICKLEBALL FACILITY

1001 Andrews Road Opelika, AL 36801

REGISTRATION FORM

This is NOT an Official or Sanctioned Tournament

- ☺ OAPC Members Only Round Robin Tournament
- ☺ Saturday Mens Doubles start at 11am
- ☺ Saturday Womens Doubles start at 9:30am
- ☺ Sunday Mixed Doubles start at 1:00pm
- ☺ Teams will "referee" their own games
- ☺ Game Scores must be recorded after each game and submitted to official scorer
- ☺ Wristbands are provided and required for each server to wear, when serving
- ☺ Each Team **MUST** submit a Registration Form and \$30 Entry Fee (per person, one time)
by October 1, 2019, 5:00pm cst.

TEAM NAME: _____

DIVISION/EVENT: _____

Player A

Player B

Name _____

Name _____

AGE _____

AGE _____

SKILL LEVEL _____

SKILL LEVEL _____

Cell# _____

Cell # _____

Email _____

Email _____

PAYMENT:

Cash: To Casey or John Parks

Checks: Payable to Jeanette Parker and OAPC Tournament in memo space

Checks mailed to: 1849 Hayden Avenue, Auburn, AL 36830

(Write your team division and events on check)

