

Knox Doubles at the Aiken Tennis Club April 17-20 2014

We are trying to secure some high quality entries for the Knox Doubles Handicap Tournament in Aiken, April 17-20. My goal is to have 16 teams participate in round robin format: (3 full matches each in round robin play starting on April 17, then the top 2 teams from each pool move on to a quarter final round on Saturday April 20, followed by semi finals on Sunday April 21, in the morning, then the finals Sunday at 1:00pm.

I highly recommend that visitors arrive into Aiken ready to play a match on Thursday April 17 in the evening between 6-10pm. (at the latest) This way you would need to play 2 more matches on Friday and Saturday morning before the quarterfinal round. If you can only get to Aiken on Friday, then be prepared to play two matches on Friday and one on Saturday morning before the quarterfinal round on Saturday afternoon and evening.

There are plenty of housing options, we can find club members and friends to put you up, there are low cost hotels in downtown Aiken; (Hotel Aiken) B&B in downtown Aiken (Carriage House Inn). Other options are The Willcox or the Hilton Garden Inn. In addition, some of you may have a reciprocal with the Green Boundary Club.

I have a few good local players who are looking for partners; each can billet their partner. The Max handicap for each player or team is 35, (or play as a 35) See attached Tournament notice for all details.

The price for the tournament is \$250, which is all-inclusive; your guests are billed for separate events. The socials include a casual Wednesday cookout at the ATC for early arrivals, Thursday night Oyster and Open Bar, Friday night Wine and Beer with heavy hors d'oeuvres, followed by Saturday tournament dinner, ending with Sunday brunch. Golf at Palmetto or Aiken Golf Club can be arranged with enough advance notice.

**THE AIKEN TENNIS CLUB
PRESENTS
NORTHROP KNOX DOUBLES TOURNAMENT
APRIL 17-20, 2014**

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STARTING DATE: THE KNOX DOUBLES WILL BEGIN APRIL 17th WITH SOME MATCHES FOR LOCALS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15th WITH THE FINALS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 20th

FORMAT: THIS IS A HANDICAP DOUBLES EVENT. TEAMS WILL PLAY PRELIMINARY MATCHES IN A ROUND ROBIN FORMAT, THEREFORE GUARANTEEING AT LEAST THREE MATCHES PER TEAM. WINNERS OF EACH POOL WILL ADVANCE TO THE SEMI-FINALS.

ELIGIBILITY: THIS TOURNAMENT WILL BE LIMITED TO 20 TEAMS. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO PLAYERS WITH HANDICAPS UNDER 35. A PLAYER WITH A HANDICAP OVER THIRTY FIVE WILL HAVE TO PLAY AS A THIRTY-FIVE. THE MAXIMUM HANDICAP DIFFERENCE ALLOWED BETWEEN BOTH PLAYERS ON ANY TEAM MAY NOT EXCEED 12. A VALID RTO DOUBLES HANDICAP IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE.

ENTRY FEE: \$250 PER PERSON WHICH COVERS EVERYTHING FOR THE PLAYER. PLEASE PAY BY CASH OR CHECK BEFORE YOUR FIRST MATCH.

SOCIAL EVENTS INCLUDED: THERE WILL BE A CASUAL COOKOUT ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 16th AT THE ATC, FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN BAR WITH HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES AND OYSTERS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 17th, AT THE CLUBHOUSE, SPOUSES AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$35 PER PERSON. THERE WILL BE A DINNER WITH OPEN BAR ON SAT, APRIL 19th AT THE CLUBHOUSE; SPOUSES AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$55 PER PERSON.

ENTRY DEADLINE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 2nd AT WHICH TIME THE DRAW WILL BE CREATED. IF YOU WITHDRAW AFTER THIS DATE WE WILL EXPECT YOU TO PAY THE ENTRY FEE.

HANDICAP: APPROPRIATE DOUBLES HANDICAPS FOR THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE USING RTO. IN MOST CASES WE WILL UTILIZE THE LOWER OF A PLAYERS OLINE HANDICAPS AND ALSO USE VERIFICATION FROM PROS. MATCH RESULTS WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE COMPUTER EACH DAY, UPDATED HANDICAPS WILL BE UTILIZED AS THE TOURNAMENT PROGRESSES.

ACCOMMODATIONS: WE WILL TRY TO FIND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ALL OUT-OF-TOWNERS AT THE HOMES OF ATC MEMBERS. HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH TO MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING:

HOTEL AIKEN 803-648-4265, HILTON GARDEN INN 803-641-4220, CARRIAGE HOUSE INN 803-644-5888 THE WILLCOX 877-648-2200

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TRAVEL: FLY TO AUGUSTA, GA (½ HOUR DRIVE TO AIKEN)
FLY TO COLUMBIA, SC (1 HOUR DRIVE TO AIKEN)
DELTA AND US AIR FLY TO BOTH OF THESE CITIES.

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