



PICTONA BULLETIN

Our weekly newsletter for members and friends

January 31 - February 6



[Pictona Welcomes our Canadian Visitors!](#)

We received this nice note from Alden Briggs, President of Pickleball in New Brunswick, Canada.

Pictona is a dream pickleball facility that every pickleball player should have the opportunity to experience. The facility is pickleball heaven for both recreational and tournament players alike.

Everything about the Pictona facility is perfect. We also met a lot of really nice players and staff. I had a chance to play with Rainer Martens and he spoke about plans to specifically attract Canadians which was music to my ears. He is working on plans for pickleball vacation packages and tournaments specifically for Canadians.

Pictona must be seen to be believed. I have played on hundreds of courts at many facilities in both Canada and the United States and Pictona is by far the best. Pictona is the gold standard for pickleball facilities, and they set the bar of excellence extremely high.

Alden Briggs

President Fredericton Pickleball Club
President of Pickleball New Brunswick
Pickleball Canada Member

New! Paddle Rentals & Demo Paddles

Beginning Monday, January 31st we will have rental paddles available for anyone needing a paddle to use while playing at Pictona. **Rental cost is \$5/paddle** and can be used for as long as you are playing that day at Pictona. You will be required to leave your driver's license or credit card at the welcome desk to check out a paddle along with your name and phone number.

If you are contemplating purchasing a paddle you may check out a demo paddle for one hour to see if that's the right paddle for you. It's fine if you want to try a couple of different paddles, but you may only check out one paddle at a time and use demo paddles no more than 4 times in any 6-month period.



Oh my Head!

Some of you like to practice hitting the ball against a backboard and there are two options for you to do so. There is a large full-size backboard at the south end of Court 24; there is also a mini portable backboard located outside of the courts underneath the small covered pavilion at the south end of the property. **We ask you not to use the walls (either outside or inside) of the Clubhouse building** to hone your skills. It is very distracting to those working inside the offices to hear the sounds of a ball being batted against the building – it's way louder than you might imagine.

Thank you!



THE KITCHEN AT PICTONA

This Week's Specials

- *Opa!* This week we're featuring a Greek salad, made with fresh greens picked from our Humana Community Gardens. Topped with Kalamata olives, red onion, cucumber, tomatoes and feta cheese. Served with our homemade Greek dressing.
- Can you smell that fresh baked banana bread? Stop by The Kitchen at Pictona and try a slice today!
- We're also serving up cold weather comfort food. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and savory gravy will warm you up!
- Our featured soup this week is Italian wedding soup.

Parking near the Kitchen at Pictona

As we are welcoming more and more guests to The Kitchen at Pictona we ask that you **do not park in the spaces directly in front of of the restaurant** from 11 am until closing. Thank you!



TOURNAMENTS

ROOKIE RALLY

ROUND
ROBIN

February 5-6, 2022

Men's, Women's &
Mixed Doubles

2.5 - 3.0 Skill Level

Age Categories:
<50, 50+, 60+, 70+

**\$40 for Pictona Member
\$50 for Non-Members**

Register at:

PICKLEBALLTOURNAMENTS.COM



**Rookie Rally
Tournament
sponsored by:**



**Barr & Associates
Physical Therapy**

1425 HAND AVE SUITE H ORMOND BEACH FL 386-673-3535



- This is your last chance to join the **225** people currently signed up for this exciting tournament!
Registration closes today
- The Rookie Rally is sponsored by [Barr & Associates Physical Therapy](#) and [Coastal Integrated Health Care](#).



APRIL FOOL'S PARTY

SPONSORED BY:



We're hosting an April Fool's Party free to all tournament participants. Expect some spoofing and buffoonery, maybe a little joshing and jesting, all in the spirit of good fun.



SELKIRK AMERICA'S PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE

Register at PickleballTournaments.com or scan the QR Code

REGISTER NOW!
March 31 - April 3



*Food, Drink, Music
& Door Prizes
Provided!*

Selkirk America's Pickleball Challenge - March 31 - April 3

- Four days of exciting pickleball awaits players who register for Pictona's big spring tournament from March 31 - April 3. It's a round robin format so everyone gets lots of action, and we've added an **April Fool's Party** on Friday evening. It's no joke! Music, free food and drinks, and maybe a little spoofing on this special day. Register for this exciting tournament [here](#).
- Selkirk America's Pickleball Challenge is sponsored by [Selkirk](#), [S.R. Perrott, Inc.](#) and [Tijuana Flats](#).



**Super Seniors
Tournament
sponsored by:**



Super Seniors Tournament - May 6-8

The Super Seniors Tournament at Pictona is sponsored by [Solar-Fit](#) and [Daytona Dodge](#) who support Racing to Prevent Suicide. This is a tournament for men and women 60+ playing in 4 skill classifications: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5. Last year we welcomed 200 participants in this fun tournament.

[Registration](#) is now open!

The Florida Cup - March 26-27

Put a team of six together to play in the Florida Cup to be held at Pictona on March 26-27. Play is organized by skill and age as with a typical tournament. Your team plays men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles, all at the same time, in a round robin format. We held this fun tournament at Pictona last year and are delighted to have the Florida Cup return to Pictona.

Learn more about the tournament [here](#).



BRAGGING RIGHTS

- Anytime you win gold, silver, or bronze in a tournament, please complete the information in the [Bragging Rights Form](#) and send it as soon as possible after the tournament is completed along with a photo if you have one and we will post it in the Weekly Bulletin.
- Email the completed form along with photos to Mark Shaw, Marketing Director at marks@pictona.org.



PICKLEBALL PLAY



Winter 2022 Scrambles

- [Winter 2022 Scrambles](#) are open for sign up!
- A Scramble is an organized style of play that allows participants to move up or down a “ladder” based on whether their team wins or loses.
- Register by calling the Welcome Desk at 386-310-7067 or go online [here](#).

We've moved the Weekly Court Schedule to the Pictona Website.

Click [here](#) to view next week's court schedule.



EVENTS



Watch the Big Game at Pictona!

The Kitchen at Pictona is hosting its FIRST ever Super Bowl party! Purchase your Super Bowl party tickets in The Kitchen today.

Tickets are \$20 per person and includes all access to our appetizer buffet and unlimited soft drinks. Beer and wine available for purchase at the bar! As always this event is open to the public and Pictona members.

Need to take a break during the party to burn of some energy from all the football excitement? Enjoy the extended pickleball hours on courts 6, 7 & 8!



Looking for Singles PLAY?

Join us Valentine's Day Weekend as we host a Skinny Singles king of the court style event! Find event details [here](#).



Arthritis or Joint Pain?

Having joint pain or arthritis that's affecting your pickleball play and/or quality of life. Would you like to speak with a professional and ask questions related to your specific issues?

Join us Monday February 7th in the Games Room from 11-1pm for a Lunch & Learn with Coastal Integrative Healthcare. **Lunch provided** by Coastal Integrative Healthcare for the first 20 registrants.

Space is limited and registration required. Call 386-800-3100 to RSVP your spot today.



SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

We've moved the SAC Schedule to the Pictona Website.

Click [here](#) to view next week's schedule of activities.

Humana



COMMUNITY GARDENS

- A new season begins in the Humana Community Gardens at Pictona on **March 1st!** We anticipate having a few open plots. If you're interested in joining our Waiting List for a Spring plot, contact Rynn at rynng@pictona.org.



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Updates and Outreach

- The past three weeks, Mary Burns and Chuck Mecklem have had the opportunity to teach and coach thirteen students from Modern Minds Learning Center. The students comprised of 7th and 8th graders have been learning how to serve, dink, drive, and volley. At the end of the four sessions, we hope to invite them back on a regular basis to enjoy the game of pickleball.
- To promote pickleball at the high school level a group of volunteers from Pictona- (Chuck, Mary, Dan, George, Terri, Andy, and Bonnie) demonstrated the game of pickleball to three local high schools during their lunch period. The high schools visited were Spruce Creek, Atlantic, and Sea Breeze.
- Our next visit will be to Mainland High School in February.
- Pictona's Junior Pickleball Program is sponsored by Brown & Brown.



INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

- **Tuesday**

- 1 pm: [PB 101](#) (Lu)
- 3 pm: [PB102A](#) (Lu)
- 3:30 pm: [PB301A](#) (Sylvia)

- **Wednesday**

- 1 pm: [Speedball](#) (Dave)

- **Thursday**

- 1 pm: "Might" Be Ready for Primetime [Round Robin](#) (Lu/Sinny)
- 5 pm: [PB 101](#) (Sinny)

- **Friday**

- 1 pm: [Great Shots](#) (Dave)

- **Upcoming Classes**

- [PB401](#) - Feb. 7 & 9 - 1:00 pm: (Dave)
- [Pickleball Made Easy](#) - Feb. 7 - 3:30 pm (Sylvia)
- [Learn While You Play](#) - Feb. 8 - 2:30 pm (Lu/Sinny)
- "Not Ready" for Primetime [Round Robin](#) - Feb. 10 - 1 pm: (Lu/Sinny)



VOLUNTEERS



- If you'd like to volunteer to join the Pictona Success Team of Volunteers, click [here](#) and explore the many opportunities to help us continue to make Pictona the best pickleball facility in the United States!