



Our newsletter for members and friends

February 21 - 27



NEWS

**PICKLEBALL IS THE
FASTEST GROWING SPORT**
2 Years in a Row!

39.3%
**GROWTH
IN 2 YEARS**

4.8M
PLAYERS IN THE U.S.

*Source: SFIA 2022 Sports, Fitness & Leisure Activities Topline Participation Report.

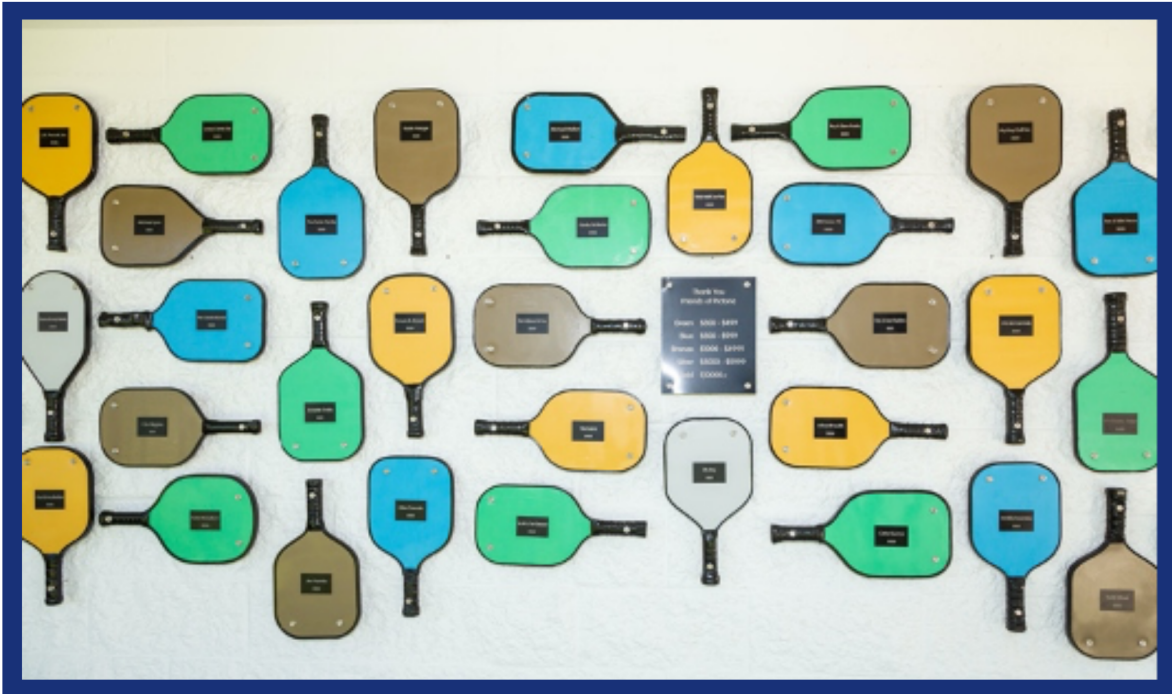


#FastestGrowingSport

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**The
Momentum Continues!**

"It is almost a cliché at this point that the pandemic did not so much create trends as much as accelerated them. Pickleball has grown in popularity for the past five years and did not miss a beat during the pandemic. Pickleball's growth trajectory gives every indication it will be a significant part of the American sport landscape for the foreseeable future," said Tom Cove, President/CEO of the Sports & Fitness Industry Association.



Schedule of Donations

| Level | Amount | Paddle Plaque Color |
|-------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | \$300 to \$499 | Green |
| 2 | \$500 to \$999 | Blue |
| 3 | \$1,000 to \$4,999 | Bronze |
| 4 | \$5,000 to \$9,999 | Silver |
| 5 | \$10,000 + | Gold |

Become a FRIEND OF PICTONA with a tax-deductible donation.

As we approach Spring, we'll soon see Pictona 2 spring out of the ground as the workers erect our two-story Pictona Training Center and the Stadium hosting our championship court. As construction progresses on the \$6 million addition to Pictona, we now are focused on all the furniture and equipment needed in the facility. Bleachers, tables and chairs, office furniture, and computers and communication equipment will need to be purchased. A second Player Shop will be stocked. A large concession wing needs to be equipped. Windscreens for the 5 new covered courts are needed. We'd like a digital scoreboard for the championship court. We will need hundreds of thousands of dollars to purchase all the equipment.

Recently we received a \$5000 donation from Keith and Katy Kelly, an unsolicited gift, to help equip Pictona 2. We thank the Kelly's for their generosity and will be placing a paddle in their honor on our Friends of Pictona wall located on the Palace.



Kitchen Manager

The Kitchen at Pictona is our on-site restaurant open to both our members and the general public. We're seeking a capable kitchen manager who enjoys the challenge of building a small team and a growing customer base. Experience and knowledge of all restaurant management functions is essential. Ideally you'll thrive in a fascinating and fun environment! View the full job description [here](#).

Maintenance / Custodial Specialist

The Maintenance/Custodial Specialist (MCS) is responsible for the daily cleaning of the interior and exterior of Pictona as well as maintaining the building and the courts, including the Senior Activity Center. View the full job description [here](#).

Contact Angie!

If you're interested in applying for either one of these positions, please send your resume to Pictona's General Manager, Angie Gustavson at AngieG@pictona.org.



Pickleball Growing in New Smyrna Beach

We received this note from Phil Hall, USAPA Ambassador from New Smyrna Beach.

On **Tuesday Feb. 22 at 5 PM** the NSB Parks and Recreation Dept will hold a preliminary budget meeting. We currently have 5 dedicated Pickleball courts and will make our case for 6 new courts. The western side of New Smyrna Beach is lacking recreation facilities for our growing population. We know of 13 city owned acres off of Glencoe Road that would be a great location for new courts.

Our courts are getting a lot of play, in excess of 1200 hours per week. Our players are waiting to play their next game longer than they are on the court.

Please attend our City meeting and show support to help Pickleball continue to grow in our area.

NSB City Hall

210 Sams Ave. (entrance off Julia Ave.)

Tues. Feb 22 @ 5:00

Thanks for your help

Phil Hall
USAPA Ambassador
New Smyrna Beach
215 -378-0283



Lost and Found

It's that time again. **Our lost and found closet is overflowing!** We'll be placing all items out on a table between the Welcome Desk and the courts. Please have a look and reclaim your missing: Towels, Paddles, Water Bottles, Sun Glasses, Bags, Balls, and anything else we find!



THE KITCHEN AT PICTONA

This Week's Specials

- Homemade chili is on the menu, topped with cheddar cheese, tasty onions, and a dollop of sour cream.
- Put another shrimp on the barbie! - Order up some delectable Fried Shrimp with your choice of side.
- Fresh baked cookies and banana bread are always on the menu at the Kitchen at Pictona.
- Did you know we harvest the lettuce for all of our dishes right here in our very own Humana Community Gardens? It doesn't get any more fresh than that!



TOURNAMENTS



The Florida Cup - March 26-27

This is the state championship for team pickleball! Three men and three women comprise a team playing women's doubles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles matches against other teams in a round-robin format.

To make it convenient, you may register for the Florida Cup with our Welcome Desk by calling (386) 310.7067.

We will pass along your registration to the event organizers.

Find more information, including registration [here](#).



APRIL FOOL'S PARTY

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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

- We currently have over 287 players signed up!
- This is our premier spring tournament. It's also a round-robin format organized by age and skill levels. Join the April Fools Party Friday, April 1st, as part of the festivities for this tournament.
- Register [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

Our second annual Super Seniors Tournament sponsored by [Solar-Fit](#) and [Daytona Dodge](#) will be May 6, 7, and 8. Ages are 60, 65, 70, and 75+ with 3.0 to 4.5 skill levels playing men's, women's, and mixed doubles.

[Registration](#) is now open!



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

Ladder League Wraps Up

Thank you to all our players that participated in the Pictona Ladder League regular season and the playoff championship rounds hosted Feb 14-16th. Congratulations to both our regular season and playoff winners:

Regular Season Winners

Women's Doubles:

3.0 – 3.499 Trista Goetz & Mia Greatrex
3.5 – 3.99 Jennifer Gilbert & Colleen Holt
4.0 + Terri Small & Kristin Nagrani

Men's Doubles:

3.0 – 3.499 JG Pasterjak & Paul Sheppard
3.5 – 3.99 Miguel Abi-Hassan & Angel Moya
4.0 + Rigo Garzona & Paul Connifey

Mixed Doubles:

3.0 - 3.499 Stephen Chesla & Sandy Hanna
3.5 – 3.99 Steve Gilbert & Jennifer Gilbert
4.0+ Darren Fein & Jenn Hall

Women's Singles:

Julie Martens

Men's Singles:

Eric Nompleggi

Playoff Champions

Women's Doubles:

3.5 – 3.99 Krista Duff & Jill Staut
4.0 + Terri Small & Kristin Nagrani

Men's Doubles:

3.0 – 3.499 Gavin Hanscomb & Jarrett Amodeo
4.0 + Chris Swink & Scott Grant

Mixed Doubles:

3.0 - 3.499 Stephen Chesla & Sandy Hanna
3.5 – 3.99 Colleen Holt & Ken Martin
4.0+ Paul Connifey & Lisa Schackow

Men's Singles:

Daniel Jack



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](#).

You can find the **Weekly Court Schedule** on the **Pictona Website**.

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



EVENTS



Super Bowl Party!

Thanks to all that came and joined us in The Kitchen for Pictona's first ever Super Bowl party. A great time was had by everyone!

GAME NIGHT IN THE KITCHEN *at* PICTONA

A vibrant poster for a bingo game night. The background is a bright yellow-green gradient with a blue sky and white stars at the top. A large red bingo ball with the number 7 is the central focus. Below it, the word "BINGO" is written in large, bold, orange letters with a black outline. A red ribbon banner across the middle contains the date "FEB 23". Surrounding the central text are several colorful bingo balls with numbers: a blue ball with 3, a purple ball with 5, a brown ball with 9, and a green ball with 17. The text "GAMES - FUN - PRIZES" and "THE KITCHEN AT PICTONA @ 6PM" is prominently displayed. Below that, the address "1060 RIDGEWOOD AVE, HOLLY HILL, FL 32117" is listed. At the bottom, it says "\$10 PAY IN TO PLAY 5 ROUNDS - LIMITED SPACES SO REGISTER TODAY" and "CALL 386-310-7067". The website "WWW.PICTONA.ORG" is at the very bottom. A small watermark "Made with PosterMyWall.com" is visible in the bottom left corner of the poster.

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B-I-N-G-O !

The Kitchen at Pictona's second game night is scheduled for **Wednesday February 23rd**. Join us for Bingo starting at 6pm. \$10 buys you 3 Bingo Game cards for all 5 rounds, additional cards may be purchase 2 for \$1 during the game. Food and drink specials will be available in the Kitchen. Space is limited so stop by the Welcome Desk today and secure your spot for this fun event!



SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

You can find the SAC Schedule on 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.



INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

- **Monday**

- 1 pm: [Speedball](#) (Dave)
- 3:30 pm: [Low and Slow](#) (Sylvia)- FULL

- **Tuesday**

- Noon: [PB 102](#) (Lu/Sinny) - FULL
- 1 pm: [PB 101](#) (Lu) - FULL
- 2:30 pm: [PB 102](#) (Lu/Sinny) - FULL
- 3:30 pm: [PB 201](#) (Lu/Sinny) - FULL

- **Wednesday**

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

- **Thursday**

- Noon: [PB 102](#) (Lu/Sinny) - FULL
- 1 pm: [Drill Extravaganza](#) (Lu/Sinny)
- 3 pm: [PB 102](#) (Lu/Sinny) - FULL
- 4 pm: [PB 201](#) (Lu/Sinny) - FULL
- 5 pm: [PB 101](#) (Dan)

- **Upcoming Classes**

- **PB 101** - Feb. 28 - 4:00 pm
- **"Not Ready for PrimeTime" Round Robin** - Feb. 28 - 1:00 pm (Lu/Sinny)
- **The 3 D's: Dink, Drop & Drink** - Feb. 28 - 3:00 pm (Lu/Sinny)
- **Pickleball Made Easy 3.5** - Feb. 28 - 3:30 pm (Sylvia)
- **Speedball** - March 3 - 2 pm (Dave)
- **Learn While You Play** - March 3 - 3:30 pm (Lu/Sinny)



VOLUNTEERS

Novice Play Growing at Pictona

Our Novice Play at Pictona continues to grow with many beginners attending Novice Play times on Monday's and Thursday's, as well as our weekly Sunday Novice Round Robin.

We need your help to assist us as we grow these programs. Our volunteers assist by helping new players understand how the paddle rack system works, giving guidance on pickleball rules and scoring, and sharing their knowledge about programs at Pictona.

If you enjoy welcoming new players and members to Pictona [follow this link](#) to sign up to volunteer and be a part of growing our community at Pictona!



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!