

October 2 - 8





Pictona Today

We continue to receive praise for being one of the best pickleball facilities in the country. Those "warm fuzzies" are appreciated. We have something special when we combine our facility with a team of dedicated employees who are continually working to provide our members and guests with more opportunities to play and better service.

Click <u>HERE</u> for a partial list of work done over the summer months and activities offered now as we welcome fall and our snowbird friends back to Pictona.



NEW Membership Software launches October 1st

We're thrilled to share some exciting news with you! Pictona continues to grow, not only in our number of members but also in the scope of our educational and regular programming offerings. To better serve our ever-expanding community, we've made the decision to switch to a new software provider for registration and membership management. Read more <u>HERE</u>.



Court Washing - Tuesday, Oct. 3rd

Courts 1-8 will be closed from 8am to 10am for Court Washing on Tuesday, 10/3



Now Hiring! Closing Manager on Duty (MOD)

As the MOD, you'll be the beacon of fun and order! You'll oversee the matches, ensure our guests are safely off the courts at closing time, ensure the safety and security of our players and facility, and play a pivotal role in making sure Pictona is ready for the next day of pickleball pandemonium. It's a role that combines management finesse, customer service savvy, and a dash of pickleball passion.

At Pictona, we believe that pickleball is more than just a game; it's a lifestyle. If you're ready to make pickleball dreams come true as our Closing Manager, we want to hear from you. Join us, where every day is a dinkin' good time!

Hours: 3 pm - Close / 2-4 Days a Week

To apply, send your resume and a pickleball-inspired cover letter to our Operations Manager, Angie at <u>angieg@pictona.org</u>. Remember, at Pictona, we don't just play pickleball; we live it!



Tournament Tidbits

Confidence is important when playing in a pickleball tournament. Having that confidence early allows a tournament player to get off to a great start, and in most cases carry that confidence through the day.

How can you build confidence? One way is to hit your first few service returns right down the center of the court. This gives a mental image of success and minimizes hitting balls out. Seeing that image of success can propel you to play your best pickleball on tournament day!

Interested in playing a tournament? **The Conviva Pictona Open** is right in your own backyard! Details BELOW!



October 19 - 22, 2023

Our signature Fall Tournament is just a few weeks away - *Have you signed up yet???* Kick off the tournament season by registering for the **Conviva Pictona Open** on October 19-22, 2023.

- Registration deadline has been extended to October 15
- Register and pay by October 2 to receive a tournament T-Shirt!
- Join us for the entire tournament. On Thursday, the 19th, after you play, we offer a barbecue dinner on the deck and entertainment by New York's Dueling Pianos - (Dinner and Show - \$35 per person).

Experience Pickleball Paradise at Pictona!

Register for the Conviva Pictona Open HERE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Sign Up HERE

** We currently have 140 out of 196 volunteer shifts filled, leaving 56 available shifts. SignUpGenius schedule for the Conviva has been revised and will again after player registration closes. If you volunteer for the Conviva Pictona Open, you will have PRIORITY

ACCESS to the volunteer sign-up for the PPA Hertz Classic from Nov. 16 -19. Those volunteers will receive PPA shirt, FREE grounds pass for the entire tournament, PLUS FREE Bleacher Seating to see TOP PROS on MetroHealth Championship Court on the day you volunteer.



Register for Upcoming Tournaments at Pictona

You can view our full schedule of tournaments and find details, including how to register, at this link.





We are excited to offer many NEW POP! Activities in October:

• <u>Monday nights</u>- NEW 2nd night for the very popular 2.5-3.49 Open/Mixed Seeded Ladder at 6:30pm

• <u>Tuesday mornings</u>: WOMEN'S activity NEW START TIME at 11am and FORMAT will be alternating weekly, either 3.0 or 3.5 MIXER

• <u>Tuesday nights</u>: Moved Tournament Practice Round Robins to Tuesday nights at 6:30pm

• <u>Thursday mornings</u>: Mixed MIXERS returns at 8:30am (plus Battle of the Decades 50 year olds vs 60's on Oct 12 and 60 year olds vs 70+ on Oct 19)

• NEW Singles and Skinny Singles Seeded Ladders on Thursday, Oct 26 (morning and evening sessions)



October Schedule

PICTONA **O**RGANIZED **P**ICKLEBALL SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY <u>Oct 1</u>: 9am 8:30am 3.0-3.99 Open/Mixed Seeded Ladder 11am Women 3.0 Mixer NO POP 8:30am 3.0-3.49 8:30am 3.0 Men & Women 8:30am 3.5 MIXED Mixer Novice Mixer 1.0-2.49 Skill Levels Fournament Practic Round Robins Women & Men Mixer 6:30pm 2.5-3.49 Open/Mixed Seeded Lac 6:30pm 3.0 Men & Women Tournament Practice Round Robins 6:30pm 2.5-3.49 Open Seeded Ladder 3pm Youth Mixer (ages 8-18) 2.0-4.0 Skill Levels 6:30pm 3.0 & 3.5 MIXED Quad Squad Team Leagues 6:30pm 3.5-4.5+ Open Seeded Ladder 8:30am 3.0-3.99 Open/Mixed Seeded Ladde 8:30am 3.5-3.99 Women & Men Mixer Oct 8: 9am 8:30am 3.5 Men & Women Tournament Practic Round Robins 8:30am Battle of the Decades Mixer 50 yr olds vs 60's 11am Women 3.5 Mixer Novice Mixer 1.0-2.49 Skill Levels 6:30pm 2.5-3.49 Open/Mixed Seeded La 6:30pm 3.5 Men & Women Tournament Practice Round Robins 6:30pm 3.0 & 3.5 MIXED Quad Squad Team Leagues 6:30pm 2.5-3.49 Open Seeded Ladder 6:30pm 3.5-4.5+ Open Seeded Ladder 8:30am 3.0-3.99 Open/Mixed Seeded Ladder Oct 15: 9am 11am Women 3.0 Mixer 8:30am 3.0 & 3.5 MIXED 8:30am Battle of the Decades NO POP NO POP! Due to Tournament Novice Mixer 1.0-2.49 Skill Levels Tournament Pract Round Robins Mixer 60 yr olds vs 70+ 6:30pm 2.5-3.49 Open/Mixed Seeded La 6:30pm 3.0 & 3.5 MIXED Tournament Practice Round Robins NO NIGHT POP! Due to Tournament 6:30pm 3.0 & 3.5 MIXED Quad Squad 6:30pm 3.5-4.5+ Open Seeded Ladder **Team Leagues** Oct 22: 9am 8:30am 3.0-3.99 Open/Mixed Seeded L 8:30am Singles Play Seeded Ladder 9am Skinny Singles Seeded Ladder NO POP! Due to Tourn 11am Women 3.5 Mixer 8:30am 4.0+ Men & Women Tournament Practic Round Robins NO POF Novice Mixer 1.0-2.49 Skill Levels 6:30pm 2.5-3.49 Open/Mixed Seeded La 6:30pm 3.0 & 3.5 MIXED Quad Squad Team Leagues 6pm Singles Play Seeded Ladder 6:30pm Skinny Singles Seeded Ladder 6:30pm Family Adult/Youth (ages 8-17) Team Mixer Competition 6:30pm 3.5-4.5+ Open Seeded Ladder 0 <u>Oct 29</u>: 9am Novice Mixer 1.0-2.49 Skill Levels 8:30am 3.0-3.99 Open/Mixed Seeded La 11am 8:30am 3.0 Men & Women Tournament Practice Round Robins 8:30am 3.5 MIXED Mixer POP 8:30am 3.0-3.49 Vomen 3.0 Mixer Women & Men Mixers 6:30pm 2.5-3.49 Open/Mixed Seeded La NO NIGHT POP! 3pm Youth Mixer 6:30pm 3.0 & 3.5 MIXED Quad Squad 6:30pm 2.5-3.49 Open Seeded Ladder 6:30pm 3.5-4.5+ Open Seeded Ladder (ages 8-18) 2.0-4.0 Skill Levels Team Leagues



**NEW ! High School Pickleball League

As part of our Junior Pickleball program, we're launching a **FREE** high school league this Fall! **The league will run from October 4th through November 15th.**

Click <u>HERE</u> for more details!

Pictona's Junior Pickleball programming is proudly sponsored by Brown & Brown.





Next week's special - Maui Dog

Maui Dog - grilled and topped with Asian slaw - comes with ginger glazed Brussel sprouts or side of your choice.



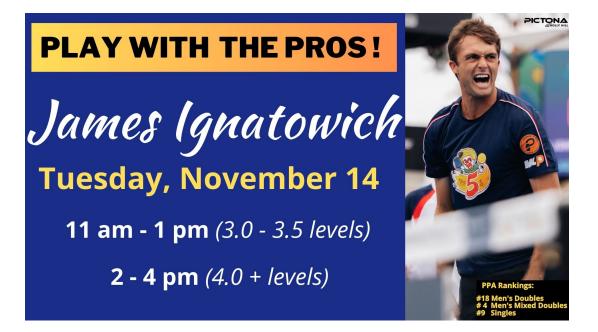


October Instructional Calendar Available

Our October Instructional Calendar is out! We have a full slate of classes available for ALL levels of pickleball play. You can view and download the calendar <u>HERE</u>.

Reserve your spot by calling (386) 310.7067.

See you on the courts!



James Ignatowich Clinics - November 14

James Ignatowich is a rising star in the pickleball world, having just begun playing in 2021! His background is in collegiate tennis, however he's made an immediate impact playing with the PPA in his first year making several podium appearances.

Don't miss your chance to join James on On November 14th, as he will be be conducting two clinics at Pictona. The first clinic will be from 11am-1pm for the 3.0-3.5 level, and the second clinic 2pm-4pm for 4.0+. Each clinic will cover a variety of topics including drills and games that will reinforce what you've learned. *The 4.0+ clinic will also include more patterns and strategies that the pros use.*

You can get more information, including a detailed syllabus and register for this clinic <u>HERE</u>.



Tyson McGuffin Camps - November 20-21

The Tyson Mcguffin Signature Pickleball Camp is returning to Pictona November 20-21, 2023! For more information click <u>HERE</u>.





Pictona Instructor **Chase Blocker** (pictured in red) secured a silver medal in the Bonnie Rey Memorial Tournament held in Plantation Florida. Chase played in the Open Division and battled against 5.0 players to bring the silver medal home to Pictona!



Congrats to Pictona member **Steve Plaskon** (right) and his gold medal partner, James Wheatley, who took home the top prize for Age 60+ 4.0 at the national indoor Pickleball championships in Atlantic City, New Jersey.



Debbie DeLucia - October Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations Debbie! She volunteered every day at every tournament over the past year. Debbie is currently signed up as a pod manager, two shifts per day, every day of Conviva Pictona Open. We're so thankful for her volunteering!

"I first got introduced to Pickleball in 2017 and I really caught on fast. It was so much fun and I found that I had some ability. I can be a little competitive but mostly I enjoy the sport for its exercise and social connections. I love being busy and volunteering has always been in my blood. Finding Pictona and the many ways you can volunteer fit the bill. I especially enjoy running the tournaments and have met a lot of people who share the same passion. Pictona has a lot to offer from the beginner to the pro and the staff and its members have really made me feel welcomed. Pickle On!"



Join the Pictona Success Team

Click <u>HERE</u> for Volunteer positions and "sign up" for as many as you wish!

Incentives for our volunteers:

- · Earn POP! Credits to play organized activities for FREE
- Free Meal Vouchers to use in The Kitchen and The Depot

• Eligible for FREE One Month Pictona membership: (monthly drawings during tournament season, courtesy of Karen/Jeff Dillard of Realty Pros)

- · Invitation to annual volunteer appreciation BBQ
- · Free stadium seating to watch top professional matches.
- · Volunteer of the Month Parking spot.





Putting Challenge - October 1st - 31st

- Low Score for 18-holes (play course 2x) wins \$25 Gift Certificate to "The Kitchen."
- Use a Pictona Putting Green Scorecard at the Putter checkout desk in the SAC.
- You and a witness must sign the back of scorecard.
- Turn in your scorecard at P1 Welcome Desk.
- Lowest score posted daily on the P1 Bulletin Board.
- Tiebreaker is number of holes-in-one.
- 2nd tie breaker is the longest hole-in-one.
- NO Mulligans! NO Entry Fee!
- Enter as often as you like!!

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The FHCP Senior Activity Center offers a great variety of activities to help you maintain an active, healthy lifestyle

Click <u>HERE</u> to view next week's schedule of classes and activities.

All About Alzheimer's Disease

An education program series presented by the Alzheimer's Association in partnership with Halifax Health Continuing Care and the Florida Health Care Plans Senior Activity Center

FHCP Senior Activity Center Thursday, October 12, 2023 | 1 p.m.



10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's and Dementia Conversations

Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living.

Join us to learn how to recognize common signs of Alzheimer's disease. Plus, join us to learn tips on how to have conversations to address common issues, including going to the doctor, when to stop driving and making legal and financial plans.



Series on Alzheimer's Disease

Sponsored by Florida Health Care Plans:

 October 12 at 1pm - 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's and Dementia <u>Next session: November 9 at 1pm</u> - Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors

For registration or information call 800-272-3900



Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band - October 13

"Come Monday" - A Tribute to Jimmy Buffett will be performing at MetroHealth Stadium in just 3 weeks! The Come Monday Band is an exceptional tribute to the music and lifestyle that you come to expect at any Jimmy Buffett concert!

Get your tickets by clicking the button below!



"Cheeseburger in Paradise" Buffet-Style Dinner!

Our talented kitchen staff is putting together the perfect pre-concert dinner. A Cheeseburger in Paradise dinner, served buffet-style, featuring fresh off the grill cheeseburgers, homemade potato chips, our famous coleslaw, and fresh baked cookies. Includes bottled water. Additional beverages, including beer and wine, sold separately. Buffet begins at 5:30 and costs \$15.

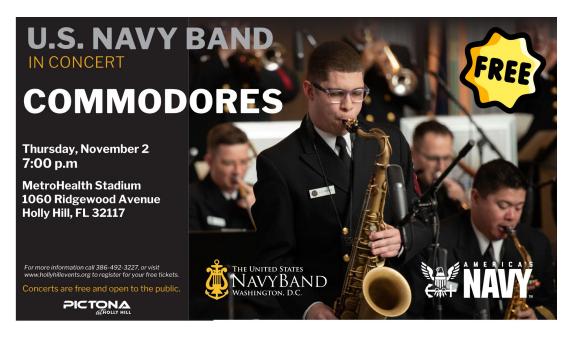
Purchase Pre-Concert Dinner Tickets HERE



Final Dueling Pianos Concert of the Season

NY NY Dueling Pianos will appear one more time on October 19th, which is also the first night of the Conviva Pictona Open! *We will also be offering a barbecue dinner on the deck before the show - (Dinner and Show - \$35 per person).*

Purchase Dueling Pianos Tickets HERE



U.S. Navy Band "The Commodores"

Although this is a FREE concert, please register at the button below so there is a record of how many will be attending.

- Thursday, November 2
- 7:00 PM
- FREE!

Click here to register for your FREE Tickets !