



AdventHealth Sundown Showdown Team Tournament Series Recap!



The **AdventHealth Sundown Showdown** lit up the summer nights at Pictona, bringing together pickleball players from across the region for an exciting evening series under the lights. With energetic crowds, upbeat music, and spirited play, the event delivered memorable summer nights of competition and fun!

Tournament Totals

- **Total Games Played: 680**
- **Teams Competing: 78**
- **Players Participating: 400+**

We were thankful for beautiful summer evenings throughout the series, only experiencing one short lightning delay during the men's tournament. A big thank-you goes out to everyone who stepped up to help — your support made the event run smoothly and kept the fun going.

The series wasn't just about competition—it was about community. Players came together to form teams, build friendships, and share in the excitement of playing under the lights, making the Sundown Showdown a true summer highlight.

We extend our deepest gratitude to **AdventHealth** for serving as the title sponsor of the Sundown Showdown. Their commitment to promoting health and wellness in our community made this summer series possible. With AdventHealth's support, we were able to create an atmosphere that celebrated not only competition but also connection, camaraderie, and community spirit. Their partnership truly helped elevate the event into an unforgettable summer highlight at Pictona.



The **Pictona Jamboree** is a **FREE two-day event** celebration for **Pictona Members!**

 **Saturday, September 19-20, 2025**

The party begins with a Friday evening BBQ and the Pictona Pentathlon! The pentathlon will consist of five recreation court games aimed at providing time for members to socialize and have a blast! However, since we are all competitive...winners will be crowned!

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Click [HERE](#) for BBQ & Pentathlon tickets!

The Jamboree continues on Saturday with a full-day **Member-Only Pickleball Tournament** to crown the Pictona champions in women and men's doubles (no mixed or singles). There will be 5 age categories and 4 skill levels.

And it's all FREE.

The winners of the Jamboree Tournament will compete in a play-off (September 27th) to determine the captains for the teams representing Pictona in the Inaugural Pictona Invitational Cup held November 22-23, 2025.

Come join us at the Pictona Jamboree for FOOD, FUN, AND FRIENDS.

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Pictona is pleased to announce the launch of our inaugural Club Invitational Cup on November 22–23, 2025. This groundbreaking team-format tournament will showcase top pickleball talent from across the region as clubs compete for bragging rights, medals, and the coveted Club Invitational Cup Trophy.

- Divisions: Men's Doubles & Women's Doubles
- Skill Levels: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+
- Round robin pod play → Top 4 playoff → Championship Finals
- Championship Venue: Most finals hosted in MetroHealth Stadium for a professional tournament atmosphere

Team Pictona will be selected from the winners of the September 20 Pictona Member Jamboree Tournament.

Contact Scott Thornton at scottt@pictona.org for more info.



6th Annual Pictona Open by Emerge Insurance Services

OCTOBER 23 - 26, 2025

Registration is only \$50 (\$25 off!) through September 1st!

You'll appreciate playing in a round robin format capped with a playoff. For each bracket the round robins are played in a pod of courts, resulting in minimal wait time between games. Earn your way to the championship finals, most of which are played in the MetroHealth Stadium for a memorable experience.

Register for the PICTONA OPEN HERE!



**2025 US Senior
Pickleball National
Championships** December 5-8, 2025

OVER 500 Players Registered!

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The US Senior Pickleball National Championships is the ONLY national pickleball championship tournament designed specifically for players ages 50-80+! The tournament was created to provide senior players with the best possible experience and features they enjoy. Tournament format provides brackets for age/skill divisions in every five-year age bracket, and all brackets are played as round robin format.

In addition to the tournament, there will be a special two-day Pro Demonstration event!

Featuring senior pro and coach Dayne Gingrich and pickleball yogi Jill Martin, this on-court conversation and clinic will focus on the mental and physical aspects of playing your best pickleball as a senior.

Available to players competing at Nationals for only \$25 (limited seats available) this will be a great way to get ready for the tournament.



Kim Bowles (Kimmie) is back to playing pickleball, which is an incredible testament to her strength and how important community and exercise is to healing.

Just over 2 1/2 years ago, Kim began losing weight for no apparent reason. The thrill of being able to eat whatever she wanted soon turned into concern. Kim turned to her doctors for answers and tests revealed she had blood in her stool. After a colonoscopy and endoscopy, she was referred to a colorectal surgeon and was diagnosed with a common issue. It was decided to keep an eye on the issue, but as time marched on, Kim's weight and energy levels continued to drop. Kim pushed concerns aside figuring it

was part of aging. However, at the end of July 2024, she began hemorrhaging. She visited her colorectal surgeon the next day where they discovered a tumor. Her surgeon performed emergency surgery the following morning, at which point they removed the majority of the tumor.

Kim was diagnosed with an early stage, aggressive form of colorectal cancer and her world caved in. After a couple months recovery from surgery, Kim spent the next 3 months receiving 30 rounds of pelvic radiation along with 200 hours of chemotherapy. It was a debilitating treatment which left her unbearably weak, intolerant to smells, nauseous, unable to eat much of anything and dropping even more weight. Her mental health tanked and she was "in an extremely dark place."

Recovering from treatment consumed Kim and her family throughout the holidays and into the new year. They were all anxiously aware of the looming scans which would determine her next steps. In February 2025, she received the news her cancer was in remission. However, she was still recovering, improving day by day, but convalescing at home was isolating and a mental drain, it was literally driving her crazy!

After a couple more months of resting and restoring, Kim, not knowing what that first day back to pickleball would look like, made her way back to Pictona in June and it went better than she could have imagined. Everyone was thrilled to have Kim back on the courts, eager to help make her feel comfortable, and to provide a space for Kim to focus on life outside of the struggles she was living. She called her husband when leaving Pictona after that first visit and the tears of relief flowed for both of them. It was the first sign of life outside of her illness.

Kim has an immense amount of faith, grit, strength, patience and support. Getting back to regular play was slow and there have been setbacks, but she continues to play Pictona a few times per week and her stamina continues to build. She's accepted that she can't play for 2-3 hours a day,

4-5 times a week like before her diagnosis, but she feels extremely blessed and knew getting back into the game was half the battle and well worth the fight! And most importantly, **Kim's most recent scans have been clear!**

We want to thank Kim for sharing this part of her life. As many of you know, aside from being a warrior, Kim is the artist and one of the original co-creators/owners of Pickleball Bella, the first ever women's labeled pickleball clothing line in the world! Pictona is honored to have Kim in our pickleball community!



Meet Pictona Board Member

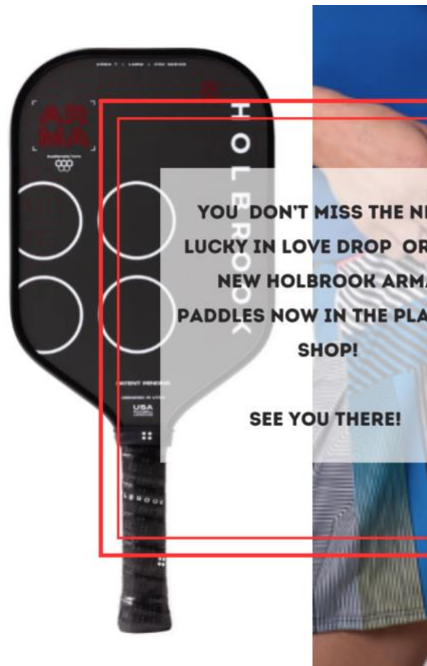


Ron assumed the presidency in 2025. He recently retired from his career in the software business where his latest position involved developing financial services software for banks and credit unions.

Ron brings a tremendous amount of financial and IT knowledge to the Board. He also has significant experience as a board member and chairperson of a board focused on governance for the mortgage lending industry. Ron is an avid pickleball player with dozens of tournament medal finishes under his belt at Pictona and other venues around the region. He and his wife, Krista, are frequently seen at Pictona, both playing and

volunteering in various capacities. We are very happy to have Ron bring his professional and pickleball experience to support Pictona as a member of our Board of Directors.

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Weekly Special!
2 Steak Tacos with a choice of side for \$12.00
Soup of the week is **Chicken Tortilla Soup**

new **Holbrook Arma Paddle**—crafted for power, precision, and a sleek modern feel.
Come by the Player Shop and be the first to grab these new arrivals! 🗨️👟

Tug of War



In partnership with [Pickleball Drills HQ](#), check out these drills filmed right here at Pictona! Click the photo above.

Get on the courts and try this drill with your friends this week!



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EVENTS



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9/12 - Fall Into Blues

10/10 - Spazmatics - All Out 80's

11/7 - O Motown





Registration Deadline September 19

The Ormond Beach Senior Games, is a week of competitions for athletes age 50 and over. Now in its 40th year, the Ormond Beach Senior Games

will be held Oct 17th through the 25th, 2025 at various locations around Ormond and Daytona Beach FL.

Registration is NOW Open and will close – Friday, September 19, 2025

Open to EVERYONE 50 years of age & older, No Residency Requirements. This local Senior Games is sanctioned by the Florida Sports Foundation as a qualifier for the Florida Senior Games, presented by Humana.

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Discover the Health Benefits of Pickleball with MetroHealth

Pickleball is more than just fun—it's a full-body workout with serious health perks. This low-impact sport improves cardiovascular fitness, balance, and coordination, making it ideal for all ages. MetroHealth encourages active lifestyles, and Pickleball offers a social, safe, and engaging way to stay moving. Whether you're recovering from injury or looking to stay fit, it's easy on joints and great for mental health too. Join the movement that's sweeping communities nationwide. Contact MetroHealth today to learn how Pickleball can support your wellness goals and keep you healthy for life.



Pictona was built through a public-private partnership with the City of Holly Hill and Martens Charities, and \$2.9 million in Volusia County ECHO grants.

