

MEMBER JAMBOREE GOLD MEDALISTS



The Member Jamboree Tournament on September 20!

116 members came out for the event and battled on the courts. Congrats to the following who took home GOLD!

Men’s 3.1-3.5 65+
Gary Maiden
Scott Pastorius

Men’s 4.0+ 50+
Paul Connifey
Chris Swink

Men’s 3.1-3.5 Under 49
Will Heron
Loren Morales Baldomero

Women’s Under 3.0 50+
Dawn Sciarappa
Debbie Tober

Men’s 3.6-4.0 15-49
Trevor Hickman
Jesper Jensen

Women’s 3.1-3.5 21-64
Heather Donica
Sydney Stanley

Men’s 3.6-4.0 50-64
Adam Martin
Jay Edmond

Women’s 3.6-4.0 21-64
BJ Ehrfrott-Haab
Julee Oh

Men’s 3.6-4.0 65+
David Schmitt
Dave Segur

Women’s 4.0+ 21-49
Katy Savage
Kaley Melville

Men’s 4.0+ 15-49
Zachery Rush
Matthew Lynch



Facility Improvements

Shade Protection for Courts #31-44

Pictona has upgraded the shade protection for courts #31-44. This upgrade will provide more shade on those sunny, hot days. If your playing and the shade has not been opened please contact the front desk and we will make sure that shade is provided (Please do not operate the shades yourself).

The umbrellas that we had been using are going to be sold for \$300 a piece. If you are interested, please contact Gregg Sibigtroth, Facility Director @ greggs@pictona.org or ask the Welcome Desk to locate him on campus.



WHAT'S MY PICKLEBALL SKILL RATING?

We hope you are enjoying matching up to play by skill level or to reserve court for private play. We urge you to report your skill rating to us which we will enter into CourtReserve. Go [here](#) to find the steps to obtain your skill rating and report the results to us.



Meet Pictona Board Member



Jeff Dillard, VP

Jeff brings a blend of leadership, community spirit, and a passion for pickleball to the Board of Directors which he joined in 2025. As an active player and advocate for the sport, Jeff is committed to growing the game and creating opportunities for players of all ages and skill levels

He and his wife Karen have donated countless hours as volunteers at Pictona, particularly as PB 101 instructors. Off the court, Jeff is a successful real estate professional serving Volusia and Flagler counties, where he's known for building strong relationships and giving back to the community. His ability to organize events, connect people, and bring fresh ideas to the table makes him a valuable asset to the club's mission. Whether he's strategizing in a board meeting or rallying during a match, Jeff brings energy, teamwork, and a genuine love for pickleball to everything he does.



Deb Christensen, Pictona Business Development Director, took a tough fall on the court a few weeks ago and broke both wrists. Deb lost her balance when backing up on a lob and wants to remind us how important it is to turn and run sideways instead. We are glad to have her back in the office while she continues to recover.

A note from Deb:

"I am so thankful for the support, ability to work remotely during the first part of my recovery, and for all of the staff and members' get-well wishes. Many of you know that Emerge Insurance Services sponsors many of our tournaments here. Well, I signed up for accidental insurance with Emerge a while back, and I wanted to share my experience with you first-hand. Because of all the doctor visits, X-rays, MRIs, potential surgery, and recovery care, there's a good chance I will reach the \$4,500 in benefits I am eligible for. The benefit check comes directly to me, and I can use the money however I want...maybe I should use some of it use it to get lessons on how to stay upright on the court, or for a big roll of bubble wrap J! I hope to see you out on the courts soon!"

If you want to find out more about accidental insurance with Emerge, the premiums start at just \$18/month—with guaranteed approval, no deductibles, and no medical exams. It's an easy, affordable way to protect yourself from life's unexpected mishaps—on and off the court.. [Find out more here.](#)



INSTRUCTION



Instructional Schedule

Intramural Schedule



The Singles Playbook
with Nick Kovacs
Tactics to play singles successfully.
Knowing what technique to use when and where to place the ball will prepare you to be competitive in singles.

[Register HERE](#)



Mastering the Fundamentals
with Sylvia Whitehouse
3 week series:

- Serve/Returns
- 3rd shots
- Dinking & Blocking

Mondays: October 6,13,27
5:30 - 7:30 PM

[Register HERE](#)



High School Pickleball League

Open Play kickoff:
Wednesday, October 15

Wednesdays, October 22, 29
November 5, 12 (final tournament)
3:30 - 5:30 pm

[Register HERE](#)



Music, Drink Specials & Costume Contest

- October 31; 6 - 9 PM
 - Must Play in Costume!
 - Best Costume Prize
- \$5 for Members / \$10 for Non-Members

 TOURNAMENTS

We have a terrific lineup of tournaments for you in 2025-26.
Go [here](#) to see our lineup. Tournaments provide you with an opportunity to test yourself, play with different opponents, and learn from watching other players in action. And for Pictona, they are a significant source of revenue that helps keep our membership rates among the lowest in the nation. And a major reason we make money from our tournaments is because of the many members who volunteer to help conduct these events. We thank you.



6th Annual Pictona Open
by Emerge Insurance Services
OCTOBER 23 - 26, 2025

FREE T-Shirt Deadline in 3 days!

Over 550 players registered!

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 PICONA OPEN HERE!



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.



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

[USSP REGISTRATION CLICK HERE!](#)

THE ONLY **national pickleball championship** tournament designed specifically for **players ages 50-80+!**

Over 900 Players Registered!

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.



TWO-DAY ON COURT DEMO & CONVERSATION

with Co-Authors

Pickleball Mindset - The Blueprint for Peak Performance

How to grow and nourish a confident mindset through your pickleball journey.

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. More info [HERE](#).



PLAYER SHOP



New Gear Alert!

The Player Shop just stocked up with fresh styles for men and women—and now youth shirts too! Stop by and check out the latest looks before they're gone.



THE KITCHEN



NEW MENU IN THE KITCHEN!

Get ready to **taste the excitement** — The Kitchen at Pictona has launched an **updated-new menu!**

- ☐ **Flame-Grilled Burgers** – Juicy, hand-crafted, and cooked to perfection on an open flame.
- ☐ **Tex-Mex Favorites** – Bold flavors with a fresh Pictona twist.

Come hungry, leave happy — and discover your new favorites today at The Kitchen today!

Drill of the the Week

2-on-1 Doubles



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!



YOGA

Fridays
10:30-11:30 am

Greg began practicing yoga since 2017. His classes are geared toward beginner and intermediate students. His gentle yoga poses and calming nature are balanced with light strengthening and flexibility of muscles and joints. He looks forward to seeing you on the mat!



Greg Adkins



Concert Series at Pictona
CLICK HERE - FREE TICKETS!

10/10 - Spazmatics - All Out 80's
11/7 - O Motown





Discover



Thurs. Oct. 30

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Experience a world-class pickleball facility!

Whether you are new to the sport or a seasoned player, discover why Pictona is the ultimate destination for pickleball enthusiasts!

Learn about Pictona!

Completely Free!

Refreshments

Free! Tours Refreshments
Learn about Member benefits New Player Programs





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