



USSP MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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A Note From Our President

Summer is here and pickleball is in full swing! The USSP Zone Championships have concluded, USSP Regional Championships are right around the corner, round robins, scrambles, and new player training is well underway.

We have also been hard at work adding some exciting new member benefits. For example, if you are interested in playing pickleball internationally, join us in Tahiti next June for a USSP tournament and discounted seven-night Windstar cruise. If you're looking for something more recreational, we have pickleball and vacation trips to Costa Rica, Italy and Spain offered at a 10% discount for USSP members. And if you are interested in taking your pickleball game to the next level, join us in Daytona Beach Florida for our Pro Demonstration Workshop with the authors of the "Pickleball Mindset", Dayne Gingrich and Jill Martin, then play in the USSP National Championship at Pictona's world-class facility in Holly Hill, FL.

Details about these incredible events and more is contained within the newsletter.

I wish you the best and hope to see you on the courts!

Tony Schneider

President US Senior Pickleball



Tournament Spotlight: USSP National Championship, Presented by Humana

Pictona at Holly Hill, FL - Dec. 5 - 8, 2025

USSP members receive a **\$10 discount**

Registration opens July 15, fees increase Oct. 1



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SPECIAL PRO EVENT 2 DAYS BEFORE NATIONALS

Pictona at Holly Hill Center Court
2-Day event just before the 2025
USSP National Championship

Humana



»»» ON-COURT DEMO & CONVERSATION

2-Day Event with Dayne Gingrich & Jill Martin

Co-Authors of Pickleball Mindset –
The Blueprint for Peak Performance
How to grow and nourish a confident
mindset through your pickleball journey

Day 1 - Listen & Learn

Dayne and Jill discuss the mental and
physical aspects of playing your best
pickleball as a senior

Day 2 - On-Court Demonstration

\$25 registration fee

Free for USSP Ambassadors

*Pre-registered players have first priority
Limited to 400 attendees*



Wed. Dec. 3, 6:00-8:30pm EST

Thur. Dec. 4, 9:00-11:30am EST

LEARN MORE

Dayne Gingrich
Senior Pro Player & Coach
Mental Performance Coach



Jill Martin

Pickleball Yogi
Personal Trainer
& Yoga Teacher



THE PATH TO USSSP NATIONALS 2025



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DEC 05 – DEC 08, 2025

2025 US Senior Pickleball National Championships


Presented by Humana
at Pictona in Holly Hill, FL

The only National Championships
for players aged 50 to 80+

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Visit our new Nationals website:



SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK & RECEIVE A \$10 AMAZON GIFT CARD!

YOUR VOICE MATTERS - SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS!

This survey is critical to the future of our partnership with USSP sponsors. Their continued support after this year depends on the feedback we provide **right now**. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and show our sponsors how much they mean to our club and our events. Your input will help us grow and strengthen these valuable relationships.

As a thank you for sharing your feedback, we will send you a **\$10 Amazon e-gift card**.

We look forward to hearing from you!

»»» [CLICK HERE TO TAKE SURVEY](#) <<<<

Please complete this survey within the next 7 days. Survey link will only work one time. E-gift cards are limited to one per person and while supplies last.

Have questions about this survey? Contact us [here](#).





2025 POINTS RACE CURRENT STANDINGS

THE TOP 10 FINISHERS IN EACH AGE BRACKET AT THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR WILL WIN PRIZES FROM USSP!

Women 50-54:

- 1) Lisa (Yanhua) Hankins
- 2) Angela Vanslyke
- 3) Suzette Nelson

Women 55-59:

- 1) Sylvia Briscoe
- 2) Cathy Anderson
- 3) Garnet Jones

Women 60-64:

- 1) Leslie Siman-Tov
- 2) DaLee Kicker
- 3) Christina Palmero

Women 65-69:

- 1) Christine Lago
- 2) Jennifer Cross
- 3) Justine Still

Women 70-74:

- 1) Nancy McCanles
- 2) Debbie Ladig
- 3) Nola Pruitt

Women 75-79:

- 1) Linda Bruder
- 2) Jeanne Miller
- 3) Margaret Daniels

Women 80-84:

- 1) Donna Ruth Quaife
- 2) Carolyn Ryan
- 3) Carol Peterson

Women 85+:

- 1) Joyce Jones

Men 50-54:

- 1) Michael Silwa
- 2) Scott Korth
- 3) Mike Fletcher

Men 55-59:

- 1) Larry Mackey
- 2) Gilles Lagueux
- 3) Robert Ellerbrock

Men 60-64:

- 1) John Yonkosky
- 2) Michel Roy
- 3) Kennon McLendon

Men 65-69:

- 1) Walter McCanles
- 2) Bobby Logan
- 3) David Douglas

Men 70-74:

- 1) Jeffrey Rivers
- 2) Billy Thomas
- 3) Tony Attardo

Men 75-79:

- 1) Art Worley III
- 2) Christopher Thomas
- 3) Michael Hovan

Men 80-84:

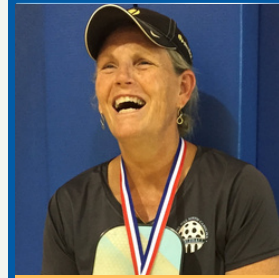
- 1) Lewis Sperber
- 2) William Flick
- 3) Robert Traul

Men 85+ :

- 1) Douglass Allen
- 2) Bill Wingfield
- 3) Robert (Bob) Powers

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR TOURNAMENT COMPETITORS - KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL STANDINGS IS AVAILABLE**

[HERE](#)



Jenn Johnson
Zone Director - East

**New faces
at USSP -
Welcome!**



Sammy Moy
Zone Director - Southwest



MEMBER SAVINGS ON TOURNAMENTS - DON'T MISS OUT!

Don't forget, as a USSP member, you **save \$10** on registration fees for **every USSP tournament**, whether is one of the USSP Championship series events or a USSP certified event.

To make sure you receive your discount, make sure your USSP membership is included in your profile on www.pickleball.com.

MEMBERSHIP INFO - DID YOU KNOW?

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

In addition to annual, 3-yr and 5-yr options, you may also select a Lifetime membership plan.

Lifetime memberships are available to new members at the time of initial application, or existing members upon your renewal date.

Consider joining our 366 other lifetime members at your next renewal date!

Lifetime membership cost is \$250.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you would like a printed membership card you may print one by logging into MemberLeap. Membership cards show your name, USSP ID #, membership plan, and join/expiration dates.



SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

We have a new Facebook group page where members can share and post. Please join your new USSP member community page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/usseiorpickleballcommunity/>



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: RICK BARRY

Pro basketball legend **Rick Barry** was a 13-time All-Star during his NBA and ABA career, from which he retired in 1980. For the past eight years, he has brought his athletic talents and competitive drive to the pickleball court, excelling at a high level at age 80+.

How long have you been playing pickleball and how did you get started?

Over eight years now, wow! I would go up to the Villages in Florida. Dick Scott was a guy I met there, a really good older player, and he introduced me to a lot of other great players there. I would get up very early in the morning to drive two hours to get there by 8am to be able to play for hours with really good players. I think the best way to get better is to play against better people. Dick would let me stay over, and Rich Rollins who's there with his wife Cassandra, would let me stay over, so then I could play again the next morning.

Where was your first tournament?

I spent two years training and practicing before I played in my first tournament, which was in Punta Gorda at the Pickleplex. My friend Jeff Johnson, in his 50s, called me up and said, "Rick, you want to play with me at the Pickleplex tournament?" I said, "you're asking me to play with you?" I knew he was a 4.0 at the time when I was just starting and I said, "But Jeff, I know you'd like to win." He said, "Yeah, I think we can win." I called my wife and said, "honey, I've made it!" She said, "what are you talking about?" I said, "Jeff asked me to play in a tournament, and I know he hates losing. So I must be playing well enough to be able to have a chance to win." And sure enough, we won the tournament!

That was an awesome introduction to my first tournament. Then my goal was to get good enough to win at a major tournament. After playing and winning a lot of events including PPA events I found that the competition wasn't all that good, so I decided to play singles and play in all of the major tournaments: S OPEN, World Seniors, Huntsman World Senior Games (which is not just pickleball) and the USA Pickleball Nationals and the USSP National Championships.

"Pickleball is such a great game. I wish I would have learned about it earlier!" - Rick Barry

Where do you mostly play now?

I play wherever I am in Colorado Springs. I spend 5 months there and 7 months in Florida. We have a lot of great players where I play. I played singles to get ready for tournaments. I was playing against a former top junior tennis player and several other younger guys in their 40s and 50s.

Would you have played pickleball instead of basketball?

No, I wish I could be 30 now playing basketball with the money they make, but I'm looking for pickleball tournaments where they do combined age brackets because I would like to play with my son, Canyon, who's 30. I'll try to put one together myself if I have to.



USSP SOUTH ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY HUMANA OPELIKA, AL - JUNE 19-22, 2025



294 PLAYERS
from

**16 STATES, 2 COUNTRIES
& 12 PICKLEBALL CLUBS**

THANKS
for **JOINING US!**



WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN PICKLEBALL & INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ?

PICKLEBALL + TRAVEL + DISCOUNTS!

TRAVEL

US Senior Pickleball Member Discounts



Costa Rica

- ✓ Certified Coach
- ✓ Guided Tours
- ✓ Ground Transportation
- ✓ 4+ Star Accommodations
- ✓ Court Time

~~\$2,950/pp~~
\$2,655/pp



Mediterranean

- ✓ Certified Coach
- ✓ Guided Tours
- ✓ Ground Transportation
- ✓ 4+ Star Accommodations
- ✓ Court Time

~~\$4,050/pp~~
\$3,645/pp



Italy

- ✓ Certified Coach
- ✓ Guided Tours
- ✓ Ground Transportation
- ✓ 4+ Star Accommodations
- ✓ Court Time

~~\$3,890/pp~~
\$3,501/pp

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WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN PICKLEBALL & INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ?

PICKLEBALL + TRAVEL + DISCOUNTS!

1st Annual Tahiti Senior Pickleball Tournament

June 2-3, 2026

Limited to only 200 players, age 50+
Discounted early registration ends July 15

LEARN MORE & REGISTER



7-night "Dreams of Tahiti" French Polynesia Windstar Cruise

June 4-11, 2026

Must be registered in the tournament to receive the special Dreams of Tahiti cruise price and exclusive perks.
USSP members receive an additional \$100 ship credit.

LEARN MORE



HUMANA, OFFICIAL HEALTHCARE SPONSOR OF US SENIOR PICKLEBALL, LAUNCHES “INVITE” CAMPAIGN TO INSPIRE ACTIVE AGING THROUGH PICKLEBALL & COMMUNITY CONNECTION



As part of the campaign, Humana debuted a new television spot which will air on multiple networks including ESPN2, CBS Sports, FS1, FS2 and the Tennis Channel. The spot features senior pickleball athletes extending an open invitation to others to join the fun, stay social, and support their physical and mental well-being.

“Pickleball is more than a game – it’s a gateway to better health, new friendships, and joyful movement at any age,” said Jennifer Ilecki, Chief Marketing Officer at Humana. “With Invite, we’re not just celebrating the incredible athletes already on the court – we’re encouraging everyone to take that first step toward active aging. We’re extending a warm, inclusive invitation to older adults everywhere to get involved and embrace living life to the fullest.”

Humana is also launching a media campaign to complement the new TV spot, inviting older adults to “get in the game” by inspiring movement, connection and community. As part of the company’s commitment to expanding access to the sport and encouraging older adults to stay active and socially engaged, Humana is offering complimentary pickleball paddles, while supplies last.

The campaign builds on Humana’s longstanding investment in the pickleball community and its commitment to supporting active lifestyles for older adults. Through years of meaningful partnerships and on-the-ground engagement, Humana has become a trusted presence in the sport – both on and off the court.

Humana’s partnerships with leading pickleball organizations complement its longstanding sponsorship of the National Senior Games as well as the National Mall of Pickleball, a landmark event on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., that brings together players of all backgrounds for a celebration of health and community.

- **US Senior Pickleball (USSP):** Humana is partnering with USSP to celebrate both recreational and competitive senior pickleball players and promote pickleball as a fun and affordable way to lead a healthy, active and connected lifestyle.
- **Association of Pickleball Players (APP):** Humana extended its official healthcare partnership with the APP Tour and title sponsorship of the Humana Cup, a season-long team competition for pro pickleball players ages 50+. The company served as the title sponsor for the season-opening 2025 Humana APP Fort Lauderdale Open in January.
- **Professional Pickleball Association (PPA):** Humana also is the “Official Healthcare Partner” of the Carvana PPA Tour with Humana Champions Showcase events happening this year. Some of the best senior pickleball players in the world have a chance to compete in the new Humana Senior Open Tour, which awards ranking points and prize money at tour stops nationwide.
- Humana launched a senior pickleball brand ambassador program hosting events and clinics for older adults across the country. Humana also serves as the presenting sponsor of **USSP Championship Series** events.

To learn more about Humana’s connection to the pickleball community – and to **claim a free Humana pickleball paddle**, while supplies last – visit [Humana.com/pickleball](https://www.humana.com/pickleball).

SENIORS GET MOVING WITH USSP & HUMANA

Check out the Humana commercial on our Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/p/DLCzsQTsU5I/> featuring our USSP Secretary Laura Patterson!



Humana®



USSP Secretary
Laura Patterson



**Follow us to stay
in the game with
US Senior Pickleball!**



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<https://www.instagram.com/usseniorpickleball/>



<https://www.linkedin.com/company/us-senior-pickleball/>

RECENT GRASSROOTS AMBASSADOR-LED EVENTS

MID-ATLANTIC LADIES LEGENDS ROUND ROBIN



Presented by:



Humana®

HELD AT THE PICKLE FACTORY IN BEL AIR, MD
JUNE 6, 2025

UPCOMING USSP CERTIFIED EVENTS



JULY

- **Texas:** Dinkers PIG Chase, July 18-20. Denton, TX

AUGUST

- **Virginia:** Williamsburg Summer Showcase, Aug. 1-3. Williamsburg, VA.
- **Texas:** USSP Golden Paddle Classic, Aug. 5-7. Houston, TX
- **Washington:** WA State Senior Games, Aug. 7-10. Lacey, WA
- **New Hampshire:** NH Senior Games, Aug. 7-10. Derry, NH.
- **Pennsylvania:** Lehigh Valley Round Robin, Aug. 8-10. Allentown, PA.
- **Texas:** Cowtown Senior Open Series, Aug. 12-13. Fort Worth, TX.
- **Oregon:** Oregon Senior Games, Aug. 14-18. Albany, OR.

AUGUST (cont.)

- **Colorado:** Colorado Open-Pikes Peak or Bust, Aug. 15-17. Colorado Springs, CO.
- **Texas:** Corpus Christi Senior Slam, Aug. 15-17. Corpus Christi, TX.
- **California:** Senior Dink Busters, Aug. 15-17. Irvine, CA.
- **California:** Bay Area Senior ENCORE Games, Aug. 30 - Sept. 1. Palo Alto, CA.

SEPTEMBER

- **Idaho:** 5th Annual North Idaho Shootout, Sept. 4-8. Post Falls, ID
- **Texas:** Senior Kingwood Classic, Sept. 5-7. Porter, TX.
- **Kansas:** Pickleball DRS Fall Classic, Sept. 5-7. Wichita, KS.
- **California:** Monterey Bay Pickleball Otterfest, Sept. 12-14. Monterey, CA.
- **Missouri:** 8th Annual Nick Hostler Memorial, Sept. 20. Springfield, MO

OCTOBER

- **Texas:** Brownwood Pickleball Classic, Oct. 3-5. Brownwood, TX
- **Arkansas:** 2 Old Goats Indoor, Oct. 3-5. Little Rock, AR.
- **Texas:** Cowtown Senior Open Series, Oct. 7-8. Fort Worth, TX.
- **Nebraska:** Nebraska Fall Classic, Oct. 10-12. North Platte, NE.
- **Arizona:** 5th Annual Wickenburg Ranch Roundup, Oct. 10-12. Wickenburg, AZ.
- **Texas:** Houston Lake Conroe Senior Fall Classic, Oct. 24. Montgomery, TX.
- **Texas:** Kissing Tree Tournament, Oct. 24-26. San Marcos, TX.
- **California:** Battle of the Titans, Oct. 24-26. Irvine, CA.

NOVEMBER

- **Arkansas:** Pickleball DRS Christmas Classic, Nov. 21-21. Springdale, AR.

View all USSP Certified, Regional, Zone and National Championship events at <https://usseniorpickleball.com/tournaments/>

