



*Our newsletter for members and friends*

**March 28 - April 3**



**NEWS**

## Pickleball Municipal Facility of the Year **Pictona at Holly Hill**

► Located in the Daytona area, Pictona at Holly Hill is one of the largest dedicated pickleball facilities in Florida. The \$6.3 million venue opened in July 2020 and boasts 24 LED lighted courts, including eight that are covered, a center pavilion, restaurant, clubhouse and game room. Pictona also provides a wide variety of programming for youth and adults, competitive tournaments, and plenty of social events.

This year, the facility will double in size. Pictona 2 broke ground last October and is slated for completion this October.



### **Pictona Recognized**

Pictona was named the **Pickleball Municipal Facility of the Year** by Tennis Industry Magazine in its April issue. NIDY, the company that built the courts, nominated Pictona for this award. Holly Hill City Manager, Joe Forte, commented in the article that "Pictona is putting Holly Hill on the map nationally among pickleball enthusiasts. We have people calling the Holly Hill Chamber asking for information about homes in the area because they want to relocate near Pictona."

You can read the full article [here](#).



### March 26-27 - Florida Cup Tournament

#### Covered Courts

- All 8 covered courts are available for open play both days - all day.

#### Uncovered Courts

- On **Saturday** there will be four uncovered courts available all day (TBD for which ones).\*\*
- \*\* On **Sunday** after 1 pm, there will be four uncovered courts available (TBD for which ones).\*\*

### March 31 - April 1 - Selkirk America's PB Challenge

#### All Courts

- All courts will be utilized for this tournament. The following are estimated times that tournament play will end and the courts will be available for open play.
  - Thursday at 3 pm
  - Friday at 6 pm
  - Saturday at 6 pm
  - Sunday at 5 pm

# MISSION POSSIBLE

Help us offset the growing costs of Pictona 2.

Your contribution will help us become a World Class Facility!



**15,500 Raised - So Far !**

Wow! We're only one week into the campaign and we've already raised \$15,500. Thank you to everyone who's contributed so far!

As you all know we are now embarking on Pictona 2 which offers:

- 25 additional courts, 5 of which are covered, including
- Stadium and Championship court seating for 1,200
- 8,800 Square foot office building and training center

Please consider donating. Every bit helps!  
*(All donations are tax deductible)*

**Donate NOW!**



## **Farewell Sarah!**

As many of you know, Sarah Lockett has resigned as Membership Director, Event Manager, and Assistant Manager, all positions she has held during the past 2 years at Pictona. Most members know Sarah for her leadership in organizing member play and community events. On behalf of our members and staff, we thank Sarah for her contributions to Pictona and wish her much success in her future endeavors. Sarah's last day is April 30.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of Pictona over the past two years, and so proud of the community we have built. The members and friends of Pictona are truly the secret ingredient to our success and I am thrilled for their bright future ahead. I'm looking forward to being a Pictona member, playing a lot of pickleball and pursuing the opportunity to build my own online social media business."



### **Welcome Yvonne!**

**Yvonne Milton** began her career at Pictona this past Monday, as the Senior Activity Center Director after Rynn Goldstein resigned to return to teaching. Yvonne came to us from the Grand Villa in Ormond Beach where she served as the Life Enrichment Coordinator for Memory Care. We're looking forward to working with you, Yvonne!



### **Welcome Deb!**

**Deb Presley-Christensen** joins Pictona as the new Community Relations Director. Deb previously served as the executive director of the Fayette CARE Clinic in Fayetteville, GA. Deb's primary duties will be developing and maintaining relations with community organizations and especially with our sponsors. She will lead our fundraising efforts, which are a vital part of Pictona, and will coordinate the many different events we hold at our community center. Deb is a member of Pictona so please welcome her to this new position when you see her on the courts.

### **Welcome Trevor!**

**Trevor Young** comes aboard as a Closing Manager. Trevor has always been active. He played football & baseball and ran track in high school. Trevor looks forward to learning the game of pickleball. When you see him say Hi! He is looking forward to meeting our members and supporting our management staff.



## Sneakers

We are not talking about footwear, but the people who sneak into Pictona to play pickleball without paying. It occurs when a “friend” opens the gate by court 17, or the east exit door by court 8, or the gate west of the SAC, or walking through the Kitchen. We take this intrusion seriously; it’s theft, and it devalues your membership dues and our daily entrance fee. We ask our members not to open gates for “sneakers” and to stop others from doing so or report them to our Manager on Duty at the Welcome Desk.

*\*Note: Staged Photo*



## THE KITCHEN AT PICTONA

### Next Week's Specials

- Voila! We'll be serving up a Chicken Cordon Bleu wrap - chicken, ham, Swiss cheese & honey mustard - served on a spinach or whole wheat wrap
- Delicious spinach salad with egg, bacon and grilled shrimp - served with a homemade hot bacon dressing.
  - We'll be preparing for our tournament this weekend. From Thursday through Sunday we'll have a limited menu.
- Breakfast will be served from 6:30 am - 11 am
- The outside grill will be fired up serving sizzling hamburgers and hotdogs!



## PICTONA 2



### **Progress!**

After more than a year of planning and underground work, Pictona 2 springs out of the ground with two large concrete block towers. They are the stairwells for the two-story Pictona Training Center. And we now see the erection of the steel framework for the covered courts, an expanse of 26,320 sf, providing protection for the championship court with seating for 1200 and 4 additional courts.

Tim Newslow (left), a Pictona member and avid player, oversees the erection of the covered courts along with the owner of the erection company.



# TOURNAMENTS



## 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.

*Food, Drink, Music  
& Door Prizes  
Provided!*



## SELKIRK AMERICA'S PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE

### Selkirk Sponsors America's Challenge Tournament

Beginning Thursday March 31 and extending through Sunday, April 3 we will be conducting the tournament named after the highly regarded Selkirk Sport company. We are delighted to partner with this leading paddle, clothing, and equipment company. Look for their display at the check-in in the Games Room and in the exhibit area next to the Pavilion. In addition, Selkirk has donated 100 paddles to our PB101 classes and other instructional programs.





## Volunteers needed!

***You can imagine how many different volunteers are needed to ensure 600 participants have a great experience at Pictona!***

- You'll receive Free tickets to our April Fools Party on Friday Night, includes food and drinks!
- You'll also receive one or more tickets for FREE meals every day you work.
- Volunteering is a great way to meet new people!

Please consider volunteering for this tournament. You can preview all the roles needed, including what's available on specific days, and sign up [here](#).

**Super Seniors  
Tournament  
sponsored by:**

**SOLAR-FIT**

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## [Super Seniors Tournament - May 6-8](#)

We currently have **110** people signed up for our second annual Super Seniors Tournament sponsored by [Solar-Fit](#) and [Daytona Dodge](#). This exciting tournament 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



## Pictona was Well Represented in the Port Orange Senior Games!

**Rigo Garzona** was double gold medalist

Mixed 50-59

Gold : **Lucie Denault / Rigo Garzona**

Silver: **Darren Fein / Sigrid Preissler**

Bronze : **Paul Connifey / Lisa Shackow**

Double man 50-59

Gold: **Rigo Garzona / Paul Connifey**

Silver: **Ron Duff / Darren Fein**

Double women 50-59

Gold: **Mary Burns / Lisa Shackow**

Silver: **Lucie Denault / Kristen Nagrani**

Bronze: **Clare Merkle / Kristi Myers**

Double women 65-74

Gold: **Julie Martens / Terri Small**

Not Pictured:

Double Women 50-59

**Coleen Holt** and **Jen Gilbert** came in 4th

Congratulations Everyone!

\*\* All players, from 1st through 4th place, qualify for FL state championships



# PICKLEBALL PLAY

## Looking for courts to play singles?

Demand for courts to play singles at Pictona has increased dramatically over the past 6 months. We invite those who are looking to play singles **Monday through Wednesday mornings to use the paddle rack located at court 20 from 8am – 12pm.**



## Spring 2022 Scrambles

- [Spring 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

### Lunch & Learn – Question & Answering Session with Orest Krajnyk, MD and Board-Certified Ophthalmologist



### Vision Correction Procedures for Athletes – Live Life without glasses or contacts!

- Cataract Surgery
  - Refractive Lens Exchange
  - LASIK
- April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- 11:15am Check –In and lunch pre-order
  - 11:30am Presentation Begins
  - 12:15pm Boxed lunches arrive

### Life without Eye Glasses or Contact Lenses

Do you or someone you know want to live life without glasses or contacts? Then register to join Dr Orest Krajnyk, MD and Board-Certified Ophthalmologist from the Precision Eye Institute, on Friday April 8th at 11.15am. Register online [here](#) or at the Welcome Desk, all registrants will receive a free lunch from The Kitchen courtesy of Precision Eye Institute.



## SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

You can find the SAC Schedule on the Pictona Website. Click [here](#) to view next week's schedule of activities.

*\* Please note that ALL classes next Wednesday through Friday will be cancelled due to the tournament.*

Humana



## COMMUNITY GARDENS

We have a few open plots in the Humana Community Gardens at Pictona. If you're interested in renting a plot, contact Yvonne at [yvonnem@pictona.org](mailto:yvonnem@pictona.org). The cost is \$20 / season, and our Spring season lasts from now until the end of August.



# INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

- **Monday**

- Noon: [Learn While You Play](#) (Lu/Sinny)
- 2 pm: [Round Robin "Not Ready for PrimeTime"](#) (Lu/Sinny)
- 3:30 pm: [Low and Slow](#) (Sylvia)

- **Tuesday**

- 1 pm: [PB 101](#) (Dan)

- **Upcoming Classes**

- **Monday, April 4**

- 1 pm: "Not Ready for Primetime" Round Robin
- 3:30 pm: PB Made Easy 3.0-3.5 (Sylvia)
- 4 pm: PB101 (Alex)

- **Tuesday, April 5**

- 1 pm: PB101 (Lu/Sinny)
- 3 pm: PB301 (Sylvia)

- **Wednesday, April 6**

- 1 pm: Speedball! (Dave)
- 3 pm: PB302 (Sylvia)
- 3 pm: PB401 (Dave)

- **Thursday, April 7**

- 4 pm: PB101 (Dan)

- **Friday, April 8**

- 1 pm: Specialty Shots (Dave)

- **Saturday, April 9**

- PB101 (Edward)



# VOLUNTEERS



**Congratulations  
Alex!**



## **Congratulations Alex Youngblood!**

It is with great pleasure that we announce Alex Youngblood as our volunteer of the month. Alex first volunteered to become a trainee for our PB101 classes in the fall of 2020.

Alex took the training class with Lu and assisted her with classes for over a year. As our classes filled he took on the role of the lead instructor for our Monday evening PB 101 classes. In addition to these classes, Alex became a mentor to our beginners and is available on many novice evenings to assist in making our new players comfortable and confident on the courts. He is a volunteer coach for PB102 classes as well as our coached Round Robins.

Not everyone can be a coach, but Alex has a talent to teach and a passion for helping out new players succeed and have fun. Our beginner program is thriving because Alex willingly shares his love of pickleball by serving our club whenever an opportunity is presented. Thanks really isn't enough, but...

Thank you, Alex!

## How do you become Volunteer of the Month?

If you'd like to be considered for the Volunteer of the Month, view the guidelines for being nominated [here](#).



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!

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