



Our newsletter for members and friends

January 16 - 22



NEWS



**WORLD
PICKLEBALL
TOUR**



**DAYTONA
BEACH
CHALLENGER
JAN. 13 - 15**



World Pickleball Tour at Pictona This Weekend!

The World Pickleball Tour is a strictly amateur tournament series that hosted 25 events in 2022 and is hosting nearly 40 in 2023.

All of their tournament stops are considered "challenger" events, as all Gold Medalists from our circuit are invited to the 2024 WPT Amateur Invitational Championships, which will pit the best amateur players in the country against each other as they compete for their share of the \$175,000 CASH PURSE at the event, ***which will be held right here at Pictona!***



Why Should You Buy Safety Glasses for Pickleball?

As pickleball players, we invest in things that protect our knees, elbows, and wrists. We wear sunscreen to protect ourselves from the sun, and we have our favorite pickleball shoes to protect our feet from damage.

The item that I see many players forget is eye protection. I am one of those players who never really gave it a second thought until just a few weeks ago when a ball glanced off a paddle and hit one of my friends in the eye. She went down immediately and luckily did not have any damage after being checked out by her eye doctor.

Then just a few days later I was sitting on the bleachers, and a stray ball whizzed right past my eye. That was it for me, I ordered eye protection glasses. The players in my group have ordered them as well.

According to a recent Article in Pickleball Magazine, "Racket sports rank 4th among activities causing eye injuries. About 90% of these could be avoided with the use of protective eyewear made of polycarbonate lenses."

No sense in taking a chance; let's be safe out there and protect our eyes!

You won't have to look too hard to purchase eye guards. We have a selection available in our Player Shops!



Audio/Video Coordinator Needed

We're looking for a part-time person to manage our audio and video activities, especially with tournaments and other special events. During tournaments the duties are (1) to set up and operate our audio system, (2) to serve as a DJ making announcements, playing music during timeouts and between games and matches, and (3) assisting others who need audio access.

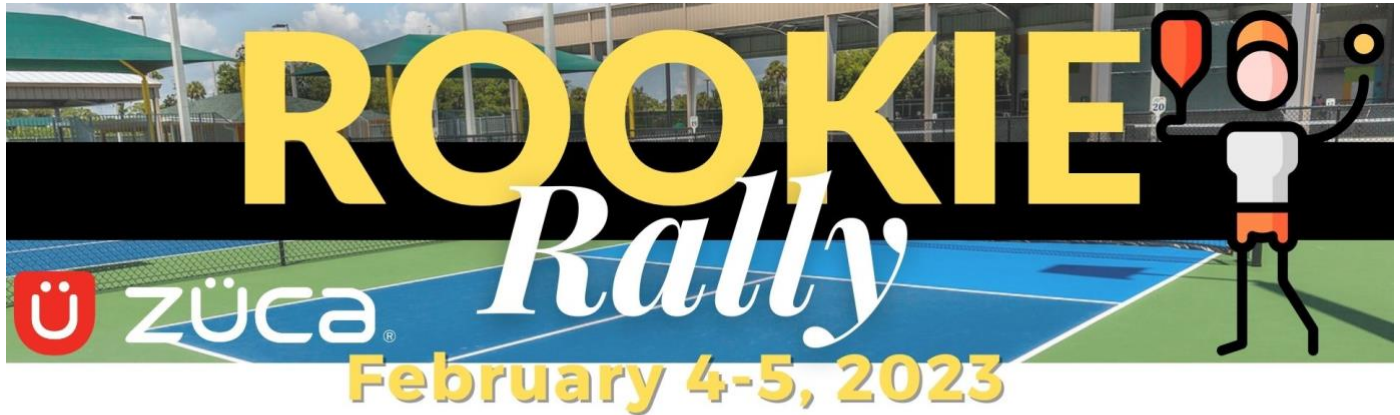
The position will also oversee our championship court scoreboard and promotional TVs as well as live streaming play to our TV monitors throughout the Pictona Campus.

A qualified candidate will have experience with audio and video, be an articulate and energetic announcer, and have the flexibility to work all day during tournaments with plenty of time off between events.

Salary is open for discussion. Interested? Email Rainer@hkusa.com.



TOURNAMENTS



Men's, Women's & Mixed Doubles

2.5 - 3.0 Skill Level

Age Categories:

<50, 50+, 60+, 70+

\$50 Registration Fee

plus \$15 for each event

*** Includes T-Shirt*

Register at:
PickleballTournaments.com



**** You must register by Jan. 21st to make sure you receive your tournament t-shirt!**

We have 187 players signed up for the [ZUCA](#) Rookie Rally! **Help us surpass our goal of 200.** This round robin at Pictona is a special tournament for the 2.5 and 3.0 players taking place February 4 - 5. This is a great opportunity for those wanting to test their pickleball skills in a fun and competitive tournament environment.

- Events include Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles
- Skill levels of 2.5 and 3.0 offered for each event.
- Find your partner and sign up for the tournament at the link below.

ZÜCA Isn't Just Made to Love—It's Built to Last.

Staying fresh during long tournament days can prove difficult, and fatigue can be detrimental, especially for tournament players who need their energy to last for hours. ZÜCA rolling bags are designed to help you stay organized but also take the load off your back and keep you off your feet so that you can be well-rested and play your best.



Exciting News! **READ THIS!** 

All Rookie Rally participants will be eligible to receive one of TWO **SIX MONTH Pictona memberships** (value \$216 each) being given away on Sunday, Feb. 5, courtesy of [The Mabry Group](#), local Remax Realtor and Pictona member.
Thank you, Mabry Group!!

Players do not need to be present to win.

[Sign up for the ZÜCA Rookie Rally here](#)



APP hosting Daytona Beach Open February 8-12

The Association of Pickleball Professionals (APP) serves professionals, senior professionals and amateurs in the fastest growing sport in the USA. The first and only tour officially sanctioned by USA Pickleball, the Daytona Beach Open is the 2nd of 16 tournament stops, in addition to International and Collegiate Series events.

[Sign up for the APP Daytona Beach Open HERE](#)

Purchase Tickets to Watch the APP Competition!

Every day of the event features awesome competition, culminating in Championship Sunday, when the pros will battle it out in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles finals.

Purchase your tickets today! General Admission starts at \$10

[Purchase APP Tickets HERE](#)

Want to be an Exhibitor at the APP Daytona Beach Open?

Reserve your exhibitors' space today for the second APP Tour event of 2023, featuring the world's best pro players, senior pros, and hundreds of amateur pickleball players.

With 1,100+ players registered, pro players and Championship Sunday, Pictona's membership (now more than 1,000), and spectators, the APP Daytona Beach Open is an excellent opportunity to grow your brand and increase your sales! Reserve your space today!

[Click HERE for APP Exhibitor Information](#)



PLAY WHERE THE
PROS PLAY
**MARCH 9 -12
2023**



PPA hosting the Florida Open March 9 - 12 !

Pickleball's greatest professional players are coming from all over the country to take part in the Florida Open at Pictona! March 9th - 12th held at our world-class facility, right here in Holly Hill.

They are welcoming all skill levels to come to "Play Where the Pros Play." Sign up at the button below.

[Sign up for the PPA "Florida Open" HERE](#)

PICTONA TOURNAMENTS 2023	
WORLD PICKLEBALL TOUR JANUARY 13-15	FLORIDA CUP - TEAM EVENT MARCH 18
ROOKIE RALLY FEBRUARY 4-5	MAJOR LEAGUE PICKLEBALL MARCH 23 - 26
APP DAYTONA BEACH MAJOR FEBRUARY 8-12	AMERICA'S CHALLENGE MARCH 30 - APRIL 2
PPA FLORIDA OPEN MARCH 9-12	AMERICAN PB BY DUPR APRIL 22 - 23
	SUPER SENIORS MAY 5 - 7





PICKLEBALL PLAY



Congratulations to this week's Scramble Winners!

Monday - Women's 3.5+ - **Jan Reilly & Deb Dubois**

Tuesday - Women's 3.0 - **Julee Oh & Valerie Hutt**

Wednesday - Mixed - **Jan Hamill & Major Manning**

Congratulations, and well deserved, everyone!

You can find more information about Scramble Play [here](#).



Congratulations to the Winners of this Week's ZÜCA Rookie Round Robin Practice Session!

Men's Doubles: **Brandon McKinney & Randy Sullins**

Women's Doubles: **Mary Pat Bragers & Jan Reilly**

Mixed Doubles: **Al Flores & Kathy Hardesty**



THE KITCHEN AT PICTONA



Daily
SPECIALS

MONDAY \$12

**MEATLOAF
MONDAY**

\$11 TUESDAY

TACO TUESDAY

The Kitchen
AT PICTONA



\$12 FRIDAY

FRIDAY FISH FRY

THURSDAY \$8

**HAMBURGER
THURSDAY**



- Be sure to try our daily specials - **Meatloaf Monday, Taco Tuesday, \$8 Burger Thursday, and Friday Fish Fry !**
- Don't forget, we grow lettuce right here in our very own **Humana Community Gardens** - used in our delicious salads and sandwiches. A true farm-to-table experience!



SMOOTHIES!

Tuesday, Jan. 17

6 PM

Humana Community Gardens

Smoothies! - In the Humana Community Gardens

Come join us on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, for a fun smoothie demo with Cindy Mayer, Health Coach from FHCP Health Promotion and Wellness. Cindy will be preparing smoothies using some of the produce from our Pictona Community Garden.

Bring a friend!

**NEW YEAR,
NEW YOU**



Feel free to purchase a snack at "The Kitchen"! This onsite restaurant embraces the "tower to table" movement!



Set yourself up for a BETTER 2023!
By making some SIMPLE CHANGES, you will be on the right path to a healthier and happier you! Learn how you can BOOST YOUR IMMUNITY during the cold and flu season.

**Friday, January 20
3:30 pm**

FHCP Senior Center
at Pictona
1060 Ridgewood Blvd.
Holly Hill

Contact Yvonne with questions
yvonnem@pictona.org

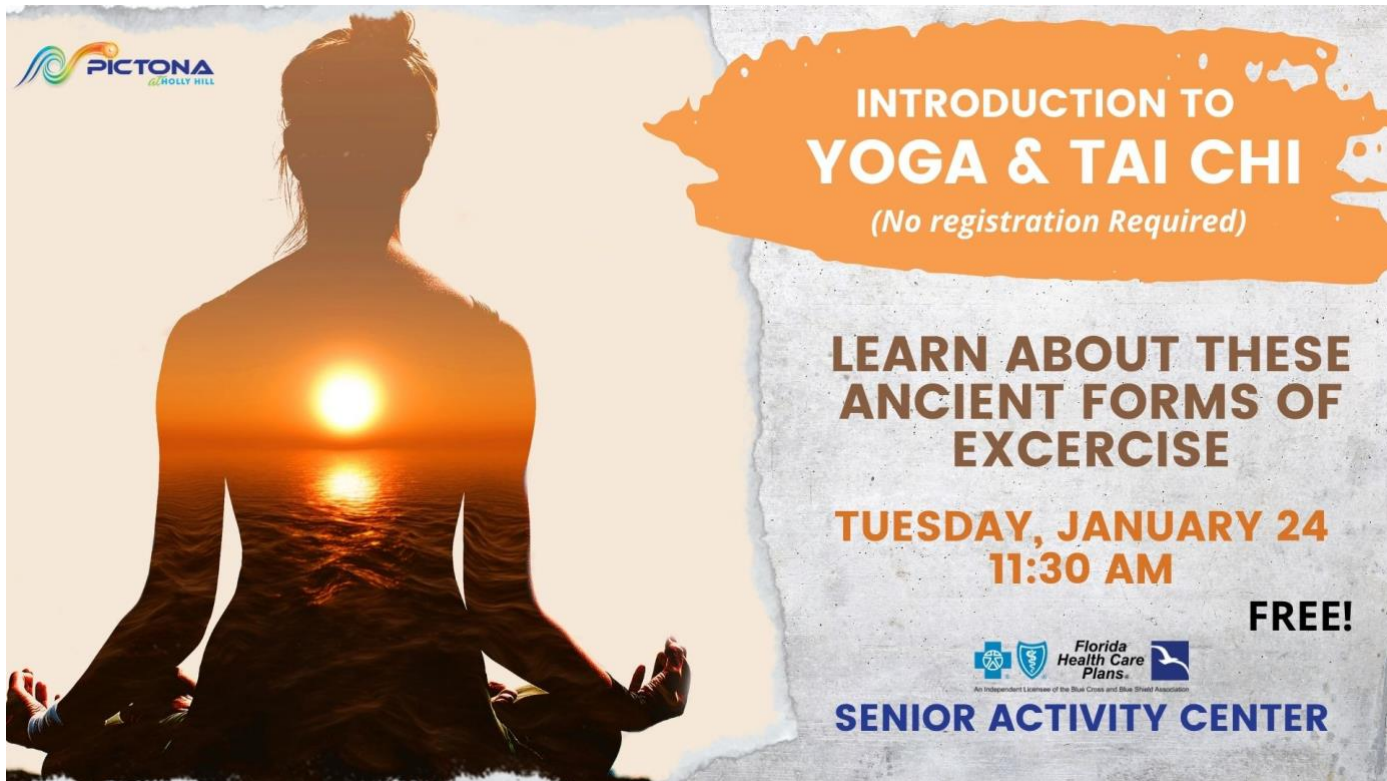


Boost Your Immunity

Please join Jocelyn Daley, personal trainer, and find out how to boost your immunity during this cold & flu season.

Friday, January 20, at 3:30 pm in the FHCP Senior Activity Center.

No registration needed.



Learn about the healing powers of Yoga and Tai Chi

Please join Certified Yoga and Tai Chi instructor, Ed Eisler, **January 24th at 11:30 a.m.** in the Senior Activity Center for a free and fun interactive class as he demonstrates and explains some of the more challenging moves in Yoga and Tai Chi.

Not only does Yoga and Tai Chi improve joint health, but you will have quicker response time and reduce your chance of injury and recovery time.

No registration needed.



Sign Up for the Martens Cup!

We hosted the 1st Martens Cup 2 years ago! (*Covid prevented us from having this fun event last year.*). But we've brought it back! Competition starts the week of February 13-19.

Whose team will you be on?

Week 1: Croquet

Week 2: Bocce

Week 3: Cornhole

Week 4: Horseshoes

Week 5: Shuffleboard

We'll cap off the competition with a celebration event on March 22 - Sponsored by [S.R. Perrott.](#)

Contact Yvonne for more information at yvonnem@picona.org.

You can find next week's schedule for the Senior Activity Center [here](#).



EVENTS



Work Up Game Night Challenge !

Our FIRST Saturday Night "Work Up" Game Night, plus "Name that Tune" will be **Saturday, January 28 from 5 - 8 pm.** There will be Two winning teams. The 2 teams who end up on the TOP COURT at 8 pm will earn the Crowns for the night!

In addition, the Kitchen will have "Happy Hour" food/drink specials from 5-8 pm.

See Hali for more details or email at Halip@pictona.org.

Sign Up for the Work Up Game Night Challenge [HERE](#)



VOLUNTEERS



Join the Pictona Success Team!

If you'd like to volunteer, please consider joining 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 U.S.!



INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

You can find next week's class schedule [here](#).



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