

### **January 22 - 28**



# Aetna Gardens at Pictona - Growing a Better Future!

Hardscaping is complete and planting is underway. Click <u>HERE</u> to see the full garden design!









### **Covered Courts & Inclement Weather**

In response to valued feedback, we've revised our inclement weather policy. Moving forward, during inclement weather Challenge Courts play on AdventHealth Court #4 and MetroHealth Championship Court will convert to Open Play to ensure everyone can continue enjoying pickleball. Your insights drive positive changes – thank you for making Pictona better together!

### **Drilling & Ball Machine Policy**

- Doubles play takes priority over singles play and drilling in Pictona's Court Utilization Plan.
- Players are permitted to use courts 21, 22, and 31-44 for drilling without a reservation, provided they are not already reserved, being used for POP! events, and no paddles are in the Next-Up queue. Personal ball machines are permitted on these courts for drilling purposes.
- AdventHealth covered courts 1-3 can only be used for drilling purposes when the court is reserved by a player.
- The only covered courts that ball machines can be used on are AdventHealth Courts 1-3 with a reservation during eligible times.

### Pictona Policies - Click HERE



### THE KITCHEN AT PICTONA



### **Chicken Fajita Bowl - \$13**

Next week we're featuring grilled chicken, green & red peppers, onion, corn, black beans and cheese. Topped with a zesty ranchero sauce made with the freshest ingredients. Served over a scoop of steaming hot rice.

#### Delicioso!





### **Aetna Elite Team Invitational - February 10**

Join us for an MLP-style tournament for advanced players with a minimum DUPR of 4.5 with a minimum of 6 games each. Money prizes for top three teams!

**Player Eligibility:** To guarantee quality competition, all players must have a DUPR of 4.5 or higher. Teams must have a combined DUPR of 18 or greater.

**Match Format:** MLP style team event - 2 men, 2 women per team. Rally scoring to 21. Doubles matches for men and women happen

simultaneously, and the same for the two mixed matches. Each team can have two "free" subs per team, but once a player is subbed out, there is no return to play.

Also a fun "dreambreaker" format, with our own twist.

Entry Fee is \$500 per team.

#### **PRIZE MONEY:**

- 1st Place Team receives \$1500
- 2nd Place Team receives \$1000
- 3rd Place Team receives \$500

### **Click HERE to Register TODAY!**



### Züca Rookie Rally - That's a Wrap!

We had over 300 players compete in this year's tournament. Feedback from players is that they love the round robin followed by playoff format. On Saturday, overnight rain provided a damp start but the courts were dried off using our VAPTR machines and no matches were delayed. Sunday had no issues and all games were completed per our schedule.

Our team of referees provided excellent support each day supporting most of the gold medal matches as well as bronze medals, playoff games and round robin matches as scheduling allowed.

Thank you to all those players who participated in this year's ZÜCA Rookie Rally. We plan to hold the tournament again in 2025.



### **Results and Medalists**

You can click <u>HERE</u> to see the results of the tournament. You can view all the tournament photos <u>HERE</u>. Thank you to Toni Bocz for taking the photos!



# Chloe's Story

#### A Meteoric Rise at the Züca Rookie Rally

Chloe Rhodes, a high school senior at Titusville High School, entered this year's Züca Rookie Rally as her first tournament. After much hard work and determination, Chloe earned a spot on the medal stand, with partner Michelle Ngo. Read Chloe's full story HERE.

# Save Your Energy for The Game with **ZÜCA** Pickleball Bags!

Staying fresh during long tournament days can prove challenging. Fatigue can be detrimental, especially for tournament players who need their energy to last 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. Check out their Pickleball Pro and Pickleball Sport models below.



# **JARP**U.S. CHAMPIONS CUP



# **APP Tour is returning to Pictona - February 1-**

The APP Tour is returning to Pictona with a unique event geared towards players 40 and above February 1-4.

The AARP Cup will feature a round robin format for amateurs for enhanced tournament play, and a full come around double elimination draw for Champions (50+) and Master(60+) Tour pros.

Deadline for registration is January 23, but several brackets are close to full.

Please click on the link below for this unique event featuring 40 plus aged players.

#### Register for the AARP U.S. Champions Cup HERE



### We Need You! - Less than 2 weeks away!

We've already filled 101 shifts for the APP AARP U.S. Champions Cup - in just under one week! However, there are still 55 shifts still available. Volunteers for this tournament will receive FREE APP T-Shirts!

### **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE!**

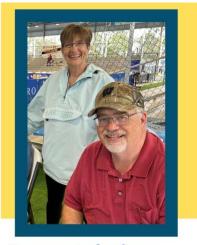
## Register for Upcoming Tournaments at Pictona

You can view our full schedule of tournaments and find details, including how to register, <u>HERE.</u>









Congratulations
Sharon and Randy Bestul!

Congratulations to Sharon and Randy Bestul as the February Volunteers of the Month.

During the Züca Rookie Rally, Randy and Sharon volunteered their time and services on both Saturday and Sunday - exceeding the hours they signed up for by providing excellent assistance to the new Volunteer Coordinator, Rick Persons, in his first tournament.

Randy was responsible for checking in the Rookie Rally participants, who may have been playing in their first pickleball competition, answering many of their questions and concerns with patience and a concise explanation.

Sharon, likewise, was a huge contributor to the team as the Volunteer Coordinator Assistant. Sharon gladly assisted beyond her assigned shift with enthusiasm and an infectious smile that was contagious to the entire team.

Thank you Sharon and Randy!

### Join the Pictona Success Team!

If you'd like to volunteer at Pictona, please consider joining the Pictona Success Team of Volunteers. Click <u>HERE</u> and explore the many opportunities to help us continue to make Pictona one of the finest facilities in the U.SI





Tired of open play? Sign up for a POP! activity



POP! activities include: Ladders, Mixers (youth & adult) Partnered Round Robins, and Leagues

PICTONA ORGANIZED PICKLEBALL

PLAY AT PICTONA

### Click here to register for any POP! Event

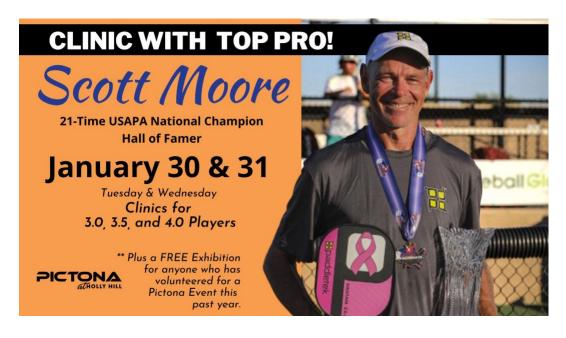


**Push Dink Video and Quiz** 

Want to try to enhance your dinking game? View this short lesson on "Push Dinking" and take the accompanying quiz. Answering the questions will help reinforce what you have learned and you can use it in your next game. Click <u>HERE</u> for the lesson and quiz.

Plctona offers many different classes and programs to help you improve your game! Click <u>HERE</u> to view Plctona's Educational Offerings.





### **Clinic with Top Pro - Scott Moore**

Scott Moore is a 21-time USAPA National Champion and the 2022 APP Icon Recipient. He's the first player ever to win a Senior Pro and a Super Senior Pro Gold Medal in the same tournament! (Mesa, AZ - APP 2022)

Scott will be conducting clinics for 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 level players. In addition, he'll be hosting an exhibition for anyone who has volunteered for a Pictona event this last year - *for FREE!* 

January 30 & 31, 2024 For more information click <u>HERE.</u>





**Next Week's Schedule** 

You can access next week's schedule for the FHCP Activity & Education Center HERE.



## FREE PICKLEBALL ALL DAY!



### The Good Life Expo! - February 10

The Good Life Expo offers a variety of interactive demonstrations, activities, music, food, and fun! The event is designed to provide attendees a full day of fun and learning, including pickleball, line dancing, yoga, cooking, entertaining, and more! *The cap-off of the* 

day will be a delicious BBQ dinner followed by a 70's tribute band at MetroHealth Stadium.

- A highlight of the Expo is that we will have FREE Pickleball ALL DAY!
- Purchase a Combo ticket for both the concert and the BBQ for only \$25!

Although entry to Pictona and the Expo are FREE, you will need to purchase tickets for the BBQ Dinner and Concert.

#### Purchase Concert & BBQ Tickets HERE!





J Alan Six Band performs at MetroHealth Stadium

Friday, January 26 at 7:30 pm

If you like Country music, you're gonna love this concert! J Alan Six grew up in a small town in Indiana where he spent his early years helping out in the church and found his love for entertaining by singing southern gospel most Sunday mornings. Growing up in rural Indiana, he was no stranger to classic country which influenced his love of the genre.

### **Purchase Concert Tickets HERE**