

January 1 - 7





As we prepare to celebrate the New Year we will be closing early over the Holiday weekend. We wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year! Pickle On!

- New Year's Eve Hours 8 am 3 pm
- New Year's Day Hours 8 am 5 pm



Happy New Year!

Dear members and visitors,

2023 was an amazing year for Pictona. Our membership stands at about 1200. We've had thousands of visitors who have come for a day of play or to participate in one of 13 tournaments we hosted. We've been recognized as one of the best pickleball facilities in the country and that's why we were host to the APP, PPA, MLP, and USAP's Diamond Amateur Championships. While we enjoy hosting these major events and watching the best players in the world, we equally delight in watching our diverse members challenge each other in day-to-day recreational play.

Julie and I have many people to thank for making 2023 a successful year at Pictona. We have 14 full-time staff and 35 parttimers who work to keep the facility open and clean, while offering lots of activities for you. We thank them for their competence and dedication. Throughout the year we've had hundreds of wonderful volunteers who help with tournaments and other events. We appreciate you very much. Indeed, we appreciate all of our members. We will provide you with a full annual report at the end of January. Julie and I are very proud of Pictona and think of it as OUR HAPPY PLACE. We wish you a healthy and safe 2024.

Rainer and Julie Martens



Camp Pictona - Coming in 2024!

Make your plans to come down to Pickleball Paradise! Camp Pictona will be holding four Adult 3-day camps this winter for beginner and intermediate levels. Camp Pictona will not only provide you with a warm escape, but will provide quality instruction and plenty of playing opportunities to help make winter seem much shorter!

Camp Dates:

- February 20-22 Levels 3.0-3.99 *
- March 7-9

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- March 21-23
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- April 11-13 Levels 2.5-3.49

*Only 3 spots remaining for the 1st Camp !!

More Information and Sign up HERE





Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Broccoli - \$13

We're bringing back our ever popular homemade meatloaf, the perfect comfort food. Served with steaming hot mashed potatoes and fresh broccoli.

Delicious!





Züca Rookie Rally

REGISTRATION ENDS JANUARY 5TH

242 players have already signed up for this year's Züca Rookie Rally. It is your opportunity to play others of like skill and age in a fun round robin format. *Team up with your partner to play men's, women's, and mixed doubles at the 2.5 and 3.0 skill level.*

Züca Rookie Rally Registration Link HERE



Volunteer for the Züca Rookie Rally

Thank you to the 63 Volunteers who've currently signed up for the Rookie Rally! There are 20 Volunteer shifts left to fill.

Volunteering has many incentives!

- Earn POP! Credits to play organized activities for FREE
- Free Meal Vouchers to use in The Kitchen and The Depot
- Eligible for FREE One Month Pictona membership: (monthly drawings during tournament season, courtesy of Karen/Jeff Dillard of Realty Pros)
- Invitation to annual volunteer appreciation BBQ
- Volunteer of the Month parking spot.

Click HERE to Volunteer for the Züca Rookie Rally

Register for Upcoming Tournaments at Pictona

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

	FLORIDA PICKLEBALL LEAGUE JANUARY 6 - 7	MONEYBALL MARCH 30
24	ZÜCA ROOKIE RALLY JANUARY 13-14 (PICTONA)	PBX PRO-AM TOURNAMENT APRIL 13-14
202	AARP U.S. CHAMPIONS CUP FEBRUARY 1-4 (APP)	METROHEALTH SUPER SENIORS TOURNAMENT MAY 3-5 (PICTONA)
	AETNA ELITE TEAM TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY 10 (PICTONA)	AETNA ELITE TEAM TOURNAMEN MAY 11 (PICTONA)
	SUBARU OF DAYTONA CHALLENGE MARCH 14-17 (PICTONA)	MINOR LEAGUE PICKLEBALL JUNE 1
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Tired of open play? Sign up for a POP! activity

Experience 5-6 consecutive games with players in designated skill levels 1.0 to 4.5+

ONLY \$5 each!!!

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



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Click here to register for any POP! Event

POP! Changes in 2024

We're looking forward to implementing new procedures AND new POP! programming in the coming year.

- One new policy to note is that events are being more restricted by skill level to allow for a more positive and betterquality experience for participants.
- We're also introducing new Flex Leagues, including an intermediate division, that is open to both 3.0 and 3.5 players.

You can find information about all the changes <u>HERE</u>.

Do you have questions about POP!?

Either ask a Welcome Desk Associate or you can contact the POP! Activities Committee:

- Jenn Hall jennh@pictona.org
- Cris Higgins <u>crish@pictona.org</u>
- Paul Lambers paull@pictona.org

CONGRATS! Senior Mixed Quad Squad Team League Champions!



(GOLD) Shark Attack: Ray Crowley, Randy Keller, Dee Roberts (not in photo), Rhonda Tiller (sub), (sub not in photo: Gene Osikowicz) (Silver) Cukes: Daniel Sullivan, Dee Parrish, Karen Dillard, Angie Gustavson (not in photo), subs not in photo: Colleen Rerko and Deb Dubois (Bronze) Fanatic Four: Jim Helmer, Tom Fortner, Debbie Frugoli, Lisa Skrogstad



(GOLD) Joe Stefano, John Medunic, Rudy Abt (not in photo), Lori Barnette, Rita Wilson (sub), (Karen Greth, sub not in photo) (Silver) Dink Floyd: Bill Peebles, Dan DiRubbo, Ali Brown, Faith DiRubbo, (subs not in photo: Terry Haskell, Kim Holmes and Rob Stevens) (Bronze) Mad Drops: Dereck Anthony, Joe Firrantello, Traccey Anthony (not in photo), Kathleen May (not in photo), (subs: Sandy Thompson, Melani Roberts)



NEW Classes Offered!

There are some new classes on the January Instructional Calendar for 2024! Check out these new offerings:

Pictona Steps Pickleball Series

A series of four courses designed to build your pickleball skills from the ground up! Discounted rate if you enroll for all four courses at once.

The Road to 4.0: Women's Journey from 3.5 to 4.0

Improve your game to the 4.0 level with instruction, drills, and competitive play!

Ball Machine Skill Building

A fun, fast paced class where you'll hit hundreds of balls to build skills

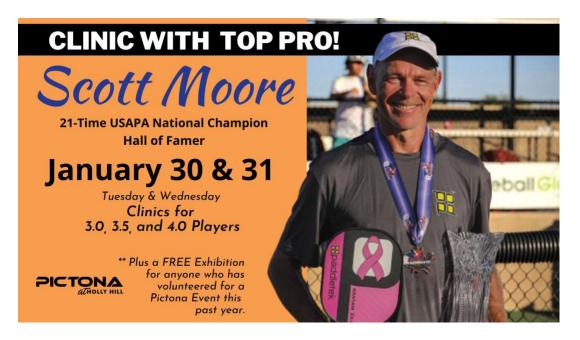
Also check out new class offerings from Sylvia Whitehouse, Mary Burns and Chase Blocker. *Is the class you want to get in full? If so make sure you check other dates that may have openings.* See you on the courts!



January Instructional Calendar

Our January Instructional Calendar is out! We have a full slate of classes available for ALL levels of pickleball play, including many NEW offerings. View and download the calendar <u>HERE</u>.

Reserve your spot by calling (386) 310.7067 or by registering <u>HERE</u>. See you on the courts!



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>





Where Have All the Paddles Gone??

To serve our members better we have done some paddle reorganization!

- Pictona 1 has some great SALE paddles...including the Ben Johns Hyperion!
- Pictona 1 also has a good variety of regular lower and midpriced paddles
- Pictona 2 has a more COMPLETE line of paddles including many of the popular new paddles used by the pro players.

Isn't it time to treat yourself to a new paddle? Demos are available to try before you buy!



Congratulations to our own Daniel Sullivan as the January Volunteer of the Month.

You may see Daniel's friendly face working at the Pictona Welcome Desk when you check in, but he does so much more.

Daniel volunteers to teach PB101, helps instructors with their classes, and helps run Pictona special events. Pictona is very proud to have Daniel on our staff, and thankful that he is so generous donating his time.

Thank you Daniel!



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





THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS!

As we approach the end of this eventful year at Pictona, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for the support of numerous companies that have chosen to become sponsors and exhibitors at Pictona. We greatly appreciate their partnership and encourage you to explore the outstanding products and services they offer.

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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!

A highlight of the Expo is that we will have FREE Pickleball ALL DAY !

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

Purchase Concert & BBQ Tickets HERE!



Singles Mingle returns to Pictona - Feb. 23-25

Returning for the FOURTH time, Pickleball Singles Mingle will be held at Pictona the weekend of February 23-25. Join single likeminded Pickleball enthusiasts for a weekend of Pickleball fun, open play, a round-robin tournament, king of the court competitions, Friday night Hawaiian Luau, Saturday night Dance Party, socializing, merriment, and more!

