



March 4 - 10



Pictona Florists Wanted - Last Chance to Bloom!

Come join us to plant flowers in the Aetna Gardens. We would like to have members with green thumbs volunteer to take small plots in the Gardens to plant and nurture the flowers. We'll buy the flowers; you just need to grow them. Help us add beautiful color to the Gardens while enjoying the pleasures of gardening.

Email Rainer@pictona.org if you're interested.

COLUMNS

Through Singles Mingle, pickleball craze now includes a 'dating app' of sorts

Ken Willis Daytona Beach News-Journal

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Pickleball Singles Mingles (PSM) at Pictona was featured in the Daytona Beach News-Journal

Ken Willis is a member at Pictona and he also happens to be a sports reporter at the News-Journal! Ken spent some time last weekend interviewing and profiling the folks involved in this fun event. PSM brought 250 single pickleball players to Pictona. They traveled from all over the U.S. (and beyond!).

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



PLAYER SHOP



Gift Baskets!

Looking for the perfect gift for any pickleball fan? We've got a great idea! Create a gift basket with items from our player shops. No, we won't create the gift basket for you, but it's a fun do-it-yourselfer: get a container, plastic wrap, and ribbon from a store like Hobby Lobby, put your hand-picked pickleball items inside, add your own creativity, and you've got a gift that will get a rave review! Pictona [Memberships](#) also make an ideal gift for the pickleball lover.



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AGE GROUPS!
SKILL LEVELS!
5

SUBARU

Subaru
of
Daytona

CHALLENGE
2024

PICTONA
at HOLLY HILL

PRICE

March 14-17

Now
ONLY
\$60! *

• Already registered?
You'll receive a refund
for the difference

FOR
MORE
INFO

CLICK HERE

Subaru of Daytona Challenge - March 14-17

Almost 500 players have registered for our signature Spring tournament! This tournament is a player's format: round robin or pool play followed by a playoff in each category, so you'll have plenty of opportunity to play. Join us for women's doubles, men's doubles, mixed doubles and singles.

Registration Closes on March 7th.

Register HERE !



Volunteers Needed for Subaru of Daytona Challenge

Thank you to the 99 Volunteers who've signed up for the Subaru of Daytona Challenge! There are only 40 Volunteer shifts left to fill.

Volunteering has many incentives! As a Volunteer you have the option to receive one of the following:

- POP! Credits to play organized activities
- Box lunch to use in The Depot
- Day Pass you can use for yourself, give to a family member, or bring a friend
- 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!



MetroHealth Super Seniors Tournament - May 3-5

Want to win some prize money?!!

Win a gold medal in your division and you will be entered into a drawing to win \$5,000.

There will be a \$5,000 drawing each day.

Total prize money for tournament is \$15K!!!

Register [HERE](#) !

Register for Upcoming Tournaments at Pictona

You can view our full schedule of tournaments and find details, including how to register, [HERE](#).

TOURNAMENTS @ PICTONA *at HOLLY HILL*

2024

SUBARU OF DAYTONA CHALLENGE
MARCH 14-17
(PICTONA)

MONEYBALL
MARCH 30

METROHEALTH SUPER SENIORS TOURNAMENT
MAY 3-5
(PICTONA)

AETNA ELITE TEAM TOURNAMENT
MAY 11, SEPTEMBER 23, NOVEMBER 23
(PICTONA)

BROWN & BROWN JUNIOR JAMBOREE
MAY 18
(PICTONA)

MINOR LEAGUE PICKLEBALL
JUNE 1

SUNDOWN SHOWDOWN
JUNE 22-WOMEN'S/JULY 20-MIXED/AUGUST 17-MEN'S
(PICTONA)

CONVIVA PICTONA OPEN
SEPTEMBER 26-29
(PICTONA)

JUNIOR PICTONA OPEN
OCTOBER 19
(PICTONA)

PPA TOUR
OCTOBER 23-27

NATIONAL PICKLEBALL
NOVEMBER 8-10



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THE KITCHEN



Key Lime Fish Tacos - \$13

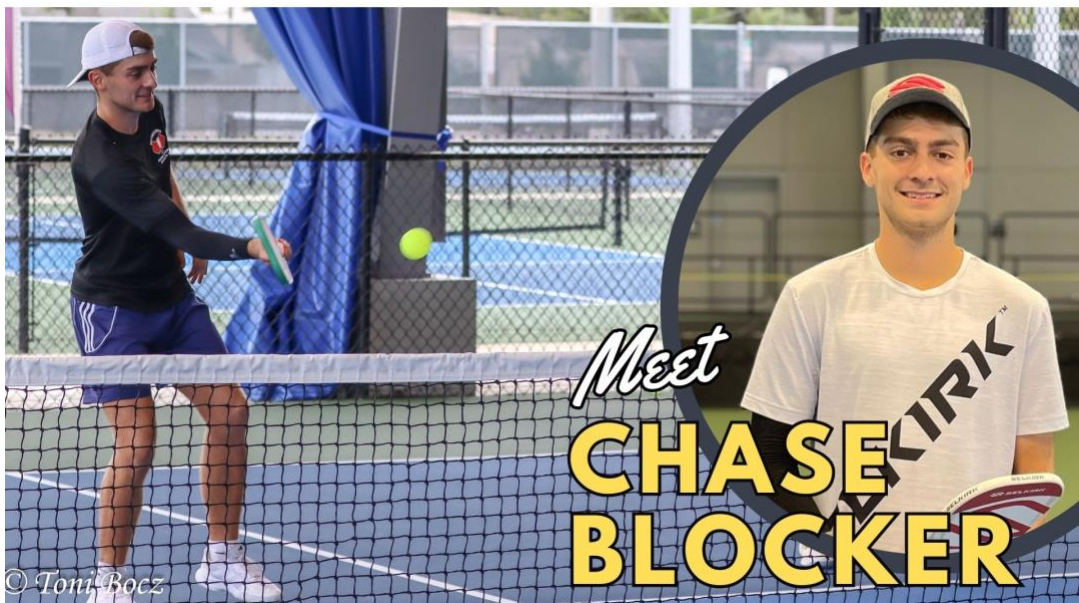
Grilled Cod with fresh cabbage and red onion slaw.
Pairs perfect with our homemade fruit pico de gallo. Drizzled with

zesty avocado crème sauce.

Served with your choice of side.



INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS



Pictona Certified Instructor Chase Blocker

Pictona Instructor Blocker is the subject of this edition's instructor spotlight. Chase is not only an extremely talented player, but he also excels at making difficult concepts easy-to-understand. Several of Chase's students have competed at the pro level, and many others have improved their games significantly.

You can check out Chase's instructor profile [HERE](#).
Sign up for a lesson today!

MARCH - INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

LOOK FOR CLASSES! **NEW!**

PB 101 For the beginner **FREE**
 Mondays - March 4, 11, 18, 25 4:00 - 5:30 pm
 Tuesdays - March 5, 12, 19, 26 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Wednesdays - March 6, 13, 20 6:00 - 7:30 pm
 Thursdays - March 28 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Saturdays - March 2, 9 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Adult Steps Classes
 A series of classes that will teach all the skills necessary for successful pickleball!

PB 204 Step 4 - Aramis Bello
 March 25 & 27 1:00 - 3:00 pm

PB 203 Step 3 - Aramis Bello
 March 18 & 20 1:00 - 3:00 pm

PB 202 Step 2 - Chase Blocker
 March 11 & 13 1:00 - 3:00 pm

PB 201 Step 1 - Aramis Bello
 March 4 & 6 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Adult Step Courses Individually: \$100 member, \$115 non-member
 Package of all four Courses: \$320 member, \$400 non-member

Ball Machine Skills & Drills 90 Min.
 Instructor: Paul Lumbers
 Mondays, March 4 & 18 4:00 - 7:30 pm
 Tuesdays, March 12 & 26 2:00 - 3:30 pm
 Min: 2 / Max: 4

Mastering the Art of Stacking 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Monday, March 25 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Stacking is a court positioning strategy used in doubles to keep the strongest forehand in the center of the court.
 Min: 2 / Max: 4

SPECIALTY CLASSES
 \$40 - Members / \$55 - Non Members
 **Unless otherwise noted

Block'Em Sock'Em **NEW** 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Monday, March 4 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Min: 3 / Max: 6

Drilling for Success with Sylvia 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Monday, March 4 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Wednesday, March 13 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Monday, March 18 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Wednesday, March 27 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Min: 3 / Max: 5

Mastering the Third Shot Drop 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Monday, March 11 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Wednesday, March 27 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Min: 3 / Max: 5

Partner Tactics & Set Plays 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Monday, March 11 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Min: 3 / Max: 5

Pickleball Made Easy 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Min: 3 / Max: 5

Mastering Your Forehand Shot to Drop, Drive & Lob **NEW** 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Wednesday, March 13 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Monday, March 25 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Min: 3 / Max: 6

\$40 - Members / \$55 - Non Members ** Unless otherwise noted

Dinking with Chase 90 Min.
 Instructor: Chase Blocker
 Tuesdays, March 12 & 26 1:30 - 3:00 pm
 Min: 3 / Max: 4

Beginner Youth Pickleball 90 Min.
 Ages 7-12
 Instructor: Aramis Bello
 *\$50 member, \$45 non-member
 Wednesday, March 13 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Wednesday, March 27 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Min: 3 / Max: 6

How to Beat the Bangers 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Wednesday, March 6 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Min: 3 / Max: 6

Intermediate Youth Pickleball 90 Min.
 Ages 13-18
 Instructor: Aramis Bello
 *\$30 member, \$45 non-member
 Wednesday, March 13 5:30 - 7:00 pm
 Wednesday, March 27 5:30 - 7:00 pm
 Min: 3 / Max: 6

Mastering the Pickleball Fundamentals 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 *\$120 member, \$150 non-member
 Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Min: 2 / Max: 6

Hit a Two-Handed Power Backhand 90 Min.
 Instructor: Doug Jensen
 Monday, March 11 1:30 - 3:00 pm
 Thursday, March 28 1:30 - 3:00 pm
 Min: 3 / Max: 6

Daylight Savings March 10th

FLEX LEAGUES SKILL LEVELS
 2.5 & 3.0
 3.0 & 3.5
 3.5 & 4.0

MetroHealth SUPER SENIORS TOURNAMENT 2024

\$15K IN PRIZE MONEY MAY 3-5

Happy Easter!

Pick Up Your Copy at the Welcome Desk

SCAN TO REGISTER

www.pictona.org (866) 310-7067

March Instruction Calendar

We have a full slate of classes available for ALL levels of pickleball play, including several NEW classes!

View and download the calendar [HERE](#).

Reserve your spot by calling (386) 310.7067 or by registering [HERE](#).
 See you on the courts!





**Congratulations
Patty!**

Patty Pavone - Volunteer of the Month

Pictona is proud to choose **Patty Pavone** as the *March Volunteer of the Month*. Patty makes the trip to Pictona from New Smyrna Beach whenever she is called upon to volunteer. She has helped with the High School Youth Programs, the Parkinson's Program, Pictona Specialty classes and other special Pictona events. If you see Patty helping out, stop over and say hello!

If you are interested in becoming part of the Pictona Success Team, contact Rick Persons at rickp@pictona.org or visit [HERE](#) for opportunities!



Turning 65 soon or new to the area? Understand the Basics of Medicare

1 Hour Presentation

**Monday, March 18
9 - 10 AM**

Everything you need to know about Medicare

**FHCP
Activity Center**

- Medicare Eligibility & Enrollment
- How to Apply
- Benefits of Parts A and B
- Medicare Part D explained
- MedAdvantage vs. Med Supp Plans



Eleni Deligianis
Licensed Agent
Specializing in Health Insurance
for people with Medicare

Understand the Basics of Medicare

Monday, March 18 from 9 - 10 am in the FHCP Activity Center!

If you're a few months away from turning 65 or if you're coming off a group plan, this seminar is for YOU!



SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT

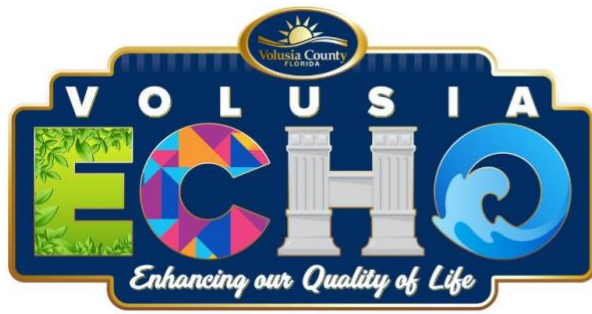


Aetna Medicare Solutions: 5 proven tips for researching Medicare benefits

Staying active by playing pickleball or other activities would be an essential part of a dream retirement. So would choosing the right health plan.

- Know Yourself
- Know the benefits you can choose from
- Consider prescription drug benefits (*even if you don't need them now*)
- Know how much you can afford to spend on health care
- Consider whether it's important to keep your current doctors

Read more [HERE](#).



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