



April 15 - 21



Congratulations!



Pictona Members Compete and Medal at the U.S. Open Pickleball Championships in Naples, FL.

We had a number of Pictona players participating and cheering on other Pictona players. Some Pictona members went just to cheer for their friends! All of the support was greatly appreciated!

US Open Results:

- Member Stevie Petropouleas earned 3 medals!
 - Gold in Women's Doubles Skill: 4.0 Age 12-29
 - Gold in Women's Singles Skill: 4.5 Age 12-29
 - Silver in Junior Girls Doubles 18 & Under
- Co-Director Julie Martens
 - Gold in Mixed Doubles Skill: 4.0 Age 75+
- Member/Instructor Sylvia Whitehouse
 - Gold in Women's Doubles Age 60-64
- Member Gianna Southwick
 - Gold in Women's Singles Skill 5.0 Age 12-29
- Member Kristen Nagrani
 - Gold in Mixed Doubles Skill: 4.5 Age 55-59
- Member Brittany Levkulich
 - Silver in Mixed Doubles Skill: 5.0 Age 19-29
- Member Steve Plaskon
 - Silver in Men's Doubles Skill: 3.5 Age 60-64
- Member Joy Lentz
 - Bronze Women's Doubles Skill: 3.0 Age 70-79

Did we miss any Pictona medalists? If so, please let us know so we can include you in the next Pictona News!



Doug Simmons joined the Pictona staff on April 22, 2024, as the Education Associate with responsibility for coordinating Pictona instructors and the courses and classes they teach. Doug has been on Pictona's teaching staff this past year, has 40 years of experience teaching tennis and has been instructing pickleball the past two years. He has a 30+ year history of teaching and developing curricula for the U.S. military. Doug not only teaches tennis and pickleball, he plays both at a high level. Rainer Martens, Pictona Director, stated "bringing Doug on board gives Pictona an opportunity to expand and improve our educational programs." Welcome aboard Doug.





Brown & Brown Insurance Team Appreciation Day!

Brown & Brown Insurance arranged an afternoon at Pictona for about 200 team members. Attendees had the opportunity to learn how to play pickleball or play in open games, compete in a Round Robin tournament, cheer on their co-workers, play corn-hole, and socialize while enjoying drinks and appetizers. Great camaraderie and team-building!

Bring a group to Pictona! Contact Cris Higgins at crish@pictona.org!



TOURNAMENTS



VOLUNTEER

**MetroHealth
SUPER SENIORS
TOURNAMENT
2024**

HELP NEEDED!
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED,
CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW!

MAY 3 - 5

PICTONA
at HOLLY HILL

VOLUNTEER!



**SUMMER
2024**

DAYTONA
INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY

PICTONA
at HOLLY HILL

**SUNDOWN
SHOWDOWN**

TEAM TOURNAMENT

PICTONA
at HOLLY HILL

WELCOME TO THE DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY
"Sundown Showdown"
SERIES OF TEAM TOURNAMENTS!

**Daytona Int'l Speedway - Sundown
Showdown!**

Each team will have a minimum of 4 players with an option to have 4 additional team players.

- Saturday, June 22nd, 7:00 pm -11:30 pm Women's
- Saturday, July 20th, 7:00 pm -11:30 pm Mixed
- Saturday, August 17th, 7:00 pm -11:30 pm Men's

More info, including registration - click button below.

REGISTER FOR SUNDOWN SHOWDOWN



**EACH PLAYER WILL RECEIVE ONE
COKE ZERO 400 TICKET -
VALUED AT \$110 !**



**PICTONA WILL HAVE 3 SECTIONS AT THE EVENT
314, 315, 316**

Register for Upcoming Tournaments at Pictona

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

2024

PICTONA COUNTRY CLUB

TOURNAMENTS

<p>METROHEALTH SUPER SENIORS MAY 3-5 (PICTONA)</p> <p>AETNA MINOR LEAGUE PICKLEBALL JUNE 1</p> <p>DAYTONA INT'L SPEEDWAY SUNDOWN SHOWDOWN JUNE 22-WOMEN'S/JULY 20-MIXED/AUGUST 17-MEN'S (PICTONA)</p> <p>AETNA MINOR LEAGUE PICKLEBALL SEPTEMBER 7</p>	<p>CONVIVA PICTONA OPEN SEPTEMBER 26-29 (PICTONA)</p> <p>JUNIOR PICTONA OPEN OCTOBER 19 (PICTONA)</p> <p>PPA TOUR OCTOBER 23-27</p> <p>NATIONAL PICKLEBALL NOVEMBER 15-17</p> <p>AETNA MINOR LEAGUE PICKLEBALL NOVEMBER 23</p>
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PICTONA COUNTRY CLUB 4.11.24

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YOUTH PICKLEBALL

PICTONA COUNTRY CLUB **CAMPS** Sponsored by **B&B** Brown & Brown





2024 Camp Pictona Scholarship Drive

Donations received so far will enable 15 area kids to attend Camp Pictona! We are almost halfway to meeting our \$5,000 goal - help us get there!

We are going to fill the spots with children (ages 6 –12) from families in need. To spread the funds out we are only granting one scholarship per family. **If you have a child in mind, send an email to Steve Croak at stevec@pictona.org with the information for the potential camper.**

Each camp is \$150 for a three-day experience of fun at Pictona. Anyone who sponsors 2 or more campers will have their names placed on a paddle at the Friends of Pictona Wall in the Pavilion.

Special thanks to Jim Helmer for his \$1,500 donation for the second year in a row.

Thank you for your generosity.

Click [HERE](#) to Donate!



THE KITCHEN



Bacon, Black & Bleu Burger - \$14

A blackened seasoned hamburger with Bleu cheese and bacon on a toasted brioche bun with a side.

All meals include your choice of side: garden salad, cole slaw, house made potato chips or french fries. Fresh fried Brussels sprouts or a cup of soup + \$2.



Pictona's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party
Saturday, May 11
4:00 - 7:00 pm

You are invited! The afternoon festivities include line-dancing, prizes, fun & games and, of course, PICKLEBALL! Be sure to bring your court shoes and paddle! A Mexican Fiesta will be served in the Pavilion.

Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP by Sunday May. 5th. Volunteers who have volunteered at least 3 hours in the past calendar year are free and are allowed to bring one guest for \$15.



MAY - INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR



PB 101 For the beginner **FREE**
 \$40 - Members/\$55 - Non Members
 * Select other times noted

Mondays - May 4, 13, 20, 27	4:00 - 5:30 pm	90 Min.
Tuesdays - May 7, 14, 21, 28	1:00 - 2:30 pm	
Wednesdays - May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	6:00 - 7:30 pm	
Thursdays - May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	5:00 - 6:30 pm	
Saturdays - May 11, 18, 25	1:00 - 2:30 pm	

Mastering the Pickleball Fundamentals 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 *110 member, \$150 non-member
 Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29 5:00 - 6:30pm
 Mix 3 / Max. 6

Drilling for Success with Sylvia 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Monday, May 6 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Thursday, May 16 5:30 - 7:00 pm
 Wednesday, May 29 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Mix 3 / Max. 5

How To Beat The Bangers 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Thursday, May 9 5:30 - 7:00 pm
 Mix 3 / Max. 6

Mastering the Art of Stacking 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Thursday, May 30 5:30 - 7:00 pm
 Stacking is a court positioning strategy used in doubles to keep the strongest forehand in the center of the court.
 Mix 3 / Max. 4

Mastering the Forehand Drive to Drop, Drive & Lob 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Wednesday, May 1 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Monday, May 13 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Mix 3 / Max. 6

Block'Em Sock'Em 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Thursday, May 23 5:30 - 7:00 pm
 Mix 3 / Max. 6

How Not to Hit Out Balls 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Monday, May 20 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Mix 3 / Max. 6

Breaking Bad Habits 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Monday, May 13 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Mix 3 / Max. 4

Mastering the Third Shot Drop 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Monday, May 6 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Mix 3 / Max. 5

Mastering Partner Tactics 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Wednesday, May 1 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Monday, May 20 5:00 - 6:30 pm
 Mix 3 / Max. 5

Pickleball Made Easy 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Wednesday, May 15 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Wednesday, May 22 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Mix 3 / Max. 5

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

How to Hit a Power Top-Spin Forehand 90 Min.
 Instructor: Doug Simmons
 Wednesday, May 1 & 15 1:00 - 2:30pm
 Mix 3 / Max. 4

Keeping the Ball Low and Slow 90 Min.
 Instructor: Sylvia Whitehouse
 Wednesday, May 8 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Mix 3 / Max. 5

Hit a Two-Handed Power Backhand 90 Min.
 Instructor: Doug Simmons
 Wednesday, May 1 & 15 3:00 - 4:30 pm
 Mix 3 / Max. 4

June Flex League
 Registration Opens May 1st
 8 GAME DAYS
 3 SKILL LEVELS - MIXED
 3.0-3.99 WOMEN'S

Saturday Evenings
 SUMMER 2024
SUNDOWN
 TEAM TOURNAMENT

CAMP PICTONA SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE
 Help send a child to Camp!
 \$2,250 Goal
 \$5,000 Goal

REED FOLEY Live!
 MAY 17 7:30-9:30pm
 FREE FLOOR SEATS, BLEACHER SEATS & PARKING!

Do you know of someone who should apply for a Camp Scholarship? Email Steve Croak @ steve@pictona.org

www.pictona.org (386) 310.7067

May Instructional Calendar - Link [HERE](#)

"POP! PLAY" PICTONA ORGANIZED PICKLEBALL

MAY FLEX LEAGUES
 8 GAME DAYS
 Registration is OPEN!

NEW
3.0-3.99 MEN'S
3 SKILL LEVELS - MIXED
3.0-3.99 WOMEN'S

SPONSORED BY:
 PMR PROGRESSIVE MEDICAL RESEARCH
 STRETCH ZONE

FLEX LEAGUE REGISTRATION [HERE!](#)



EVENTS



FREE

**Floor Seats,
Bleacher Seats
& Parking**

Box seats are \$20.00
4 seats per box (\$5/seat)

REED FOLEY *live!*
MAY 17
7:30-9:30pm



CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS!



ACTIVITY & EDUCATION CENTER



Florida Health Care Plans Activity & Education Center

The FHCP Activity & Education Center is dedicated to helping the senior citizens of Holly Hill and the surrounding areas improve their health through physical activity and better nutrition.

Click [HERE](#) for class information!



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



ONE TOUGH PICKLEBALLER! 3 months after a lung transplant, Jan Johnson is happy to be back at Pictona!

Last year Jan was diagnosed with a respiratory illness that would require a lung transplant if she was to survive. After a long wait, she finally received the call that a lung was available.

Jan & her husband Greg were long time Pictona members and one of her promises immediately after surgery was to return to Pictona and play pickleball again. This week was the 3-month anniversary of her surgery, and she returned to Pictona to play her first game of Pickleball!

As soon as Jan gets full clearance from her doctor, she will renew her membership and be here on a regular basis. We are hoping to see a lot of Jan and Greg at Pictona!



Pictona was built through a public-private partnership with the City of Holly Hill and Martens Charities, and \$2.9 million in Volusia County ECHO grants.



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