

FEBRUARY 14



This past week, Pictona proudly hosted the 2025 APP Vlasic Classic - Daytona Beach, welcoming nearly 700 registered players for an action-packed tournament. With a \$100,000 total pro prize pool on the line, the competition was fierce across all divisions, delivering thrilling matchups from start to finish. Beautiful weather, with temperatures reaching 82°F and minimal wind, provided the perfect backdrop for an exciting week of play.

Vlasic Classic was one of the biggest events hosted at Pictona. As we wrap up an amazing week, we extend a **huge thank you to the players**, **fans**, **volunteers and APP staff** who made the tournament such a success. We are proud to be a premier destination for pickleball and look forward to welcoming everyone back to Pictona at Holly Hill for future

events!

Mark your calendars and tune in to **CBS Sports Network** for an exciting recap series of the 2025 APP Vlasic Classic - Daytona Beach.

February 14 | 6 - 7 pm ET February 16 | 8 - 9 pm ET February 17 | 6 - 7 pm ET February 17 | 9 - 10 pm ET



ATTENTION MEMBERS!

We announced our new membership rates in the last issue of Pictona News, the annual rate for an individual increasing from \$400 to \$500. We strive to keep our costs down so that we can keep your membership fees as low as possible. We have not had **an increase in two years**. You may be surprised to know that our **membership dues represent only 23% of Pictona's revenue**. Tournaments, sponsorships, instruction, special events, the Player Shop, and the Kitchen are our other sources of income.

We thank many of you who volunteer your time to help us conduct these other activities to provide the funding that supports Pictona. As you know, we are a nonprofit club owned by the City of Holly Hill who provides us with free utilities.

MEMBER Private Groups - We have increasing demand on our courts which we are delighted to see. Intramural classes, instructional classes, special events, Play Pictona (small groups of visitors coming to play), tournaments, and private groups who have self-organized play.

To manage the use of our courts we strongly recommend that Member Private Groups reserve courts. Although we charge \$10 per court per hour or special rates for outside groups, we will exempt Member Private Groups from paying a court fee for 2025.

TO RESERVE COURTS: Please contact Jayna Ryan at Jaynar@pictona.org or 386-310-7067, our Member Services Manager.



CONGRATS & WELCOME!



Deb Christensen has been promoted to the position of **Business Development Director** overseeing the Division of Events and Tourism. She will be aided by two new positions, an Event Planner and Business Development Manager.



Christopher Stahler is our new Marketing Director. Chris has 6 years of digital marketing experience and has hit the ground running! You'll be seeing lots more of his work as he keeps you informed of the many activities at Pictona.



Please welcome **Jordan Ferrell** as our new **Tournament Planner**. He replaces Bob Panzak who managed our tournaments. Jordan has 16 years of tennis at a 4.5 - 5.0 level and has been playing pickleball for a year and a half. He is self-diagnosed as pickleball obsessed, playing 7 hours per day and then

watching videos of pros playing and analyzing features and the technology of new paddles.



INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

*Pictona Intramurals will replace Pictona Organized Pickleball (POP!)

We are excited to be introducing Pictona Intramurals*! We have been working hard to add even more options for organized play for all skill levels here at Pictona! Be on the lookout for new types of **leagues**, **ladders**,

mixers, and even group drilling! From DUPR Challenges to men's and women's flex leagues, we are excited to launch Pictona Intramurals on March 1st! Be sure to ask Jayna about the exciting opportunities coming up!



February Flex Leagues

Sign up for the 2.5 - 3.5 League **HERE**. Sign up for the 3.0 - 3.99 League **HERE**. Sign up for the 3.5 - 4.0+ League **HERE**. Flex Leagues are sponsored by **Wire 3**.





What is "Pictona Generations"?

TWO different tournaments!



Split Ages Tournament

May 31/June 1, 2025

One partner is under a certain age and the other partner is over





Combined Age Tournament

September 20-21, 2025

Players combine their two ages to be above a specified age.

a certain age.

CLICK HERE! GENERATIONS TOURNAMENTS INFO AND REGISTRATION!



EMERGE INSURANCE SERVICES - Title Sponsor for the Pictona Challenge! Join us for women's doubles, men's doubles, mixed doubles and singles!

Age categories: 8-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+

Skill levels: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0

Format: Round robin or pool play followed by top 4 teams in playoff.

Sign up HERE for the Pictona Challenge by Emerge Insurance Services!

USSP North American Championships NEXT WEEK!



A NEW EVENT FOR USSP! MASTERS DIVISIONS

(50+55+60+)LEGENDS DIVISION (65+, 70+75+80+)
260 PLAYERSFriday 2/21/25 Women's Doubles
Saturday 2/22/25 Mixed Doubles
Sunday 2/23/25 Men's Doubles
Monday 2/24/25 All Singles

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the USSP! CLICK HERE FOR INFO!





Holbrook Aero Metallic!

New Featured Paddle!

Elevate your game with the sleek, power-packed **Holbrook Aero Metallic** Paddle! Lightweight, durable, and designed for precision—it's time to play like a pro. Come in and try it today!



DON'T FORGET - Pictona's campus is fortunate to have the **Florida Health Care Plan Activity Center** which offers a wide array of classes! If you have not been in the facility, please pop in! **Steve Croak, Activity Center Director**, has never met a stranger and would love to tell you all about what FHCP offers!

View ALL FHCP Activity Center Classes HERE!





Camp Pictona SESSION 2 starts Tuesday!

Spread the word - Pictona instructors are highly experienced and want to help you improve your game!

For more information, including how to register click HERE.

Camp Dates: Self-Rated Skill Levels 2.5 - 4.0

- February 18-20, 2025 A few spots left!
- March 12-14, 2025





Pictona would like to recognize Keith Shelley as the Volunteer of the Month of February. Keith snapped some selfies with a few APP Pro's last week!

No stranger to volunteering, Keith spent 25 years as a volunteer for the PGA TOUR's Sony Open in Honolulu, Hawaii. He moved to Daytona with his wife Lisa two years ago where he was introduced to the great game of pickleball. At the beginning of February, Keith became a member of Pictona and immediately looked to assist as a volunteer for the APP Vlasic Classic. You may recognize Keith who put in 40 volunteer hours for the week as a Parking Attendant collecting money at the Ridgewood Ave. entrance of Pictona. Keith will have access to the Volunteer of the Month parking spot for the month of February. Congratulations, Keith!





Feb 17-23 - Turkey Tetrazzini \$13

Turkey with sauteed mushroom, celery, and peas in a creamy sauce with egg noodles. Topped with toasted breadcrumbs and parmesan cheese.

Feb 24-Mar 2 - Shrimp Po Boy w/fries \$14

8 cajun grilled shrimp on a fresh hoagie roll, with lettuce, tomato and sliced dill pickle. drizzled with our home made tangy & spicy creole remoulade sauce. Served with fries.







CITY OF HOLLY HILL CONCERT SERIES



CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS!

SAVE THE DATES:

 All-American Canteen Show with Michael Evans and the American Sirens on May 23rd

pictona DAY at Bethune-Cookman University Women's Basketball game this Saturday, February 15th, 2025. Members get in free with your Pictona Membership Card. Game starts at 3pm at Moore Gymnasium on the campus of Bethune Cookman University. Wear PINK for Breast Cancer Awareness! For more info about the team, click HERE.





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Emerge Insurance Services accidental injury insurance covers accidents 24/7, pays you directly and does not have a deductible! Learn more HERE.





Thank you **PB Golf Cart Guys**, **LLC** for the use of carts for the APP Tournament. Our guests appreciated the comfortable ride to and from their cars!

Robin Hanger of **The Car Shop** - Thank you for supporting Pictona! The Car Shop offers fair and affordable pricing on car repairs and maintenance.



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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