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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear NPA Members,
 Mail -in registration for the 2013 annual tournament is closed. Paypal registration for the annual tournament deadline is August 15th. NO registration will be accepted after August 15th. Please submit your electronic ad by August 19th, 2013 for the NPA Souvenir Booklet. Full page ad for \$100 or half page ad for \$50. Email your ad to:
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Doubletree by Hilton, Houston Intercontinental Airport Hotel is now accepting reservations for the 2014 NPA Semi-Annual Tournament. Hotel reservation deadline is March 13, 2014. Call 281-848-4000 or 800-222-8733 for reservation. Reservation code: NPN. Please review *The Gazette* and visit NPA website to obtain registration and hotel information for future sanctioned/non-sanctioned tournaments.

Jimmy Brown
 NPA President

2013 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT & CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2013

- 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
- Sponsorship Committee Mtg. 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
- Website Committee Mtg. 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- Fundraising Committee Mtg. 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- Rainbow Committee Meeting 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

- Infractions Committee Mtg. 3:30 p.m.
- Mini Tournament Registration 3:00 - 4:30 pm.
- Research and Education Mtg. 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- NPA Store Committee Mtg. 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Executive Committee (Closed) 6:30 p.m.
- Seating Mini Tournament 7:00 p.m.
- Mini Tournament

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2013

- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
- Regional Representatives
- Financial Audit (Closed) 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Tournament Committee 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
- Bylaws Committee Meeting 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
- Membership Committee 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
- Lunch 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- Scholarship Committee Meeting 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
- Treasurer's Q&A Meeting 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Delegates Sign-In 2:30 - 4:45 p.m.
- NPA Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

- Hospitality Room Opens
6:30 p.m.
- Seating Mini Tournament
7:00 p.m.
- Mini Tournament

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2013

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
- Side Pot registration
8:00 – 8:15 a.m.
- Seating for Main Tournament

9:00 a.m.
- Main Tournament (15 rounds)
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.
- Lunch

2:00 p.m.
- Main tournament resumes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
- NPA Memorial Service
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
- Seating for Tournament Play
9:00 a.m.
- Main Tournament continues
(6 Rounds)
1:00 p.m.
- Installation of Officers
1:30 p.m.
- Awards Ceremony

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S CORNER

It has been a great two years and I've enjoyed getting to know you, personally. It's not easy stepping aside, but what a relief. This position is very time consuming and my great-granddaughter, now seven, has visited me for the last two summers, who told me that I should just let the phone ring, turn off the computer and spend more time with her. This I will be able to do next summer when she visits.

First time members: we will have a lot of new members playing in tournaments. Please be patient and assist them with their personal score sheet as far as table rotation. Explain the basic rules when you first sit at the table; things like bidding out of turn, not declaring aces, no card or too many cards at the end of play. Hopefully, the rules are explained to new members when they join a club. Someone in the club should take the initiative to make sure they know the rules.

Penalties: will be strictly enforced as far as tardiness. Points will be deducted, no exceptions. We need to act like responsible adults and be in our seats.

Courtesies; don't stand over people when waiting for your table, and move to your next table, don't take a twenty-minute smoke break. If you must leave, leave your name tag and get back quick.

Tournament Committee Meeting; I encourage all first time members to attend and to take the "Referee training/certification.

Don't interrupt the scorekeeper, if there's a problem with your score bring it to the attention of one of the verifiers. It is the responsibility of each person at the table to make sure names/s are correct as well as the score. If you don't like the way the cards are shuffled, ask that they be reshuffled. If you don't like the referee's decision, ask for another one, don't complain afterwards. Please keep the playing area clean by putting trash in the trash receptacles.

Outside food is not allowed in the hotel; you must take it to

your ROOM, not the playing area. No alcohol can be brought into the playing area or any other areas of the hotel, only in your ROOM.

It has been a great privilege serving as NPA Tournament Director for the past two years and I will gladly miss it and all of you, but I'm just a phone call away.

Thanks, and look forward to seeing you in New Orleans.

Martha Vaughn

NPA Tournament Director

2013 ANNUAL MEETING & TOURNAMENT

August 29 – September 1, 2013
Hilton New Orleans Airport
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Contact Martha Vaughn
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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2013 SANCTIONED
Aug. 29-Sept. 1.....NPA Annual
(New Orleans, LA)
Oct. 10-13.....20+ (VA)

2013 NON-SANCTIONED
Nov
Dec.6-8.....PIPS(Augusta, GA)

Happy Birthday to __

Aces Around Pinochle Club

Phyllis Jenkins – September 7

AMPS

Ernest Tolbert – September 3

Augusta Pinochle Club

Emil Wodicka – September 5

Cincinnati Pinochle Club

*Jacqueline Calloway – Sept. 20
Greg Fairbanks – September 16
Donna Pace – September 3
Hayward Thompson – Sept. 6
Patricia Williams – September 4*

Columbus Bucks & Does

Ella Murphy – September 19

Columbus Pinochle Club

*Rosetta McMurray – Sept. 4
Delores Pressley – Sept. 19*

D C Players Pinochle Club

Joseph Story – September 15

Ivory Pinochle Club

*Ted Levy – September 27
Esther Robinson – Sept. 20*

LA Superstars

Rabin Woods – September 25

Queen City Players

Norbert Reid – September 30

Montgomery Pinochle Pals

*Jimmy Brown – September 20
Margaret Stoudemire – Sept. 20*

Thomas Parks – September 4

PIPS

*Ruby Postell – August 11
Charlie Vinson – September 28*

The Cudas Pinochle Club

Alice Cannon - September

West Coast Best

*Maurice Armster – Sept. 11
Bill Fenrich – September 1*

DEATH

6 + 6

Dorothy Fountain passed.

WHAT I THINK ABOUT NPA

Hello to all of my wonderful partners and friends of the NPA.

I owe each and everyone of you a special deep sincere "THANKS" for letting me be a part of an organization that has brought fulfillment and excitement into my life. This organization has grown and developed over the years due to ALL the outstanding people that decided to volunteer and dedicate their time and effort to make this association better, each and every year. We all may not agree on some of the policies and procedures, however, we still love our organization.

Individuals dedicate their time to this organization because they love it and they make the time to do it. And as dedicated members of this great and wonderful organization, we all should try to support those who

dedicate and volunteer their time to do what is best for NPA. It is OK to share your thoughts, opinions, and suggestions to help support the ones that we vote on each and every year.

We have our Executive Board, Standing Committees, and our Club Delegates to help with the policies and procedures to support all the members of NPA.

This great organization has a wealth of knowledge, education, experience, wisdom, and more importantly, love and respect for one another, that there is no one thing that we can not do collectively.

I am very proud of all the people over the years that I have seen step up to the plate and volunteer their time, dedication, love, and commitment to make this organization a better place for us all. In conclusion, after all, we are not politicians. Who needs that type of stress when we are so blessed, not to put up with a bunch of mess.

FOR THE LOVE OF PINOCHLE.

~~~~~Lou Gunn~~~~~

*(On behalf of those who have worked hard and diligently on your behalf, we appreciate you too, Lou!)*

**INSPIRATION**

*Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy.*

~~~~~Dale Carnegie~~~~~

Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody else expects of you. Never excuse yourself. Never pity yourself. Be a hard master to

yourself and be lenient to everybody else.
~~~~~Henry Ward Beecher~~~~~

*Most people would rather be certain they're miserable than risk being happy.*  
~~~~~Robert Anthony~~~~~

He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever.
~~~~~Chinese Proverb~~~~~

### LAUGHTER

*Jokes are for individuals who accept them as they are – humor! Make sure and know who is reading them.*

*Hubby: You always carry my photo in your handbag to the office. Why?*

*Wife : When there is a problem, no matter how impossible, I look at your picture and the problem disappears.*

*Hubby: You see, how miracu-lous and powerful I am for you?*

*Wife : Yes, I see your picture and say to myself, "What other problem can there be greater than this one?"*

*A rich millionaire decides to throw a massive party for his 50th birthday, so during this party he grabs the microphone and announces that down in the garden of his mansion he has a swimming pool with two great white sharks. "I will give anything they desire of mine, to the man who swims across that pool."*

*So the party continues with no events in the pool, until suddenly, there is a great splash and all the guests run to the pool to see what has happened.*

*In the pool is a man and he is swimming as hard as he can. The fins come out of the water and the jaws are snapping. This guy just keeps on going and the sharks are gaining on him The guy reaches the end and he gets out of the pool, tired and soaked.*

*The millionaire says, "I am a man of my word, anything of mine I will give, my Ferraris, my house, absolutely anything, for you are the bravest man I have ever seen. So sir what will it be?" the millionaire asks.*

*The guy grabs the microphone and says, "Why don't we start with the name of the bastard that pushed me in!"*

*A husband and wife entered the dentist's office. The husband said, "I want a tooth pulled. I don't want gas or Novocain because I'm in a terrible hurry. Just pull the tooth as quickly as possible."*

*"You're a brave man," said the dentist. "Now, show me which tooth it is."*

*The husband turns to his wife and says, "Open your mouth and show the dentist which tooth it is, dear."*

### CLASSIFIEDS

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*Time for the family reunion? Contact JoAnn Ross for a professional research and presentation of your family tree...404-768-5698 or [www.familytreescharted.com](http://www.familytreescharted.com)*

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### NPA Website

*All information to be posted on the website should be emailed to [webmaster@npapinochle.org](mailto:webmaster@npapinochle.org).*

*The web address is:*

<http://www.npapinochle.org/>

### NPA Newsletter

*The Gazette is distributed by the Research and Education Committee of NPA for its members.*

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