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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Happy Holidays to our Pinochle family. I wish you all a blessed and safe season.*

*Chapter Presidents, please get your vote in for the annual tournament in 2014. The tournament committee has to start making preparations early.*

*It has been a challenging three months since the new administration took over, and the EC is moving along taking care of NPA business. There are several issues that have risen and even emergency meetings that have taken place to keep our fine organization prospering. One club was placed on a six month*

*probationary period, and several NPA members have been counseled by members of the Executive Committee and the Infractions Committee. It's not easy to chastise grown adults, but we did what the majority of the Executive Committee considered to be fair.*

*I'd like to thank the members of the standing committees for volunteering their time to support our organization. It takes many hours of diligent work to keep the NPA running smoothly.*

*God bless you all!*

*Respectfully,*

*Mike Vasquez*

NPA President

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## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

### REMINDERS

- 1. Deadline for membership renewal was December 1, 2013. Any members not renewed by**

- December 14, 2013 will not be able to play in the January MLK tournament in Louisville.**
- 2. Renewals received after January 30, 2014 will require re-certification (payment of \$25.00 plus \$20.00 per member).**
- 3. Chapter vote for location of 2014 annual should be submitted as soon as possible.**

## PINOCHLE TIPS AND RULES

- 1. There are no set rules on how to play a hand. Remember each hand is different.**
- 2. All the cards are dealt to you and you discover the wrong person dealt. You should throw the cards in and the correct person deals.**
- 3. A player may request to 'see' the last closed book 'Before' the 1<sup>st</sup> card of the next book is played. Only the player that requested to 'see' the book may change their card to prevent a forced renege. There can be no discussion during the review of the book; i.e., 'What's trump?' 'Who played what?' or 'What lead?' etc.**
- 4. Give lead backs whenever possible so your partner has**

more options on how to play the hand.

5. Always practice and play using the correct NPA tournament rules and point/meld count.

~~~Homer 'Rick' Rickerson~~~

#### UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

##### 2014 SANCTIONED

Jan. 16-19.....Derby City Q & J  
(Louisville, KY)  
Feb. 14-19.....USA, Atlanta, GA  
Apr. 3-6.....Semi-Annual  
(Houston, TX)  
May 23-25.....Russ Raiders  
(Detroit, MI)

##### 2014 NON-SANCTIONED

Mar. 14-15.....Queen City  
(Charlotte, NC)  
Apr. 25-27.....Young Guns  
(Chesapeake, VA)

Happy Birthday to \_

#### AMPS

Brenda Stephens - January 27  
Joyce Wilford - January 18

#### APA

Johnnie Davis - January 12

#### Aces Pinochle Club

Brandon C. Wyatt - January 6

#### Augusta Pinochle Club

James Alfred, Sr. - January 3

#### Birmingham Pinochle Club

Joe Fowler - January  
Emanuel Toodle - January

#### Columbus Bucks & Does

Willa Valdez - January 28

#### DC Players

Dottie White - January 13

#### Ivory Pinochle Club

Phil Goodman - January 10

#### LA Superstars

Paul Owens - January 9

#### Montgomery Pinochle Pals

Daniel Benson - January 11  
Virginia Harper - January 29  
Sylvester McWhorter - Jan. 13

#### Oasis Pinochle Club

Edna Brown - January 19

#### Pinochle Champs

Howell Leftwich - January 12  
Kim Cox - January 13

#### Queen City Players

Darryl King - January 26

#### USA

Lenora Hall - January 26

#### West Coast Best

Robert Baxter - Nov. 3  
(Apologize for omission last issue)

#### ILLNESS

#### AMPS

Joyce Wilford

#### Derby City Js and Qs

Robert Hester

#### INSPIRATION

Once you start recognizing the truth of your story, finish the story. It happened but you're still here, you're still capable, power-ful, you're not your circumstance. It happened and you made it through. You're still fully equipped with every single tool you need to fulfill your purpose.

~~~~~Steve Maraboli~~~~~

Let others lead small lives, but not you... Let others argue over small things, but not you.. Let others leave their future in someone else's hands, but not you.

~~~~~Jim Rohn~~~~~

#### LAUGHTER

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



Sign on company bulletin board: 'This firm requires no physical-fitness program. Everyone gets enough exercise jumping to conclusions, flying off the handle, running down the boss, flogging dead horses, knifing friends in the back, dodging responsibility, and pushing their luck.'



There were two guys working for the city. One would dig a hole – he would dig, dig, dig. The other would come behind him and fill the hole – fill, fill, fill. These two men worked furiously; one digging a hole, the other filling it up again.

A man was watching from the sidewalk and couldn't believe how hard these men were working, but couldn't understand what they were doing. Finally he had to ask them. He said to the hole digger, 'I appreciate how hard you work, but what are you doing? You dig a hole and your partner comes behind you and fills it up again!'

The hole digger replied, 'Oh yeah, must look funny, but the guy who plants the trees is sick today.'



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Do you know someone who would like to learn to play the piano or learn to sing? Johnnie Davis is offering lessons for both; contact her at 404-319-0316.

**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/>

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