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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear NPA Members,

Card shufflers were used at the Columbus Day tournament with great success. We received 70+ compliments and 3 negative inputs. In our effort to restore integrity to the game, the EC will be incorporating the use of card shufflers into the normal plan at all future sanctioned tournaments. This will assist many of our people who have trouble shuffling and it will remove some of the accusations of people stacking the cards to gain an unfair advantage. Hoping to get support form all of the Chapter Presidents in this effort.

Open forum went very well at the Columbus Day tournament. A special thank you to all attendees, and those submitting concerns and suggestions for improving the organization. Your input is welcomed with open arms. The EC will continue to have open forums available at every sanctioned tournament. We'll answer any concerns or questions that any of our NPA members may have.

The location for the 2014 Annual tournament needs to be selected. Reply cards will be sent to the Chapter Presidents to select our location for next year.

Thank you for your support!

Mike Vasquez

NPA President

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

ANNOUNCEMENT

World Series of Pinochle - Tournament of Champions

As the new NPA Tournament Director, I am excited to announce what will become an annual event in the NPA. This event is called the "World Series of Pinochle - Tournament of Champions" (WSP-TOC) which will be held on January 17, 2014 at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tournament, in Louisville, KY starting at 10:30 AM.

The top finishers from the six (6) Sanctioned Tournaments played in 2013 will be invited to participate in the World Series of Pinochle - Tournament of Champions. The players will compete in a Round Robin Elimination Format. Invitations were emailed in mass format. Please make sure Mr. Carmichael and Mr. Jacob Green have your correct email address. There is a \$50.00 entry fee for the invited players. If you know someone on the invited list that does not receive emails, please inform them and/or give them a copy. If you are one of the invited players -CONGRATULATIONS-- and make sure your entry fee is postmarked by December 5, 2013.

The WSP-TOC is an Invitational Tournament. The winner of this prestigious event will have NPA bragging rights for one (1) year. Prizes include cash and a 2013 "World Series of Pinochle - Tournament of Champions" jacket for first place.

If you have questions, please contact me at (404) 483-3273. Thanks for your support, Dr. Alice Cannon Scott, NTD.

PINOCHLE TRIVIA

Note: In last month's trivia, a simple word made the difference between the final answer.

- (1) A pinochle is 500 points, but the total hand is 550.
- (5) The number of times a deck is required to be cut is 'once' not at least once.

(Answers on last page)

1. What is the penalty for the following scenario? During the bidding process everyone passes. The dealer has no marriage.
2. If a renege is called and not proven, what is the penalty?
3. A skunk occurs when...
4. If you intend to meld a double run, but the opposing team checks your meld and you don't have a double run showing. What is the penalty, if any?
5. A player comes to the table 18 minutes late. According to the current rules, there is a 10 point penalty after (5) minutes, after 15 minutes, zero for the round. What is the penalty, if any?

2013 COLUMBUS DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all winners:

Winners	Score
1 - Carl Walker	6,839
2 - Roberta Johnson	6,668
3 - Clarence Fleming	6,632
4 - J. B. Brown	6,617
5 - Warren Hairston	6,556
6 - Michael Vasquez	6,449
7 - Randy Jackson	6,355
8 - Edna Brown	6,339
9 - Ben Mitchell	6,261
10 - Julia Scott	6,254
11 - Donna Oliver	6,198
12 - Bill McBride	6,197
13 - Eugene Jones	6,195
14 - Homer Rickerson	6,193
15 - Moe Harrison	6,121

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)

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

Happy Birthday to

AMPS

- John Carmichael - December 8
- Hank Richards - December 25

APA

- Val Jean Culpepper - December

Augusta Pinochle Club

- Marjorie Miller - December 4

Birmingham Pinochle Club

- Cornell Adcox - December
- Holley Harris - December

Cincinnati Pinochle Club

- Barbara Harper - December 6
- John Harper - December 22
- Thomas Henderson - Dec. 25
- Christine McKee - December 5
- Robert Smith - December 25

Columbus Bucks & Does

- William Roberts - December 18

Columbus Pinochle Club

- Ozella Walker - December 9

Derby City Queens & Jacks

- Ike English - December 17

Jacksonville Pinochle Club

- Rosa Gwynn - December

LA Superstars

- Mary Gilmore - December 24
- Viva Young - December 16

Montgomery Pinochle Pals

- Willie Williams - December 29

PIPS

- William Turner - December 3
- Cleveland Williams - Dec. 28

Pinochle Champs

James Walker – December 16

Tidewater Knucks

Debi Harper-Bridges – Dec. 16

Washington National

Raymond Cunningham – Dec.

DEATH

AMPS

Edith Skipper's daughter, Kaytronia Miles passed.

Columbus Pinochle Club

Charles "Woody" Woodard, Jr. passed.

Derby City Queens & Jacks

Marietta Owens, member and wife of Robert Owens, passed.

Tidewater Knucks

Roscoe Simpson passed.

CHAPTER NEWS

Debi Harper-Bridges will be retiring from the federal government December 3, 2013.

INSPIRATION

Struggling and suffering are the essence of a life worth living. If you're not demanding more from

yourself – expanding and learning as you go – you're choosing a numb existence. You're denying yourself an extraordinary trip.

~~~~~Dean Karnazes~~~~~

Count your blessings. Once you realize how valuable you are and how much you have going for you, the smiles will return, the sun will break out, the music will play, and you will finally be able to move forward the life that God intended for you with grace, strength, courage, and confidence.

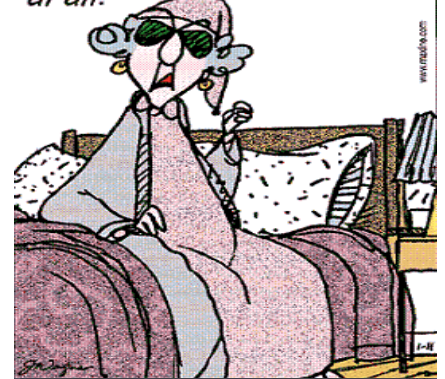
If you were all alone in the universe with no one to talk to, no one with which to share the beauty of the stars, to laugh with, to touch, what would be your purpose in life? It is other life; it is love, which gives your life meaning. This is harmony. We must discover the joy of each other, the joy of challenge, the joy of growth.

~~~~~Mitsugi Saotome~~~~~

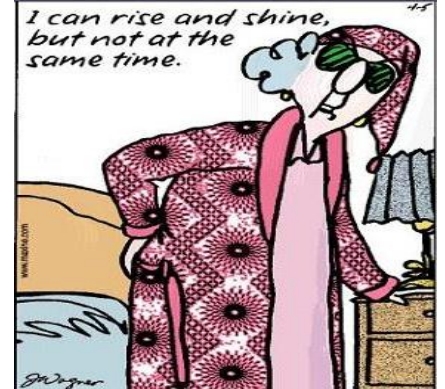
LAUGHTER

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

If it got dark any earlier, we wouldn't have to get up at all.



I can rise and shine, but not at the same time.



Time for a snow tire recall. I can't recall where I put them.



Two muffins are baking in an oven. One muffin turns to the other and says, 'Wow. It's really hot in here!' The other muffin turns to the first muffin and says, 'Holy crap, a talking muffin!!!'

The U.S. President is visiting a school. In one class, he asks the students if anyone can give him an example of a 'tragedy.' One

little boy stands up and offers, 'If my best friend next door was playing in the street when a car comes along and kills him, that would be a tragedy.'

'No,' the President says, 'That would be an ACCIDENT.' A girl raises her hand, 'If a school bus carrying 50 children drove off a cliff, killing everyone, that would be a tragedy.'

'I'm afraid not,' explains the President. 'That is what we

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would call a GREAT LOSS.' The room is silent. 'What?' asks the President, 'Isn't there any one here who can give me an example of a tragedy?' Finally a boy raises his hand. In a timid voice, he says: 'If an airplane carrying the President's family were blown up by a bomb, THAT would be a tragedy.'

'Wonderful!' said the President. 'Marvelous! And can you tell me WHY that would be a tragedy?'

'Well,' says the boy, 'because it couldn't be an accident, and it certainly would be no great loss!'

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What do you call a duck in a box? Quackers.

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Four workers were discussing how smart their dogs were. The first was an engineer who said his dog named 'T-Square' could draw. He told him get some paper and draw a square, a circle and a triangle, which he did with no sweat.

The accountant said his dog, 'Balance,' could do better. He told him to get a dozen cookies and divide them into piles of three which he did with no problem.

The chemist said his dog, 'Apothecary,' could get a quart of milk and pour seven ounces into a ten ounce glass which he did. All three men agreed their dogs were equally smart.

The Civil Servant called his dog, 'Coffee break,' and told him to do his thing. Coffee break then strolled over and ate the cookies, drank the milk, crapped on the paper, had sex with the other three dogs and claimed he injured his back while doing so. He then filed a grievance for unsafe conditions, applied for Workers Compensation, and left for home on sick leave.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Opposing team receives 50 points plus their natural meld, if 20 or more.
2. Opposing team receives the bid plus their meld.
3. A team is scoreless after four (4) hands.
4. No penalty. Count only the meld showing on the board. The bidding team must have enough meld to get on board.
5. Tardy player receives zero for the round.

CLASSIFIEDS

Looking for the perfect cruise vacation? Contact Val Culpepper of Hooked on Cruises at 770-739-7860.

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

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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.

The web address is:

<http://www.npapinochle.org>

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