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NPA OFFICERS FOR 2013-2015

Congratulations to the newly elected NPA Officers:



- Michael Vasquez, President**
- Alice Cannon-Scott, Tournament Director**
- Peter Allen, Treasurer**
- Elise Barr, Recording Secretary**
- Homer Rickerson, Vice President**
- Zelma Goldsby, Corresponding Secretary**

2013 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all winners:

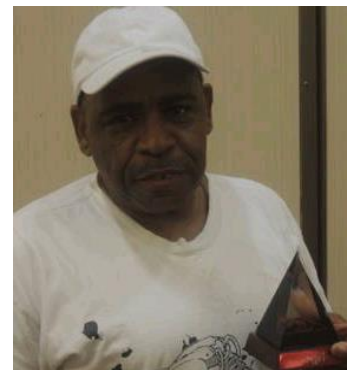
Winners	Score
1 – Preston Cobb	7,089
2 – Carl Walker	7,056
3 – Jimmy McKnight	6,785
4 – Jackie McCray	6,748
5 – Bill Roberts	6,622
6 – Jack Ephran	6,622
7 – Clifton Melton	6,605
8 – Reggie Miles	6,502
9 – Delores Thompson	6,496
10–Darlene Ford	6,422
11-Walter Brady	6,381
12-Mary Perkins	6,367
13-Hubert Collins	6,354
14-Joyce Carter	6,335
15–Austin Ash	6,325
16– Anthony Jenkins	6,282
17-Edna Bain	6,264
18–Sheila Baker	6,260
19–Gwen Harris	6,256
20-Clarence Johnson	6,245



Preston Cobb



Carl Walker



Jimmy McKnight



Jackie McCray

AWARDS PRESENTED TO VOLUNTEERS

Martha Vaughn, National Tournament Director presented awards to volunteers at the 1st Annual Award Ceremony held in New Orleans. The volunteers' participation in the Semi and Annual Tournaments was key in making these tournaments a big success.



RESEARCH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2012 PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Ricardo (Ric) Randle was presented the 2012 Player of the Year Jacket by Zelma Goldsby, NPA Past President (2005-2007). Ric is a member of the Montgomery Pinochle Pals who placed 2nd in the 2012 Semi-Annual Tournament and 4th in the 2012 Memorial Day Tournament.

2013 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The standing for the 2013 Player of the Year is attached.

2014 NPA HALL OF FAME

The National Pinochle Association is accepting applications for the Hall of Fame that recognizes members who have made noteworthy contributions to a local chapter or the National Pinochle Association. Nominee must have been a member of NPA a minimum of 15 years, living or dead, prior to nomination.

The nomination criteria and form are located on the NPA website. The deadline for submitting nominations is November 30, 2013. Nominations should be submitted to the Research & Education Committee, c/o NPA Hall of Fame, Ricardo Randle, 636 Whistlewood Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36117. Nominations can also be emailed to ricardorandle@bellsouth.net. For further information, please

contact Ricardo Randle at 334-782-7120.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

The first inductions of the Hall of Fame for the National Pinochle Association took place on August 30, 2013, at the Annual Tournament held in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Hall of Fame was established in 2012 to promote and advance the game of pinochle. It recognizes members who have made noteworthy contributions to the National Pinochle Association or a local chapter. Candidates were evaluated on their contributions and their admiration and love for the game. There are two nomination categories: Service Achievement and Lifetime Recognition. The inductees were selected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The inductees for the 2013 Hall of Fame are:

Lifetime Recognition Award



Lydia Walker

Lydia Walker is commonly known as Madam Walker. She was the fourth of seven children born on April 7, 1921. She is married to Leroy Walker and celebrated 58 years of marital bliss on January 1, 2013. Her professional career includes more than twenty-five years of Clinical and Teaching experience

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 in all phases of Nursing Practice. Also, seventeen years of experience combined as an Administrator of a forty-one bed Nursing Home and a twenty-one bed Adult Congregate Living Facility. She was also the President and owner of two funeral homes with patrons of all races and cultures. Her foreign travels include: Germany, France, England, Austria, Holland, Jerusalem, (Holy Land), and Egypt. Mrs. Walker has written several publications and her recent writing was in 2005 titled "It's A Poor Rat With Only One Hole". Mrs. Walker is currently retired. She patiently awaits the arrival of the Gazette, so she can start planning her next Pinochle Tournament. Lydia feels richly blessed mentally, physically, and spiritually, simply because she lives the life she loves (Playing Pinochle) and loves the life she lives (Playing Pinochle).

Service Achievement Award



Andre Debose

Andre Debose was commonly known as Sgt. Debose. He was born in 1959 and died in 2012. Although he was an educator, teaching Junior R.O.T.C., his entire adult life was spent in the military where he was a Master Sergeant. He was married all of his 31 adult years to his high

school sweetheart, Donella. He was the father of two sons and a daughter. Andre graduate from Miami Jackson High School where he was the star of a state championship basketball team. Upon his death, Dade County Department of Education named a wing of that school in honor of Andre. He received his BS degree in Business Administration from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Andre was known throughout NPA as Mr. Pinochle because of his fierce competitive spirit and his presence at nearly all sanctioned tournament.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Letter from National Tournament Director attached.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2013 SANCTIONED

Oct. 10-13.....20+ (VA)

2013 NON-SANCTIONED

Nov. 1-3.....Tidewater Knucks

Nov. 9.....MPP (1-day)

Dec.6-8.....PIPS(Augusta, GA)

Happy Birthday to

6 + 6 Pinochle Club

Vielka Downer - October 27

Aces Around Pinochle Club

William Bowers - October 10

Awesome Chastisers

Williams Evans - October 25

Birmingham Pinochle Club

Austin Ash - October

Cincinnati Pinochle Club

Curtis McKee - October 16

Vivian Wallace - October 6

Columbus Bucks & Does

Delores Green - October 23

Thelma Gregory - October 16

JoAnn Wellington - October 9

D C Players Pinochle Club

Darryl Anderson - October

Anna Barnes - October 26

Phyllis Ransome - October 27

Sandra Zastrow - October 24

Jacksonville Pinochle Club

Joseph Cummings - October 30

Bernard Jackson - October 14

Montgomery Pinochle Pals

Autry Hasberry - October 9

PIPS

Ollie Lee - October

Gloria McKinney - September 24

Williams Ray - October 28

T. C. Walker - October 3

Title Town

Martha Vaughn - October

DEATH

PIPS

George Wright passed.

2013 World Series of Pinochle



Joe Dodds was presented the 2013 World Series of Pinochle Jacket by Martha Vaughn, National Tournament Director. Joe is a member of the North Carolina Sandhill Pinochle Club.

CHAPTER NEWS

PIPS

Perry Lee's son, Darren, graduated from the University of Alabama-Huntsville. He is now employed by Raytheon, a major American Defense Contractor in Huntsville, AL.

Awesome Chastisers

Excerpt from Sunday, Sept. 1 issue of Miami Herald (by Bea Hines):

"92-year-old is a Pinochle-playing master"

A few weeks ago I mentioned how delighted I was to hear from a long-lost friend...Lydia Walker... I'm happy to report she is alive and well. And at 92, looks like the picture of health. From our first conversation, I learned that Lydia was up to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at the National Pinochle Association in New Orleans this weekend.

"Playing pinochle makes you forget the world around you. Once you start playing, you have no going-home-sense," Lydia said.

She credits her dad with instilling in her the love of playing card games...when she was 6. "My dad use to give each of us \$2 a week allowance and then would turn around and win it back."

It was in 1975 that Lydia and her pinochle partners started playing weekly tournaments at Homestead AFB.

Lydia said one of the greatest joys of her life was when she and partner Steve Brown pulled three consecutive pinochles on Ray Vickers and Anthony Collins.

"Playing pinochle has given me the greatest memories of my life," Lydia said.

INSPIRATION

Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else.
~~~~~Judy Garland~~~~~

Maybe you can afford to wait. Maybe for you there's a tomorrow. Maybe for you there's one thousand tomorrows, or three thousand, or ten, so much time you can bathe in it, roll around it, let it slide like coins through your fingers. So much time you can waste it. But for some of us there's only today. And the truth is, you never really know.  
~~~~~Lauren Oliver~~~~~

LAUGHTER

Jokes are for individuals who accept them as they are - humor!

Make sure and know who is reading them.

Once upon a time, a beautiful princess happened upon a frog as she sat, contemplating ecological issues. The frog hopped into the princesses lap and said: 'Elegant Lady, I was once a handsome prince, until an evil witch cast a spell upon me. One kiss from you, however and I will turn back into the dapper, young prince that I am, and then, my sweet, we can marry and setup housekeeping in yon castle with my mother, where you can prepare my meals, clean my clothes, bear my children, and forever feel grateful and happy doing so.'

That night, the princess dined sumptuously on a repast of lightly sautéed frog legs seasoned in a white wine and shallot cream sauce.

Last night, my friend and I were sitting in the living room and I said to her, 'I never want to live in a vegetative state, depending on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'

She got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine.

One day Timmy came home from school and asked her father, 'Dad, what is sex?' 'Oh boy, here we go,' his dad thought. So Timmy's dad went through the long and lengthy explanation about the birds and bees. When he finished he asked Timmy if there were any questions.

'No, but how am I going to put all that information in this little

box on this form I have to fill out where it says sex?'

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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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Vulcan Princess, Inc. – Screen printing & embroidery – Contact Frank Turpin: 404-219-3376 or tuako3@aol.com

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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