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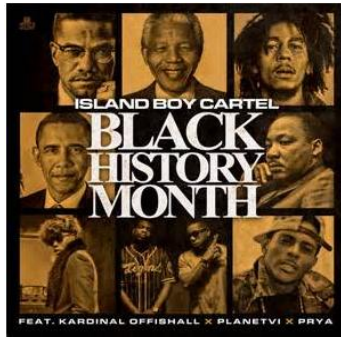


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear NPA Members,

I'd like to thank all of you who braved the weather and made it to the Atlanta tournament. A special thanks goes out to the USA Pinochle Club for hosting the tournament. A fun time was had by all.

Once again, we used the card shufflers and the positive feedback continues. Thank you for your support in this effort to ensure we have integrity in this game of ours.

The Semi-Annual is fast approaching and we have several

issues to address. Please complete and send in your registration forms as quickly as possible so we can get an accurate headcount for planning purposes. To all the delegates, please take a little time and become familiar with the proposals that will be voted on. The decisions we make are crucial to the health and growth of our organization.

As always, I ask all of the NPA family for your continued support of the Executive Committee and the Committee Chairpersons that are working hard so we can all enjoy the game we love. Looking forward to seeing you in Houston.

God bless you all!

Mike Vasquez

NPA President

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear NPA Members,

Thanks so much for your support for the World Series of Pinochle - Tournament of

Champions (WSP) held at the Crown Plaza in Louisville, KY, on Friday, January 17, 2014.

The WSP had a new format with Revised Rules to the delight of the many players. The new format gave participants a better chance of reaching the Semi-Finals. All rounds were timed – 30 minute time limit; and the players finished without any problems. Shufflers were used at this event. We had a total of 60 players.

Players at each table dealt once and winners moved but did not play with the same players. Total scores were calculated after the 5th round and the top 8 scorers went to the Semi-Final. The Semi-Finalists were Michael Hazel, Reggie Miles, Michael Schneider, Miriam Lucier, Joe Turpin, Lenny Grant, Pleasant Parker, and John Carmichael. Ladies, Ladies, lets step up "our" game and claim more seats next year at the WSP.

Miriam, Joe, Reggie, and Lenny were the 4 top scorers and went on to compete at the Final Table.

Joe Turpin is our WSP-Tournament of Champions winner, Miriam Lucier – 2nd Place, Lenny Grant-3rd Place, and Reggie Miles-4th Place. Congratulations to all our participants and see you next year.

Dr. Alice Cannon Scott
National Tournament Director

PINOCHLE TIPS AND RULES

1. Meld count for roundhouse, double kings and aces around is 114 points.
2. The bidder is in charge and should dictate the way the hand is to be played. In all cases the bidder's partner should follow the bidder's lead and not try to take over the hand. Always try to show how you want the hand to be played.
3. The penalty for having too few or too many cards at the end of play is 50 points per person with the discrepancies.
4. The meld for a triple run is 450 points.
5. The key to being a good pinochle player is mastering the subtleties of the bidding system and catching meld. The rest of the game is simple card mechanics.
6. Aces around are considered meld and must be melded on the board no matter what!!

~~~Homer 'Rick' Rickerson~~~

**USA TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

Congratulations to all winners:

| <i>Winners</i>    | <i>Score</i> |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 – Moe Harrison  | 6,708        |
| 2 – Elmore Jordan | 6,606        |

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| 3 – Alice Scott       | 6,523 |
| 4 – Render Martin     | 6,510 |
| 5 – Peter Allen       | 6,499 |
| 6 – Willie Jefferson  | 6,459 |
| 7 – Curtis Boyd       | 6,375 |
| 8 – Avon Spence       | 6,366 |
| 9 – Jimmie Williams   | 6,351 |
| 10 – John Carmichael  | 6,345 |
| 11 – Mike Schneider   | 6,287 |
| 12 – Peacock Williams | 6,226 |
| 13 – Gloria Randall   | 6,192 |
| 14 – Walter Johnson   | 6,157 |
| 15 – Eugene Jones     | 6,129 |



Moe Harrison



Elmore Jordan



Alice Scott

**UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS**

2014 SANCTIONED

- Apr. 3-6.....Semi-Annual (Houston, TX)
- May 23-25.....Russ Raiders (Detroit, MI)
- Aug. 29-31.....NPA Annual (Tampa, FL)

2014 NON-SANCTIONED

- Mar. 14-16.....Queen City (Charlotte, NC)
- Apr. 25-27.....Young Guns (Chesapeake, VA)
- July 11-13.....Gateway Players
- Aug. 7-10.....NC Sand Hill

**Happy Birthday to\_\_**

**4 Love of Pinochle**

Yvonne Hicks – March 10

**APA**

Gwenda Willingham - March

**Aces Around Pinochle Club**

Anthony Jenkins – March 11

**Augusta Pinochle Club**

Shirley Ephran – March 26

**Birmingham Pinochle Club**

Gloria Randall – March 20

**Charm City Players**

Gale Franklin – March 28  
Roberta Johnson – March 27

**Columbus Bucs & Does**

Carol Hayes – March 17

**Columbus Pinochle Club**

John Perkins – March 12

**Metro Pinochle Club**

Harry Hoskins – March  
Delores Thornton - March

**Oasis Pinochle Club**

Sylvia Purnell – March 1

**Pinochle Champs**

Letha Martin – March 20  
James Patterson – March 25

**Queen City Players**

Mary Ray Smith – March 21

**The Renegades Pinochle Club**

Lillie Milner – March 17

**USA**

Harold Fisher – March 13

**West Coast Best**

H. C. Jones – March 27

**DEATH**

**PIPS**

Gloria McKinney's mother passed

**FOUNDING MEMBERS**

On behalf of the twenty-one Founding Members of NPA, we wish to thank USA for inviting us to share the tournament. The warmhearted reception you expressed was unforgettable. It was an amazing site for some of us who have not seen the result of our many hours of sweat and tears in forming an organization that would mean a lot to the social lives of many.

We hope and pray that NPA will be around for many years to come. We continue to support the organization and are available to assist in any way needed.



1<sup>st</sup> row: Brenda Stephens, Jo-Ann Ross, Miriam Lucier, Betty Sain, Johnnie Davis; 2<sup>nd</sup> row: (Joe Green, Pres. USA), Roosevelt Taylor, Edna Brown, James Lowe

**INSPIRATION**

It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something.  
~~~~Franklin D. Roosevelt~~~~

We're here for a reason. I believe a bit of the reason is to throw little torches out to lead people though the dark.
~~~~Whoopi Goldberg~~~~

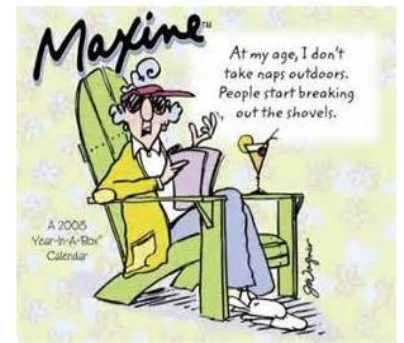
No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger. It is the heart that makes

a man rich. He is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has.

~~~~Henry Ward Beecher~~~~

LAUGHTER

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



A man doing market research knocked on a door and was met by a young woman with 3 small children running around at her feet. He says, "I'm doing some research for Vaseline. Have you ever used the product?" She says, "Yes. My husband and I use it all the time."

'And if you don't mind my asking, what do you use it for?' 'We use it for sex,' she replied.

The man was a little taken back, 'Usually people lie to me but, in fact, I know that most do use it for sex. I admire you for your honesty. Since you've been frank so far, can you tell me exactly how you use it for sex?'

The woman says, 'I don't mind telling you at all...my husband and I put in on the door knob and the kids can't open the door.'

Puns

...When chemists die, they barium.
...Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
...A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
...I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
...This dyslexic man walks into a bra.
...A cross-eyed teacher lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils.
...When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
...I wondered why the ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
...Broken pencils are pointless.
...England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
...I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Working from home takes away the challenge of avoiding the boss all day.



Actually, you can have a healthy sex life well into your later years. Assuming you can stand the sight of people your age naked.



EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Members:

It was a warm feeling to receive the reception by the attendees at the USA tournament. Being a part of the original group that worked endlessly to get NPA up and operable, it is delightful to see what we started more than 33 years ago is still going. Regardless of my health situation, you may be assured that I find it very relaxing to deliver the newsletter every month.

What would be more exciting is to write about what you and your chapters are doing to promote the game of pinochle and NPA. Are you teaching others; are you helping others in your community; etc., etc. Just playing in tournaments was not the intent of forming the organization, as you know.

Again, I appeal to you to send me news about you and/or your chapter. Even when new officers are elected, that's news!

Thanks for your continued prayers and support.

~~~~~Brenda Stephens ~~~~~

## 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](http://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 404-349-0316.

## 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:

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