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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear NPA Family,
Thank you all for your continued support. The Annual was a huge success and much fun was had by all. The Founders were inducted into the Hall of Fame. I'd like to extend a special thanks to Mr. Ricardo Randle for the exceptional job done on the Hall of Fame induction Ceremony. A special thanks to Rosetta and Lester for the memorial service held on Sunday morning in remembrance of our members who have passed. Finally, a special thanks to Gwen Harris, for putting together the new Scholarship criteria and selection of our NPA Scholarship recipients.

There is a lot happening in the NPA. We now have our original website back, the NPA now has its very own Facebook page, and Wanda Goodman is

our point of contact. The NPA has grown both financially and in membership over the past year and the end of the year financial statement will be out soon.

We have over 800 members with many talents. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time to support one of the committees and our organization. There is a lot of work to be done and the NPA family needs your help.

God bless you all!

Respectfully,

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2014 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE WINNERS

Congratulation to All the winners.



Howard Fitzgerald 1st Place



Jackie McCray 2nd Place
Clarence Flemings 3rd Place
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2014 COLUMBUS DAY TOURNAMENT WINNERS

The PIPS of Augusta, GA hosted the Columbus Day tournament which was a fun filled weekend with lots of Pinochle!

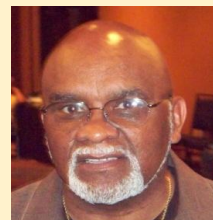
The winners were



Peter Allen, 1st Place



Jimmie Williams, 2nd Place



Al Smith, 3rd Place

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2014 NON-SANCTIONED

Oct. 31- Nov. 2.....Metro

Nov. 15.....Fundraising (1-day)

Nov. 22.....MPP (1-day)

Dec.5-7.....PIPS

2015 SANCTIONED

MLK Jan. 15-18....Young Guns

Pres. Day Feb. 12-15....MPP

Semi-Annual April 9-12 ...NPA

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

DIRECTOR



Dr. Alice Cannon-Scott

Get Ready for the 2015 Annual at the Renaissance in Montgomery!!

The Executive Board is planning another exciting Annual at the Renaissance in Montgomery, AL. Door prizes were given out in Tampa for the 2015 Montgomery Annual. You had to be "in your seat" at 8:30 AM to qualify. The following players were excited about winning these door prizes: Sam Palmer, Belinda Brown, Vielka Downer, Gilbert Raiford, Lillie Allen, William Singleton, Walter Rhodes, Earlene Green, Johnnie Hall, Willie Watson, Sylvia Turner, John White, and Joseph Daniel.

The door prizes included Spa Treatment, VIP Treatment of Wine & Cheese Tray delivered to your room upon arrival, \$50 room rate for the entire stay, Free Air Shuttle from the airport, and Free Nights. Additional door prizes will be given out at the Semi in Vegas.

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RAINBOW COMMITTEE



ROSETTA MCMURRAY

The Rainbow Committee held its Annual Memorial Service on Sunday, 31st of August 2014 in Tampa, FL. A total of 76 NPA members and family attended the service. Ms. Videssa Woods gave an inspirational prayer followed by Mrs. Johnnie Davis singing The Lord's Prayer. Mr. Leland Scott gave an inspiring speech. Special thanks to Mr. Lester McCray for the slideshow presentation of all deceased members. I would like to thank everyone that attended the service and look forward to more attending next year. I will be looking for a speaker for next year's Annual Memorial Service. If there is any volunteers out there, please contact me before July 2015.

The Rainbow Committee has received thank you cards from the family of Letha Martin, and from Pat Bailey on the passing of her brother. Also Mr. Michael Hazel sent a text to thank the NPA members for the cards, prayers, telephone calls and those that attended the Memorial Service for his son, Sean Hazel on the 6th of September 2014.

Please make sure your club notify me of any illness, or death of a club member or immediate family member. Please send a copy of the obituary or photo of any deceased members to update the slideshow presentation.

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COMMITTEE



RICARDO RANDLE

HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

NPA Honors Founding Members

On August 29, 2014, the National Pinochle Association inducted 21 Founding Members into the Pinochle Hall of Fame at the Annual Tournament and Convention in Tampa, Florida.

There are twelve living and nine deceased founding members. Seven of the twelve living members attended the induction ceremony. Family members and friends also participated in the outstanding induction ceremony sponsored by the Research & Education Committee. Family members of two deceased founding members, Kevin Butts and DeLisa Davis attended the event and provided remarks to those in attendance.



First Row: Edna Brown, Miriam Lucier, Delores Greene
 Second Row: Brenda Stephens, Bettye Sain, Jo Ann Ross, Johnnie Davis
 Third Row: Alladin Collins, Roosevelt Taylor, James Lowe

Living founding members not included in the above photo are: Phil Godman and Josephine Goodwin. The deceased founding members are: James Butts, Marion Davis, Sr., Patricia Floyd, Jeannette Green, James Holland, Regina Holloway, Mildred Mormon, Abraham Williams, and Dan Williams.

Photos and bios of the Founding Members will be housed on the NPA Website in the Virtual Hall of Fame. "Congratulations to the Class of 2014".

Nominations for the 2015 Hall of Fame are being accepted from September 1st to November 30th. Nominations should be submitted to the

Ricardo Randle, Chairperson, and Research & Education Committee. To obtain a nomination package please contact Ric by calling (334) 782-7120 or send an email to ricardorandle@bellsouth.net.

2014 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The 2014 Player of the Year Is?

Name	Points
English, Ike	185
McCray, Jackie	185
Fitzgearld, Howard	150
Allen, Peter	150
Allen, Earle	150
Milton, Cliff	125
Dunlap, Kay	125
Williams, Jimmie	115
Smith, John	110
McKnight, Rose	110
Spence, Avon	110
Parker, Pleasant	100
Flemings, Clarence	100
Smith, Al	90
McGruder, Lindsey	85
Jordan, Elmore	75
Armstrong, Richard	75
Swanier, Shelton	75
Flemming, Robert	60
Scott, Alice	60
Lucier, Miriam	60

The Research & Education Committee would like to announce that there are two NPA members designated as winners of the 2014 Player of the Year. Ike English with 185 points and Jackie McCray also with 185 points. WOW!!!

Ike English placed 1st at the Semi-Annual Tournament and 8th at the Columbus Day Tournament.



IKE ENGLISH



JACKIE MCCRAY

Jackie McCray placed 2nd at the Annual Tournament, 7th at the Columbus Day Tournament, 18th at the Semi-Annual Tournament, and 19th at the Memorial Day Tournament.

They both participated in 5 out of the 6 sanctioned tournaments held during the 2014 calendar year.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The NPA gave scholarships to six worthy students, each student received \$1000.00 each.

The six 2014 Scholarship recipients are: Brandon Wyatt, (picture unavailable) Leonard Lancaster, (picture unavailable) Kya Williamson, (picture unavailable)



Angel Parrish



Mariah Vasquez



Chardae Carter



6 + 6 Pinochle Club

Vielka Downer – Oct 27

Aces Around Pinochle Club

Phyllis Jenkins – Sept 7
William Bowers – Oct 10

AMPS

Ernest Tolbert – Sept 3

Augusta Pinochle Club

Emil Wodicka – Sept 5

Awesome Chastisers

William Evans – Oct 25

Birmingham Pinochle Club

Austin Ash – Oct

Cincinnati Pinochle Club

Donna Pace – Sept 3
Patricia Williams – Sept 4
Hayward Thompson – Sept 6
Greg Fairbanks – Sept 16
Jacqueline Calloway - Sept 20
Vivian Wallace – Oct 6
Curtis McKee – Oct 16

Columbus Bucks & Does

Ella Murphy – Sept 19
JoAnn Wellington – Oct 9
Delores Green – Oct 23
Thelma Gregory – Oct 16

D C Players Pinochle Club

Joseph Story – Sept 15
Darryl Anderson – Oct
Sandra Zastrow – Oct 24
Anna Barnes – Oct 26
Phyllis Ransome – Oct 27

DERBY CITY QUEENS AND JACKS

William Ray – October 28

Ivory Pinochle Club

Esther Robinson – Sept. 20
Ted Levy – Sept 27

Jacksonville Pinochle Club

Bernard Jackson – Oct 14
Joseph Cummings–Oct 30

Montgomery Pinochle Pals

Thomas Parks – Sept 4
Jimmy Brown – Sept 20
Margaret Stoudemire – Sept. 20
Autry Hasberry – Oct 9

Queen City Players

Norbert Reid – Sept 30

PIPS

Charlie Vinson – Sept 28
Gloria McKinney –Sept 28

Ollie Lee – Oct
TC Walker-Oct 3

The Cudas Pinochle Club

Alice Cannon – Sept

Title Town

Martha Vaughn - Oct 12

West Coast Best

Bill Fenrich – Sept 1
Maurice Armster – Sept. 11

SICKNESS

Joseph Daniel and Henry Dudley (both from the Birmingham Club) have been hospitalized but are now at home recovering.

DEATH

Brenda Stephens passed, Pat Bailey lost her brother, and Michael Hazel lost his Son.

INSPIRATION

A short synopsis of Acts Chapter 27, is done by Mary Williams of the Jacksonville Pinochle Club.

In Acts Chapter 27, Paul talks about a great storm that entered his life, a Eur~roc~ly~don. There's a saying, "God calms the storms, but sometimes, God allows the storms to rage, then HE calm's his child in the storm." God had promised Paul, that he would get to Rome. When God makes you a promise, it does not matter what happens in your life, HE will fulfill it. You will

not lose your mind or your life if you keep the faith. His word will not return to Him void. The ship that Paul was on was totally destroyed, but he made it to Rome, as God had promised.

BYLAWS

Bylaws are a standing set of rules that govern the regulation of the internal affairs of a corporation or society. The NPA has over eight hundred plus members, and every member should know and understand the bylaws that govern this organization. For the next few months we will cover the NPA bylaws so that we all shall know and understand how this organization should work.

“ARTICILE I- NAME

The name of the organization shall be **NATIONAL PINOCHLE ASSOCIATION, INC.**, hereinafter referred to as **NPA** or **Corporation**.

ARTICIE II- PURPOSE

NPA shall be a non -profit charitable Corporation organized under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 5954 and is subject to any future applicable provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code(s).

NPA is organized to promote the game of pinochle by:

Fostering the spirit of good fellowship in the game of Pinochle, offering guidance and supervision to NPA membership organizations,

adapting and implementing uniform playing rules and regulations, assisting local Chapters who host individual tournaments and furthering the enjoyment of the game of Pinochle by all its members.

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

If you need professional pictures for any occasion – wedding, reunion, birthday, etc., Taylor Photography can meet your needs. Contact Roosevelt Taylor at 404-758-0717.

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

Learn the game using the teaching tool ‘Pinochle Mat’ developed and distributed by an experienced player. Available on Amazon for \$35.00 but will sell to NPA members at \$25.00. Contact Mrs. Lydia Walker at 305-255-7782 for further info.

Need a caterer for your every need? EDC (Edna’s Delectable Cuisine) is waiting for your call:

404-767-1024 or email brownednaw@yahoo.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/](http://www.npapinochle.org/)

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