



# The Gazette

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## Semi-Annual 2015





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**April 9, 2015**

**Board of Directors Semi-Annual Meeting Las Vegas, NV.**

**Dear NPA Family,**

**It is with deep regret that I present you with this letter. I am resigning as President of the National Pinochle Association. My medical issues and my personal issues have prevented me from performing as your President. I do not see this situation changing in the foreseeable future and as such I ask that you accept my resignation and swear in Videssa Woods as the new NPA president.**

**Videssa has performed and has been an amazing Vice President. She is fully capable and able to do the job. She does not favor one group over the next, she is fair, honest and all about business. I ask that you give her your full support as she continues to do the work necessary to improve our organization.**

**To those of you who supported me throughout my tenure, I thank you for your support. I only ask that you extend the same support to Videssa. The NPA needs new people, new ideas, and as much help as possible in order for us to continue to grow. We need people who care more about the organization than what they can get for themselves, from the NPA. We need the next generation of people to step up and learn the inner workings of our organization.**

**I love the NPA, and all I want is to see us prosper. For now I will work on getting healthy, and getting my affairs in order. I am available for anyone who has questions and I will continue to assist with the NPA where I can. God bless you all and thank you for the**

**honor and privilege of allowing me to be the NPA President.**

*Mike Vasquez*

**Mike Vasquez  
NPA President**

**MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW INTERIM PRESIDENT**



**MS. VIDESSA WOODS**

**Hello NPA Family,**

**I come to you in humble submission as your Interim President. It is my prayer that this short note will find you well and looking forward to our Annual Tournament scheduled for September 3-6, 2015 in Montgomery, AL.**

**I want to take this moment to say thank you to Michael Vasquez for his service during the past year as President of NPA and to let him know that we are praying that he will get everything worked out and are**

able to join us again very, very soon.

NPA family we are at a juncture that allows us the opportunity to reflect on the past and envision the future. The Semi-Annual was quite an adventure and we are expecting the Annual to be nothing less than Fantastic. In order for that to happen we need YOU to PLEASE make your hotel reservations at the host hotel and make plans to join us at the 2015 Annual Tournament.

We say a big thank you to the following members that volunteered to be the Nominating Committee:  
Region 1 Bruce Kunkle  
Region 2 Eva Duncan  
Region 3 Lena Reid-Morrow  
Region 4 Jimmy Brown  
Region 5 Kathy Hubbard  
Region 6 Charlie Black

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Videssa Woods  
NPA President

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## WHAT HAPPENED IN VEGAS!

**Congratulations!!!!**

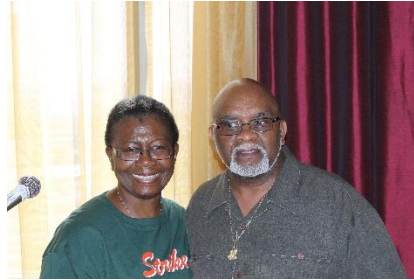


Mr. Lewis Taylor of Young Guns and Mrs. Beverly (Jackson) Taylor of Six Plus Six Pinochle Club got married in Vegas. The NPA wishes

them many happy years together.

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## The Big Winners at the Semi-Annual in Vegas were:



**Al Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, score 6739**



**Charles Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, score 6604**



**Aletta Fields, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, score 6583**

**Congratulations to ALL the Winners**

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## MESSAGE FROM RESEARCH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE



**RICARDO RANDLE**

**Amistad Research Center**

The R&E Committee is in the process of gathering NPA historical documents to send to Amistad Research Center.

We are requesting that each Chapter submit a brief bio on their club (using your club logo and colors (if possible), include your mission statement, your community involvement, when you joined NPA and any other information you would like to provide. Also, please include a picture of your club members and limit your document to 2 pages.

Questions regarding this project may be directed to:

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## SEMI-Annual Proposal

### Las Vegas Proposal #1

By-laws change in wording, section 6.1, paragraph 3 - amend by striking out "and serve for a term of 2 year".  
**PASSED**



**Las Vegas Proposal #2**

Place the hosting of the NPA Annual and Semi-Annual back in the hands of local chapters. **FAILED**

**Las Vegas Proposal #3**

NPA should consider making a modest contribution to the Amistad Organization on the campus of Tulane University on an annual basis. **FAILED**

**Las Vegas Proposal #4**

By-laws change in wording, amend section 5.11, by striking out "Executive Committee" and insert "Board of Directors". Strike out "receipt of written" and insert "Acceptance of written". **PASSED**

**Las Vegas Proposal #5**

Authorization of rooms comped or at cost to NPA shall not be given without prior consent of EC, number of rooms to be revealed to EC before authorization given. **FAILED**

**Las Vegas Proposal #6**

Theft of NPA funds/monies a 5 year suspension restitution of funds/monies reinstatement must be approved by majority of membership. **PASSED**

**Las Vegas Proposal #7**

All infraction shall be resolved in 30 days of the infraction. **PASSED**

**Las Vegas Proposal #8**

We propose the following change to the criteria for the Player of the year. Change the sentence- The committee will announce the Player of the Year results at the MLK tournament business meeting held in January, to the committee will announce the Player of the Year results in

the Gazette newsletter in the January edition. **PASSED**

**Las Vegas Proposal #9**

The R&E Committee propose the following addition to the criteria for the Player of the Year. Add: If two members have the same total Player of the Year points at the end of the sanctioned tournament calendar year, total scores for each sanctioned tournament participated in will be added together to determined which member has the highest score total. The member with the highest score total will be declared the Player of the year. **PASSED**

**Las Vegas Proposal #10**

We propose the following addition to the Hall of Fame Criteria, Add: If two or less nominations are received by the Hall of Fame Committee, the nominations will be submitted to the Board of Directors for a vote at the Semi Annual Tournament and Convention to determine if individuals should be inducted into the Hall of Fame. A 70% approval of the Board of Directors will be needed to approve these types of inductions into the Hall of Fame. **PASSED**

**Las Vegas Proposal #11**

To request membership support for the new National Pinochle League (NPL) ... online only. This League was established March 1, 2015, by Jo Ann Ross, an NPA Founding Member, at [www.gamingsafari.com/npl](http://www.gamingsafari.com/npl). All games and tournaments are played online. Games and tournaments are free to play.

Gaming Safari has agreed to change their meld values to agree with NPA rules, which include 25 pts for a run and 15 pts for a single pinochle. The League is free and the Tournament Directors work free. **PASSED**

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**UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS**

**2015 NON-SANCTIONED**

- May 1-3.....Young Guns
- June 12-14....Baltimore Bidwell
- June 26-29...FR Pinochle Cruise
- July 10-12...31-19 Pinochle Club
- July 31-Aug 2...DCQ&Js
- Aug 8-9...Sand Hill Pinochle Club

**2015 SANCTIONED**

- Memorial Day May 14-17.....
- Pittsburg Stealers
- Annual Sept. 3-6... NPA Montgomery
- Columbus Day Oct. 9-11....APA Atlanta



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***Awesome Chastisers***



The NPA would like to wish Mrs. Lydia Walker the Oldest member in the NPA, a special Happy Birthday. Mrs. Walker was 94 years old on April 7.

***Founding Members***

Miriam Lucier – April 28

***AMPS***

Edith Skipper – April 10

***APA***

Edward Perry – April

***Augusta Pinochle Club***

William Fennoy – April 21

***1<sup>st</sup> State Pinochle Club***

Deborah Blake – April 20

Donald Miller – April 26

Tommy Stepnay – April

***Birmingham Pinochle Club***

Joseph Daniels – April - 17

***Cincinnati Yellow Jacks***

Kary Chappell – April 4

***Columbus Bucks & Does***

J R Moore – April 26

***Derby City Q & J***

Robert Hester – April 19

***Great Lakes Pinochle Club***

John Smith – April 5

***Ivory Pinochle Club***

Barbara Scurry – April 4

***Jacksonville Pinochle Club***

Phyllis Johnson – April 12

***Metro Pinochle Club***

Ivor Griffin – April

***Montgomery Pinochle Pals***

Artis Parrish – April 28

***Pinochle Champs***

Nathan Hill – April 1

Clinton Hoggard – April 3

Cassandra Ogden – April 7

***Queen City Players***

Joe Allison – April 1

Everett Adams – April 17

***Riverdale Pinochle Club***

Renee Walker – April 29

***Sunshine Pinochle Club***

Ed Harvey – April 22

***Sand Hill Pinochle Club***

Rose English – April 5

***The Cudas Pinochle Club***

Audrey Scott-Shelton – April 17

***Top Of The Rock***

Willie Jefferson – April 13

***USA Pinochle Club***

James Presley – April 27

***Young Guns Pinochle Club***

Jasper Brown – April 17

Jacqueline McCray – April 21

Terren Fields – April 22

***SICKNESS***

Matthew 21:22 “And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”

Let us lift up our sick and shut-in members in prayer.

Linsey McGruder (PIPS) recovering from surgery

Joe Hagans (Tidewater Knucks)

Joyce Carter (Renegades)

***DEATHS***

**‘Silent tear’ by Anon**

Each night we shed a silent tear, as we speak to you in prayer. To let you know we love you, and just how much we care. Take our million teardrops, wrap them up in love, then ask the wind to carry them, to you in heaven above.

NPA member Robert Owens (DCQ&JS) passed on April 14

**NPA Family member’s deaths:**

Agnes Graves (West Coast Best) brother passed

Jackie McCray (Young Guns) sister passed

Lovie Hill and Catherine (Kitty) Jackson (JPC) brother passed

***INSPIRATION***

Read: James 3:1-12 and Leviticus 19-20; Matthew 27:51-66

From Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs to Siberian foxes, humans have learned to tame wild animals. People enjoy teaching monkeys to “act” in commercials or training deer to eat out of their hands. As the apostle James put it, “Every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind” (3:7). But there is something we

cannot tame. All of us have trouble getting a little thing called the tongue under control. "No man can tame the tongue," James tells us (v.8). Why? Because while our words may be on the tip of our tongue, they originate from deep within us. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matt. 12:34). And thus the tongue can be used for both good and evil (James 3:9). Or, as scholar Peter Davids put it, "On the one hand, [the tongue] is very religious, but, on the other, it can be most profane." If we cannot tame this unruly tongue of ours, is it destined to be a daily problem for us, always prone to speak evil? (v.10). By God's grace, no. We are not left to our own devices. The Lord will "set a guard" over my mouth; He will "keep watch over the door of my lips" (Ps. 141:3). He can tame the untamable.

Lord, my mouth sometimes speaks words that don't honor You. Thank You that by Your Spirit my untamed tongue can be brought under divine control. Please guard my mouth today.

To rule your tongue, let Christ rule in your heart.

**INSIGHT:** James's letter is filled with practical wisdom that deals with responding to trials (ch.1), living out our faith (ch.2), taming the tongue

### **CLASSIFIEDS**

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