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THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON THE MLK TOURNAMENT

January 15th -18th 2015
Hosted By



**THE YOUNG GUNS
PINOCHLE CLUB**

The Young Guns and the City of Norfolk, VA welcomed the NPA to the MLK sanctioned Pinochle Tournament on January 15 - 18, 2015. The City rolled out the red carpet by scrolling a welcoming banner to the members of the NPA in the Norfolk International Airport and sending a letter from the mayor of Norfolk as well as posting the event on the Visit Norfolk Facebook page.

The Young Guns enjoyed hosting the tournament and showed their appreciation by adding extras like two cakes during the tournament.



Young Guns Welcome to the MLK Cake



Young Guns Thank You for Playing in the MLK Cake

Other snacks were enjoyed during the tournament like juice, soda, water, candy, cookies and chips. These are some of the things the Young Guns enjoy so they were extended to their pinochle family. There were two meals served as well as a pizzas and drinks during game night, Saturday night. The hospitality room was opened to everyone.

Some Comment made by participants were:



Cassandra Carey Slater
*Enjoyed the Young Guns Pinochle
Tournament this weekend, FIRST CLASS
ALL THE WAY!*



Audrey Scott-Shelton
Well Run Tournament!



Rose English
*Hi Young Guys that was a great
tournament. We had a wonderful time.
The Sand Hill Club*

The big winners were:



Clarence (ICE) Walker
First Place, Score 6987



Sylvia Purnell
Second Place, Score 6782



Arlen Avent
Third Place, Score 6744

The Young Guns was founded by Lou Gunn (Tidewater Knucks) they have 27 members and have been a chartered member of the NPA since 2007.

Looks like a good time was had by all!

**MESSAGE FROM THE
WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

The NPA is on FACEBOOK

For those of you who enjoy social media. The NPA has a Facebook page. This page is managed by Wanda Epps Goodman of the Young Guns. Any pinochle event may be posted on this page. We welcome pictures and all events sanctioned or non-sanctioned and weekly events as long as the hosting club is part of the NPA.

This page is private because of tournament information provided. You will not be able to see the page unless you are added by an NPA member. If you do not have any NPA friends on this page, then you can friend, Wanda Epps Goodman, Michael Vasquez, Shamese Love or Dorothy Ervin and they will add you to the page. So everyone who is on the NPA Facebook page, add your friends who are NPA members. *Please do not add anyone who is not on the*

NPA roster. We want to keep our information protected.

Thanks

Wanda Epps Goodman
NPA Facebook page manager
NPA Website chair

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2015 NON-SANCTIONED

**March 13-15...Queen City
Player**

May 1-3.....Young Guns

June 12-14....Baltimore Bidwell

**June 26-29...FR Pinochle
Cruise**

2015 SANCTIONED

Semi-Annual April 9-12 ...NPA

**Memorial Day May 14-17.....
Pittsburg Stealers**

Annual Sept. 3-6...Montgomery

**Columbus Day Oct. 9-11....APA
Atlanta**



AMPS

Robert Ellis – Feb 7
Brenda Johnson – Feb 11
Lee Johnson – Feb 28

APA

Olin Wilson – Feb 21

Aces Around Pinochle Club

Thomas M. Jenkins – Feb. 19

Birmingham Pinochle Club

Henry Dudley - Feb
Craig Edwards - Feb

Cincinnati Pinochle Club

Miles Davis - Feb 24

Columbus Bucks & Does

Charles Johnson - Feb 16
Robert Spivey - Feb 6
Jennett Stevens - Feb 17

Cudas Pinochle Club

Patricia Bailey -- Jan 10
Tweed Tapplar (Correction)
Jan 21

DC Players

James Shelton - Feb 7

Derby City Queens & Jacks

Annie White - Feb 9
Dorothy Ervin - Feb 14

Double Run Pinochle

Chris Hurd - Feb 3

Empire State Pinochle

Jennifer Newby - Feb 7
Homer Rickerson - Feb 7
Darrin Payne - Feb 12
Dorothy Sellers - Feb 19

Great Lakes Pinochle Club

Williams Ford - Feb 18

Ivory Pinochle Club

Billy Russell - Feb 17

LA Superstars

Patricia Burnett - Feb 2
Carl Walker - February 8

Panhandles Pinochle Club

Willie Carroll - Feb 2
Zella Landry - Feb 28

Pinochle Champs

Thelma Gwin - Feb 8
Cheryl Hicks -Thornton Feb 8
Charles Gwin - Feb 13
Earl Brown - Feb 18

PIPS

Delores Bynes - Feb 24

Riverdale Pinochle Club

Zelma Goldsby - Feb 2

Russ Raider Pinochle Club

Valeria Webster - Feb 3
Regina Nelson - Feb 7

Title Town Pinochle Club

Edna Bain - Jan 17

Top of the Rock

JoAnn Williams - Feb 20

USA Pinochle Society

Raymond Horn - Jan 6
Elmore Jordan - Feb 28

Young Guns Pinochle Club

Jonathan Slade - Feb 8

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.

Joyce Carter (Renegades) has been hospitalized.

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 Mary Perkins (Amelia Tri-Cities) passed Jan 19

NPA member Tony Ward (PIPS) Passed Jan 25

NPA member Pearl Oats-Johnson (Metro) passed Jan 28

NPA Family member's deaths:

Kathy Hubbard (31-19) father passed

Delores Thornton (Metro) sister passed

Della Bell (West Coast Best) grandson passed

INSPIRATION

This month inspiration is shared by Robert Hester a member of the Derby City Queens and Jacks Pinochle club.

The Law of Liberty

NKJV Roman 14:1-12

Receive one who is weak in the faith but not to dispute over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not

eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another servant? To his own master he stands or falls, indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day above another, esteems every day alike, let each be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord, and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives GOD THANKS. For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord. For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again. **FOR WE SHALL ALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST! "FOR IT IS WRITTEN".**

So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

We are all GOD children, Amen

HEALTH TIPS

Diabetes Foot Care

The more you learn, the more you know!

When you have diabetes, your feet need extra care and attention. Diabetes can damage the nerve endings and blood vessels in your feet, making you less likely to notice when your feet are injured. Diabetes can also interfere with your body's ability to fight infection. If you develop a minor foot injury, it could become an ulcer or develop into a serious infection. Ulcers can be found on the bottom of your feet, or on the top or bottom of your toes. With good foot care, you can prevent most of these problems.

Caring for your feet is easy. Most of the care can be done when you are bathing and getting ready for bed. Preventing injury to your feet is merely a matter of wearing properly fitted shoes and socks at all times.

These steps can help keep your feet healthy:

- ..Examine your feet every day. And have your doctor examine your feet during every visit.
- ..Check your shoes for any loose objects or rough edges before you put them on.
- ..Look at foot care as part of your daily routine. Soon it will become as automatic as brushing your teeth.
- ..Don't use home remedies to treat foot problems. Home remedies can hurt your feet. Over-the-counter medicine designed to remove calluses could contain chemicals that could burn your skin. Also, trying to cut corn or calluses your self could lead to infections.
- ..Get early treatment for any

foot problem, even a minor one.

BYLAWS

The NPA bylaws will be omitted from the gazette until after the semi-annual, in which some of the language in article V is subject to change.

The NPA has Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), a set of fixed instructions or steps that help the organization carry out its usual routine operations. This month we will look at the SOP for posting a non-sanction tournament.

Standard Operating Procedures:

SCHEDULING NON-SANCTION TOURNAMENTS

Date: September 16, 2013

Purpose: To establish procedures for scheduling Non-Sanction Tournaments. These procedures are established in accordance with the duties of the National Tournament Director as they are outlined in NPA Bylaws.

Responsibility: All tournaments are placed on the NPA Tournament Calendar by the Tournament Director.

Proposal #11:

Submitted by Dorothy Ervin (Derby City Queens & Jacks) in reference to only NPA clubs be allowed to advertise on the NPA website and all non-sanctioned tournaments should pay an advertising fee of \$25.00 for advertising on the

website; otherwise non-sanctioned tournaments still have the option of vast email, US mail, and word of mouth to advertise their tournaments.

Vote Outcome: **APPROVED**

Yes 34

No 25

Date: September 16, 2013

These are the procedures for an NPA Club to be placed on the NPA Tournament Calendar by the Tournament Director for a NON-SANCTIONED tournament.

Procedure for placing Non-Sanctioned Tournament on NPA Tournament Calendar

1. Club emails the National Tournament Director (NTD) requesting tournament date.
2. NTD reviews request and checks to ensure no conflicts with approved tournaments.
 - a. If request is rejected, an explanation for the rejection is emailed to the requesting club.
 - b. If request is approved, NTD emails the requesting club to send \$25.00 fee to NPA Treasurer.
3. NPA Treasurer emails the NTD when fee has been received from the requesting club.
4. NTD emails Web Master to place Non-

Sanctioned tournament on NPA calendar.

5. NTD emails club of web posting.

Mike Vasquez, President

Dr. Alice Cannon Scott,
Tournament Director

9/16/2013

CLASSIFIEDS

"The Complete Guide to Double Deck Pinochle" will make *you* a better player. The Guide has tips anyone can use, from beginner to seasoned tournament players. Call for an autographed copy, or find it on the Amazon website. 256 pages of interesting hands, clever strategies, and hilarious anecdotes. \$16.95 or \$24.95 for a hard copy. NPA members get free shipping when you call L Roy Ram at (704) 441-4695

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NPA WEBSITE

All information to be posted on the website should be emailed to:

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The web address is:

<http://www.npapinochle.org/>

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The Gazette is distributed by the Research and Education Committee of NPA for its members.

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