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**Memorial Day Sanction
Tournament,**

May 14-17, 2015

Hosted By

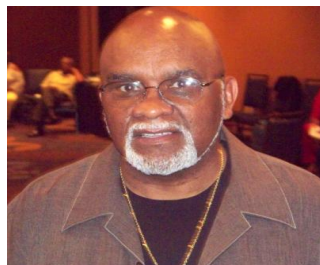
**The Pittsburg Stealers
Pinochle Club**

**First Place winner,
Howard Fitzgerald
Score 7338**



Howard Fitzgerald

**Second Place Winner,
Al Smith
Score 6753**



Al Smith

**Third Place Winner,
Peter Allen
Score 6562**



Peter Allen

**From Sandra Dargan
(DC Players)**

**Just wanted to say, Thanks
Pittsburgh Club for hosting a
great sanction tournament
weekend. Elise Barr and
teammates hosted a well
communicative, great
customer service and just a**

wonderful on time game. Although I won no money everything was done with the best hospitality any club could ask for. The hotel even had great hospitality service, hot chocolate chip with nuts cookies, sweet fruits every day all day, take you on van trip to places people wanted to go if they could. The hotel yes mam and no mam was the type of respect they gave you and much more. I give the first tournament an A for a job well done.

Stated with Love, LDEE

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM
THE NATIONAL
TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR**



Dr. Alice Cannon Scott

2016 Semi Annual vote results is as follows:

- 15 - Embassy Suites - Ohio
- 11 - Crown Plaza - NC
- 2 - Howard Johnson, MO

See you in Ohio!

**From Lena Reid-Morrow
Chairperson of the
nominating committee**

Please follow the nominating procedure: In accordance to the NPA Bylaws section 7.3, Candidates for office must be a NPA Member and may be placed on the ballot by written

request to the nominating committee chairperson. No later than July 1, 2015

A biographical outline must be submitted by each nominee to the nominating committee chairperson no later than July1, 2015.

The Biographical outlines will be limited to one (1) page of a single spaced. A member may only be nominated for only one office.

Please submit your biographical outline to the nominating committee chairperson. Please send me a hard copy.

Lena Reid-Morrow

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Thank You,

Lena

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2015 NON-SANCTIONED

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

Annual Sept. 3-6... NPA
Montgomery

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



Aces Around Pinochle Club

Kenneth A. Jenkins - June 21

Amelia Tri-Cities

Carlton Richardson - June 4

Alton Richardson - June 4

APA

Videssa Woods - June

Baltimore Bidwell

Leon Mike O'Neal - June 9

Birmingham Pinochle Club

Obbie Harris - June

Buck and Does Pinochle Club

Pamela Elliott - June 29

D C Players Pinochle Club

Karren Jackson - June 29

Derby City Q & J

James Smotherman - June 11

Charlies Ward - June 28

Mildred Smith - June 29

Double Run Pinochle Club

Larry Johnson - June 23

Houston Elite

Melvin Mills - June 13

Ivory Pinochle Club

Art Scurry - June 12

JPC

Lovie Hill – June 19
Jack Priester – June 19
Mary Williams – June 29

LA Superstars

Brenda Wooten – June 2
Perry Jones – June 10
Rosie Mc Kinney – June 24

Panhandles Pinochle Club

Donar Curry – June 19

Pinochle Champs

Charles Thomas – June 3
Allen Prince – June 9

PIPS

Perry Lee – June 1
Roosevelt Wiggins – June 27

Queen City Players

Willie Artis – June 18

Rattlers Pinochle Club

Leland Scott -- June 23

Riverdale Pinochle Club

Nettie Overton – June 19

The Renegades Pinochle Club

Joyce Carter – June 10
Margaret Jackson – June 24

Russ Raiders

Shirley Neely – June 8
Sandy Lucus – June 15

Sunshine Pinochle Club

Karen Rudder – June 1
Johnny Moore – June 2

Title Town USA

Matthew Boyd – June 6
Curtis Boyd – June 10
Lonnie Marshall – June 11

Leaphart Williams – June 13
Frank Turpin – June 26

Top of the Rock

John Smith – June 17
George Jefferson – June 19

Victor Valley Pinochle Club

Ron Bolin – June 13
Wanda Harris – June 17
Leon Wilson – June 18

West Coast Best

Lynn Wilson – June 21
Jean Reeves – June 22
Clarence Jefferson – June 23
Melvin Steele – June 28

Young Guns

Karen Trotter – June 4
Lou Gun – June 9

**From Martha Vaughn
(Title Town)**



C.C. contributes this longevity to doing everything in moderation

Mr. C. C. Stephens will be 103 on Sep 12, 2015. He has been the Finance Officer for 30 plus years for (AMVETS) Dept. of GA, American Veterans, C. C. lives in Waycross, GA, still drives, lives alone and is very independent. He drives to

all of AMVETS quarterly meetings in Warner Robins, he also drives to all GA State conventions, and when they are too far to drive he takes a flight.

SICKNESS

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

Let us continue to lift up our sick and shut-in NPA family members in prayer.

Robert Hester (DCQ&J) recovering at home from surgery

Doris Peters (Columbus Pinochle) has been hospitalized, and now recovering at home

Suzette Goggans (Pips) had major cardiovascular surgery, and is now recovering at home

Elmore Jordan (USA) Home recovering from surgery

Joe Hagans (Tidewater Knucks)

Joyce Carter (Renegades)

**A Special Message from
Joyce Carter
(Renegades)**

To all my wonderful Pinochle family & friends. Fortunately most of us may not find it hard to find the right words, phrases, or the correct thank you when so very many are needed to be said. I have received so many cards, calls & prayers and wanted so very much to find a personal answer for all, unfortunately I

found that impossible. When I received the attached email from one of our pinochle family I immediately asked if I could forward to the entire NPA letting them know I can't reach each of you with a HUG so I'm sending my HEART.

Joyce 

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 Henry (Hank) Richards (AMPS) passed May 25, 2015

NPA Family member's deaths: Allen Covington (Metro) sister passed

INSPIRATION

Our inspiration comes from
"Our Daily Bread"
June 6, 2015

Acts 9:6 Lord, what do you want me to do?

On June 6, 1944, three American officers huddled in a bombshell crater on Utah Beach in Normandy, France. Realizing the tide had carried them to the wrong place on the beach, the trio made an impromptu decision: "We'll start the battle from right here." They needed to move forward from a difficult starting point.

Saul found himself in a difficult place, needing to make a decision after meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-20). Suddenly, the location and direction of his life was revealed to him as a mistake, his prior life perhaps even feeling like a waste. Moving forward would be difficult and would require hard and uncomfortable work, perhaps even facing the Christian families whose lives he had torn apart. But he responded, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" (v. 6).

We often find ourselves in unexpected places, places we never planned nor wanted to be. We may be drowning in debt, inhibited by physical barriers, or suffering under the weight of sin's consequences. Whether Christ finds us this day in a prison cell or a palace, whether He finds us broken and broke or absorbed by our own selfish desires, Scripture tells us to heed Paul's advice to forget what lies behind and to press forward toward Christ (Phil. 3:13-14). The past is no barrier to moving forward with Him.

INSIGHT: When we read the dialogue between Saul and Jesus on the road to Damascus, we sometimes overlook the fact that Saul exercised a choice. When he realized it was Jesus talking to him, he asked a deliberate question: "[W]hat do you want me to do?" (v. 6). When walking our own Damascus road, we may need to ask the Lord the same question.

It's not too late for a fresh start.

HEALTH TIPS

What Causes COPD?

The more you learn, the more you know!

You're most likely to get COPD from breathing in something that irritates your lungs, like smoke, for a long time. But there are other reasons, too, for this condition that makes you feel short of breath.

5 Common Causes of COPD

1. **Smoking.** Cigarette smoke is by the far the most common reason people get COPD. You can also get it from tobacco products, like cigar and pipe smoke, especially if you breathe in the smoke.
2. **Secondhand smoke.** Even if you don't smoke yourself, you can get COPD from living with a smoker and breathing in the smoke.
3. **Pollution and fumes.** You can get COPD from air pollution. Breathing in chemical fumes, dust, or toxic substances at work can also cause it.
4. **Your genes.** About 2 to 3 in 100 people with COPD have a defect in their DNA, the code that tells your body how to work properly. This defect is called alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency or AAT deficiency. Your

lungs don't have enough of a protein needed to protect them from damage. This can lead to severe COPD. If you or a family member had serious lung problems -- especially at a young age -- ask your doctor about testing for AAT deficiency.

5. **Asthma.** It's not common, but asthma can lead to COPD. If you don't treat your asthma, over time you can get lifetime damage.

How Does COPD Affect Your Lungs?

Inside your lungs are tiny sacs called alveoli. They fill up like a balloon every time you take a breath. The oxygen in these sacs passes into your bloodstream. Then your lungs push out stale air.

When you have COPD, your lungs don't work normally. Long-term irritation such as from smoke or other pollutants damages them for good.

When this happens, the walls between the alveoli break down. Your airways get swollen and clogged with mucus. It becomes harder to push out the stale air. You don't get enough fresh oxygen with each breath.

In most cases, this happens very slowly. The symptoms may come on over time. It may

be years before you even notice them.

Lowering Your Risks

If you have COPD, you cannot heal the damage that has already happened in your lungs. But you can make changes to slow down the damage or stop it from getting worse.

1. **Don't smoke.** This is the No. 1 way to prevent COPD or slow it down if you already have it. If you don't smoke, don't start. If you smoke, quit. Ask your doctor, family, and friends to help.
2. **Avoid breathing in things that bother your lungs.** As much as possible, stay away from fumes, toxins, secondhand smoke, and dust.
3. **Avoid colds, viruses, and infections.** If you have COPD, even a common cold can lead to severe problems. During cold season, wash your hands well and often. Use hand sanitizer if you cannot wash your hands. Try to avoid people who are sick.
4. **Get vaccines.** Protect your lungs against the flu and pneumonia.
5. **Ask your doctor about being tested for AAT deficiency.** A blood test can find this inherited type of COPD. It's not common, but if you have serious lung symptoms with no clear

cause (like smoking) your doctor may suggest testing. Testing may also be recommended if you get emphysema before age 46, or have a family member with AAT deficiency. Medicines as well as other treatments and lifestyle changes can keep you breathing easier if you do have it.

CLASSIFIEDS

National Pinochle League

All NPA members are cordially invited to join the online National Pinochle League (NPL). Play pinochle online and at your convenience. Free games and free tournaments.

The National Pinochle League is a trendsetter for online pinochle game play. Currently, we play daily at 8:00 pm, EST, 365/yr.

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Meet Chapter members online for a fun game.

Hold an "online" Chapter meeting.

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Need assistance with registration ...

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