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## 2015 PLAYER OF THE YEAR



**Congratulations to Al Smith aka "Smitty", NC Sandhill Pinochle Club. Al was the 1ST Place winner at the President's Day and Semi-Annual Tournaments. He was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner at the Memorial Day and Columbus Day Tournaments. He participated in five sanctioned tournaments during the 2015 calendar year. He obtained a total of 400 points to claim this prestigious honor of "Player of the Year". - Ric Randle**

## 2016 SEMI-ANNUAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**Congratulations to all winners:**

Winners	Score
<b>1 Nellie Whitfield</b>	<b>7,089</b>
<b>2 - Barbara Harper</b>	<b>6,625</b>
<b>3 - Don King</b>	<b>6,540</b>
<b>4 - Virginia Harper</b>	<b>6,467</b>
<b>5 - Preston Cobb</b>	<b>6,420</b>
<b>6 - Candace Radcliff</b>	<b>6,384</b>
<b>7 - Malik Muhammed</b>	<b>6,317</b>
<b>8 - James Lewis</b>	<b>6,245</b>
<b>9 - Lindsey Smith</b>	<b>6,241</b>
<b>10-Glenn Shaw</b>	<b>6,198</b>
<b>11-Rosetta McMurray</b>	<b>6,191</b>
<b>12-Doris Brightful</b>	<b>6,136</b>
<b>13-Valerie Revere</b>	<b>6,082</b>
<b>14-George Simmons</b>	<b>6,081</b>
<b>15-Dee Glover</b>	<b>6,028</b>
<b>16- Sam Palmer</b>	<b>6,027</b>
<b>17-Eugene Jones</b>	<b>6,023</b>
<b>18-William Satterwhite</b>	<b>6,001</b>
<b>19-Frenchy Savage</b>	<b>5,998</b>
<b>20-William Ray</b>	<b>5,966</b>



**Nellie Whitfield**



**Barbara Harper**



**Don King**

**2016 World Series of  
Pinochle Champion**



**Darren "Chief" Hill, DC Pinochle Assassins, was named 2016 World Series of Pinochle Champion. "Chief" is the fourth NPA member to earn this distinct honor of World Series of Pinochle Champion. Congratulations "Chief".**



**WOW – What a Blessing!!!**  
Mrs. Lydia Walker testified to 95 years of living on April 7<sup>th</sup>. If you ask her of her greatest memories, she will tell you, "Playing pinochle has given me the greatest memories of my life"



**MEMBERS BORN IN APRIL**

Everett Adams	Apr 17
Gregory Battle	Apr 2
Bertie Bowman	Apr 12
Matthew Boyd	Apr 6
Bobby Brown	Apr 10
Kary Chappell	Apr 4
James Cleveland	Apr 6
Delrico Coates	Apr 13
Anthony Collins	Apr 1
William Fennoy	Apr 23
Dallas Freeman	Apr 2
Ivor Griffin	Apr 8
Ed Harvey	Apr 22
Nathan Hill	Apr 1
Clinton Hoggard	Apr 3
Willie Jefferson	Apr 13
Phyllis Johnson	Apr 12
Adonis King	Apr 17
Miriam Lucier	Apr 28
Ostra Mack	Apr 10
Cheryl Macke	Apr 11
Clarice Mackie	Apr 15
Valerie McCall	Apr 12
Jacqueline McCray	Apr 21
Cassandra Ogden	Apr 7
Ann Roberts	Apr 27
Roxanne Robinson	Apr 28
Barbara Scurry	Apr 4
Audrey Shelton	Apr 17
Lindsay Smith	Apr 25
John Smith	Apr 5
Lenore St. Rose	Apr 13
Lori Swanier	Apr 29
Shelton Swanier	Apr 5
Mildred Thompson	Apr 25
Thomas Vandiver	Apr 3
Benjamin Washington	Apr 17
Willie Watson	Apr 2
Arlene Alexander	Apr 9
Russell Perkins	Apr 13
James Presley	Apr 27
Andrew Skipper	Apr 6
Edith Skipper	Apr 10



Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson  
NPA Rainbow Committee

**Please keep the below NPA members and their families lifted in prayer.**

**NPA MEMBERS DEATH**

1. Wallace "Red" Brown - Pinochle Champs
2. Gwenda Willingham - APA

**NPA MEMBERS**

**ILLNESS**

1. Bob Ellis - AMPS - recovering at home.
2. Thomas Vandiver - PIPS - recovering at home.
3. Lydia Walker - Awesome Chastisers Progressive Pinochle Enterprise, INC - recovering at home.
4. Ben Sterling - US Pinochle Society - recovering at home.
5. Jesse Waker - Baltimore Bidwell - recovering at home.
6. Curtis McKee - Cincinnati Yellow Jacks - recovering at home.

**NPA FAMILY MEMBER DEATH**

1. Audrey Walker - Derby City Queens and Jacks - Grandmother passed.
2. Greg Fairbank - Cincinnati Yellow Jacks - Mother passed.
3. Robert Baxter - West Coast Best Pinochle Club - had two brothers to pass away in less than 30 days.
4. Mildred Smith - Columbus Pinochle Club - Brother passed.



**UPCOMING  
TOURNAMENTS**

**2016 NPA SANCTIONED**

- May 26-29.....Jacksonville, FL**  
(Hosted by Jacksonville Pinochle Club)
- Sept 1-4.....Greensboro, NC**  
(NPA Annual Tournament & Convention)
- Oct 6-9.....Charlotte, NC**  
(Hosted by Queen City Players)

**2016 NON-SANCTIONED**

- Aug 11-14.....Fayetteville, NC**  
(Hosted by NC Sand Hill Pinochle Club)
- Nov 11-13.....Newport News, VA**  
(Hosted by Tidewater Knucks)



From the Corresponding Secretary

**AS A REMINDER - Only NPA members may participate in NPA sanctioned tournaments; and must be a member thirty (30) days prior to the tournament date. The deadline to submit new member dues to play in Jacksonville is April 27<sup>th</sup>.**

*Dorothy Ervin*

**CHAPTER NEWS**



**FYI - while in**

**Jacksonville for the pinochle tournament, the City will host the Jacksonville Jazz Festival. May 26-29, 2016. For the entertainment lineup go to: <http://jacksonvillejazzfest.com/>**

**DC Players Pinochle Club**

**NPA Members Enjoy Great  
Tournament Experience**

Submitted by President: Queen L DEE

*The first week of March came in like a LAMB. The Year of the Monkey was a blast for members and non - members of the National Pinochle Association. A group of Pinochle players called TRIPLE QUEENS had a "Pre-Spring Thing" Tournament held Sunday and Monday, March 6th thru March 7th. The tournament was held at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino located in Dover, Delaware. We were treated like royalty, provided first class service, and given love the whole time we were there. One great feature was that everyone at the tournament was designated as a KING or QUEEN. The badge name for the man was King and whatever your first name was and the woman; it was Queen and whatever your first name was. From the time everyone arrived we ate top of the line items until we left to go home. Also the group took time to view and read the names of the birthdays for NPA members for the month of March. The group presented them with a birthday card and a beautiful and wonderful - good cake for everyone to eat. The runners also treated everyone like Kings and Queens the whole time and did not expect anything in return but a little token of love. If you had guests and didn't have a voucher to eat, the group took care of it for you. The Dover Downs staff also treated everyone like Kings and Queens too. The group also placed the rules at a glance on the back of*

*every personal score sheet. There were a few obstacles the group experienced but overall this was a great tournament. To sum this up, if you missed the first one, then I hope you can come to the next one and experience the royalty, love, and great fun hosted by TRIPLE QUEENS. The DC Players Motto: "Enjoy Coming -n- Playing" and this was a realization at the TRIPPLE QUEENS Tournament.*



Ricardo Randle, Chairperson  
Research & Education Committee

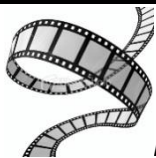
**The Gazette Newsletter  
Changes Editor**

*Dorothy Ervin has resigned as Editor of The Gazette. I take this opportunity to thank her for a job well done. Ms. Ervin took over the responsibility as Editor when we were without an Editor for several months. She stepped right in and didn't miss a beat. Her ideas to move The Gazette forward are noteworthy and she has set a high standard for anyone who follows in her footsteps. Thanks Dorothy, for what you do for NPA and the Research & Education Committee.*

*The new Editor of the Gazette is Shirley Bevel. Please forward any Gazette related matters or articles for publication to our new email address. The new email address is [npagazette@gmail.com](mailto:npagazette@gmail.com).*

*Ric Randle*





**EXTRA! EXTRA!**

**NEWS FROM NPA  
SEMI-ANNUAL TOURNAMENT &  
CONVENTION BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING  
CLEVELAND, OHIO**

**Proposals presented at NPA Board of Directors meeting held on April 1, 2016:**

**PROPOSAL #1**

**Add a penalty to section 2.5 of the Tournament Rules to read "If the partner of the winning bidder puts any meld on the table before the bidder has declared trumps by placing a marriage on the table, that partner will be penalized 50 points." Add this penalty to section 7.0 Penalties  
BOD Vote: Passed**

**PROPOSAL # 2**

**Amend NPA Bylaws to add a new section 4.3 to read Disciplinary Action  
The Board of Directors will perform all disciplinary action in NPA and may fine member(s)/chapter(s) for rules infraction. All fines will be imposed with a due date and member(s)/chapter(s) delinquent in the payment of such fines are subject to suspension/expulsion from NPA.  
Purpose of the proposal:  
To authorize suspension(s) / expulsion(s) of member(s) / chapters(s) for failing to pay a rules infraction fine in a timely manner by adding the above amendment on disciplinary action after Article IV, section 4.2 of the NPA Bylaws  
BOD Vote: Passed**

**PROPOSAL # 3**

**Amend NPA Bylaws to add a new section 8.3 to read:  
Electronic Meetings  
All NPA committees are authorized to conduct committee meetings by teleconference. The NPA shall adopt a set of procedure rules for conducting these teleconference meetings that represent best practices in a deliberative assembly.  
Purpose of the proposal:  
To authorize teleconference meetings  
BOD Vote: Passed**

**PROPOSAL #4**

**To adopt a set of procedure rules for conducting teleconference meetings in NPA committees.  
BOD Vote: Passed**

**Procedure Rules for Conducting Teleconference Meetings in NPA  
NPA committees shall conduct teleconference meetings using the following procedure rules: 1) all members of the committee shall be given notice of the meeting and a reasonable opportunity to attend, 2) notice of all meetings shall include the time of the meeting and the phone number and access code needed to connect, 3) meetings shall be conducted using a free service to begin 15 minutes before the start of the meeting, 4) a technology shall be used that allows all members to hear each other and conduct simultaneous aural communications, 5) members shall announce themselves at the first opportunity after joining the teleconference, 6) attendance and all voting shall be verified by roll-call, 7) to seek recognition by the chair a**

**member shall address the chair and state his name, 8) members departing before adjournment shall notify the chair to guarantee the continuous existence of a quorum, and 9) motions submitted in writing shall be received by the committee chair at least 48 hours in advance of the teleconference meeting and the committee chair shall forward it to all committee members at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.**

**Introducing Beverly J. Taylor  
Editor, "Referee Corner"**

**Beverly Taylor is a member of the Tournament Committee, and has been asked by our National Tournament Director to become Editor of a column called "Referee's Corner" - to be published in The Gazette. The column will appear monthly, and all feedback to the column should be submitted directly to Beverly at the email address listed in the column. The column is designed to increase our knowledge of NPA Tournament Rules, and the calls of the Referee(s). Hopefully this knowledge will minimize the call for a referee to the table, and add more enjoyment to the tournaments.**

*Shirley Bevel  
Editor*



### **REFEREE'S CORNER**

*It is with excitement and appreciativeness that I accept the position as editor of the "Referee Corner". The column will include scenarios, tutorials and of course the referee rules call to the mix. Hopefully you will enjoy and respond. Each month will have one of the three, this month will highlight Referee call, next month scenario # 1, the following month scenario # 2, and the month after that a tutorial. And then we start over....*

#### **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF NPA TOURNAMENT RULES:**

**# 1 - if you are 2 cards short before the 1st play what happens next?**

**# 2 - If you are 2 cards short after the 1st play what happens next?**

Send responses, questions or comments to [zetaobj@hotmail.com](mailto:zetaobj@hotmail.com)



*Life until the next time,*

Beverly J. Taylor

### **CLASSIFIEDS**

**National Pinochle League**  
All NPA members are cordially invited to join the on-line National Pinochle League (NPL). Play pinochle online and at your convenience- Our Game Room never closes. To download software, register at [GamingSafari.com](http://gamingsafari.com)  
<http://gamingsafari.com/index.php?page=home>

To join the National Pinochle League (NPL), sign up at <http://www.myleague.com/npl/fre>  
[e-signup!](#)

Need assistance with registration? email:

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Learn the game using the teaching tool 'Pinochle Mat' developed and distributed by an experienced player. Call Mrs. L. Walker at 305-255-7782 for further info.

**Time for The Family Reunion?**  
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### **NPA WEBSITE**

The web address is:

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

All information to be posted on the website must be emailed to Ricardo Randle, Chairperson – R&E Committee for approval. [ricardorandle@bellsouth.net](mailto:ricardorandle@bellsouth.net)

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### **NPA NEWSLETTER**

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Clubs and Members are invited and encouraged to submit articles for sharing. Thanks to Lady Dee for submitting an article this month. Articles should be forwarded to:

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