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2016 SEMI-ANNUAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

| Winners | Score |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1 - Billie Griffin | 6,749 |
| 2 - Eiko Robertson | 6,589 |
| 3 - Al "Smitty" Smith | 6,443 |
| 4 - Phyllis Johnson | 6,434 |
| 5 - Bobby Black | 6,345 |
| 6 - Mamie Brown | 6,323 |
| 7 - Joyce Medley | 6,272 |
| 8 - Ernest Tolbert | 6,269 |
| 9 - Christine Mendez | 6,267 |
| 10 - Clarence Johnson | 6,266 |
| 11 - Roberta Johnson | 6,244 |
| 12 - Jimmie William | 6,243 |
| 13 - John Mosely | 6,221 |
| 14 - Avon Spence | 6,216 |
| 15 - Jack Showell | 6,182 |
| 16 - Randall Goodbee | 6,180 |
| 17 - John Lockhart | 6,170 |
| 18 - Delores Thornton | 6,167 |
| 19 - Clarence Flemings | 6,152 |
| 20 - Slim Hairston | 6,130 |



Kings & Queens Born in Sept

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Maurice Armster | Sep 11 |
| Johnny Benitez Jr | Sep 20 |
| Jimmy Brown | Sep 20 |
| Mamie Brown | Sep 20 |
| Ruby Bullick | Sep 22 |
| Carolyn Canada | Sep 24 |
| Hubert T. Collins | Sep 14 |
| Greg Fairbanks | Sep 16 |
| Bill Fenrich | Sep 1 |
| James Fields | Sep 5 |
| Yvonne Ford | Sep 18 |
| Harriet Fultz | Sep 18 |
| Shawn Groomster | Sep 14 |
| John Hall | Sep 6 |
| Gwen Harris | Sep 11 |
| Elliott Harris | Sep 23 |
| Phyllis Jenkins | Sep 7 |
| Katrina Johnson | Sep 18 |
| Brenda Mallard | Sep 19 |
| Irvina Mayner | Sep 10 |
| Bill McBride | Sep 2 |
| Gloria McKinney | Sep 24 |
| Rosetta McMurray | Sep 4 |
| Reginald Miles | Sep 23 |
| Donald R. Miller | Sep 1 |

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2016 NPA SANCTIONED
Oct 6-9.....Charlotte, NC
(Hosted by Queen City Players)

2016 NON-SANCTIONED
Nov 11-13.....Newport News, VA
(Hosted by Tidewater Knucks)
Dec 2-4.....Augusta, GA
(PIPS of Augusta Toy Drive)



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|---------------------------|---------------|
| Jack Morgenroth | Sep 25 |
| Ella Murphy | Sep 19 |
| Donna Pace | Sep 3 |
| Thomas Parks | Sep 4 |
| Flora Peterson | Sep 16 |
| Marvin Raines | Sep 29 |
| Esther Robinson | Sep 20 |
| Annie Ruff-Stormer | Sep 2 |
| Alice Scott | Sep 17 |
| James Simon | Sep 1 |
| Jerome Sparks | Sep 30 |
| Joseph Story Sr | Sep 15 |
| LaVern Surrency | Sep 24 |
| Linda Tate | Sep 17 |
| Hayward Thompson | Sep 6 |
| Helen VanPelt | Sep 7 |
| Charles Washington | Sep 22 |
| Jackie Webb | Sep 20 |
| Patricia Williams | Sep 4 |
| Thomas Woddell | Sep 1 |
| Karen Young | Sep 27 |
| David Young | Sep 5 |



**Ricardo Randle, Chairperson
Research & Education Committee**

2016 Player of the Year

The following individuals are still in play to be named the 2016 Player of the Year. The maximum points that can be earned at the Columbus Day Tournament are 100 points. The top twenty players at the tournament will be awarded points which will determine the outcome of the 2016 Player of the Year. It should be noted that in order to win Player of the Year, players must have competed in at least four out of the six calendar year sanctioned tournaments.

- Ric Randle

POINT STANDING

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|---|---------------|
| Aletta Fields (Riverdale Pinochle Club) | 155 |
| Billie Griffin (Magic City Pinochle Club) | 150 |
| Nellie Whitfield (Tidewater Knucks) | 150 |
| Dennis Hartbarger (Bid or Pass) | 125 |
| Barbara Harper (Cincinnati Yellow Jacks) | 125 |
| Eiko Robertson (NC Sandhill) | 125 |
| Al "Smitty" Smith (NC Sandhill) | 110 |
| Terrence Hansbrough (The Memphis Connection) | 100 |
| Perry Lee (PIPS of Augusta) | 100 |
| Don (Adonis) Kings (DC Assassins) | 100 |
| Jasper Brown (Young Guns) | 75 |
| Virginia Harper (Montgomery Pinochle Pals) | 75 |
| Phyllis Johnson (Jacksonville Pinochle Club) | 75 |
| Arthur Scurry (Ivory Pinochle Club) | 75 |
| William Satterwhite (U.S.A. Pinochle Society) | 75 |
| Johnnie Gordon (NC Sandhill) | 70 |
| Carolyn Taylor (Black Diamond) | 70 |
| Louis Pena (Tidewater Knucks) | 60 |
| James Matthew (Birmingham Pinochle Assoc.) | 60 |
| William Bill Byrd (CWPS & Pinochle) | 55 |
| John Mosley (NC Sandhill) | 55 |



**Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
NPA Rainbow Committee**

Please keep the below NPA members and their families lifted in your prayers.

**NPA MEMBERS DEATH
None**

NPA MEMBERS ILLNESS

Charles Dave Coleman, MPP, is recovering from surgery.

Johnnie Davis, NPA founding member, is recovering from illness.

Rosa Gwynn, JPC, is recovering from illness.

Gwen Harris, MPP, is recovering from injury.

Lovie Hill, JPC, is recovering from illness.

NPA FAMILY MEMBER DEATH

Cornell Underwood, Empire State, lost his mother.

Please keep Cornell Underwood and his family in your prayers. Please keep Charles Coleman, Johnnie Davis, Rosa Gwynn, Gwen Harris, and Lovie Hill in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

The NPA Annual Memorial Service was held on 4 September 2016. 88 NPA members and family members attended the memorial service. 18 NPA members were remembered at the service.

Ruby Postell spoke on “Do you have a Legacy”?
Lester McCray presented a power point slide show of NPA members that have passed on in the previous years. The Rainbow Committee would like to thank all that were on the program and those that attended the memorial service. My prayers are that we do not have anyone to memorize next year.

SCHOLARSHIPS



The Scholarship Committee would like to thank NPA for its wonderful contributions of scholarship awards to six (6) deserving students. The committee also extends kudos to Jimmy Brown for his vision in establishing this award for families of NPA members. Congratulations to the 2016 scholarship recipients. They are as follows:

- 1. Marcus Alder- grandson of Dr. Gilbert Raiford**
- 2. Yanna Lewis – daughter of Lydia Lewis**
- 3. Ember Lucier – granddaughter of Miriam Lucier -**
- 4. Syreen Staton – granddaughter of Rose English**
- 5. Nyla Williamson – granddaughter of Robert Baxter**
- 6. Sierra Vasquez – daughter of Michael Vasquez**



Dear National Pinochle Association,

Thank you so much for selecting me to win the scholarship! Pursuing a higher education has always been one of my dreams and I'm so glad I'm able to do at UCLA. I intend on double majoring in International Development Studies and Gender Studies, and then I intend on going to Law School. Again, thank you so much for the scholarship to help achieve my goals!
Sincerely,
Nyla Williamson

**Granddaughter of Robert Baxter,
 West Coast Best Pinochle Club**

CHAPTER NEWS

Tide Water Knucks



REFEREE'S CORNER

Scenario:

You are the first player to speak on the bid, but your partner did not deal should you:

- a. Open the bid with a 50**
- b. Pass the meld**
- c. Or say nothing**

By answering one of the letters, what would be your rationale for your answer?

- a. Because you are looking for meld**
- b. Because you have a marriage**
- c. Because sending meld is the proper thing to do**
- d. Because you can send meld and you need to send meld to your partner; you could always take the bid back**
- e. Because you have no playing hand or meld**

Send responses, questions or comments to

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Life until the next time,

Beverly J. Taylor

Snapshots from Greensboro



CLASSIFIEDS

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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/index.php?page=home>

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

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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

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