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Happy Fathers Day



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I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection.

Sigmund Freud



<i>Tournament Winners</i>	<i>Score</i>
Terrence Hansbrough	7,187
Charles Thomas	7,039
Ernest Bruce	6,538
Lasandra Adcox	6,427
Diane McLaughlin	6,393
Carolyn Taylor	6,331
Edward Ferguson	6,278
Russ Tappler	6,270
Roland Irby	6,266
Don King	6,265
Will Singleton	6,220
Perry Lee	6,182
Peter Allen	6,179
Tweed Tappler	6,140

Darryl Anderson	6,125
Videssa Woods	6,125
Charles Cooper	6,120
Katrina Battle	6,101
Delores Glover	6,091
Elmore Jordan	6,066

Congratulations to all winners! The top three (3) winners are shown below.



From left to right: Terrence Hansbrough Charles Thomas, Ernest Bruce

Blue crabs and great seafood, Maryland Live Casino, Chesapeake Bay Bridge, Eastern Shore Beaches, National Harbor and the new MGM Casino are just a few things for which Maryland is best known. But, after the 2017 Memorial Day Sanctioned Tournament event, held at the Harborside Hotel, Oxon Hill, Maryland, the state is now known for *NPA tournament-style pinochle*.

The Metro Pinochle Social Club (MPSC) hosted its' first NPA sanctioned tournament; and, based on the many positive responses from attendees, one can conclude that the event was a rousing success. The tournament attracted NPA stars, their families, and friends, from as far as Miami, Florida, to Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, and Alabama. Forty-two (42) of the Chartered 68 NPA clubs were represented at the tournament. There were many curious hotel guests, who passed by the large gathering in the ballroom where the tournament was being held. Many of those passing by openly wondered who the sea of players was and what were they were doing. There was one gentleman who wanted to join the 144 pinochle enthusiasts (36 tables) but, unfortunately, he was not a NPA member. Let's face it – NPA membership “has its privileges”.

The club was elated to host 4 of the 6 NPA officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and National Tournament Director. A special “thank you” is sent out

to the NPA Tournament Director who not only played in the tournament, but provided technical guidance and worked tirelessly alongside the club's tournament committee to ensure tournament related tasks were completed in a timely manner. We also say thank you to the Vice President, who did not play in the tournament, but assisted the club with administrative duties.

This weekend was about more than pinochle. It was Memorial Day and a time to remember, honor, and pay homage to our fallen soldiers. Let us never forget that we cannot rightfully celebrate the joy of our freedom without remembering that freedom is not free -- someone paid a great price.

The club set aside time to remember, honor and celebrate those who fought for our freedom. Players took time to list the names of fallen soldiers on the “*In Memory Of*” board, created by *Keith Bullock*, a veteran. These fallen soldiers were later remembered and honored during a moment of silence on Sunday morning.

Participants and others were also able to view the *Wall of Remembrance*, designed by *Diane McLaughlin* (another veteran), which was set aside especially to honor those veterans who are still with us. With that said, we could not allow this occasion to pass by without thanking, honoring, and celebrating the 70 veterans who were present at the tournament. Each veteran was recognized with a special pin and key chain.

Diane also set up and decorated a special veterans table with all sorts of trinkets, goodies, and treats. At the conclusion of Saturday's play, a beautiful and delicious veteran's celebratory cake was shared by all. MPSC would like to thank their many friends who kindly donated monetary gifts to assist with the financing of the special veteran recognition program. Some also donated items as giveaways to share with our veterans who were recognized in special categories. Your generosity is very much appreciated and will never be forgotten.

At the conclusion of the hotel festivities, *Audrey Shelton* and *Tweed Savage* hosted NPA and friends at Audrey's home in Bowie, Maryland with a scrumptious “*Fish Fry*” and “*Mo Pinochle*”. The fellowship at Audrey's was priceless and most definitely representative of what NPA is all about: FAMILY.

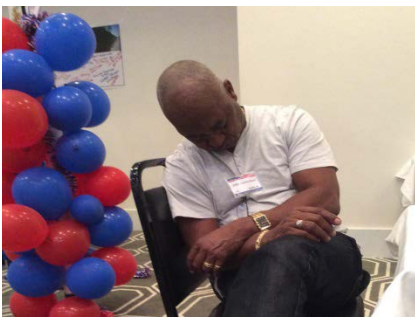
With Gratitude and Love,

***The Metro Pinochle Social Club
Family***

SNAPSHOTS FROM OXON HILL, MD



Getting down to business



Playing Pinochle is Exhausting



Special Veterans Table and Wall of Remembrance



Celebratory Cake



Cake Anyone?



Audrey's Home



Kings & Queens Born in June

Nancy Arrington	Jun 2
Nathaniel Austin	Jun 8
Ora "Liz" Bailey	Jun 17
James "JR" Barnes	Jun 2
Sondra Blakey	Jun 8
Curtis Boyd	Jun 10
Evelyn Brown	Jun 7
Ernest Bruce	Jun 16
Ted Cady	Jun 8
Jacquinta Clark	Jun 4
Darlene T Cowell	Jun 7
Willie Culpepper	Jun 1
John Davis	Jun 2
Shirley Dumas	Jun 4
Robert Flemings	Jun 9
Darlene Ford	Jun 10
Zollie Ford	Jun 24
David Gholson	Jun 27
Joy Grant	Jun 20
Chris Ham	Jun 15
Wanda Harris	Jun 17
Lovie Hill	Jun 19
Shirley Hinton	Jun 6
Karen Jackson	Jun 29
Margaret Jackson	Jun 24
George Jefferson	Jun 19
Kenneth A. Jenkins	Jun 21
Larry Johnson	Jun 23
Wayne Johnson	Jun 21
Perry Jones	Jun 10
Annie King	Jun 4
Susan Koetzell	Jun 30
John Marable	Jun 20
Shirley Neeley	Jun 8
Leon Mike O'neal	Jun 9
Joe Owens	Jun 17
James Parker	Jun 12
Darryl Parraway	Jun 22

Joyce Pettaway	Jun 26
Troy Pickett	Jun 17
Jack Priester	Jun 19
Allen Prince	Jun 9
Allen G Prue	Jun 6
Alton Richardson	Jun 4
Carlton Richardson	Jun 4
Karen Rudder	Jun 1
Leland Scott	Jun 23
Arthur Scurry	Jun 12
Alfonso Smith	Jun 10
John Smith	Jun 17
Mildred Smith	Jun 29
Charles Thomas	Jun 3
Frank Turpin	Jun 26
Carole Walker	Jun 25
Charles Ward	Jun 28
Lloyd Williams	Jun 21
Mary Williams	Jun 30
Lynn Wilson	Jun 21
Emmett Wilson Jr	Jun 18
Videssa Woods	Jun 3

Kevin Kelly	Jul 26
Lisa Massey	Jul 18
William McElrath	Jul 3
Bobbie McGee	Jul 1
Dale Pace	Jul 5
James Peterson	Jul 4
Charlene Press	Jul 7
Lewis Ragland	Jul 5
Sheila reed	Jul 20
George Roberts	Jul 14
Mascelia Robinson	Jul 28
Shirley Robinson	Jul 5
Francis Rollerson	Jul 15
Gary Sims	Jul 12
Rufus Smith	Jul 26
Avon Spence	Jul 4
Bobby Terry	Jul 17
John White	Jul 1
Joyce Williams	Jul 10

THANK YOU NOTES

R. M. Mackey during his illness.

Pat Burnett during the passing of her father.

Please Email:
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 or call (706) 289-6471 to notify me of any NPA member's or family member's death or illness.

Information needed when reporting an illness or death of an NPA Member or Family member

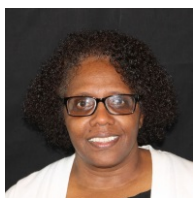
- Name of sick/deceased member/family member
- Sick/deceased member/family member Club name
- Address to mail Get-well/sympathy card
- Telephone Number
- If in hospital, name of hospital, room number and hospital telephone number

Information needed for NPA Annual Memorial Service to be held in Pittsburg, PA (due NLT 15 August 2017):

- Name of deceased NPA member:
- Name of Club member that will light the memorial candle:
- Send a picture of deceased member to Rosetta McMurray or Lester McCray, NLT 5 August 2017. Send pdf copy to rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net or lestermccray@att.net.

Kings & Queens Born in July

George Alexander	Jul 24
Elise Barr	Jul 5
Della Bell	Jul 6
Alford Bloison	Jul 17
Calvin Brooks Sr.	Jul 26
Frank Brown	Jul 14
Simmie Burns	Jul 14
Warren Butler	Jul 18
Bill Byrd	Jul 7
Leonard G Carter	Jul 18
Max Chattam	Jul 16
Preston Cobbs	Jul 11
Deborah Covington	Jul 8
Lenora Crenshaw	Jul 9
Sandra Dargan	Jul 8
Shirley Davis	Jul 9
Cle Dennis	Jul 14
James Garnett	Jul 10
Linda Gray	Jul 25
Joe Green	Jul 23
William Harden	Jul 28
Darnell Hargrave	Jul 1
Tyrone Hodnett	Jul 5
Vick Holder	Jul 5
Michael Hudson	Jul 6
Robert Hunter	Jul 7



*Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
NPA Rainbow Committee*

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

NPA MEMBERS' DEATH

JoAnn Ross, NPA Founder

FAMILY MEMBER ILLNESS

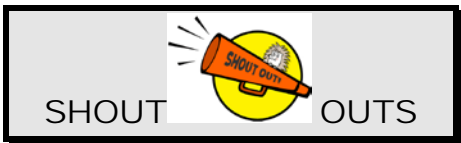
Ruby Bollock's (MPSC) mother was hospitalized

FAMILY MEMBERS' DEATH

Lena Reid-Morrow's (AMPS) mother passed away.

Curtis Boyd's (PIPS) brother passed away.

W.E. Stevens' (Empire State Pinochle) ex-wife passed away.



Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary to Jacob and Earlene Green on 13 June 2017. Jacob is a faithful member of the NPA Rainbow Committee.



CONGRATULATIONS



CLASS OF 2017

NPA gives a resounding "shout outs" to the following:

Darien Artis, nephew of Renee Burdick, (Jacksonville Pinochle Club) graduated high school in Lithia Springs, GA.

Kyle Bailey, son of Patricia Bailey (Cudas), and Herbert Bailey (deceased), earned Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from The Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, March 2017.

Malkyah Bailey, granddaughter of Herbert Bailey (deceased - Russ Raiders), graduated from

Lincoln Park High School in Midland Park, PA, June 2017.

Zakiyah Kianni Bevel, grandniece of Shirley Bevel (The Renegades Pinochle Club) graduated from Northwest Classen High School - OKC, OK on May 27, 2017. Zakiyah is the recipient of four (4) "full ride" academic scholarships. "You go girl! It's NICE to have choices. You continue to make us proud!" – Aunt Shirley & Great Grandmother Omega

Akare Elon Burks, grandson of Janette Grayson, (Queens City Players), graduated High School on June 16, 2017. "Kudos and Congratulations Akare. I wish you continued success in your future endeavors. Love, Grandma".

Catherine Jackson, granddaughter of Kitty Jackson and niece of Lovie Hill (Jacksonville Pinochle Club), graduated High School from East More Academy, Columbus, OH; and will attend Kent State University.

Eric D. Medley, Jr., grandson of Joyce Medley, (Amelia Tri-Cities), graduated from Amelia County High School, June 20, 2017.

Eddie R Morgan III, son of Roxanne Robinson (Pittsburgh Stealers), is a student at the University of Akron, OH and will graduate December, 2017. Currently, Eddie is in Sorrento, Italy doing an Internship in

Architectural Design. He is on the Dean's List, and has been inducted into The National Honor Society. He was also a recipient of an NPA Scholarship award. "NPA is doing great things, making people great!! Thank you!" – Roxanne

Jaylyn Marie Stewart, granddaughter of Joyce Carter (deceased, The Renegades Pinochle) graduated from East Paudling High School, Dallas, GA on May 26, 2017. "Your Granny would be so proud." - sb

Marquise Taylor, grandson of Jeannetta Taylor, (Metro Pinochle Social Club), graduated Saint Charles Senior High School on June 1, 2017.

Tyanna Womack, granddaughter of Pat Sears, (Trump Tight Pinochle Club), graduated High School, June 10, 2017. - "God Bless."

FROM THE DESK OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE



It's Election Year 2017 and all Officer Positions are open -- President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Tournament Director.

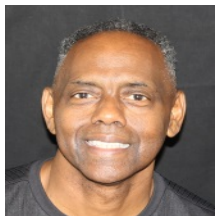
Nominating Process:

Candidates for office must be NPA members and may be placed on the Ballot by written request to the Nominating Committee Chairperson no later than July 1 2017, (vielkadowndown@gmail.com).

A biographical outline must be submitted by each Candidate to the Nominating Committee Chairperson no later than July 1. The biographical outlines will be limited to one (1) page of single spaced 12 point type or larger; and each outline meeting the deadline will be published and distributed to each Chapter President no later than July 21, 2017.

Thanking you in advance,

Vielka Downer,
Nominating Committee Chair
vielkadowndown@gmail.com



Ricardo Randle, Chairperson
Research & Education Committee

2017 Player of the Year

We have completed four (4) sanctioned tournaments with a total of 72 NPA members in the rankings for 2017 Player of the Year. Listed below are the NPA members in the top 20 rankings. A complete listing of the Player of the Year rankings can be found on the NPA website: www.npapinochle.org.

We have two (2) sanctioned tournaments remaining, and any ranked member can be crowned 2017 Player of the Year. In order to win Player of the Year a member must participate in four sanctioned tournaments in a calendar year.

TOP 20

Name	Points
Jay Buxton (<i>Empire State</i>)	175
Minnie Cooper (<i>Pinochle Champs</i>)	150
Jimmy Williams (<i>Birmingham Pinochle Club</i>)	135
Clarence Fleming (<i>NC Sandhill</i>)	125
Ann Hill (<i>Tidewater Knucks</i>)	100
Troy Briscoe (<i>DC Players</i>)	100
Terrence Hansbrough (<i>The Memphis Connection</i>)	100
John Mosley (<i>NC Sandhill</i>)	90
James Parker (<i>Trump Tight</i>)	75
Al "Smitty" Smith (<i>NC Sandhill</i>)	75
Charles Thomas (<i>Pinochle Champs</i>)	75
Lasandra Adcox (<i>Birmingham Pinochle Club</i>)	75
Eugene Jones (<i>Great Lakes</i>)	60
Ernest Bruce (<i>Columbus WPS & Pinochle</i>)	60
Lydia Lewis (<i>Double Run</i>)	55
Daniel Benson (<i>Montgomery Pinochle Pals</i>)	55
Lorelie Lindsey (<i>Double Run</i>)	55
Gregory Battle (<i>Great Lakes</i>)	50
Jimmy McKnight (<i>Empire State</i>)	50
Diane McLaughlin (<i>MPSC</i>)	50



REFeree'S CORNER

Tournament rule:

When shuffling the cards, the cards must be riffled at least three (3) times, and as the dealer you must:

- shuffle the card through the designated shuffler a minimum of one time before handing the cards over to be cut by the player to your right
- shuffle the card through the designated shuffler no times before handing the cards over to be cut by the player to your left
- shuffle the cards as many times as possible and let the player to your right cut as many times as they want

The answer is: A.

CHAPTER NEWS

TITLE TOWN



I would like to thank all of my NPA supporters who purchased AMVET raffle tickets. I did not sell a winning ticket. Two people from Milledgeville and one from Athens won the cash prizes; and a female won the AR15.

Thanks again for your support.

Martha Vaughn



UPCOMING
TOURNAMENTS

2017 SANCTIONED

Aug 31-Sep 3.....NPA Annual
(Pittsburgh, PA – Hosted by NPA)

2017 NON-SANCTIONED

Jul 7-9.....Montgomery, AL
(Hosted by Montgomery Pinochle Pals)
Jul 28-29.....Lexington, SC
(Hosted by Columbia Enforcers)
Aug 10-13.....Fayetteville, NC
(Hosted by NC Sand Hill Pinochle Club)
Nov 3-5.....Hampton, VA
(Hosted by Tidewater Knucks)

2017 NPA ANNUAL BOARD
OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS
MEETING

The NPA Annual Board of Directors business meeting is rapidly approaching. The meeting will be held on Friday, September 1, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Pittsburgh, PA. In accordance with NPA's Bylaws Article VIII-Section 8.5 - Meeting Agenda, Items to be placed on the agenda for discussion at the meeting MUST be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary, Dorothy Ervin, by the deadline date of June 30, 2017 sixty (60) days prior to the Board of Directors meeting to enable the President to program the meeting's agenda and furnish each NPA Chapter with the agenda items.

All requested Proposals MUST be submitted to the appropriate Committee Chair and NPA

President for review prior to submission to the NPA membership in the President's Package for the Annual Board of Directors meeting.

We are looking forward to having an exciting Annual Tournament and most of all looking forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to contact me or any member of the Executive Committee and we will gladly address your concerns.

Videssa Woods,
President - NPA

INSPIRATION

Contradictions

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing,

and when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb.

And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance.

Kahlil Gibran (1883-1931), Lebanon

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All information to be posted on the website must be emailed to Ricardo Randle, Chairperson - R&E Committee for approval.

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