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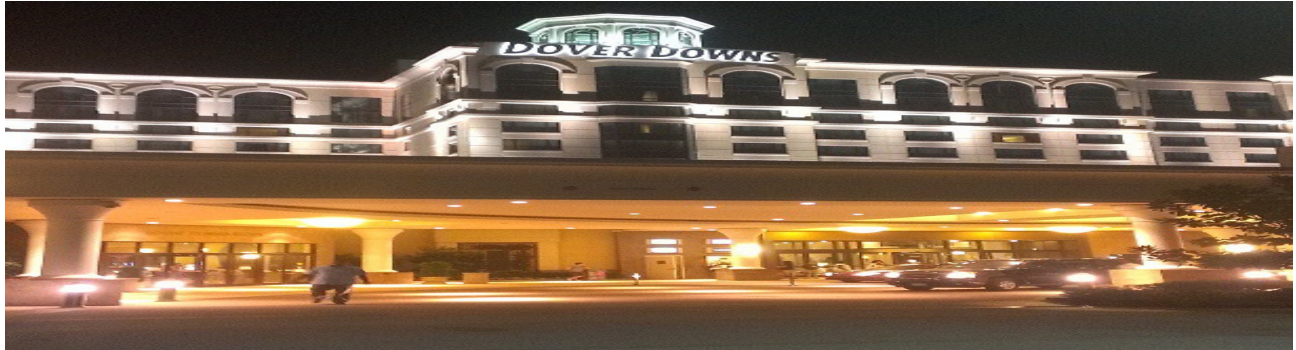


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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2017 SANCTIONED

- Mar 30-Apr 2...NPA Semi Annual
(Dover, DE – Hosted by NPA)
- May 25-28.....Memorial Day
(Oxon Hill, MD – Hosted by MPSC)
- Aug 3-Sep 3, 2017...NPA Annual
(Pittsburgh, PA – Hosted by NPA)

2017 NON-SANCTIONED

- Jul 28-29, 2017.....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)



Kings & Queens Born in March

Wallace Archie	Mar 13
Colorado Barrett	Mar 7
Lonnie Bell	Mar 26
James Bond	Mar 11
Michael Bowman	Mar 28
Pat Brassell	Mar 1
James Brown	Mar 28
Curtis Carson	Mar 17
Henry Chambers Jr.	Mar 6
Minnie Cooper	Mar 23
Shirley Ephran	Mar 24
Pearlie Faulkner	Mar 20
Harold Fisher	Mar 13
Paul Flight	Mar 1
Nicholas Fluker	Mar 31
Gale Franklin	Mar 28
Reevance Gates	Mar 27
Connie Harper	Mar 24
Robert Harris	Mar 21
Charlene Harven	Mar 19
Carol Hayes	Mar 17
Donna Henson	Mar 25

N. Herbin-Whitfield	Mar 24
Darren Hill	Mar 12
Harry Hoskins	Mar 18
Kitty Jackson	Mar 24
Anthony A. Jenkins	Mar 11
Edgar Johnson	Mar 1
Roberta Johnson	Mar 27
Deatra Jones	Mar 21
H. C. Jones	Mar 27
Louise Jones	Mar 27
Linda Leonard	Mar 4
Lorelei Linsey	Mar 30
Tom Longo	Mar 29
Carol Manning	Mar 21
Joyce Medley	Mar 1
Lillie Milner	Mar 17
Alice Moore	Mar 17
Marvin Mundy	Mar 2
Betty Neal	Mar 22
Robert Parker	Mar 2
John Perkins	Mar 12
Oliver Petty	Mar 23
Keith Price	Mar 28
Eric Swann	Mar 25
Carolyn Taylor	Mar 18
Delores Thornton	Mar 3
Audrey Walker	Mar 13
Cherry West	Mar 6
Will White	Mar 19
Douglas Wilform	Mar 31

2017 WORLD SERIES OF PINOCHLE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to all participants in the 5th Annual World Series of Pinochle. The World Series of Pinochle (WSOP) was held in Augusta, Georgia at the Presidents Day Tournament. Congrats to our first place winner Ernest Tolbert!



Mr. Tolbert secured the 1st place win with a total score of 2872. Stephen Seymour came in 2nd place with a score of 2672. Joyce Medley was 3rd place with 2324 and Jimmy Williams took 4th place with 2254.



Players rounding out the top eight include Johnnie Gordon, Alvira Thompson, Ernest Bruce, and Helen Vanpelt, in that order.

Special recognition to Mr. Ernest Bruce for placing in two consecutive World Series Tournaments. Mr. Bruce placed 3rd in 2016 and 7th in 2017. We had 48 participants this year.

We would like to thank everyone that participated in this year's event and encourage all eligible members to participate in next year's tournament to be held at

our next President's Day Tournament. We look forward to a bigger and better event next year.

Arlene Avent - NTD
Diane McLaughlin



Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
NPA Rainbow Committee

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

NPA MEMBERS' DEATH

Lawrence "Larry" Coleman, JPC
John Smith, Top of the Rock

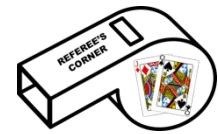
NPA MEMBERS' ILLNESS

Janice Jackson, Metro Pinochle Social Club

FAMILY MEMBERS' DEATH

Carolyn Taylor's brother passed away (Black Diamond Pinochle Club).

Please Email me at rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net or call (706) 289-6471 to notify me of any NPA member's or family member's death or illness.



REFEREE'S CORNER

What is the average amount of playing time that a pinochle player should play in order to be comfortable in participating in an NPA pinochle tournament?

- A. Once a month playing for a couple of hours
- B. Once a week for a couple of hours
- C. Several days a month for a couple of hours
- D. Several days a week for a couple of hours

Note: the more time you put into a specific skill the better and more comfortable you became with that skill.

Send responses, questions or comments to

zetabj@hotmail.com



Life until the next time,

Beverly J. Taylor

PERKS AT DOVER DOWNS

Hello NPA Family,

We are looking forward to having a great time at Dover Downs Casino in Dover, Delaware. Some of the perks that we will be awarded are breakfast coupons (two per room) and \$30 slot play (per day) for each day of your hotel stay. Your breakfast coupon will be presented to you at the Front Desk upon check-in. Each

person over the allotted two per room desiring breakfast will pay \$11.50 + 20% service charge. The \$30 slot play will only be awarded to guests listed on the hotel registration under the NPA room block. In other words, if you do not have a room at the hotel under the NPA room block, you will not receive the breakfast coupons or the complimentary slot play.

If you are using personal Dover Downs room comps to cover your stay at the hotel, you will not receive the \$30 per day slot play or the breakfast coupons.

Regarding the free slot play, eligible NPA room guests will receive a Capital Club Card upon check-in. You will need to take this card to the Capital Club to have it loaded with the free play dollars. You will only need to do this once

Any questions can be addressed to Arlene Avent, NPA National Tournament Director. Safe travels and see you in Dover.

Arlene

**NPA Semi-Annual
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Thursday, Mar 30th

12:00 PM - 12:30 AM
Fundraising Committee
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
Membership Committee
1:30 PM MINI Registration & Badge Pick-up of Main Tourney
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Rainbow Committee
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Financial Disclosure

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting
(CLOSED MEETING)
6:00 PM Seating for Mini
7:00 PM Mini (9 Rounds)

Friday, Mar 31st

9:00 AM-10:00 AM
Research & Edu. Committee
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Bylaws Committee
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Tournament Committee & Regional Representatives
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Scholarship Committee
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM
Infractions Committee

12:30 PM
MINI Registration & Badge Pick-up of Main Tourney

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM - LUNCH
1:30 PM - Delegates Sign-in

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
NPA Board of Directors Meeting

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM HOSPITALITY

6:00 PM Seating for Mini
7:00 PM Mini-(9 Rounds)

Saturday, Apr 1st

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM
Final Collection for SIDE POTS
8:30 AM
Player Seating & Adjustments
9:00 A.M
Tournament Play Begins
12:30 PM LUNCH
2:00 PM
Tournament Play Resumes

Sunday, Apr 2nd

8:30 AM
Player Seating & Adjustments
9:00 AM
Tournament Play Begins
1:30 PM Payouts & Awards



To all members of the NPA family:

We are nearing that time of the year when your loved ones may have already considered the college of their choice.

Our organization has been instrumental in providing scholarship awards to deserving young persons who were directly related to NPA members. For those families who anticipate submitting an application for a scholarship through National Pinochle Association Inc., it is imperative that you and your children carefully and thoroughly review the requirements identified on the scholarship application. The application and some of the requirements for its completion have changed. The scholarship committee cannot emphasize enough the importance of familiarizing yourselves with what is needed for applying for a scholarship. Application requirements can be found on our website:

www.npapinochle.org.

Information will also be provided at the Committee Hearing at the semi-annual tournament.

Roberta Johnson,
Scholarship Committee
410-265-7127

A FAREWELL TO "LARRY"

By Shirley Bevel

I did not know he was born Lawrence Donald Coleman, I simply knew him as Larry. We were friends for over 25 years, and he never cursed me out. He was a grand pinochle player. His excellence in play made him a desired partner by many of the players. I enjoyed being his partner because he just made my game better.

Larry was the FIRST (1st) elected National Tournament Director of NPA (2003-2005), with duties and responsibilities defined in NPA Bylaws. Larry brought excellent leadership skills to the position. He was a man of few words, but he got things done. He immediately went to work on the Tournament SOP, and introduced rules that are still enforced today: no Saturday registration; reneges must be played and not assumed; no announcements during tournament play; provide a table to advertise future tournaments; and the list goes on. Larry brought discipline and direction necessary for the growth of our organization or any organization that strives for excellence.

Larry loved hats! He had a WOW collection. His affinity for hats may have been grounded in his recognition and admiration of people and the different hats each wore.

THANK YOU LARRY, for having been in our lives, and making us a better organization. YOU WILL BE MISSED MY FRIEND.

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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/index.php?page=home>

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

Need assistance with registration? email:

JoAnnRoss@bellsouth.net

Vulcan Princess, Inc. Screen printing & embroidery, Contact Frank Turpin: 404-219-3376 or

tuako3@aol.com

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? Contact JoAnn Ross for a professional presentation of your family tree - 404-768-5698 or www.familytreescharted.com

Need a caterer for your every need? EDC (Edna's Delectable Cuisine) is waiting for your call:

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brownednaw@yahoo.com

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.

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NPA ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY

NPA members' photos can be accessed at:

<http://www.picture-directory.com>