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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Jerry Lane, NPA President

Greetings Members and Lovers of Pinochle,

With pleasure NPA's 2017-2019 President and members of the Executive Committee are eager to serve on behalf of the entire membership. It is our intent and desire to continue our progress and prosperity far into the future.

Our best efforts must consist of full inclusion of each member from 30 days to 30 years. We are committed to move forward with innovative ideas, membership growth, and financial independence/transparency along with all other endeavors to make the 2017-2019 term the most memorable and enjoyable ever.

We the President-EC will focus on a variety of concerns brought forth by our members and BOD. We shall introduce suggestions before the BOD and make changes where needed within the context of our by-laws.

Action Items Completed or In Progress:

- Immediately implement full financial disclosure to chapter Presidents. Close scrutiny of all request for payment requisitions and committee chair budgets and requests.
- A Presidential advisory board has been created, and will have full access to EC teleconference meetings. Their responsibilities will be to bring forth concerns of all chapters in the six regions. One (1) Rep has been assigned to each of our six (6) regions; and will be under the full supervision of EC liaison VP Eugene Jones. Quarterly teleconference with all chapter Presidents synchronized by EC liaison VP Eugene Jones.

- Focus will be given to better - more efficient ways of distribution of pay-outs during annual/semi tournaments. Specifically, make pay-outs of mini tourneys during lunch break on Saturday, and make payment of double/doubles immediately after verification. This President will be a non-playing worker during annual/semi to assist in smooth transition intended to cut time/delays.
- Attracting younger (millennia) members will also be given focus under our membership chair Mrs. Tweed Savage Tappler.
- Grant writing and Corp. Sponsorship to obtain giveaways/givebacks to the members.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lane

President - EC - 2017-2019

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**"Someone Who Cares -
Someone Who Listens"**

COLUMBUS DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Thank you Queen City Players for stepping out on the limb and taking the risk to host the Columbus Day Tournament in such a short period of time. The main tournament hosted 27 tables for a total of 108 players.

"Players in attendance had a wonderful experience". -**"the grapevine"**

Winners	Score
1 Henry Green	7,107
2 Debi Harper-Bridges	6688
3 Clarence Johnson	6465
4 Marcelle Smith	6336
5 Donna Oliver	6,316
6 Peter Allen	6,306
7 Darren (Chief) Hill	6,251
8 Audrey Scott-Shelton	6,178
9 Janice Jackson	6,057
10 Pat Brassell	6,021
11 Dennis Hartbarger	6,011
12 Rudolph Pompey	5,992
13 Edna Bains	5,954
14 Rosetta McMurray	5,953
15 Pat Bailey	5,849
16 Cassandra Slater	5,818
17 John Mosley	5,778
18 Bill Byrd	5,753
19 Leonard Grant	5,752
20 Nellie Whitfield	5,745

CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL WINNERS!

SNAPSHOTS FROM CHARLOTTE



**From the Desk of the
Corresponding Secretary**



Dorothy Ervin

Membership dues accompanied by a current alpha roster must be **received** by the Corresponding Secretary **by 1 December 2017**. Chapters that have not renewed **by 30 January 2018** must be recertified and initiation fees will be accessed.

I will send each chapter a copy of the current roster that I have on file. If there is a change of information for renewing members, please **highlight the change** in your current chapter roster.

Please keep in mind that if a member's dues are not received by me or post marked by 15 December 2017, they will not be able to play in the Martin Luther King Sanctioned tournament 2018, due to the 30-day restriction. (See SOP dated June 2012).

Those who wish to do so may start sending in their renewals now, so that I will not be pressed for time with the November and December holidays coming up.

If you have any questions please email me Dotnlvly@gmail.com or call me at (904) 655-5623.

Thank You in advance for your cooperation.

Dorothy



**Kings & Queens Born in
October**

Darryl Anderson	Oct 28
Kirby Ray Anderson	Oct 3
Lary Arvila	Oct 27
William Bowers	Oct 10
Sylvia Burke	Oct 21
John Calloway	Oct 2
Willie Collins	Oct 24
Robert Cooper	Oct 15
Joe Cummings	Oct 30
Roy Doss	Oct 15
Vielka Downer	Oct 27
Cin-dee Dunn	Oct 31
William Evans	Oct 30
Roosevelt Freeman	Oct 27
Arthur Gainer	Oct 3
Thelma Gregory	Oct 16
Zora Hargrave	Oct 31
Gary Harrison	Oct 19
William "Bill" Harrod	Oct 19
Autry Hasberry	Oct 9
Richard Hawkins	Oct 22
Bernard Jackson	Oct 14
Curtis Jarrell	Oct 28
Charlee Johnson	Oct 10
Alpheus B Jones	Oct 10
Patricia Jones	Oct 18
Rollie Kosteeinsher	Oct 10
Bobby Mackey	Oct 23
Earnestine Martin	Oct 6
Curtis McGee	Oct 16
Lois Mitchell	Oct 23
Herbert Morris	Oct 26
Jennifer Newby	Oct 30
LaTondra Okeke	Oct 23
Devontae Pettway	Oct 24
Patricia Peyton	Oct 15
John Pitts	Oct 17

Phyllis Ransome	Oct 27
William Ray	Oct 28
Valerie Revere	Oct 25
Mike Singleton	Oct 22
Lonnie Smith	Oct 30
James Thomas	Oct 2
Joyce Thomas	Oct 2
Noreen Thomas	Oct 17
Barbara R Thomas	Oct 26
Martha Vaughn	Oct 12
Vivian Wallace	Oct 6
Michael White	Oct 29
James Williams	Oct 9
Sandra Zastrow	Oct 24

**Kings & Queens Born in
November**

Lillie Allen	Nov 19
Kathy Ray Anderson	Nov 22
Richard Armstrong	Nov 16
Michele Askerneese	Nov 15
Arlene Avent	Nov 27
Paulette Ballard	Nov 3
George Barrett	Nov 21
Robert Baxter	Nov 3
Doris Brightful	Nov 13
Troy Briscoe	Nov 24
Williams Brooks	Nov 24
Kieth Bullick	Nov 23
Steve Burke	Nov 4
Delores Carter	Nov 5
Anita Clark	Nov 13
Elton Clemmons	Nov 20
Janet Cooke	Nov 12
Lee Cornute	Nov 11
Kim Cox	Nov 13
Dionne Davis	Nov 3
Adrain Denard	Nov 5
Jack Ephran	Nov 11
Richard Faulkner	Nov 30
Paul Fitzpatrick	Nov 18
Brenda Fraser	Nov 13
Ann Delores Glover	Nov 13
Marilyn Gore	Nov 11
Leonard Grant	Nov 28
John Harper	Nov 22
Ed Harris	Nov 1
Nancella Harris	Nov 18
Langston Higbee	Nov 2

Julie Hudson-Casey	Nov 26
Randy Jackson	Nov 25
Barbara Johnson	Nov 19
Stephanie Kelly	Nov 12
Eric King	Nov 12
Chrystabell King	Nov 25
John Lockhart	Nov 24
Theresa Mack	Nov 8
Diane Mackey	Nov 16
George Mason	Nov 28
Vann McCloud	Nov 3
Theresa Mercer	Nov 5
Joe Middleton	Nov 18
Cherise Moore	Nov 20
David Mumford	Nov 26
Herbert Murphy	Nov 16
Eunice Nailings	Nov 1
Bernice Neely	Nov 7
BJ Norwood	Nov 30
Donna Oliver	Nov 16
G.H. Pigram	Nov 1
Reginald Price	Nov 1
Derrick Robinson	Nov 23
Harriette Ross	Nov 23
Glenn Shaw	Nov 8
Joseph Smith	Nov 1
Marcelle Smith	Nov 2
Albert Strong	Nov 1
Shirley Tyus	Nov 19
Patricia Vandiver	Nov 15
Ben Wood	Nov 26



**Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
Rainbow Committee**

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

MEMBERS' DEATH

Joe Dodds, North Carolina Sandhills Pinochle Club

FORMER MEMBER'S DEATH

None

MEMBERS' ILLNESS

Sandra "Lady Dee" Durgan , DC Players

Albert Strong, PIPS of Augusta

Alvira Thompson is still in a coma in Cleveland, Ohio Hospital

FAMILY MEMBER ILLNESS

None

FAMILY MEMBERS' DEATH

Deborah Buckman of DC Players, significant other passed.

Kay Dunlap of AMPS mother passed.

Renee King of LA Superstar mother passed.

Roxanne Robinson of Pittsburgh Steelers Pinochle Club, mother passed.

Jack Showell of METRO Pinochle Social Club, brother passed.

**WE JUST WANT TO SAY...
THANK YOU!**

Thank You Notes Received:

Deborah Buckman, DC Players

Sandra "Lady Dee" Durgan, DC Players

Dr. Rene King, LA Superstars

Tesha Sanks-Kenan, daughter of Alva Sanks-Weeks

Please Email:
rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net
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



Submitted by Roberta Johnson
Chair, Scholarship Committee

The following thank you notes were received from two (2) scholarship recipients:

From Naomi Jenkins:
(Naomi is the granddaughter of Thomas and Phyllis Jenkins - Aces Around Pinochle Club.)

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to thank the National Pinochle Association for awarding me this scholarship.

This generosity means so much to me, and I plan to use the funds to pay for college-related expenses, as I pursue my career goals.

Sincerely,
Naomi Jenkins

From Charlena Brassell
Charlene is the granddaughter of Patricia Brassell – Russ Raiders of Detroit)

Dear National Pinochle Association,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the National Pinochle Association scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to purchase items needed for college.

As I complete my education at the University of Mississippi, I am thankful for receiving your

thoughtful gift. Because of this scholarship, it will positively impact my future.

Thank you again for your thoughtful generous gift.

Charlena Brassell



Ricardo Randle, Chairperson
Research & Education Committee

2017 Player of the Year

The 2017 Player of the Year is Jay Buxton, The Rock Stars Pinochle Club of Decatur, GA. This was the second year since 2012 that NPA has had two members tied for Player of the Year. Two years ago, the Board of Directors changed the criteria to ensure that only one member can be named Player of the Year. To break a tie, the total score from the six sanctioned tournaments are added together to determine the winner. Jay Buxton played in 5 out of 6 sanctioned tournaments and had a total score of 29,642. Al Smith played in 4 out of 6 sanctioned tournaments and had a total score of 25,565. Congratulations to Jay Buxton, 2017 Player of the Year. A complete listing of the Player of the Year rankings and validation can be found on the NPA website. The Player of the Year will receive a POY Jacket and a waiver of the fees for the 2018 Semi Annual and Annual tournaments.

POINT STANDING

Name	Points
Jay Buxton (The Rock Stars Pinochle Club)	175
Al Smith (NC Sandhills)	175
Minnie Cooper (Pinochle Champs)	150
John Smith (Great Lakes)	150
Jimmy Williams (Birmingham Pinochle Club)	135
Clarence Fleming (NC Sandhills)	125
Valerie Jones (NC Sandhills)	125
Ann Hill (Tidewater Knucks)	100
Terrance Hansbrough (The Memphis Connection)	100
Troy Briscoe (DC Players)	100
Henry Green (Club Unknown)	100
John Mosley (NC Sandhills)	100
William Sattlewhite (USA Pinochle Society)	90
Clarence Johnson (PIPS of Augusta)	90
James Parker (Trump Tight)	75
Charles Thomas (Pinochle Champs)	75
Connie Harper (Metro))	75
Lashadra Cookie" Adcox Birmingham Pinochle Club	75
Debi Harper-Bridges (Tidewater Knucks)	75
Marcelle Smith (Columbus Pinochle Club)	75

2018 Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations for the 2018 Hall of Fame are now being accepted by the Research & Education Committee until November 30, 2017. The Hall of Fame

nomination criteria and form can be obtained from the NPA Website or by contacting Ric Randle, Chairperson of the Research & Education Committee, (334) 782-7120 or ricardorandle@bellsouth.net. Previous nominations must be resubmitted for Committee and Board of Directors' consideration.



2017 NON-SANCTIONED
Nov 3-5.....Hampton, VA
(Hosted by Tidewater Knucks)
Dec 1-3.....Augusta, GA
(PIPS' Tournament & Toy Drive)

2018 SANCTIONED
Feb 15-18.....President's Day
(Charlotte, NC – Hosted by QCP)
Mar 22-25.....NPA Semi-Annual
(Robersonville, MS – Hosted by NPA)

CHAPTER NEWS

Dear Fellow Pinochle Family,

We (NC Sandhills Pinochle Club) are deeply saddened by the passing of our dear friend, Joe Dodds. We will never forget Joe's generosity and graciousness.

Joe found out about the NPA and got us to join. I'm sure we all miss and remember him forever.

To God be the Glory,
Rose English, Pres. NC Sandhills

INSPIRATION

"But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control." Galatians 5:22-23

HEALTH TIP

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point.

The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved. For more information on how you can get involved, visit: www.healthfinder.gov



CLASSIFIEDS

The Gazette will advertise a member's business when space is available.

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