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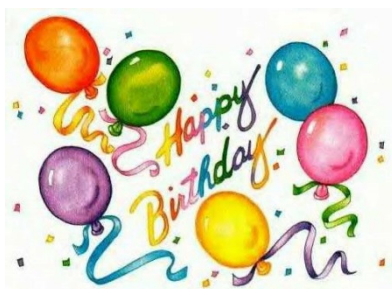
**COMING IN 2018 – NEW
MEDICARE CARDS WITH
NEW NUMBERS:** See inside
on page 5 for more
information.

2018 NPA SEMI-ANNUAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

There were 55 tables for a total
of 220 players at this year's
semi-annual tournament.
Congratulations to all players.
The Top 20 Winners are:

	NAME	SCORE
1	Henry Green	7,924
2	Kay Dunlap	7,100
3	Doc Raiford	6,748
4	Slim Hairston	6,658
5	Edward Ferguson	6,644
6	Robert Flemings	6,520
7	Arthur Coverson	6,391
8	Elmore Jordan	6,350
9	Bill Turner	6,238
10	Sam Palmer	6,209
11	Robert Griffin	6,187
12	Connie Shebs	6,176
13	Nate Gates	6,165
14	Nellie Whitfield	6,133
15	Vann McCloud	6,106
16	Miriam Lucier	6,081
17	John White	6,054
18	Cheryl Hicks	6,053
19	Avon Spence	6,044
20	Art Scurry	6,027





WOW – What a Blessing!!!

Empress Lydia E. Walker celebrated 97 years of living on April 7, 2018. She is the oldest member of NPA. I spoke with her around 5:30 pm on her birthday, and she expressed she was “having a ball” and was “high as a kite”! She and Mr. Leroy were listening to “*Someone to Watch Over Me*” by Gene Ammons, and sipping Remy Martin.” Wow!!! She was joyful and full of laughter. She continued to express “it’s been a wonderful day”. She claims that Teddy Pendergrass does not have to give her instructions about the lights – laugh out loud!

Madam Walker is making every effort to attend the upcoming Annual in Orlando, FL and plans on calling some of her Miami friends for practice.

Happy Birthday Empress Lydia E. Walker. Birthday Wishes can be sent to:

Kings & Queens Born in April

Everett L. Adams	Apr 17
Arlene Alexander	Apr 9
Charles Barkley	Apr 13
Aleen Bates	Apr 12
Gregory Battle	Apr 2
Harold Blue	Apr 20
Bertie Bowman	Apr 12
Matthew Boyd	Apr 6
Bobby Brown	Apr 10
Jasper Brown	Apr 17
Kary Chappell	Apr 4
Anthony Collins	Apr 1
Joseph Daniel	Apr 17
Rose M. English	Apr 5
Valerie Farr	Apr 14
William Fennoy	Apr 23
Dallas Freeman	Apr 2
Henry Green	Apr 19
Ivor Griffin	Apr 8
Charles Haynes	Apr 6
Nathan Hill	Apr 1
Clinton Hoggard	Apr 3
Darrell Jackson	Apr 25
Willie Jefferson	Apr 13
Phyllis Johnson	Apr 12
Don King	Apr 17
Miriam Lucier	Apr 28
Cheryl Mackey	Apr 11
Clarice Mackie	Apr 15
Valerie McCall	Apr 12
Jacqueline McCray	Apr 21
Cassandra Ogden	Apr 7
Florida Parker	Apr 17
James Presley	Apr 27
Ann Roberts	Apr 27
Roxanne Robinson	Apr 28
Audrey Scott-Shelton	Apr 17
Barbara Scurry	Apr 4
John Smith	Apr 5
Lindsey Smith	Apr 25
Lenore St. Rose	Apr 13
Tennetta Starr	Apr 26
Lori Swanier	Apr 29
Shelton Swanier	Apr 5
Thomas Vandiver	Apr 3
Renee Walker	Apr 29
Lydia E. Walker	Apr 7
Benjamin Washington	Apr 17

Willie Watson	Apr 2
Cornelius Williams	Apr 7

Kings and Queens Born in May

Robert E. Bennett	May 20
Shirley Bevel	May 15
Charles Coleman	May 3
Leon Cowell	May 29
Ann Craig	May 4
Mildred Davis	May 29
Roz Dixon	May 14
Bob Eubanks	May 21
Clarence Flemings	May 24
Clarence Foxx	May 26
Larry Franklin	May 12
John Gates	May 3
Linda Gayle	May 27
Masalina Goodman	May 19
Jacob Green	May 14
Earlene Green	May 27
Billie Griffin	May 20
Robert Griffin	May 20
Elwood Hawkins	May 1
Vacher Hearn	May 12
Janice Jackson	May 1
Pam Johnson-Smith	May 5
Mark Lewis	May 5
Lydia Lewis	May 26
Mike Long	May 28
George McCall	May 27
Brenda McClendon	May 19
Lester McCray	May 4
Merl McPhatter	May 5
Norma Mebane	May 20
Kay Moore	May 2
Al Pace	May 21
Herbert Parham	May 11
Lonnie Patterson	May 4
Louie "Jose" Pena	May 22
Jack Pines	May 9
Evangeline Price	May 31
Marcus Reaves	May 3
Yvonne Riggs	May 21
Calvin Robb	May 5
Wesley Roberts	May 17
Leroy Ross	May 16
Bettye Sain	May 27
William Satterwhite	May 28

Bernard Schoborg	May 18
George Simmons	May 5
Roy Simpson	May 24
Roy Singletary	May 21
George Smith	May 12
Isiah Smith	May 29
Anthony Story	May 13
Phil Thomas	May 24
Nathaniel Truesdale	May 11
Eugene Tuff	May 1
Joseph Turpin	May 12
Richard Varchetto	May 21
Michael Vasquez	May 12
Linda Wilkerson	May 11
Mildred Wright	May 25
James Zigler	May 16



*Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
Rainbow Committee*

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

NPA MEMBER'S DEATH None

FORMER MEMBERS DEATH
Marguerita Bennett, Bidwell
Pinochle Club

NPA MEMBERS ILLNESS
Eugene Jones, NPA Vice
President and member of Great
Lakes Pinochle Club

FAMILY MEMBER ILLNESS

None

FAMILY MEMBERS DEATH

Eva Duncan (Queen City Player) mother, Louise Duncan, passed away.

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

Get in the FUN ZONE UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2018 SANCTIONED

May 24-27.....Memorial Day
(Atlanta, GA – Hosted by AMPS)
Aug 30 - Sep-9NPA Annual
(Orlando, FL – Hosted by NPA)
Oct 5-7.....Columbus Day
(Montgomery, AL – Hosted by MPP)

2018 NON-SANCTIONED

May 24Atlanta, GA
(2018 World Series of Pinochle)
Jun 22-23.....Lexington, SC
(Hosted by Columbia Enforcers)
Aug 9-12.....Fayetteville, NC
(Hosted by NC Sand Hill Pinochle Club)

Nov 2-4.....Hampton, VA
(Hosted by Tidewater Knucks)
Nov 29-Dec 2.....Augusta, GA
(PIPS Tournament & Toy Drive)

**FROM THE DESK OF THE
NATIONAL TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR**

The 2018 World Series of Pinochle will take place on Friday, May 24, 2018, during the Memorial Day Tournament week in Atlanta, GA. The tournament is sponsored by NPA and is a premiere Pinochle Championship, where 64 players vie for that all-elusive title of "Champion".

This competition follows a round-robin styled format that begins with 64 players who are ultimately reduced to the Final Four (4), using a process of elimination. Each player will compete in at least 6 games before the elimination process goes into effect. At that point, the losers are eliminated from the competition 2 by 2, until only 4 players remain. The remaining 4 will compete in the final rounds. The player with the most points after the final round of play will be declared "The Champion".

If you didn't put the "**P**" in Pinochle, or consider yourself "**Queen**" of Pinochle, or "**King**" of Pinochle, or even the "**World's Greatest**" Pinochle Player, don't worry, you can still compete in this event. The only criterion is that you must have played in at least one sanctioned tournament within the year. For detailed information on the tournament's format and rules,

please download the 2018 World Series of Pinochle flyer and rules from NPA's website at npapinochle.org, or contact Arlene Avent, National Tournament Director at arleneavent@bellsouth.net

See you in Atlanta!!

**Hotel & Transportation
Information for NPA 2018
Annual Convention**

The hotel reservation link for the 2018 Annual Tournament and Convention in Orlando, FL is:

National Pinochle Association

Attendees can also contact the hotel directly during business hours of 8am -9pm daily. You may do so by calling the Reservations Department at 800-588-4656; and ask for the National Pinochle rate.

**Options for airport
transportation from Orlando
International Airport:**

Transportation:

We are conveniently located 6 miles from the Orlando International Airport. There are taxi and shuttle services available on Level 1.

Transportation rates average \$33.00 roundtrip, per person, for Shuttle service through **MEARS Transportation Group**; OR \$27.00, one-way for a taxi.

To book Mears Shuttle:
<https://shuttles.mearstransportation.com/> (we are listed as **Florida Hotel & Conference Cnt**).

Remember to hold down the Ctrl Key while clicking on link.

**Alternate Transportation from
the Hotel:**

**KOSMOS TRANSPORTATION
SERVICES: (407) 680-9469.**

Scheduled airport transfers for two (2) or more at \$20 one way or \$30 round trip.

For questions, contact Arlene Avent, National Tournament Director at arleneavent@bellsouth.net



**Qualified Scorekeeper
Wanted**

NPA, Inc. is currently soliciting bids from qualified scorekeepers to maintain official scores at the 2018 Annual Tournament in Orlando, Florida, August 30 - September 2, 2018.

Requirements:

- Familiar with NPA Tournament Style Play
- Experienced in keeping tournament scores
- Efficient in keeping track of multiple players scores
- Knowledge of applicable data base software

Bidders, please include a qualifications statement and an itemized list of all expenses, i.e. printing/reproduction costs, ink, paper, labor, inputting mixed

double pairings, etc. in your bid/proposal.

Submit electronic bids to NPA
Corresponding Secretary:
dotnlvly@gmail.com



Greetings,

It's a new year and a new season of the year. With all things new, this is a good time to remind you that it's almost time to consider new applicants for NPA scholarships. It seems like only yesterday that we were honored to present scholarships to very qualified applicants from our NPA family. For members who have children, grandchildren, and/or great grandchildren who are considering entering college, now is the time to carefully review the scholarship application and the application process as it is shown on the NPA website. Now is also a great time to develop or construct a checklist of all that is required to complete the application, and to begin the process of gathering vital materials.

Respectfully,
NPA Scholarship Committee



New Medicare cards have started to mail!

Source: The Medicare Blog
www.medicare.gov

Medicare has started sending new cards with new Medicare Numbers to people with Medicare. Your new Medicare card will include a new number unique to you, instead of your current Social Security-based number. This will help to protect you against fraud.

Starting this month, people who are enrolling in Medicare for the first time will be among the first in the country to get the new cards. If you have Medicare already, you'll get your new card over the coming months. Medicare will mail cards on a rolling basis, sending a new card with a new number at no cost to everyone with Medicare over the next year. To update your official mailing address, visit your [MySocialSecurity account](#), or call 1-800-772-1213.

If you want to know when new cards start mailing to your area, visit Medicare.gov/NewCard, and sign up to get email alerts from Medicare. We'll send you an email when cards start mailing in your state, and we'll also email you about other important Medicare topics. While the cards have a new look, your Medicare coverage and benefits will stay the same.

INSPIRATION

"The door to the human heart can be opened only from the inside". *Spanish Proverb*

NPA WEBSITE

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

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

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CORRECTIONS

We attempt to be accurate; and apologize for any errors that may occur. When notified we will print appropriate corrections in the next issue of the Gazette.