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2018 SEMI-ANNUAL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



Left: Kay Dunlap, AMPS
Center: Slim Hairston, NC Sand
Right: Henry Green, Tidewater

ONE OF OUR OWN SHOWCASED ON HBO!

*By: Kevin Kelly, Chairperson,
NPA Research & Education*

I happened to be watching a show on HBO called 'Wyatt Cenac's Problem Areas'. A new show on HBO, it is hosted by Cenac, an Afro-American comedian known for his 'heady' humor. The show tackles racial issues in America, as well as social issues. It was very engaging, and at some point, it really garnered my interest, because I recognized someone Cenac was interviewing well into the half hour show. That distinctive grey immaculate hair-do. Impeccable attire. Radiant beauty. And that voice. That voice that has chided me on numerous occasions when I played a wrong card. There was no mistaking who this was. The one and only Gloria Lewis-Randall!



Is this really her I'm seeing on HBO?! Indeed. Cenac was interviewing her about her involvement in the Birmingham, AL civil rights movement, and she represented herself as only she could... with class, intelligence, and dignity. I was riveted as she recanted the story of how she had to endure fire hoses and the hotbox treatment at the hands of the police. She told the story matter-of-factly and with a determination that demanded your attention.

I was so proud of her. If you ask me, she is not on TV enough. She has a presence that commands respect, and she can serve as living proof to a time when standing up for your rights as a black person in this country led to physical harm and

in some cases - death. Young people today could learn much from her. Kudos to you, Gloria. You are a living treasure, and I appreciate what you are and who you are. And the fact that you are a darn good pinochle player. God bless you.



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
Jeannette Williams	May 18
Mildred Wright	May 25
James Zigler	May 16

Kings & Queens Born in June

Nancy Arrington	Jun 2
Nathaniel Austin	Jun 8
Ora "liz" Bailey	Jun 17
Ernest Barbar	Jun 10
James "JR" Barnes	Jun 2
Sondra Blakey	Jun 8
Nelson P. Bond	Jun 17
Curtis Boyd	Jun 10
Ernest Bruce	Jun 16
Ted Cady	Jun 8
Gloria Carroll	Jun 10
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
Obbie Harris	Jun 21
Wanda Harris	Jun 17
Lovie Hill	Jun 19
Shirley Hinton	Jun 6
Karren Jackson	Jun 29
Margaret Jackson	Jun 24
George Jefferson	Jun 19
Kenneth A Jenkins	Jun 12
Larry Johnson	Jun 23
Wayne Johnson	Jun 21
Perry Jones	Jun 10
Annie King	Jun 4
Joyce Livingston	Jun 3
John Marable	Jun 20
Rosie McKinney	Jun 24
Shirley Neeley	Jun 8
Leon Mike O'Neal	Jun 9
James Parker	Jun 12
Joyce Pettaway	Jun 26
Troy Pickett	Jun 17
Jack Priestler	Jun 19
Stacy Prude	Jun 13
Allen G Prue	Jun 3
Alton Richardson	Jun 4
Carlton Richardson	Jun 4
Leland Scott	Jun 23
Arthur Scurry	Jun 12
Alfonso Smith	Jun 10
Harold Smith	Jun 3
Charles Thomas	Jun 3
Karen Trotter	Jun 4
Frank Turpin	Jun 26
Carole Walker	Jun 25
Charlie Ward	Jun 28
Lloyd Williams	Jun 21
Mary Williams	Jun 30
Royal Williams	Jun 20
Lynn Wilson	Jun
Emmett Wilson Jr	Jun 18
Videssa Woods	Jun 3
Brenda Wooten	Jun 2
Brandon C Wyatt	Jun 6





*Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
Rainbow Committee*



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

NPA MEMBER'S DEATH

Leonard George Carter,
Awesome Chastisers Miami, FL

NPA MEMBERS ILLNESS

Troy Briscoe, DC Players

Ozella Walker, Columbus
Pinochle Club

Preston Cobb, DC Players

Dennis Hartbarger Bid or Pass
Pinochle Club

FAMILY MEMBER ILLNESS

Edna Bain's mother was
hospitalized.

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



*Dr. Willie Watson, Chairperson
NPA Bylaws Committee*

To All:

Amendment #13 to the NPA bylaws was approved on Sept. 1, 2017 by the NPA BOD in Pittsburgh and by the NPA membership on December 15, 2017 by a reply card vote. Per this amendment, all should adhere to the following timeline for the upcoming 2018 Annual in Orlando Florida:

- The Annual BOD meeting is on Friday August 31, 2018
- The President's Package is to be e-mailed to NPA chapters on or before July 1, 2018 (60 days prior to the Annual BOD meeting)
- General Operations and bylaws proposals must be received by June 1, 2018 (90 days before

the Annual BOD meeting)

Please adhere accordingly.

Dr. Willie Watson
Professional Registered
Parliamentarian

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

Monday, May 28, 2018



Memorial Day commemorates all Americans who have died in military service for the United States. Fly your flags at half-staff from dawn until noon on Monday, May 28th

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)

WHILE IN ATLANTA



May 26-27, 2018

The 41st annual **FREE Atlanta Jazz Festival** will feature performances presented on three (3) stages; and for the first time in the event's history, Saturday will feature a special all-female jazz lineup. For more information and details of the festival lineup, visit: <http://atlantafestivals.com/>

ASK about MARTA as a transportation option

ATLANTA CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL-

Saturday, May 26, 2018
CENTRAL PARK,
DOWNTOWN ATLANTA.
Enjoy music, dancing, food, children's activities, and more!
MARTA is available to downtown.



FROM THE EDITOR

Do you have Graduates to whom you would like to give a ***“shout out”***? Send their name, school and degree achieved. Also include your name, club, and a brief message (less than 50 characters. Email your shout out to: npagazette@gmail.com

Do you have a Wedding Anniversary, a new birth, or a

recent retirement you want to celebrate? Email your *shout out* to: npagazette@gmail.com

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.

deaconkelly@att.net

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NPA NEWSLETTER

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Clubs and Members are invited and encouraged to submit articles for sharing. Articles for publication should be forwarded to:

Shirley Bevel, Editor at:
npagazette@gmail.com

NPA ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY

NPA members' photos can be accessed at: <http://www.picture-directory.com>

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.