

# NPA, INC. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

*Presents the First Biennial*

## Pinochle



### TRIATHLON: MINI, CUT-THROAT & PARTNERS

*The Ultimate Pinochle Challenge*

**JULY 12 - 14, 2024**

**The Westin Baltimore Washington Airport**

**1110 Old Elkridge Landing Road • Linthicum Heights, MD 21090**

**\$129 plus 14% tax or \$149 (includes daily hot breakfast), comp parking & airport shuttle...Minutes from Live Casino, Arundel Mills Mall/Outlets, National Aquarium, all Washington, DC tourist attractions & more  
(443) 577-2300 • Reservation Deadline: June 12, 2024**

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*Go for Gold* **\$150 ENTRY FEE FOR ALL THREE**

**EVENTS:** Email "Register me for the Triathlon" to  
[NPA.FundraisingCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:NPA.FundraisingCommittee@gmail.com)

Include name, address, phone, and payment method/date of payment  
or Call a Committee member today to register by phone. Register by  
**JANUARY 31, 2024 TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL GIFT**

**Make check or MO payable to NPA and mail to: Jeannette Williams**

**1925 Montevideo Rd • Jessup, MD 20794**

**You can also CASHAPP to \$NPAPinochle or ZELLE to 404-775-3585**



## Triathlon Rules and Event Schedule

In addition to rules delineated herein, this Triathlon is governed by NPA, Inc. Tournament Rules. The following competition rules are intended to provide for the orderly and consistent administration of events sanctioned by NPA's Fundraising Committee. NPA Rules are designed to establish standards for all participants to ensure that an environment of fair play exists throughout these Triathlon games.

**Eligibility:** This is a NPA fundraiser, hosted by the Fundraising Committee. Any pinochle player who knows the game is welcomed to play. NPA membership is not required.

### General Rules of Conduct

- Be respectful and practice good gamesmanship at all times.
- Do not use abusive language.
- The referee's decision is final. Accept it.

### Before the Event

- Be prompt and in your assigned seat at the posted times. You will receive a penalty deduction of 100 points if you are not.
- You must be fully registered to compete in the Triathlon by June 13. **Come early and take in the sites.**

**The Competition:** Must play in all three events to be eligible for Gold, Silver and Bronze prizes.

**Event 1: Mini, Saturday, July 13th, 9am:** A test of pinochle skills when paired with a random partner (pairings based on Triathlon seating). This 9-Round Mini is considered the **swimming** event as you and your random partners get to know each other while building endurance for the next event.

**Event 2: Cut-Throat, Saturday, July 13th, 6:30pm:** A test of skills when there is no one to depend on but "yourself". You must use individual skill-set, strategy, and "prowess" to get ahead. This 12-Round Competition is considered the **biking** event, as you strengthen/tone your legs for the run to the finish line. If you play pinochle you got this covered.

**Event 3: Small Meld Partnership Challenge, Sunday, July 14th, 9am:** This is the **running** event and final event of the Triathlon. It's a test of skills when playing with a partner of choice. You can't depend on "big meld" to get you to the finish line. You and your partner certainly require pinochle skills, laced with some savvy strategizing to outrun the others. Partner's full name must be specified at registration. This part of the competition will consist of 5/500 point games. These partnership games will be timed at 45 minutes each. Play stops when a team reaches 500 or more points or when clock runs out. When time is called, all partners will quickly move to the next table. All players will begin and stop each round together. Remember, YOU ARE YOUR PARTNER'S PARTNER. This is not a relay; so run together.

### Other Rules:

- No communication between partners except by numerical bidding.
- Do not report to the next table until all players have concluded his/her round and table is clear.
- Do not hover over other players, while they are completing their rounds.
- Check your scores before leaving the table.

### Closing Ceremony and Prize Presentations: Sunday, July 14, 2024

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