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### **PRESIDENT’S CORNER**

Hello to all of the Pinochle Family,

1. Many thanks and praise to the Russ Raiders. They put on an amazing tournament, a nice show, the food was great, things ran on time and they expedited the payouts. Very Well done!!!

2. Agenda items and proposals are due to the Corresponding Secretary by July 9th, that way all clubs will be notified with ample time so they can prepare for the Annual Board of Directors meeting.

3. The annual tournament is quickly approaching. Please make your reservations with the hotel and send your registration and entry forms as soon as possible.

4. Looking forward to seeing you all at the annual. There are lots of things to do in the greater Tampa Bay area. If you plan on coming in early, please contact me, Mike Vasquez, or Bruce Kunkel, President of the Sunshine Pinochle Club.

God bless you all!! Have a great day!

**Michael Vasquez**

NPA President

### **FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

The Fund Raising Committee will sponsor a pinochle tourna-ment cruise in June 2015. NPA members are encouraged to forward destination suggestions to Pat Bailey at: [patriciabailey@yahoo.com](mailto:patriciabailey@yahoo.com) by

7-1-14 for consideration. The final selection will be announced in Tampa.

~~~~~Pat Bailey, Chairperson~~~

### **PINOCHLE TIPS AND RULES**

The Tournament Committee started working on a rough-rough draft of revised rules. We will email to Chapter Presidents and request they share and discuss with all members the new proposed rules by July 2, 2014. There will be an open tournament discussion at the Tournament Committee meeting on August 28 in Tampa. Proposals will be voted on at the BOD meeting on August 29, 2014. If approved, new rules will be effective January 2015. If not approved, they will be revised and resubmitted. Positive sugges-tions should be sent to Dr. Alice Scott, or to me ASAP.

Thanks.

~~~~Homer ‘Rick’ Rickerson~~~~

### **RESEARCH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

NPA Document History of Chapters

The R&E Committee is in the process of gathering documents to send to the Armistad Research Center. We would like for each chapter to write up a brief bio on their club, using your club logo and colors (if possible). Please include your mission statement, your community involvement, when you joined NPA, a picture of your club members and any other information you would like to provide. Please try to limit your document to 2 pages. Questions regarding this project may be directed to Zelma Goldsby at (334) 288-7613 or email her at [zgoldsby@aol.com](mailto:zgoldsby@aol.com).

2014 Player of the Year Standing Top Twenty

The race for the 2014 Player of the Year is wide open. There are two more sanctioned tourna-ments remaining and the outcome of those individuals placing in the top twenty will determine who will be crowned the 2014 Player of the Year. It should be noted that in order to be named Player of the Year, a player must participate in at least four sanctioned tourna-ments during the calendar year. If you are interested in receiving a complete listing of all members who have earned points this calendar year, please email me at [ricardorandle@bellsouth.net](mailto:ricardorandle@bellsouth.net).

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| --- | --- |
| Moe Harrison | 180 pts |
| Ike English | 150 pts |
| Cliff Melton | 125 pts |
| Kay Dunlap | 125 pts |
| John Smith | 100 pts |
| Pleasant Parker | 100 pts |
| Avon Spence | 100 pts |
| Earl Allen | 100 pts |
| Lindsey McGruder | 85 pts |
| Elmore Jordan | 75 pts |
| Richard Armstrong | 75 pts |
| Robert Fleming | 60 pts |
| Alice Scott | 60 pts |
| Rose McKnight | 55 pts |
| Render Martin | 55 pts |
| Lonnie Hardin | 55 pts |
| Lillie Allen | 50 pts |
| Peter Allen | 50 pts |
| Russ Tapplar | 50 pts |
| Willie Jefferson | 45 pts |

~Ricardo Randle, Chairperson~

### **2014 MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

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| ***Winners*** | ***Score*** |
| 1 – Earl Allen | 6,875 |
| 2– Richard Armstrong | 6,857 |
| 3 – Moe Harrison | 6,806 |
| 4 – Lonnie Hardin | 6,357 |
| 5 – Russ Tapplar | 6,334 |
| 6 – Reggie Miles | 6,298 |
| 7 – Lorraine Bridges | 6,269 |
| 8 – Joe Green | 6,231 |
| 9 – Evan Wilcher | 6,211 |
| 10–Stefanie Kelly | 6,178 |
| 11-Shirley Neely | 6,149 |
| 12-Milton Campbell | 6,144 |
| 13-Gwen Harris | 6,110 |
| 14-Martha Vaughn | 6,081 |
| 15–Jimmie Williams | 6,072 |

Congratulations to all winners!



Earl Allen – 1st



Richard Armstrong – 2nd



Moe Harrison – 3rd

### **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS**

2014 SANCTIONED

Aug. 28-31……………NPA Annual

(Tampa, FL)

Oct. 10-12……………PIPS, Augusta

2014 NON-SANCTIONED

July 11-13……….Gateway Players

Aug. 8-10……………..NC Sand Hill

Sept. 19-21……..31-19, Richmond

Oct.31–Nov. 2…...Metro Pinochle

Nov. 7–9….……Tidewater Knucks

Dec. 5-7…………….PIPS, Augusta

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### **Happy Birthday to\_\_**

### **1st State Pros**

Clinton McNair - July

### **APA**

Beverly Manns – July

### **Awesome Chastisers**

Lenard Carter - July 18

### **Columbus Bucks & Does**

William Byrd – July 7

Terri Walker - July

### **Columbus Pinochle Club**

James Garnett – July 10

### **DC Players**

Preston Cobb – July 11

Sandra Dee Dargan – July 8

### **Double Run Pinochle Club**

Larry Johnson – June 23

### **Great Lakes Pinochle Club**

Dale Pace – July 5

### **Jacksonville Pinochle Club**

Kevin Kelly – July 26

### **LA Superstars**

Vick Holder – July 5

### **Montgomery Pinochle Pals**

Rev. George Alexander– July 24

Max Chattam – July 16

James Peterson – July 4

### **Oasis Pinochle Club**

Joan Livingston – June 3

### **Pinochle Champs**

Casey Ogden - July

### **Queen City Players**

Minnie Allison – July 31

### **Riverdale Pinochle Club**

Robert Colclough – June

### **Sunshine Pinochle Club**

Karen Douglas – June

### **Top of the Rock Pinochle Club**

Tyrone Hodnett – July

George Jefferson – June 19

John Smith – June 17

### **USA Pinochle Society**

Deborah Covington – July 8

Joseph Green – July 23

### **West Coast Best Pinochle Club**

Della Bell – July 6

Lenora Crenshaw – July 9

Gary Sims – July 12

### **ILLNESS**

### **Great Lakes Pinochle Club**

Benjamin Mitchell

### **DEATH**

### **Columbus Bucks & Does**

Robert Spivey’s sister, Patricia Mason, passed.

### **CHAPTER NEWS**

### **West Coast Best Pinochle Club**

Earlene and Jacob Green will celebrate 27 years of marriage on June 13.

### **INSPIRATION**

A good leader inspires others with confidence in him; a great leader inspires them with con-fidence in themselves.

~~~~~~~~~Unknown~~~~~~~~~~

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To believe in yourself and to follow your dreams, to have goals in life and a drive to succeed, and to surround yourself with the things and the people that make you happy – this is success!

~~~~~~~Sasha Azevedo~~~~~~~~

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Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past mis-fortunes of which all men have some.

~~~~~~~Charles Dickens~~~~~~~

### **WORDS OF WISDOM**

We do not have to RSVP and attend every argument and dis-agreement in which we are invited.

‘It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.’ - Aristotle

You can be just as beautiful on the outside as on the inside. Here is a recipe that will make us look good from the inside out.

Try it! It really makes all the difference.

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‘For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with knowledge that you are never alone.’ – Sam Levinson

(donated by Gwendolyn Harris)

### **LAUGHTER**

*Jokes are for individuals who accept them as they are – humor! Make sure and know who is reading them.*



A young Italian man excitedly told his mom he had fallen in love and was going to get married. He said, ‘Just for fun, Ma, I’m going to bring over 3 women tomorrow and you try to guess which one I’m going to marry.’ She agreed.

The next day he brought 3 beautiful women, they chatted for a while, and he asked his mom if she could pick. She pointed to the one of the right. ‘That’s amazing, Ma, you’re right. How did you know?’ The Italian woman lifted one eyebrow and replied, ‘Easy…I don’t like her.’



A fellow tries to cross the Mexican border on a bicycle with two big bags balanced on his shoulders. The guard asks, ‘What’s in the bags?’ The fellow says, ‘Sand!’ The guard examines them only to find sand.

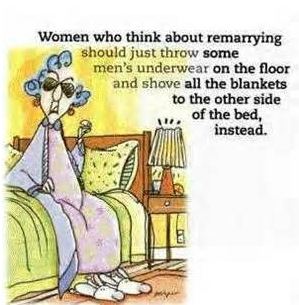
Two weeks later, the same situation is repeated… ‘What have you there?’ ‘Sand.’ ‘ We want to examine.’ Same results.

Every two weeks for 6 months the inspections continue. Finally, one week the fellow didn’t show up. The guard sees him down-town and says, ‘Buddy, you had us crazy. We sort of knew you were smuggling something. I won’t say anything – what were you smuggling?’ The fellow says, ‘Bicycles.’

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At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam’s ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, ‘Johnny what is the matter?’ Little Johnny responded, I have a pain in my side. I think I’m going to have a wife.’

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### **CLASSIFIEDS**

Looking for the perfect cruise vacation? Contact Val Culpepper of *Hooked on Cruises* at 770-739-7860.

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Learn the game using the teaching tool - ‘Pinochle Mat’ -developed and distributed by an experienced player. Available on Amazon for $35.00 but will sell to NPA members at $25.00. Con-tact Mrs. Lydia Walker at 305-255-7782 for further info.

### **NPA Website**

All information to be posted on the website should be emailed to [webmaster@npapinochle.org](mailto:webmaster@npapinochle.org).

The web address is:

/http://www.npapinochle.org/



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