

POOL CHECKER MASTERS

PRESENT A REFERENCE

ENCYCLOPEDIA

OF

Checker Tournaments

Checker Players

FIVE DIVISIONS

**NAMES PLACES DATES YEARS RECORDS
FACTS FIGURES HISTORY**

The Encyclopedia accounts for 704 winners

92 ROSTERS

160 Champions 544 Runners-ups

RATED STRONG VS WEAK PLAYERS

Thirty two years of history *** New Playing rules**

PLUS

WHO'S WHO? IN POOL CHECKERS

By J. Myrick Frazier

PLAYERS STRENGTH COMPUTED

Two factors determine their playing strength. Performance and Participation. Performance is the positions won. Participation is the number of tournaments, a player, played in.

Three examples follows.

One year Jack finished in 6th place. Another year he finished in 8th. To find Jack's tournament playing strength, add his performances, $6+8=14$. Now divide 14 by 2 (2 is the number of tournaments that Jack played in.) $14 : 2 = 7$. 7 is Jack's true tournament playing strength.

One "Ham" finished 3rd., 10th., 4th., and 8th. His total performances equals $25 : 4 = 6$. So, his playing strength is 6.

Another "Scrub" finished 2nd., 5th., 3rd., 4th., 2nd., and 2nd. His total Performances are 18 divided by his total number of participations, which is 6. Now 18 divided by 6 equals 3. so 3 is his true playing strength. PCM

Mr. Oatis held the first four National Tournaments during the week after Mother's Day. That was because, he was trying to set a traditional date and time, like Christmas, so no person would ever have to ask, "When is the next Tournament?"

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Shame, Shame, Shame, on the APCA and each one of the local Clubs for not sponsoring one youth each to a National APCA Tournament.

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POOL CHECKER NOTABLES

Wherever Checker Players congregate, someone will soon utter one of these names.

Tony Rivers Charlie Brown "Uncle" Willie Moore Ben Bady Lester Small
Wayne Lockheart Bill Richardson Dr. Freeman A. Coney 3rd. "West Virginia"

Bill Moore "Fee Fee" Andrew Frazier Jessie Herring "Holy Poly"
Warren Temple "Pecan" Moses Lightfoot Dr. Ervin Smith
"Dog" Green "Dollar Bill" Curtis Johnson "Minnesota Bear"

Ellis Green Bobby Kennedy Rembert Ford "Panama" Alexander Brown
Al Lambert Maynard Pines Joel Akins Irvin Davis "Ed" Danzy

Wardell Moore "White Mouth Mule" Carl Thomas "Stove knocker"
"Talking Sam" Kennedy "Ray" "Chuck" Don Lowe "Tiny" "Ace"

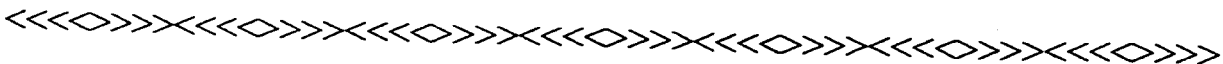
The beat goes on.

Make 'em play right! Make 'em play fair.
Let 'em play honest. Let 'em anywhere

Do not permit your adversaries to point at the spots.
Do not permit your competitors to move left then change to right.
Do not permit your foes to attempt to move several different men.
Do not permit your opponents to measure the board
Do not move until your King is crowned.
Insist on all above, and see your draws soar!
Demand they play you right, then watch your wins grow!

Players whose mannerisms are similar to those rule breakers
above are known as "ACFO's". (adversaries, competitors, foes, opponents)

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PREAMBLE

The original idea for this book was submitted two years ago, by one of the fastest moving, hardest playing, pool checker player of all times. That player was the renown, Moses Lightfoot Jr. of Macon, Georgia. This book was suppose to show and tell only achievements of the Top Masters. Yet after discovering so many interesting feats of other divisional players, while researching the archives, it was decided to include the Blue Ribbon, Gold Bar, Jr. Masters and the Master players.

This Encyclopedia of data, statistics, facts and figures shows the total number of winning years each player has in the APCA. It shows where and when the Player, played. It shows the positions players won, and how many times they won. It shows the years, the dates and sites of all tournaments. It shows the lowest, and the highest rated players. It shows Who's who? in Pool Checkers, the Notables and the Pool Checker Icons.

Who finished second, five consecutive times in the Top Masters? Who finished first in the Top Masters five consecutive times? What Top Master won his way from the Blue Ribbon to the Top Masters in five consecutive years? Who are the highest, scientifically rated, players? Who are the lowest, scientifically rated players? The answers to those questions are in this Book. All winners, (652) all Champions, (140) and all Runners-ups (772) are listed in this Encyclopedia. The book, details Thirty Two Years of POOL CHECKER history.

The contents in this Pool Checker Encyclopedia were researched and compiled by J. Myrick Frazier, from the archives of CHESS N' CHECKERS and the POOLS CHECKER MASTERS Magazines.

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First! Thanks to the good Lord.

Many thanks to Dr. Nathaniel Leach and my best friend, Mr. Cleo Washington for sharing information from their personal files, which helped to make this work complete.

My love and thanks to my wife, Marilyn and our offsprings, Marlon, Guy, Elaine and Ricky. If it had not been for their assistance and suggestions, pro and cons, sometimes heatedly, this book would never be published.

J. Myrick Frazier

In Memory Of



Mr. John T. Oatis

1904—1987

THE APCA FIRST PRESIDENT

JOHN T. OATIS REMEMBERED

This is how I first met John Oatis. Soon after I got married, my wife gave me a newspaper ad which told of a checker tournament that was being held at the Brewster Center in downtown Detroit, Michigan. I went down and met Mr. Oatis and his daughter, who was helping him, and many checker players like; Rembert Ford, Joe Rivers, George Sykes, "Tip" Baldwin, Hank Wilson and George "Flowerman" Johnson. In those beginnings Mr. Oatis had three divisions, A, B, and C, for the players to choose from. The players received two points for a win and one point for a draw. That year, Don Galloway won the A division and George Sykes won the B division after beating "Tip" Baldwin in a play off. Archie Jones won the C division.

During those times, **Mr. Oatis was directing three and sometime four checker tournaments a year. He did all of the setting up and cleaning up whenever his daughter was absent. Mr. Oatis, swept up, before and after each meet. He had to set up and put up the tables, the chairs, the boards and the checkers. Depending on where the tournament was being held, at the Brewster, the Considine or the Northwestern Centers. Often, the chairs and things had to be taken up stairs or down stairs. Also, Mr. Oatis spent his own money to buy checkers, score sheets, score cards, pens, pencils, cookies and donuts, coffee and a lot of other stuff.**

After I had been helping Mr. Oatis for sometime, I suggested giving the players four points for a win and two points for a draw. I told Mr. Oatis, that the scores could be tallied accurate and faster with even numbers than with a lot of mixed numbers, so he accepted the idea. Sometime later, I designed score cards for Mr. Oatis to use in his weekly, Sportsmen Fellowship play. Those cards were designed to show how many players had been played and to show the total scores of all and any one player at any given time. Mr. Oatis introduced those cards into the APCA 1979 National Tournament. Those cards were used up until the APCA 1992 National Tournament.

The Sportsmen Fellowship Play was a program which Mr. Oatis directed at the Northwestern Center, on Sunday afternoons. Some of the City's Players would play from 4:00 to 8:00 P. M. Everyone paid \$1.00 to play everybody. The winner of the day would receive 20 percent of the total pot. The eighty percent would go into the treasure to be used to buy books, saving bonds, radios, watches etc, to be awarded to the top winners of the next Tournament.

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Which player won four consecutive championships to enter the Top Masters?

CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS UPS

1966 DETROIT

BLUE RIBBON

1	Michael	Jordan	Atlanta,GA
2	L.A.	Thweatt	Atlanta,GA
3	"BoJack"	Howard	Atlanta,GA

GOLD BAR

1	Howard	Jackson	Atlanta,GA
2	James	Vaughn	Atlanta,GA
3	Artis	Curry	Atlanta,GA

JR. MASTERS

1	Rembert	Ford	Detroit,MI
2	Joe	Rivers	Detroit,MI
3	Don	Galloway	Detroit,MI

MASTERS

1	George	Sykes	Detroit,MI
2	"Bill"	Langley	Detroit,MI
3	"Lawyer"	Williams	Atlanta,GA

1968 DETROIT

BLUE RIBBON

1	Walter	Hall	Flint,MI
2	L.A.	Thweatt	Atlanta,GA
3	James	Bostic	Detroit,MI

GOLD BAR

1	Pierce	Towns	Atlanta,GA
2	"BoJack"	Howard	Atlanta,GA
3	Charles	Sanders	Detroit,MI

JR. MASTERS

1	Ben	White	Detroit,MI
2	Thomas	Esselman	Detroit,MI
3	Henry A.	Johnson	Inkster,MI

MASTERS

1	"Buster"	Smith	Chicago,IL
2	Victor	Krafft	Chicago,IL
3	George	Sykes	Detroit,MI

1967 DETROIT

BLUE RIBBON

1	Michael	Jordan	Atlanta,GA
2	L.A.	Thweatt	Atlanta,GA
3	"BoJack"	Howard	Atlanta,GA

GOLD BAR

1	Howard	Jackson	Atlanta,GA
2	James	Vaughn	Atlanta,GA
3	Artis	Curry	Atlanta,GA

JR. MASTERS

1	"Bedside"	Shell	Atlanta,GA
2	Tom	Bell	Atlanta,GA
3	Oatis	Wade	Detroit,MI

MASTERS

1	George	Lyons	Cleveland,OH
2	"Schoolboy"	Morris	Cleveland,OH
3	Tony	Rivers	Miami,FL

1969 ATLANTA

BLUE RIBBON

1	Archie	Hinton	Atlanta,GA
2	Brady	Carter	Detroit,MI
3	R.C.	Pritchett	Atlanta,GA

GOLD BAR

1	James	Turner	Detroit,MI
2	William	Jones	Atlanta,GA
3	Norman	Bell	Atlanta,GA

JR. MASTERS

1	Frank	Mitchell	Atlanta,GA
2	"Holy Poly"	Davis	Atlanta,GA
3	"Woody"	Williamson	Detroit,MI

MASTERS

1	"Buster"	Smith	Chicago,IL
2	Moses	Lightfoot	Macon,GA
3	"Bill"	Langley	Detroit,MI

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We know the National and World Champions. Who are the Cities and States Champions?

CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS UPS

1970 CLEVELAND

BLUE RIBBON

1	Elton	Williams	Flint,MI
2	Brady	Carter	Detroit,MI
3	Richard	Pritchett	Atlanta,GA

GOLD BAR

1	Rudy	Slade	New York,NY
2	Wallace	Bullard	Flint,MI
3	Alexander	Brown	Detroit,MI

JR. MASTERS

1	"Woody"	Williamson	Detroit,MI
2	"Holy Poly"	Davis	Atlanta,GA
3	Joseph	Moore	New York,NY

MASTERS

1	"Buster"	Smith	Chicago,IL
2	"Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx,NY
3	"Bill"	Langley	Detroit,MI

1972 DETROIT

BLUE RIBBON

1	Raymond	Lawrence	Forest Hills,NY
2	Clarence	Parker	New York,NY
3	James	Searler	Brooklyn,NY

GOLD BAR

1	Charles	Florence	Chicago, IL
2	Arvel	Smith	Madison Hts,MI
3	Howard	Paige	Detroit, MI

JR. MASTERS

1	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
2	C.P.	Ruby	New York, NY
3	"Bear"	Alford	Detroit, MI

MASTERS

1	"Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
2	Freddy	Owens	Baltimore,MD
3	"Bill"	Langley	Detroit,MI

1971 FLINT

BLUE RIBBON

1	Eddie	Reynolds	Cleveland,OH
2	Derrick	Williams	Flint,MI
3	Clarence	Parker	New York,NY

GOLD BAR

1	Elton	Williams	Flint,MI
2	Alexander	Brown	Detroit,MI
3	Wallace	Bullard	Flint,MI

JR. MASTERS

1	Joel	Marshall	Atlanta,GA
2	"Holy Poly"	Davis	Atlanta,GA
3	Joseph	Moore	New York,NY

MASTERS

1	"Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
2	Victor	Krafft	Chicago,IL
3	"Buster"	Smith	Chicago,IL

1973 NEW YORK

BLUE RIBBON

1	Stephen	Trader	Harlem,NY
2	Simon	Levine	Brooklyn,NY
3	Charles	Ellis	?

GOLD BAR

1	Alex	Fernandez	Brooklyn,NY
2	Parmarlee	McClammy	Brooklyn,NY
3	Conrad	LeFelure	?

JR. MASTERS

1	Jasper	Grayson	?
2	Clarence	Holt	Brooklyn,NY
3	Frank	Tompkins	?

MASTERS

1	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
2	Lorenzo	France	Brazil
3	Joel	Marshall	New York, NY

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Do not let them measure the board. It's already been measured. When they attempt to move a man, insist that they do. Pool Checkers is the greatest game on earth. Pool Checkers is a beautiful game, but it is so pathetic to watch those who have been playing ten or twenty years, nonchalantly, break so many rules of the great game. PCM

CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS UPS

1974 ST. LOUIS

BLUE RIBBON

1 Leroy	Thomas	Chicago, IL
2 Robert	Carlton	Detroit, MI
3 Johnny	Jamerson	New York, NY
3 Louis	Tate	Cleveland, Oh

GOLD BAR

1 Jesse	Galloway	New York, NY
2 William	Scott	St. Louis, MO
3 Parmalee	McClammy	Brooklyn, NY

JR. MASTERS

1 Alex	Fernandez	Brooklyn, NY
2 Clarence	Holt	Brooklyn, NY
3 Fred	McGee	Brooklyn, NY

MASTERS

1 Charles	McDuffey	St. Louis, MO
2 Raleigh	Taylor	New York, NY
3 Irvin	Davis	St. Louis, MO

1976 MEMPHIS

BLUE RIBBON

1 Jessie	Sheffield	Memphis, TN
2 Walter	Bailey	Memphis, TN
3 Michael	Ward	Detroit, MI

GOLD BAR

1 Luther	Murray	Detroit, MI
2 Lonnie	Miller	Memphis, TN
3 Parmalee	McClammy	Brooklyn, NY

JR. MASTERS

1 James	Sharp	Chicago, IL
2 Henry	Stokes	Memphis, TN
3 "Tip"	Baldwin	Detroit, MI

MASTERS

1 Raleigh	Taylor	Brooklyn, NY
2 "Bedside"	Shell	Atlanta, GA
3 Larry	Stepter	Memphis, TN

1975 CHICAGO

BLUE RIBBON

1 S.	Sancigeyman	Cleveland, OH
2 Clarence	Parker	New York, NY
3 Robert	Johnson	Chicago, IL

GOLD BAR

1 Steven	Trader	Harlem, NY
2 Louis	James	?
3 Emmett	Smith	?

JR. MASTERS

1 Larry	Stepter	Memphis, TN
2 Henry A.	Johnson	Detroit, MI
3 C.P.	Ruby	New York, NY

MASTERS

1 "Ohio"	Mitchell	Chicago, IL
2 Johnny	White	Detroit, MI
3 Rollie	Taylor	New York, NY

1977 ATLANTA

BLUE RIBBON

1 "Cigar"	Rice	Detroit, MI
2 Michael	Ward	Detroit, MI
3 Louis	Rufus	St. Louis, MO

GOLD BAR

1 Parmalee	McClammy	Brooklyn, NY
2 Homer	King	Atlanta, GA
3 Norman	Bell	Atlanta, GA

JR. MASTERS

1 C.P.	Rudy	New York, NY
2 Charles	Hudson	Detroit, MI
3 "Tip"	Baldwin	Detroit, MI

MASTERS

1 Joel	Marshall	Atlanta, GA
2 Jesse	Hurst	Memphis, TN
3 "Bedside"	Shell	Atlanta, GA

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Do you like playing ACFO's? Are you an ACFO player?

CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS UPS

1978 DETROIT

BLUE RIBBON

1 Johnny	Jamerison	Piedmont,NC
2 Eddie	Smith	Chicago,IL
3 James	Stewart	Washington,DC

GOLD BAR

1 "Cigar"	Rice	Detroit,MI
2 Richard	McKinney	Memphis,TN
3 Rev. Dan	Flowers	Detroit,MI

JR. MASTERS

1 Charles	Hudson	Detroit,MI
2 Blanton	Forben	Atlanta,GA
3 Junior	Guy	Chicago,IL

MASTERS

1 Jesse	Hurst	Memphis,TN
2 Larry	Stepter	Memphis,TN
3 "Bedside"	Shell	Atlanta,GA

1979 WINSTON-SALEM

BLUE RIBBON

1 Emory	Myrick	Brooklyn,NY
2 Jimmy	Baldwin	Detroit,MI
3 Robert	Mackins	Winston-Salem,NC

GOLD BAR

1 Bobby	Hodo	Chicago,IL
2 Thomas	November	Brooklyn,NY
3 David	Hill	Washington,DC

JR. MASTERS

1 Parmalee	McClammy	Brooklyn,NY
2 "Tip"	Baldwin	Detroit,MI
3 Jesse	Calloway	New York,NY

MASTERS

1 Larry	Stepter	Memphis,TN
2 James	Stone	Savanna,GA
3 Ephrain	Sturrupe	Nassau,BA

1980 WASHINGTON D.C.

BLUE RIBBON

1 Prince	Garland	Washington,DC
2 T.B.	Scott	Chicago,IL
3 Jim	Williams	Flint,MI

GOLD BAR

1 Rev. Dan	Flowers	Detroit,MI
2 McBee	Smith	Toledo,OH
3 Jefferson	Hooker	Washington,DC

JR. MASTERS

1 Bobby	Hodo	Chicago,IL
2 Dale	Malvin	Washington,DC
3 Jim	Taylor	Washington,DC

MASTERS

1 C.P.	Rudy	New York,NY
2 Rembert	Ford	Detroit,MI
3 Parmalee	McClammy	Brooklyn,NY

1981 MEMPHIS

BLUE RIBBON

1 Robert	Johnson	Chicago,IL
2 Paul	Haskins	Detroit,MI
3 T.B.	Scott	Chicago,IL

GOLD BAR

1 McBee	Smith	Toledo,OH
2 Nelson	Moore	St.Louis,MO
3 Robert	Carlton	Detroit,MI

JR. MASTERS

1 Homer	King	Atlanta,GA
2 Al	Lambert	Chicago,IL
3 William	Small	Winston-Salem,NC

MASTERS

1 James	Stone	Savanna,GA
2 Henry	Miller	Atlanta,GA
3 John	Brown	Nassau,BA

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**A player finished second five consecutive times in the Top Masters.
Who is he?**

WHO'S WHO? IN CHECKERS

"East point"

Alfred Barnett

This Atlanta, Georgia born resident, attended East Point elementary, South Fulton High School, Northeastern Jr. College and Lee College, eventually obtaining a B.A. degree. Barnett has been playing checkers since age 10. He now teaches the game to children. As a Professional Residential Painter, this Top Master has attended 16 National APCA tournaments, winning some 18 various trophies. He unabashedly considers himself the best checker player in town, yet believes women can beat men playing checkers. His hobbies include pool checkers, arts, crafts and gardening. Barnett belongs to the North America Hunting Club, the Georgia Pool Checker Association and the Memphis Pool Checker Association. He is single with a six-year-old daughter, Danielle. "East point," the World's top master Pool checker Champion for 1997, is determined to be crowned Champion, four times in a row, come next July, in Atlanta.

"Anteater"

Roger E. Blaine

Blaine hails from Toledo, Ohio, born on December 22, 1948. He attended Earlham College and Indiana University. He has a B.A., M.A. and M.L.S. degrees in Library Science. Blaine belongs to several checker clubs and has been playing checkers since he was eight, and pool checkers for the last five years. Known as "Anteater," he has won four tournaments in straight checkers and one in the Blue Ribbon. Blaine's hobbies include chess, backgammon, speaking other languages and traveling. He teaches children the game and believes some women could beat men in both chess and checkers. Blaine, divorced, is a librarian who now resides in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Butch"

John Barnard Chester

Chester was born in Lauderdale, Mississippi. He has been playing checkers for more than 50 years. He attended Illinois University and received a B.S. and M.S. Degrees in math and science. "Butch" retired from School District #189 in East St. Louis, Illinois. He is a member of a local Baptist Church. His hobbies include checkers, tennis and chess. "Butch" has played in at least 20 tournaments, winning eight trophies and several ribbons. Currently he is in the Master's division. "Butch" is a member of the East St. Louis Illinois Pool Checker Club. Chester is single and is known to the checker family as "Butch," and the "Illinois-Missouri expert." This man has won a match from Chauncey Smith and lost one to Louis Rufus. Chester, teaches children the game of checkers. He doesn't believe women can beat men playing checkers.

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***When they point at a man, insist that they move that him.
When they point at a spot, insist they move a man to that spot.***

Who's Who? in Checkers

"Schooley"

Dr. Freeman Coney III

Coney, an Educational Researcher lives in Orlando, Florida. He attended the Fessenden Academy in Martin, Florida. Later Coney attended Dillard University, Rensselaer Poly Institute, and the University of Florida. Coney has earned B.A., M.S. and PH.D. Degrees. Freeman was born in Eustis, Florida, his hobbies are checkers and reading. He belongs to the Ancient Mystical Order of Rosa Crucis. He is single with two children, Myra and Larry. Coney's nicknames are "Schooley" and "School Boy."

"Magic Man"

Charles Covington

Covington was born in Baltimore, Maryland, where he graduated from Douglas High School. His occupation is an "International jazz musician" and a 40 years "Professional magician," earning the nickname, "Magic man." Married, Covington attends Bethel A.M.E church. He has been playing checkers only four years, in the Master and Top Masters Divisions, winning one trophy. Covington has been a professor of music at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore since 1979. He performed for former President Carter at the White House, played with George Benson on "The Tonight Show." He has made several celebrity performances with/for Sammy Davis, Jr., Estee Lauder, Earth Kitt, Morey Amsterdam, Larry King, Sonny Stitt, Gene Ammons, Eddie Harris, J.J. Johnson, Zoot Sims, B.B. King, Herbie Hancock, Chuck Berry and Flip Wilson, just to name a few. Not to mention appearing on BET and the Tim and Daphne show. Covington is a member of the American Federation of Musicians and is Musical Director at the Jazz at Harbor Place, in Baltimore. He also has been awarded a \$10,000 grant to support jazz performances, from the National Endowment of the Arts, as well as earning The President's citation for cultural progress, and various other certificates and awards from the University of Maryland; he has also published a magicians handbook. Granted a master chess player status for life, by the Chess Federation of the U.S. Covington considers **Freddie Owens** the best checker player in Baltimore. Covington asserts that he is, "One of the top ten black chess players in America."

"Good Guy"

LeeVorn Dial

Lee Vorn Dial, a current resident of Detroit, was born and raised in Holly Grove, Arkansas. The retired auto worker from Ford, is married and has one offspring. He has been playing checkers since he was a child. He will try to teach children the game. Dial contends that women can win against men, but it depends on their level of skill. He has attended several APCA National tournaments and has won a second place trophy in the Blue Ribbon Division. His favorite hobbies are art, checkers, photography, recording music and movies. Dial's nickname in the checker society is, "Good Guy."

CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS UPS

1982 AKRON

BLUE RIBBON

1	"Fifi"	Wilson	Detroit,MI
2	T.B.	Scott	Chicago,IL
3	Joseph	Thomas,Sr	Harlem Park,NY

GOLD BAR

1	Valentine	Cox	Nassau,BA
2	W.C.	Johnson	Detroit,MI
3	Wallace	Bullard	Flint,MI

JR. MASTERS

1	Eugene	Hampton	Indianapolis,IN
2	Paul	Bishop	Cleveland,OH
3	Rev. Dan	Flowers	Detroit,MI

MASTERS

1	"Bedside"	Shell	Atlanta,GA
2	Major	Hodge	Brooklyn,NY
3	Vincent	Dean	Newport,BA

1984 NASSAU,BA

BLUE RIBBON

1	Roger	Knowles	Nassau,BA
2	Edward	McDougall	Detroit,MI
3	Fred	Shurn	Chicago,IL

GOLD BAR

1	Andrew	Frazier	Nassau,BA
2	Clifford	Johnson	Chicago,IL
3	Robert	Carlton	Detroit,MI

JR. MASTERS

1	James	Chambers	Nassau,BA
2	Cyril	Knowles	Nassau,BA
3	William	Small	Winston-Salem,NC

MASTERS

1	Neil	Wright	Nassau, BA
2	Charles	Hudson	Detroit, MI
3	A.J.	Scott	St.Louis, MO

1983 CHICAGO

BLUE RIBBON

1	Wayne	Lockhart	Toledo,OH
2	Fred	Shurn	Chicago,IL
3	Edward	McDougall	Detroit,MI

GOLD BAR

1	Jimmy	Baldwin	Detroit,MI
2	Louis	Rufus	St.Louis,MO
3	S.Q.	Williams	Memphis,TN

JR. MASTERS

1	Al	Lambert	Chicago,IL
2	"Panama"	Williams	Chicago,IL
3	James	Ghess	Chicago,IL

MASTERS

1	George	Briscoe	Baltimore,MD
2	Henry	Miller	Atlanta,Ga
3	Bobbie	Hodo	Chicago,IL

1985 AKRON

BLUE RIBBON

1	Eddie	Smith	Chicago,IL
2	Edward	McDougall	Detroit,MI
3	Fred	Shurn	Chicago,IL

GOLD BAR

1	Robert	Butler	Atlanta,GA
2	Michael	Ward	Detroit,MI
3	Avie	Sharp	Colombus,OH

JR. MASTERS

1	Andrew	Frazier	Nassau,BA
2	Stephen	Trader	Baltimore,MD
3	Rev. Dan	Flowers	Detroit,MI

MASTERS

1	James	Garrett	Winston-Salem,NC
2	Eugene	Hampton	Indianapolis, IN
3	Eddie	Dillon	Houston, TX

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Once their hand is over the board, insist that they move instantly.

CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS UPS

1986 ST. LOUIS

BLUE RIBBON
 1 Garland Los Angeles, CA
 2 Fred Chicago, IL
 3 Edward McDougall Detroit, MI

GOLD BAR
 1 Frank Nassau, BA
 2 Perrie St. Louis, MO
 3 King Pepper St. Louis, MO

JR. MASTERS
 1 Valentine Cox Nassau, BA
 2 Albert Harrison Winston-Salem, NC
 3 Dr. Ervin Smith Columbus, OH

MASTERS
 1 Henry Miller Atlanta, GA
 2 Andrew Frazier Nassau, BA
 3 Ted Taylor Los Angeles, CA

1988 DETROIT

BLUE RIBBON
 1 Joseph Detroit, MI
 2 C.C. Los Angeles, CA
 3 Grover Kennedy Los Angeles, CA

GOLD BAR
 1 Fred Shurn Chicago, IL
 2 Roger Knowles Nassau, BA
 3 Clifford Johnson Chicago, IL

JR. MASTERS
 1 "Panama" Williams Chicago, IL
 2 Harold Jordan Dayton, OH
 3 Nelson Moore St. Louis, MO

MASTERS
 1 "Fifi" Wilson Detroit, MI
 2 Al Lambert Chicago, IL
 3 Valentine Cox Nassau, BA

1987 MEMPHIS

BLUE RIBBON
 1 Fred Chicago, IL
 2 James Columbus, OH
 3 Clarence Latimer Atlanta, GA

GOLD BAR
 1 Jessie Memphis, TN
 2 Garland Los Angeles, CA
 3 Clifford Latimer Atlanta, GA

JR. MASTERS
 1 Albert Winston-Salem, NC
 2 Dr. Ervin Columbus, OH
 3 Robert Jones Atlanta, GA

MASTERS
 1 Henry Memphis, TN
 2 Ted Los Angeles, CA
 3 Al Lambert Chicago, IL

1989 COLUMBUS

BLUE RIBBON
 1 Grover Los Angeles, CA
 2 C.C. Los Angeles, CA
 3 George King Nassau, BA

GOLD BAR
 1 Clifford Chicago, IL
 2 King St. Louis, MO
 3 Wayne Lockheart Toledo, OH

JR. MASTERS
 1 Nelson St. Louis, MO
 2 Louis St. Louis, MO
 3 Junior Guy Chicago, IL

MASTERS
 1 Valentine Nassau, BA
 2 Simon Brooklyn, NY
 3 Ismael Evans Nassau, BA

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Does it help you to play better when you measure the board, hold your hand over several different men, or point at the spots?

CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS UPS

1990 ATLANTA

BLUE RIBBON

1 Leonard	Bain	Nassau,BA
2 Harvey	Glass	Atlanta,GA
3 Otis	Liggins	Toledo,OH

GOLD BAR

1 Obie	Russ	Memphis,TN
2 E.L.	Tookes	Atlanta,GA
3 Wayne	Lockheart	Toledo,OH

JR. MASTERS

1 Willie	Robertson	Atlanta,GA
2 Hermond	Clark	Atlanta,GA
3 Frank	Cox	Nassau,BA

MASTERS

1 Simon	Levine	Brooklyn,NY.
2 "Panama"	Williams	Chicago,IL
3 Melvin	Martin	Brooklyn,NY

1991 LOS ANGELES

BLUE RIBBON

1 Joe	Bailey	Los Angeles,CA
2 Rudy	Poe	Detroit,MI
3 T.B.	Scott	Chicago,IL

GOLD BAR

1 "ChickenBoy"	Ernest	Chicago,IL
2 Roger	Knowles	Nassau,BA
3 Wayne	Lockheart	Toledo,OH

JR. MASTERS

1 Frank	Cox	Nassau,BA
2 Anapoly	Grupin	Los Angeles,CA
3 Fred	Shurn	Chicago,IL

MASTERS

1 Melvin	Martin	Brooklyn,NY
2 "Panama"	Williams	Chicago,IL
3 Dr. Ervin	Smith	Columbus,OH

1992 NASSAU, BA

BLUE RIBBON

1 General	Owens	Chicago,IL
2 J. Myrick	Frazier	Detroit,MI
3 Glenroy	McKenzie	Nassau,BA

GOLD BAR

1 Leonard	Bain	Nassau,BA
2 Wayne	Lockheart	Toledo,OH
3 Grover	Kennedy	Los Angeles,CA

JR. MASTERS

1 Michael	Williams	Nassau,BA
2 Fred	Shurn	Chicago,IL
3 Anapoly	Grupin	Los Angeles,CA

MASTERS

1 Charles	Hudson	Detroit,MI
2 A.J.	Scott	St.Louis,MO
3 Frank	Cox	Nassau,BA

1993 PETAL, MISS

BLUE RIBBON

1 Clinton	Murphy	Atlanta,GA
2 Rudy	Poe	Detroit,MI
3 Clarence	Lindsey	Williamston,SC

GOLD BAR

1 Wayne	Lockheart	Toledo,OH
2 Eddie	Smith	Chicago,IL
3 Gary	Watson	Atlanta,GA

JR. MASTERS

1 Anatoly	Grupin	Los Angeles,CA
2 "ChickenBoy"	Ernest	Chicago,IL
3 William	Small	Winston-Salem,NC

MASTERS

1 "Panama"	Williams	Chicago,IL
2 Eddie	Dillon	Houston,TX
3 Donald	Lowe	Detroit,MI

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**If a baby stumble up and make the right move,
you in trouble.... "Chicago" Goodwin Harris**

CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS UPS

1994 WINSTON-SALEM

1995 AUGUSTA

BLUE RIBBON**BLUE RIBBON**

1 William Bryant	Winston-Salem,NC
2 Alex McNair	Winston-Salem,NC
3 Clarence Lindsey	Williamston,SC

1 Eugene Davis	Atlanta,GA
2 Isaac Robins	Detroit,MI
3 Phillip Villnor	Nassau,BA

GOLD BAR**GOLD BAR**

1 Roger Knowles	Nassau,BA
2 Chauncy Smith	St.Louis,MO
3 Wallace Bullard	Flint,MI

1 Gary Watson	Augusta,GA
2 Wallace Bullard	Flint,MI
3 Paul Haskins	Detroit,MI

JR. MASTERS**JR. MASTERS**

1 Fred Shurn	Chicago,IL
2 William Small	Winston-Salem,NC
3 "Cigar" Rice	Detroit,MI

1 Fred Welcher	Augusta,GA
2 "Cigar" Rice	Detroit,MI
3 Shervin Hanna	Nassau,BA

MASTERS**MASTERS**

1 Timothy Irwin	Houston,TX
2 Louis Rufus	St.Louis,MO
3 Clorius Lay	Chicago,IL

1 Vincent Dean	Newport,BA
2 Anatoly Grupin	Los Angeles,CA
3 Homer King	Macon,GA

1996 HOUSTON

1997 FLINT MICH

BLUE RIBBON**BLUE RIBBON**

1 Tim Moore	Durham,NC
2 Jasper Williams	Atlanta,GA
3 Isaac Robins	Detroit,MI

1 Elliot Ely	Kansas City, MO
2 Harvey Glass	Winston-Salem,NC
3 George Evens	GA

GOLD BAR**GOLD BAR**

1 Chauncy Smith	St.Louis,MO
2 Thomas Jones	Augusta,GA
3 Leroy Steed	Augusta,GA

1 Willie Robinson	Columbus,OH
2 Robert Johnson	Winston-Salem,NC
3 Clarence Gooche	Winston-Salem,NC

JR. MASTERS**JR. MASTERS**

1 Shervin Hanna	Nassau,BA
2 "ChickenBoy" Earnest	Chicago,IL
3 Lozie Goolsey	Jacksonville,FL

1 Joseph Wilson	Memphis, TN
2 Luther Murray	Detroit, MI
3 Lonnie Davison	St. Louis, MO

MASTERS**MASTERS**

1 Anatoly Grupin	Los Angeles,CA
2 Anthony Simmons	Ft.Lauderdale,Fl
3 Frank Cox	Nassau,BA

1 Alex Golodets	Memphis, TN
2 Don Lowe	Detroit, MI
3 Clorius Lay	Gary, IN

That got him! Shot Gun!.....Ollie "Shotgun" Howard

John T. Oatis Remembered

After I had been knowing and helping Mr. Oatis for about three or four years, I became conscious of the fact that more and newer checker Players were trickling into the checker meets, sponsored by Mr. Oatis. Players like, Archie Jones, Mack Mc Caskill, "Minnesota Bear" Shaddrick Alfred, Sylvester Lewis, Hank Jenkins, Bill Moore, Edward Menifee, "Little" George Ramsey, Bill Richardson and others.

In all the years that Mr. Oatis, conducted pool checker tournaments, he gave each tournament a different name. He never did tag the Tournaments with Numbers nor Annuals. In 1963 I asked Mr. Oatis to name the next up coming tournament, The Mid-Western Open. He rejected the idea because he could not imagine people going from one State to another to play checkers, least of all, coming here to Detroit, just to play checkers. Refusing to give up, I continued to nag and pester Mr. Oatis to name a meet, the Mid-Western Open, until he relented and named the 1964 Tournament, the "Mid-Western Open."

When the announcement of the Mid-Western Open was made in the Pool Checker column, which I was writing for the Michigan Chronicle, the response was unbelievable.

"Champ" Wardell Moore and several players from Flint, Michigan, showed up. Seventeen players, including Atty. J. R. Williams, James "Bedside" Shell, L. A. Thweet, "BoJack" Howard and Michael Jordan of Atlanta, Georgia, came. Eight players including Sam Walters, Lloyd Tucker, George Lyons and "Schoolboy" Morris, of Cleveland, Ohio, showed up. George Robinson, Ellis Green and others of Toledo, Ohio. And last but not lease, Carl "Buster" Smith and several players from Chicago, appeared on the scene.

Mr. Oatis, discontinued utilizing the A,B and C divisions, and originated the Blue Ribbon, the Gold Bar, the Jr. Masters and the Masters divisions in 1965. Then whenever he directed a Tournament, to determine the Top Ten Ranking players, he would select four of the highest scoring players from the Masters, three of the highest from the Jr. Masters, two of the highest from the Gold Bar and the highest players from the Blue Ribbon. He then had those ten players to play each other for the Top Ten Ranking positions. Mr. Oatis used that system in all local tournaments and the APCA National Tournaments, until the 1970 APCA Tournament. The present method of determining the Top Ten Masters in the APCA has been used since 1971.

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What's the APCA's agenda for Juniors replacing Seniors?

JOHN T. OATIS REMEMBERED

Since there were so many so-called checker clubs and different groups and pockets of players that began to take part in Mr. Oatis tournaments, he decided to give them one name to play under. So in 1961, he went to the court house in downtown Detroit, Michigan, and registered the name of, AMERICAN POOL CHECKER ASSOCIATION. That name grew from controlling the local clubs, to commanding the National Clubs of this day.

In the early years of the APCA, Mr. Oatis appointed several people officers of the of the APCA. The first election of APCA Officials was in Cleveland, Ohio. in 1970. Mr. Oatis, did not let his name be placed in the nomination for election.

The Northwestern Pool Checker Club which was based in the Northwestern Center in Detroit, Michigan, was once referred to as the "Mother Club" of the APCA. That was because Mr. Oatis ran his Sunday Sportsmen Fellowship Play and directed all other Tournaments and the first three APCA National Tournaments from there. Also, the other clubs that sprang up around the country, took their cues from the "Mother Club." The Detroit American Pool Checker Club is one of the splinters from the "Mother Club." The Northwestern Pool Checker Club started fading from the APCA and into obscurity in 1974. That was brought on by the ineptness of the New York Dream Pool Checker Club. The APCA had given the New York Dream Club

permission to host the 1973 Tournament, without realizing that the Dream Club had no resources nor tournament directing experience. The results was chaotic. So from then to now, the APCA has taxed all clubs two hundred dollars, so it, the APCA could sponsor, host and direct all future National Tournaments.

Mr. Oatis and the Northwestern Pool Checker Club never paid those taxes. They felt that it was too much of a strain and unfair to the small clubs, which had only fifteen or twenty members, to pay two hundred dollars along side of the other four or five clubs, which claimed fifty to eighty members. Mr. Oatis and his group wanted the APCA to tax all members five or ten dollars apiece.

After the taxation, the rosters of APCA clubs dropped from about twenty to about fourteen clubs. The clubs on the APCA rosters never did pay the full two hundred dollars as were required.

I personally knew of a club in Pontiac, Michigan with eight members and a club of five members, in Savannah, Georgia who sent Chess N' Checkers five dollars and a note, asking how to join the APCA? The APCA response was, "Two hundred dollars." Of course they never joined and the APCA has never grown more than an average of one club per year, in over thirty two years.

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Legendary Pool Checker Icons

Each of the following men, in their own special way contributed to the growth and the wide spread popularity of Pool Checkers that it enjoys today. Some contributed money. Some contributed their time. Many contributed their presence, their charisma, and gave their checker knowledge and the loan of books. Many others contributed their eminence, their devotion, and their dedication as they walked and wadded in Pool Checker mud and water, building bridges for many to walk over as thousands are now riding across in air-condition, Pool Checker Limousines.

Ollie "Shotgun" Howard "Tip" Baldwin "Buster" Smith

Elton Williams "Bill" Langley George Sykes John Oatis

Charles "king" Mooreland "Little" George Ramsey

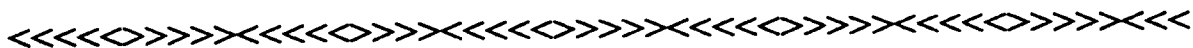
Therodore P. Hinds Dr. Nathaniel Leach Clyde Black

George Robinson Freddy Owens Archie Waters

"Lawyer" James R. Williams "Flowerman" Johnson

Edward Meniffee Moses Lightfoot Sam Walters

Louis Rubin



Disapprove of their hand over the board until they're ready to move.

Old and New APCA Rules

If the APCA, is to ever reach another level of prestige, it must start enforcing two of its current rules and generate four new rules. Rule #13 says, when a man is played in one direction, he is to continue in that direction. Many players, do not like abiding by that rule. Rule #23 says, that once a man reaches the King Row, he must be "Crowned" before any other moves are made.

According to a wide survey, the APCA would do itself and many players proud, when the above rules are enforced and the following is adoptive. Rule #35. When a player points at a spot, he must move a man to that spot. Rule # 36. When a player points at a man, he must move that man. Rule # 37. When a player holds his hand over a man he must move that man. Last is Rule # 38. When a player touches a spot, he must move a man to that spot.

Any Player whose mannerisms are, akin to the descriptions of rules thirty -five, through thirty eight, cheats his opponents right before their eyes. Players who use those tactics most always win games which should have been draws and draw those that, their opponents should win. Questions? Why does one player tell another not to measure the board? Why does a player go through the act of measuring the board? When a player is asked if his playing mannerisms, measuring the board etc., help in anyway? He will always say, no. If it does not help Why does he do it? It is up to the APCA to see that all players in the organization get a fair and equal shot at winning. The APCA must take a stand to protect the unprotected players.

John T. Otis Remembered

The APCA has two hand books, one was published in 1974 and one was published in 1982. Those books contain the APCA Constitution, By-Laws, Playing Rules and some articles that Mr. Otis had a hand in drawing up. Only a few people know that Mr. Otis wrote and published two books that were pilots for the two mentioned above. Mr. Otis wrote the first APCA Point Manual and Rules in 1961. He wrote the APCA second edition of the Point Manual and Rules in 1965. In some respects, the first mentioned books above are clones of those written by Mr. Otis.

Mr. Otis was one of the nicest men ever! He was into Square Dancing, Tennis, Jogging, Bible Teaching and of course, Checkers. Mr. Otis was the kind of person that would not allow anybody to tell him what another person had said about him. He would always say something like, "Maybe they intended to say that, another way." Mr. Otis was not a rich man, but one thing he did for sure, He always carried money in one pocket for spending purposes and money in another pocket for mendicants. Most of the people addressed him. "Mister Otis." Some called him. "Kind John".

Whenever I was in distress or had problems, "And I had many." Mr. Otis would drop everything, and come running. He would do the same thing for my kids. If I was out of town and they need help or advice, they would call Mr. Otis, to their rescue as if he was their guardian angel. John Otis, was a devoted father and husband. He was a member of the historic Second Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Otis was a walking encyclopedia. He knew about everything, things like, the Bible, cars, electricity and plumbing.

J. Myrick Frazier

TOP MASTERS - TOURNAMENTS - RESULTS

DETROIT

May 13-15, 1966

1	George	Sykes	Detroit, MI
2	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
3	James "Lawyer"	Williams	Atlanta, GA
4	William "Bill"	Moore	Detroit, MI
5	Henry "Hank"	Wilson	Detroit, MI
6	Elgie "Schoolboy"	Morris	Cleveland, OH
7	George	Lyons	Cleveland, OH
8	Tom	Bell	Atlanta, GA
9	James "Bedside"	Shell	Atlanta, GA
10	"Talking" Sam	Kennedy	Detroit, MI

DETROIT

May 19-21, 1967

1	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
2	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
3	George	Sykes	Detroit, MI
4	James "Lawyer"	Williams	Atlanta, GA
5	William "Bill"	Moore	Detroit, MI
6	"Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
7	Carl	Thomas	Detroit, MI
8	Henry "Hank"	Wilson	Detroit, MI
9	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
10	Michael	Jordan	Atlanta, GA

DETROIT

May 17-19, 1968

1	Charlie	Carter	Atlanta, GA
2	George	Sykes	Detroit, MI
3	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
4	James "Lawyer"	Williams	Atlanta, GA
5	James "Bedside"	Shell	Atlanta, GA
6	Henry "Hank"	Jenkins	Detroit, MI
7	Elgie "Schoolboy"	Morris	Cleveland, OH
8	Mack	Carter	Atlanta, GA
9	Thomas "Spects"	Esselman	Detroit, MI
10	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH

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TOP MASTERS - TOURNAMENTS - RESULTS

ATLANTA

May 16-18, 1969

1	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
2	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
3	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
4	Moses	Lightfoot	Macon, GA
5	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
6	Henry "Hank"	Wilson	Detroit, MI
7	Charles "UncleSnap"	Hamilton	Atlanta, GA
8	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
9	Frank	Mitchell	Atlanta, GA
10	Elgie "Schoolboy"	Morris	Cleveland, OH

CLEVELAND

June 19-21, 1970

1	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
2	"Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
3	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
4	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
5	Henry "Hank"	Wilson	Detroit, MI
6	Moses	Lightfoot	Macon, GA
7	John	Fields	Charlotte, NC
7	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
9	Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
10	William	Richardson	Detroit, MI

FLINT

July 1971

1	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
1	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
3	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
4	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
5	Moses	Lightfoot	Macon, GA
6	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
7	Ben	Bady	Atlanta, GA
8	Carl	Thomas	Detroit, MI
9	Herman	Mack	Hackensack, NJ
10	George	Sykes	Detroit, MI

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TOP MASTERS - TOURNAMENTS - RESULTS

DETROIT		July 13-16, 1972	
1	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
2	Freddie "Hawk"	Owens	Baltimore, MD
3	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
4	"Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
5	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
6	Moses	Lightfoot	Macon, GA
7	Charlie	Brown	Baltimore, MD
7	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
9	William "Nub"	Weaver	Atlanta, GA
10	Fletcher	Samuels	New York, NY

NEW YORK		July 26-30, 1973	
1	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
2	Freddie "Hawk"	Owens	Baltimore, MD
3	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
4	"Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
5	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
6	Fletcher	Samuels	New York, NY
7	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
8	Henry "Hank"	Jenkins	Detroit, MI
9	Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
10	Milton	Miskell	Chicago, IL
10	William	Richardson	Detroit, MI

ST. LOUIS		July 17-21, 1974	
1	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
2	Freddie "Hawk"	Owens	Baltimore, MD
3	"Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
4	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
5	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
6	Moses	Lightfoot	Macon, GA
7	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
8	Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL
9	Walter	Wright	Greensboro, NC
10	George	Graham	Memphis, TN

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TOP MASTERS - TOURNAMENTS - RESULTS

CHICAGO		July 23-27, 1975	
1	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
2	Freddie "Hawk"	Owens	Baltimore, MD
3	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
4	Charlie	Brown	Baltimore, MD
5	Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
6	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
7	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
8	Herman	Mack	Hackensack, NJ
9	Clyde	Black	New York, NY
10	Leon	Burgess	Memphis, TN

MEMPHIS		July 1976	
1	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
2	Freddie "Hawk"	Owens	Baltimore, MD
3	P.L.	Parker	Brooklyn, NY
4	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
5	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
6	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
7	"Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
8	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
9	Clyde	Black	New York, NY
10	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA

ATLANTA		July 15-17, 1977	
1	Vladimir	Kaplan	New York, NY
2	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
3	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
4	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
5	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
6	Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
7	William "Nub"	Weaver	Atlanta, GA
8	Charles	McDuffy	St. Louis, MO
9	Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL
10	Irvin "HolyPoly"	Davis	Atlanta, GA

"Chicken Boy"

Therman Ernest

Ernest was born in Forrest, Mississippi. His occupation, Production Supervisor. He has played in at least 20 different tournaments winning ten trophies in the Junior Masters Division. He has lost a checker match to Wallace Bullard. Earnest has been playing checkers for the better part of 50 years. He played in eight APCA National Tournaments. Earnest believes that some women can beat men playing checkers. He considers Al Lambert the best player in town. Earnest is known as "Chicken Boy" to his opponents. He presently resides in Chicago.

Thomas Evans

This proud South Carolina native from Sumter, is a bricklayer. He attends a local Presbyterian Church. Evans has played pool checkers in the Blue Ribbon Division for the last three years. He is a member of the Sumter Checker Club. His favorite hobbies are fishing, checkers, and teaching children how to play checkers. He considers every pool checker player in Sumter the best, He doesn't believe women can beat men playing checkers.

Berley Geiger

Mr. Geiger was born in Jochin, West Virginia. Geiger has been playing pool checkers since 1965. He considers Ferrel and Webb the best players in town. His hobbies are checkers and high school basketball. Currently, Geiger lives in Charleston, West Virginia, where he is a member of Ebenezer Baptist church. He and his wife have two children.

"Dog Green"

William H. Green

This retired government worker, has been playing checkers practically all his life, or some 80+ years. Green was born in Henderson, North Carolina. He attended St. Augustine College and is of the Baptist faith. Green has played in eight National APCA tournaments in the Top Masters' Division. Nicknamed, "Dog Green," he is willing to teach kids how to play checkers, "if they want to learn." He believes women cannot beat men playing checkers. He claims Dempsey is the best checker player in town. Mr. Green is single, and lives in Washington, D.C.

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Paul Haskins, Cleo Washington and J. Myrick Frazier are the only known people in America, who teach Pool Checkers in the Public Schools. They have been teaching the great game to fourth, fifth and sixth graders in the Detroit, Michigan Public Schools for more than ten years. Alexander Brown, of Starkville, Mississippi was the first.

"The Great Dave"*David Holford*

Holford is a native of Guyana, South America. This societal "freethinker," was born when the Brooklyn bridge was 28 years old. He and his wife currently live in the city which has that bridge, Brooklyn, New York. He has been playing checkers since he was 15 and has played in one National APCA tournament. Holford regards Tony Rivers as the best player in town. Retired, Holford's hobbies consist of checkers, ping-pong and billiards, he is a member of the Elite Pool Checker Club. "The Great Dave," believes women can beat men. He teaches children how to play checkers.

"Mail Man"*Roosevelt Jones, Sr.*

Jones was born in Orangeburg, SC, where he now resides. A truck driver, he is a member of the Friendship Baptist Church. Jones, who is single, has been playing checkers for three years, currently playing in the Blue Ribbon Division. His favorite hobby is playing checkers, of course. They know him in the checker world as, "Mailman." Jones believes women can beat men playing checkers. "Mailman" teaches children how to play the game.

Lester Kirkmon, Jr.

Kirkmon, a native Beaumont, Texan, attended Pollard High School and the American Weld Testing College. He inherited a barber shop, Laundromat, pressing shop and real estate property from his father, the right Rev. Lester Kirkmon, Sr. Currently he is a member of the Trinity Church of Beaumont. He and his wife have three children: Trina, Tomika and Leon. Kirkmon's hobbies include, fishing, bowling, playing ball and of course checkers. He began playing at the age of ten at "My Daddy's Barber Shop." Kirkmon has played in nine APCA National Tournaments. Lester won several trophies in the Masters and Top Master's Divisions. Lester, believes that women can beat men playing checkers. Kirkmon will teach children how to play checkers. Kirkmon is a member of the Houston Pool Checker Club.

"Boss Bill"*William Langley*

William Langley, was born in Columbia, South Carolina. He learned how to play pool checkers at a very early age. Langley played the game for more than 50 years. Like many gun slingers of the old west who roam the territory, looking for the fastest guns, Langley sought to discover and to play the best checker Players everywhere. He played an unforgettable marathon match with the great, Carl "Buster" Smith. In that particular match "Buster" won by the score of 55 to five. "Boss Bill," won the APCA World's Championship in 1969. He finished in the top ten 21 times. Langley was married close to 50 years and retired from GM in Detroit, as a quality control inspector.

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Do not permit their hands over the board until they're ready to move.

TOP MASTERS - TOURNAMENTS - RESULTS

DETROIT

July 1978

1	Vladimir	Kaplan	New York, NY
2	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
3	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
4	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
5	"Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
6	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
7	Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
8	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
9	Ralieggh	Taylor	New York, NY
10	Irvin "HolyPoly"	Davis	Atlanta, GA

WINSTON-SALEM

July 17-22, 1979

1	Vladimir	Kaplan	New York, NY
2	Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
3	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
4	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
5	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
6	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
7	Irvin "HolyPoly"	Davis	Atlanta, GA
8	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
9	Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL
10	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI

WASHINGTON DC

July 14-20, 1980

1	Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
2	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
3	Freddie "Hawk"	Owens	Baltimore, MD
4	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
5	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
6	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
6	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
8	Charlie	Brown	Baltimore, MD
9	Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
10	Irvin "HolyPoly"	Davis	Atlanta, GA

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TOP MASTERS - TOURNAMENTS - RESULTS

MEMPHIS

July 14-20, 1981

1	Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
2	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
3	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
4	Leroy	Harbin	Memphis, TN
5	Casey	Jones	Atlanta, GA
6	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
6	Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL
8	Irvin "HolyPoly"	Davis	Atlanta, GA
8	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
8	Lester	Small	Nassau, BA

AKRON

July 20-25, 1982

1	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
2	Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
3	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
3	Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
5	"Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
6	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
7	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
8	James	Stone	Savannah, GA
9	Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL
10	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY

CHICAGO

July 19-24, 1983

1	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
2	Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
3	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
3	Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
5	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
6	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
6	Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
8	Walter	Wright	Greensboro, NC
9	"Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
10	Mack	Carter	Atlanta, GA

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TOP MASTERS - TOURNAMENTS - RESULTS

NASSAU

July 23-29, 1984

1	Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
2	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
3	Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
4	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
5	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
6	John	Brown	Nassau, BA
7	"Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
8	Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
9	Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN
9	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH

AKRON

July 22-27, 1985

1	Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
2	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
3	Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
4	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
5	"Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
6	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
7	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
8	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
9	Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
10	Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA

ST. LOUIS

July 1986

1	Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
2	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
3	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
4	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
5	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
6	Jaker	Kacher	LosAngeles, Ca
7	Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN
7	Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
9	Walter	Wright	Greensboro, NC
10	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA

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TOP MASTERS - TOURNAMENTS - RESULTS

MEMPHIS

July 1987

1	Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
2	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
3	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
4	John	Brown	Nassau, BA
5	Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN
5	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
5	Andrew	Frazier	Nassau, BA
8	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
9	Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
10	James	Garrett	Winston-Salem, NC

DETROIT

July 18-23, 1988

1	Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
2	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
3	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
4	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
5	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
6	Andrew	Frazier	Nassau, BA
7	Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
8	"Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
9	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
10	George	Sykes	Detroit, MI

COLUMBUS

July 1989

1	Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
2	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
3	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
4	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
5	Al	Lambert	Chicago, IL
5	Andrew	Frazier	Nassau, BA
7	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
8	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
9	Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
10	Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN

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ATLANTA

July 1990

1	Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
2	Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
3	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
4	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
5	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
6	Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
7	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
8	Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN
9	John	Gresham	Atlanta, GA
10	Lester	Small	Nassau, BA

LOS ANGELES

July 14-20, 1991

1	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
2	Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
3	Andrew	Frazier	Nassau, BA
4	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
5	Al	Lambert	Chicago, IL
6	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
7	Valentine	Cox	Nassau, BA
8	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
9	Jaker	Kacher	Los Angeles, CA
10	Walter	Wright	Greensboro, NC

NASSAU

July 14-17, 1992

1	Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
2	Andrew	Frazier	Nassau, BA
3	Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
4	Henry	Miller	Atlanta, GA
5	Al	Lambert	Chicago, IL
6	Valentine	Cox	Nassau, BA
7	Walter	Wright	Greensboro, NC
8	John	Brown	Nassau, BA
9	Parmalee	McCammey	Hillside, NJ
10	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH

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PETAL

July 18-24, 1993

1	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
2	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
3	Andrew	Frazier	Nassau, BA
4	Al	Lambert	Chicago, IL
5	Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
6	Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
7	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
8	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
9	Michael	Jordan	Atlanta, GA
10	Charles	Hudson	Detroit, MI

WINSTON-SALEM

July 10-17, 1994

1	Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
2	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
3	Henry	Stokes	Memphis, TN
4	Al	Lambert	Chicago, IL
5	Rembert	Ford	Detroit, MI
6	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
7	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
8	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
9	Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN
10	Charles	Hudson	Detroit, MI

AUGUSTA

July 16-23, 1995

1	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
2	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
3	Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
4	Henry	Miller	Atlanta, GA
5	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
6	Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN
7	Michael	Jordan	Atlanta, GA
8	Neil	Wright	Nassau, BA
9	Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
10	Melvin	Martin	Brooklyn, NY

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HOUSTON

July 15-19, 1996

1	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
2	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
3	Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
4	Neil	Wright	Nassau, BA
5	Michael	Jordan	Atlanta, GA
6	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
7	Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL
8	Timothy	Irvin	Galveston, TX
9	Melvin	Martin	Brooklyn, NY
10	Henry	Miller	Atlanta, GA

FLINT

July 13-18, 1997

1	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
2	Michael	Jordan	Atlanta, GA
3	Al	Lambert	Chicago, IL
4	Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
5	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
6	Orlando "Pannama"	Williams	Chicago, IL
7	Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
8	Timothy	Irvin	Galveston, TX
9	Neil	Wright	Nassau, BA
10	Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL

Do not let them measure the board. It's already been measured. When they attempt to move a man, insist that they do. Pool Checkers is the greatest game on earth. Pool Checkers is a beautiful game, but it is so pathetic to watch those who have been playing ten or twenty years, nonchalantly, break so many rules of the great game. PCM

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1967	DETROIT,	MICHIGAN	6
1968	DETROIT,	MICHIGAN	6
1969	ATLANTA,	GEORGIA	3
1970	CLEVELAND,	OHIO	1
1971	FLINT,	MICHIGAN	2
1972	DETROIT,	MICHIGAN	6
1973	NEW YORK	NEW YORK	1
1974	ST. LOUIS,	MISSOURI	2
1975	CHICAGO,	ILLINOIS	2
1976	MEMPHIS,	TENNESSEE	3
1977	ATLANTA,	GEORGIA	3
1978	DETROIT,	MICHIGAN	6
1979	WINSTON SALEM,	NORTH CAROLINA	2
1980	WASHINGTON,	D. C.	1
1981	MEMPHIS,	TENNESSEE	3
1982	AKRON,	OHIO	2
1983	CHICAGO,	ILLINOIS	2
1984	NASSAU,	BAHAMAS	2
1985	AKRON,	OHIO	2
1986	ST. LOUIS	MISSOURI	2
1987	MEMPHIS,	TENNESSEE	3
1988	DETROIT,	MICHIGAN	6
1989	COLUMBUS,	OHIO	1
1990	ATLANTA,	GEORGIA	3
1991	COMPTON,	CALIFORNIA	1
1992	NASSAU,	BAHAMAS	2
1993	PETAL,	MISSISSIPPI	1
1994	WINSTON SALEM,	NORTH CAROLINA	2
1995	AUGUSTA,	GEORGIA	1
1996	HOUSTON,	TEXAS	1
1997	FLINT,	MICHIGAN	2

THE WORLD'S TOP TEN CHAMPIONS

Column A The year they won
 Column B Winners listed chronologically.
 Column C..... Their playing Strength against mass competition.
 Column D..... Winning years in the Top Ten. (Seniority)

A	B	C	D
1966	George Sykes	1st	5
1967	"Buster" Smith	2nd	2
1968	Charlie Carter	3rd	1
1969	"Bill" Langley	4th	2
1970	"Buster" Smith	5th	2
1971	"Shotgun" Howard	6th	5
1971	Victor Krafft	6th	5
1972	"Buster" Smith	7th	2
1973	"Buster" Smith	8th	2
1974	"Buster" Smith	9th	2
1975	"Buster" Smith	10th	2
1976	"Buster" Smith	11th	2
1977	Vladimir Kaplan	12th	1
1978	Vladimir Kaplan	13th	1
1979	Vladimir Kaplan	14th	1
1980	Mamadu Faals	15th	2
1981	Mamadu Faals	16th	2
1982	"Buster" Smith	17th	2
1983	"Buster" Smith	18th	2
1984	Iser Kuperman	19th	1
1985	Iser Kuperman	20th	1
1986	Iser Kuperman	21st	1
1987	Iser Kuperman	22nd	1
1988	Iser Kuperman	23rd	1
1989	Iser Kuperman	24th	1
1990	Iser Kuperman	25th	1
1991	"Buster" Smith	26th	2
1992	"Buster" Smitn	27th	2
1993	Elton Williams	28th	3
1994	Calvin Monroe	29th	5
1995	"Eastpoint" Barnett	30th	3
1996	"Eastpoint" Barnett	31st	3
1997	"Eastpoint" Barnett	32nd	3

WINNING YEARS IN APCA

Carl "Buster"	Smith	24	Herman	Mack	2
William "Bill"	Langley	22	Melvin	Martin	2
Elton	Williams	21	Henry	Miller	2
George	Robinson	18	William "Bill"	Moore	2
Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	15	William	Richardson	2
Victor	Krafft	14	Fletcher	Samuels	2
Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	13	James "Bedside"	Shell	2
"Little" George	Ramsey	12	Carl	Thomas	2
Lester	Small	9	William "Nub"	Weaver	2
Momodou	Faal	8	Neil	Wright	2
Iser	Kuperman	8	Ben	Body	1
Tony	Rivers	8	Tom	Bell	1
Otho	Bibbs	7	Leon	Burgess	1
Calvin	Monroe	7	Charlie	Carter	1
Andrew	Frazier	6	Thomas "Spects"	Esselman	1
Freddie "Hawk"	Owens	6	John	Fields	1
Irvin "HolyPoly"	Davis	5	Rembert	Ford	1
Al	Lambert	5	James	Garrett	1
Moses	Lightfoot	5	George	Graham	1
George	Sykes	5	John	Gresham	1
Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	5	Charles "UncleSnap"	Hamilton	1
Walter	Wright	5	Leroy	Harbin	1
Henry "Hank"	Wilson	4	Timothy	Irvin	1
Charlie	Brown	3	Casey	Jones	1
John	Brown	3	"Talking" Sam	Kennedy	1
Michael	Jordan	3	George	Lyons	1
Vladimir	Kaplan	3	Parmalee	McCammey	1
Elgie "Schoolboy"	Morris	3	Charles	McDuffy	1
James "Lawyer"	Williams	3	Milton	Miskell	1
Clyde	Black	2	Frank	Mitchell	1
Mack	Carter	2	P.L.	Parker	1
Valentine	Cox	2	Henry	Stokes	1
Charles	Hudson	2	James	Stone	1
Henry "Hank"	Jenkins	2	Ralieggh	Taylor	1
Jaker	Kacher	2	Orlando "Pannama"	Williams	1

How many APCA clubs have Children, Kids, Youth in their membership?

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Players Strength and Seniority

KEY:

column A
column B
column C

Performance-Participation
Winning Years in APCA (seniority)
Players Strength

	A	B	C
Sykes	13200	5	5
Langley	221343344040588585887	21	5
L. Williams	344	3	3
B. Moore	45	2	4
Wilson	5865	4	6
Morris	670	3	7
Lyons	7	1	7
Bell	8	8	8
Shell	95	2	7
Kennedy	0	1	10
B. Smith	132131111136562114332411	24	2
Ramsey	624437559758	12	5
Thomas	78	2	7
Robinson	9086755945977607856	19	7
Jordan	0975	4	7
Carter	1	1	1
Jenkins	68	2	7
Esselman	9	1	9
Howard	341535654885067	15	5
Lightfoot	46566	5	5
Krafft	57175476635569	14	5
Hamilton	7	1	7
Mitchell	9	1	9
Fields	7	1	7
Rivers	99567932	8	6
Richardson	0	2	10
Bady	7	1	7
Mack	98	2	8
Owens	222223	6	2
C. Brown	748	3	6
Weaver	97	2	8
Samuels	06	2	8
Miskell	0	1	10
E. Williams	782232733222533341622	21	3

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Players Strength & Seniority

KEY:

column A	Performance & Participation
column B	winning years in APCA
column C	Players Ratings

	A	B	C
Thompson	899697	6	8
Wright	98907	5	8
Graham	0	1	10
Black	99	2	9
Burgess	0	1	10
Parker	3	1	3
Barnett Eastpointe	03460242422111	14	3
Kaplan	111	3	1
McDuffy	8	1	8
Davis	708	5	9
Taylor	9	1	9
Faals	21123332	8	2
Harbin	4	1	4
Jones	5	1	5
Small	968970369	9	7
Stone	8	1	8
M. Carter	0	1	10
Kuperman	1111112	8	1
J. Brown	548	3	5
Bibbs	0750896	7	7
Monroe	07805133	8	5
Frazier	565323	6	4
Garrett	0	1	10
Lambert	55544	5	4
Gresham	9	1	9
Cox	76	2	6
Kacher	9	1	9
McClammy	9	1	9
Hudson	00	2	10
Stokes	3	1	3
Ford	5	1	5
Miller	40	2	7
N. Wright	84	2	6
Martin	08	2	9
Irvin	8	2	8
Williams	6	1	6

Leo F. Lewis

Leo was born in Hancock County, in Sparta, Georgia. Leo, is a high school graduate. He retired from Sears Roebuck & Co. Now living in Atlanta, he drives a cab during his spare time. Lewis is a devout Christian who attends a local Baptist church. He is a member of the Georgia Pool Checker Association. He has been playing pool checkers for more than 30 years. Leo has played in 18 national APCA tournaments, in the Gold Bar Division. After playing in 30 local tournaments, Leo can boast of having won three trophies. This man claims that Al Barnett is the best player in town. Leo doesn't think women can beat their male counterparts. Young people, who want to learn to play checkers, see Leo is the teacher.

"Chuck"*Charlie Mason*

Charlie Mason was born, in Somerville, Tennessee. He first learned how to play checkers in the Army. Mason has attended one National APCA tournament and currently plays in the Gold Bar Division. His hobbies are fishing, hunting and playing checkers. Mason has three children. He retired 15 years ago. He has been a widower for the last 18 months. "Chuck," as they call him, will teach kids the game. Woman beating men at checkers? Charlie thinks so. Also, he thinks Jake Kacher is the best checker Player in his town. Charlie resides in Los Angeles, California.

James H. Means

This married father of five children, Joan, Janet, James, Patricia and Ronald, was a Professor of Mathematics at Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas. He attended Merrill High School in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. James earned a Bachelor Degree from Arkansas AM&N College and a Master's Degree from the University of Iowa. James was determined to obtain his Doctorate Degree. He accomplished that goal by receiving the same from Oklahoma State University. Means is a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Austin, where he and his wife reside. Dr. Means has participated in 3 National APCA Tournaments in the Masters Division. He has been playing checkers since 1932. Humbly, he considers himself the best player in Austin, Texas. Means, born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, believes women playing checkers can beat men. James likes to teach young people the game of checkers when they want to learn. His membership organizations are Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Pi Phi.

"L. D"*Ester Moore, Jr.*

Moore was born in Milmd, Tennessee and has been an ardent student of the game since he was eight years old. His hobbies are hunting, fishing and playing checkers. A crane operator by profession, Moore is a member of Club Fifteen, in Toledo, where he and his family reside. He is married, and a father of one child. Although he has played in only one National APCA Tournament, he has won six trophies in the Masters Division. He considers George Robinson the best player in town. He is unsure of the notion that women can beat men playing checkers, He enjoys teaching checkers to children.

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"Roby"***George L. Robinson***

George Robinson is crafty. He is one of the best-known APCA veterans who has been playing checkers since grade school. Robinson has amassed some twenty-five different trophies and played in 29 National Tournaments. He will continue the legacy by teaching children the game. He is retired and a member of Warren A.M.E. Church. His hobbies coincide with that of his peers: chess and checkers. Currently, "Roby," as he is known to his checker pals, is a Top Master and proudly hails himself as the top dog in town: He was born in Helena, Arkansas and now resides in Toledo, Ohio with his wife. They have a son and daughter, Stephen and Carolyn.

James H. Sennett

Mr. Sennett hails from Rayne, Louisiana. He has been a bona fide checker player for the last 27 years. He has attended several APCA National Tournaments. Played in four and won four trophies. Sennett's hobbies are community volunteering. He also appreciates gardening and biking. Sennett will teach the game to the younger generation. Sennett is a former Longshoreman and Postal Employee and has been retired for 21 years. Sennett, attended the College of Swedish Massage, in Chicago. Sennett is a member of a local Baptist church, and has two children. He thinks, Jackie Carr is the man who tops everyone else when it comes to playing checkers. Sennett, believes that men can be had by women if given the opportunity. The widowed Sennett makes his home in Houston, Texas.

William E. Smalls

Smalls was born in Georgetown, South Carolina. He attended Howard High School and South Carolina State College, in Orangeburg, S.C. Smalls is married and has two daughters. He is a member of St. Stephen's Baptist church and the Piedmont Pool Checker Club. Small started playing checkers as a child. He is the proud owner of 18 trophies, amassed over 20 years. Smalls have attended at least 20 National APCA tournaments. He is currently playing in the Jr. Masters Division. Smalls believe James Garrett is the best player in his town and favors women clobbering men in checkers. Smalls teaches checkers to those children who have a heart for learning. Retiring from R.J. Reynolds in 1987, Smalls resides in Winston-Salem, N. C.

Leroy Smith, Sr.

As a 50-year veteran pool checker player, Smith, currently plays in the Gold Bar Division. He attended Morris College, & North Carolina Central, earning B.A. and M.Ed. Degrees. Mr. Smith is a United Methodist. He is a member of two clubs, the Atlantic Avenue Checker Club and the Friendship Hunting Club. Although, he never played in the APCA National Tournament, he has played in three smaller tournaments, winning two trophies. Smith has doubts whether women can beat men playing checkers. He does teach children how to play checkers. Playing checkers, hunting and fishing are his favorite hobbies. Smith is retired from the Lee County Department of Education, in Bishopville, South Carolina. Carlyle Lesesne is the best player in Sumter.

32 years of 10th Place Top Masters

HOST CITY	YEAR		FIRST NAME	LAST	HOMETOWN
DETROIT	1966	10	"Talking" Sam	Kennedy	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1967	10	Michael	Jordan	Atlanta, GA
DETROIT	1968	10	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
ATLANTA	1969	10	Elgie "Schoolboy"	Morris	Cleveland, OH
CLEVELAND	1970	10	William	Richardson	Detroit, MI
FLINT	1971	10	George	Sykes	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1972	10	Fletcher	Samuels	New York, NY
NEW YORK	1973	10	Milton	Miskell	Chicago, IL
NEW YORK	1973	10	William	Richardson	Detroit, MI
ST. LOUIS	1974	10	George	Graham	Memphis, TN
CHICAGO	1975	10	Leon	Burgess	Memphis, TN
MEMPHIS	1976	10	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
ATLANTA	1977	10	Irvin "HolyPoly"	Davis	Atlanta, GA
DETROIT	1978	10	Irvin "HolyPoly"	Davis	Atlanta, GA
WINSTON-SALEM	1979	10	William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
WASHINGTON DC	1980	10	Irvin "HolyPoly"	Davis	Atlanta, GA
AKRON	1982	10	Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
CHICAGO	1983	10	Mack	Carter	Atlanta, GA
AKRON	1985	10	Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
ST. LOUIS	1986	10	Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
MEMPHIS	1987	10	James	Garrett	Winston-Salem, NC
DETROIT	1988	10	George	Sykes	Detroit, MI
COLUMBUS	1989	10	Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN
ATLANTA	1990	10	Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
LOS ANGELES	1991	10	Walter	Wright	Greensboro, NC
NASSAU	1992	10	George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
PETAL	1993	10	Charles	Hudson	Detroit, MI
WINSTON-SALEM	1994	10	Charles	Hudson	Detroit, MI
AUGUSTA	1995	10	Melvin	Martin	Brooklyn, NY
HOUSTON	1996	10	Henry	Miller	Atlanta, GA
FLINT	1997	10	Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL

Do not let them attempt to move several different men before moving.

32 years of 9th Place Top Masters

HOST CITY	YEAR	FIRST NAME	LAST	HOMETOWN
DETROIT	1966	9 James "Bedside"	Shell	Atlanta, GA
DETROIT	1967	9 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
DETROIT	1968	9 Thomas "Spects"	Esselman	Detroit, MI
ATLANTA	1969	9 Frank	Mitchell	Atlanta, GA
CLEVELAND	1970	9 Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
FLINT	1971	9 Herman	Mack	Hackensack, NJ
DETROIT	1972	9 William "Nub"	Weaver	Atlanta, GA
NEW YORK	1973	9 Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
ST. LOUIS	1974	9 Walter	Wright	Greensboro, NC
CHICAGO	1975	9 Clyde	Black	New York, NY
MEMPHIS	1976	9 Clyde	Black	New York, NY
ATLANTA	1977	9 Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL
DETROIT	1978	9 Ralieggh	Taylor	New York, NY
WINSTON-SALEM	1979	9 Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL
WASHINGTON DC	1980	9 Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
AKRON	1982	9 Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL
CHICAGO	1983	9 "Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
NASSAU	1984	9 Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN
NASSAU	1984	9 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
AKRON	1985	9 Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
ST. LOUIS	1986	9 Walter	Wright	Greensboro, NC
MEMPHIS	1987	9 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
DETROIT	1988	9 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
COLUMBUS	1989	9 Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
ATLANTA	1990	9 John	Gresham	Atlanta, GA
LOS ANGELES	1991	9 Jaker	Kacher	Los Angeles, CA
NASSAU	1992	9 Parmalee	McCammey	Hillside, NJ
PETAL, MISS	1993	9 Michael	Jordan	Atlanta, GA
WINSTON-SALEM	1994	9 Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN
AUGUSTA	1995	9 Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
HOUSTON	1996	9 Melvin	Martin	Brooklyn, NY
FLINT	1997	9 Neil	Wright	Nassau, BA

32 years of 8th Place Top Masters

HOST CITY	YEAR	FIRST NAME	LAST	HOMETOWN
DETROIT	1966	8 Tom	Bell	Atlanta, GA
DETROIT	1967	8 Henry "Hank"	Wilson	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1968	8 Mack	Carter	Atlanta, GA
ATLANTA	1969	8 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
FLINT	1971	8 Carl	Thomas	Detroit, MI
NEW YORK	1973	8 Henry "Hank"	Jenkins	Detroit, MI
ST. LOUIS	1974	8 Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL
CHICAGO	1975	8 Herman	Mack	Hackensack, NJ
MEMPHIS	1976	8 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
ATLANTA	1977	8 Charles	McDuffy	St. Louis, MO
DETROIT	1978	8 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
WINSTON-SALEM	1979	8 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
WASHINGTON DC	1980	8 Charlie	Brown	Baltimore, MD
MEMPHIS	1981	8 Irvin "HolyPoly"	Davis	Atlanta, GA
MEMPHIS	1981	8 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
MEMPHIS	1981	8 Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
AKRON	1982	8 James	Stone	Savannah, GA
CHICAGO	1983	8 Walter	Wright	Greensboro, NC
NASSAU	1984	8 Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
AKRON	1985	8 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
MEMPHIS	1987	8 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1988	8 "Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
COLUMBUS	1989	8 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
ATLANTA	1990	8 Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN
LOS ANGELES	1991	8 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
NASSAU	1992	8 John	Brown	Nassau, BA
PETAL	1993	8 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
WINSTON-SALEM	1994	8 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
AUGUSTA	1995	8 Neil	Wright	Nassau, BA
HOUSTON	1996	8 Timothy	Irvin	Galveston, TX
FLINT	1997	8 Timothy	Irvin	Galveston, TX

Do not let them point at several men or spots before moving.

32 years of 7th Place Top Masters

HOST CITY	YEAR	FIRST NAME	LAST	HOMETOWN
DETROIT	1966	7 George	Lyons	Cleveland, OH
DETROIT	1967	7 Carl	Thomas	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1968	7 Elgie "Schoolboy"	Morris	Cleveland, OH
ATLANTA	1969	7 Charles "Uncle Snap"	Hamilton	Atlanta, GA
CLEVELAND	1970	7 John	Fields	Charlotte, NC
CLEVELAND	1970	7 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
FLINT	1971	7 Ben	Bady	Atlanta, GA
DETROIT	1972	7 Charlie	Brown	Baltimore, MD
DETROIT	1972	7 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
NEW YORK	1973	7 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
ST. LOUIS	1974	7 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
CHICAGO	1975	7 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
MEMPHIS	1976	7 "Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
ATLANTA	1977	7 William "Nub"	Weaver	Atlanta, GA
DETROIT	1978	7 Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
WINSTON-SALEM	1979	7 Irvin "HolyPoly"	Davis	Atlanta, GA
AKRON	1982	7 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
NASSAU	1984	7 "Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
AKRON	1985	7 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
ST. LOUIS	1986	7 Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN
ST. LOUIS	1986	7 Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
DETROIT	1988	7 Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
COLUMBUS	1989	7 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
ATLANTA	1990	7 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
LOS ANGELES	1991	7 Valentine	Cox	Nassau, BA
NASSAU	1992	7 Walter	Wright	Greensboro, NC
PETAL, MISS	1993	7 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
WINSTON-SALEM	1994	7 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
AUGUSTA	1995	7 Michael	Jordan	Atlanta, GA
HOUSTON	1996	7 Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL
FLINT	1997	7 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI

32 years of 6th Place Top Masters

HOST CITY	YEAR	FIRST NAME	LAST	HOMETOWN
DETROIT	1966	6 Elgie "Schoolboy"	Morris	Cleveland, OH
DETROIT	1967	6 "Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1968	6 Henry "Hank"	Jenkins	Detroit, MI
ATLANTA	1969	6 Henry "Hank"	Wilson	Detroit, MI
CLEVELAND	1970	6 Moses	Lightfoot	Macon, GA
FLINT	1971	6 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
DETROIT	1972	6 Moses	Lightfoot	Macon, GA
NEW YORK	1973	6 Fletcher	Samuels	New York, NY
ST. LOUIS	1974	6 Moses	Lightfoot	Macon, GA
CHICAGO	1975	6 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
MEMPHIS	1976	6 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
ATLANTA	1977	6 Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
DETROIT	1978	6 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
WINSTON-SALEM	1979	6 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
WASHINGTON DC	1980	6 Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
WASHINGTON DC	1980	6 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
MEMPHIS	1981	6 Charles "Peacan"	Thompson	Chicago, IL
MEMPHIS	1981	6 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
AKRON	1982	6 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
CHICAGO	1983	6 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
CHICAGO	1983	6 Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
NASSAU	1984	6 John	Brown	Nassau, BA
AKRON	1985	6 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
ST. LOUIS	1986	6 Jaker	Kacher	LosAngeles, CA
DETROIT	1988	6 Andrew	Frazier	Nassau, BA
ATLANTA	1990	6 Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
LOS ANGELES	1991	6 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
NASSAU	1992	6 Valentine	Cox	Nassau, BA
PETAL	1993	6 Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
WINSTON-SALEM	1994	6 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
AUGUSTA	1995	6 Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN
HOUSTON	1996	6 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
FLINT	1997	6 "Panama"	Williams	Chicago, IL

32 years of 5th Place Top Masters

HOST CITY	YEAR	FIRST NAME	LAST	HOMETOWN
DETROIT	1966	5 Henry "Hank"	Wilson	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1967	5 William "Bill"	Moore	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1968	5 James "Bedside"	Shell	Atlanta, GA
ATLANTA	1969	5 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
CLEVELAND	1970	5 Henry "Hank"	Wilson	Detroit, MI
FLINT	1971	5 Moses	Lightfoot	Macon, GA
DETROIT	1972	5 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
NEW YORK	1973	5 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
ST. LOUIS	1974	5 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
CHICAGO	1975	5 Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
MEMPHIS	1976	5 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
ATLANTA	1977	5 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
DETROIT	1978	5 "Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
WINSTON-SALEM	1979	5 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
WASHINGTON DC	1980	5 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
MEMPHIS	1981	5 Casey	Jones	Atlanta, GA
AKRON	1982	5 "Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
CHICAGO	1983	5 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
NASSAU	1984	5 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
AKRON	1985	5 "Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
ST. LOUIS	1986	5 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
MEMPHIS	1987	5 Otho	Bibbs	Memphis, TN
MEMPHIS	1987	5 Andrew	Frazier	Nassau, BA
MEMPHIS	1987	5 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
DETROIT	1988	5 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
COLUMBUS	1989	5 Andrew	Frazier	Nassau, BA
COLUMBUS	1989	5 Al	Lambert	Chicago, IL
ATLANTA	1990	5 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
LOS ANGELES	1991	5 Al	Lambert	Chicago, IL
NASSAU	1992	5 Al	Lambert	Chicago, IL
PETAL, MISS	1993	5 Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
WINSTON-SALEM	1994	5 Rembert	Ford	Detroit, MI
AUGUSTA	1995	5 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
HOUSTON	1996	5 Michael	Jordan	Atlanta, GA
FLINT	1997	5 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH

One player finished first in the Top Masters more than ten times.
Who is it?

Oliver Walker

Bemoaned, Alabama, was the birthplace to Oliver Walker. He and his wife live in Los Angeles, CA. They have two children. Oliver is a member of the Lutheran church system. He is a member of the Los Angeles Pool Checker Club. Walker, a retiree, has been playing pool checkers for 13 years. Currently, he displays his abilities in the Blue Ribbon Division. He attended and played in one APCA National tourney. Women cannot defeat men in checkers, says Charlie. Charlie does pass his checker knowledge onto the youth. Obviously, Walker's hobbies are checkers, and fishing. He considers Jake Kacher as the top checker man in town.

"Wash"

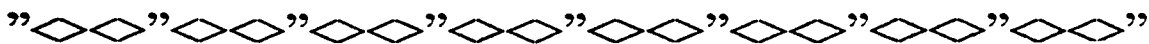
Cleo Washington

For 18 years, Cleo Washington has been a stalwart on the APCA National tournament front. "Wash" is one of those who make it tough for the hams in the Blue Ribbon Division. Washington was born in a place called Cedarhill, Tennessee. He and his wife and son currently reside in Detroit, Michigan, where he is a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He belongs to the Detroit American Checker Club, and the Lincoln Alumni. His hobbies include working with boy scouts, playing checkers and teaching them to youngsters. Cleo adds, "Yes, sometimes," women can beat men playing checkers. Cleo considers George Sikes the best player in the city.

Dr. Walter Wright

Wright was born in Sampson County, North Carolina. He attended the public schools and a Catholic school in Wilmington, North Carolina. He received both his bachelor and master's degrees from North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC, and his Ph.D. degree in physical chemistry from New York, University. Dr. Wright, before going to A&T State University, worked as a research chemist in the Carver Foundation at Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama. He is a member of the American Chemical Society, Bata Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society, North Carolina Academy of Science and other scientific and professional organizations. Dr. Wright is married with a son and two daughters.

He played in three tournaments and won three Championships. Who is he?



It is disheartening to see eight or ten Checker Players, sitting and watching two Checker Players, play fifteen or twenty games and never applause nor give a compliment.

Past and Present National / World Champions

Blue Ribbon

1966 Michael Jordan
 1967 Michael Jordan
 1968 Walter Hall
 1969 Archie Hinton
 1970 Elton Williams
 1971 Eddie Reynolds
 1972 Raymond Lawrence
 1973 Stephen Trader
 1974 Leroy Thomas
 1975 S. Saneigeyman
 1976 Jessie Sheffield
 1977 "Cigar" Rice
 1978 Johnny Jamerison
 1979 Emory Myrick
 1980 Prince Garland
 1981 Robert Johnson
 1982 "FiFi" Wilson
 1983 Wayne Lockhart
 1984 Roger Knowles
 1985 Eddie Smith
 1986 Garland kilpatrick
 1987 Fred Shurn
 1988 Joseph Capers
 1989 Grover Kennedy
 1990 Leonard Bain
 1991 Joe Bailey
 1992 General Owens
 1993 Clinton Murphy
 1994 William Bryant
 1995 Eugene Davis
 1996 Tim Moore
 1997 Elliot Ely

Gold Bar

1966 Howard Jackson
 1967 Howard Jackson
 1968 Pierce Towns
 1969 James Turner
 1970 Rudy Slade
 1971 Elton Williams
 1972 Charles Florence
 1973 Alex Fernandez
 1974 Jesse Galloway
 1975 Steven Trader
 1976 Luther Murray
 1977 Parmalee McClammy
 1978 "Cigar" Rice
 1979 Bobby Hodo
 1980 Rev. Dan Flowers
 1981 McBee Smith
 1982 Valentine Cox
 1983 Jimmy Baldwin
 1984 Andrew Frazier
 1985 Robert Bulter
 1986 Frank Cox
 1987 Jessie Sheffield
 1988 Fred Shurn
 1989 Clifford Johnson
 1990 Obie Russ
 1991 Therman Earnest
 1992 Leonard Bain
 1993 Wayne Lockhart
 1994 Roger Knowles
 1995 Gary Watson
 1996 Chauncy Smith
 1997 Willie Robinson

We consider the above players, past and current National / World Champions

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32 years of 4th Place Top Masters

HOST CITY	YEAR	FIRST NAME	LAST	HOMETOWN
DETROIT	1966	4 William "Bill"	Moore	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1967	4 James "Lawyer"	Williams	Atlanta, GA
DETROIT	1968	4 James "Lawyer"	Williams	Atlanta, GA
ATLANTA	1969	4 Moses	Lightfoot	Macon, GA
CLEVELAND	1970	4 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
FLINT	1971	4 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1972	4 "Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
NEW YORK	1973	4 "Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
ST. LOUIS	1974	4 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
CHICAGO	1975	4 Charlie	Brown	Baltimore, MD
MEMPHIS	1976	4 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
ATLANTA	1977	4 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
DETROIT	1978	4 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
WINSTON-SALEM	1979	4 Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
WASHINGTON DC	1980	4 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
MEMPHIS	1981	4 Leroy	Harbin	Memphis, TN
NASSAU	1984	4 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
AKRON	1985	4 George	Robinson	Toledo, OH
ST. LOUIS	1986	4 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
MEMPHIS	1987	4 John	Brown	Nassau, BA
DETROIT	1988	4 Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
COLUMBUS	1989	4 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
ATLANTA	1990	4 Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
LOS ANGELES	1991	4 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
NASSAU	1992	4 Henry	Miller	Atlanta, GA
PETAL	1993	4 Al	Lambert	Chicago, IL
WINSTON-SALEM	1994	4 Al	Lambert	Chicago, IL
AUGUSTA	1995	4 Henry	Miller	Atlanta, GA
HOUSTON	1996	4 Neil	Wright	Nassau, BA
FLINT	1997	4 Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA

Shame, Shame, Shame, on the APCA and each one of the local Clubs for not sponsoring one youth each to a National APCA Tournament.

32 years of 3rd Place Top Masters

HOST CITY	YEAR	FIRST NAME	LAST	HOMETOWN
DETROIT	1966	3 James "Lawyer"	Williams	Atlanta, GA
DETROIT	1967	3 George	Sykes	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1968	3 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
ATLANTA	1969	3 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
CLEVELAND	1970	3 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
FLINT	1971	3 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
DETROIT	1972	3 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
NEW YORK	1973	3 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
ST. LOUIS	1974	3 "Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
CHICAGO	1975	3 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
MEMPHIS	1976	3 P.L.	Parker	Brooklyn, NY
ATLANTA	1977	3 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
DETROIT	1978	3 Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
WINSTON-SALEM	1979	3 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
WASHINGTON DC	1980	3 Freddie "Hawk"	Owens	Baltimore, MD
MEMPHIS	1981	3 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
AKRON	1982	3 Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
AKRON	1982	3 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
CHICAGO	1983	3 Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
CHICAGO	1983	3 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
NASSAU	1984	3 Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
AKRON	1985	3 Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
ST. LOUIS	1986	3 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
MEMPHIS	1987	3 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
DETROIT	1988	3 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
COLUMBUS	1989	3 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
ATLANTA	1990	3 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
LOS ANGELES	1991	3 Andrew	Frazier	Nassau, BA
NASSAU	1992	3 Lester	Small	Nassau, BA
PETAL, MISS	1993	3 Andrew	Frazier	Nassau, BA
WINSTON-SALEM	1994	3 Henry	Stokes	Memphis, TN
AUGUSTA	1995	3 Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
HOUSTON	1996	3 Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
FLINT	1997	3 Al	Lambert	Chicago, IL

32 years of 2nd Place Top Masters

HOST CITY	YEAR	FIRST NAME	LAST	HOMETOWN
DETROIT	1966	2 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1967	2 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1968	2 George	Sykes	Detroit, MI
ATLANTA	1969	2 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
CLEVELAND	1970	2 "Little" George	Ramsey	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1972	2 Freddie "Hawk"	Owens	Baltimore, MD
NEW YORK	1973	2 Freddie "Hawk"	Owens	Baltimore, MD
ST. LOUIS	1974	2 Freddie "Hawk"	Owens	Baltimore, MD
CHICAGO	1975	2 Freddie "Hawk"	Owens	Baltimore, MD
MEMPHIS	1976	2 Freddie "Hawk"	Owens	Baltimore, MD
ATLANTA	1977	2 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
DETROIT	1978	2 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
WINSTON-SALEM	1979	2 Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
WASHINGTON DC	1980	2 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
MEMPHIS	1981	2 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
AKRON	1982	2 Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
CHICAGO	1983	2 Tony	Rivers	Bronx, NY
NASSAU	1984	2 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
AKRON	1985	2 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
ST. LOUIS	1986	2 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
MEMPHIS	1987	2 Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
DETROIT	1988	2 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
COLUMBUS	1989	2 Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
ATLANTA	1990	2 Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
LOS ANGELES	1991	2 Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
NASSAU	1992	2 Andrew	Frazier	Nassau, BA
PETAL, MISS	1993	2 Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
WINSTON-SALEM	1994	2 Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
AUGUSTA	1995	2 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
HOUSTON	1996	2 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
FLINT	1997	2 Michael	Jordan	Atlanta, GA

32 years of 1st Place Top Masters

HOST CITY	YEAR	FIRST NAME	LAST	HOMETOWN
DETROIT	1966	1 George	Sykes	Detroit, MI
DETROIT	1967	1 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
DETROIT	1968	1 Charlie	Carter	Atlanta, GA
ATLANTA	1969	1 William "Bill"	Langley	Detroit, MI
CLEVELAND	1970	1 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
FLINT	1971	1 Ollie "Shotgun"	Howard	Bronx, NY
FLINT	1971	1 Victor	Krafft	Chicago, IL
DETROIT	1972	1 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
NEW YORK	1973	1 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
ST. LOUIS	1974	1 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
CHICAGO	1975	1 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
MEMPHIS	1976	1 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
ATLANTA	1977	1 Vladimir	Kaplan	New York, NY
DETROIT	1978	1 Vladimir	Kaplan	New York, NY
WINSTON-SALEM	1979	1 Vladimir	Kaplan	New York, NY
WASHINGTON DC	1980	1 Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
MEMPHIS	1981	1 Momodou	Faals	Atlanta, GA
AKRON	1982	1 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
CHICAGO	1983	1 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
NASSAU	1984	1 Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
AKRON	1985	1 Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
ST. LOUIS	1986	1 Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
MEMPHIS	1987	1 Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
DETROIT	1988	1 Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
COLUMBUS	1989	1 Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
ATLANTA	1990	1 Iser	Kuperman	Boston, MA
LOS ANGELES	1991	1 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
NASSAU	1992	1 Carl "Buster"	Smith	Chicago, IL
PETAL	1993	1 Elton	Williams	Flint, MI
WINSTON-SALEM	1994	1 Calvin	Monroe	Decatur, GA
AUGUSTA	1995	1 Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
HOUSTON	1996	1 Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA
FLINT	1997	1 Al "Eastpoint"	Barnett	Atlanta, GA

Past and Present National / World Champions

Jr. Masters

1966 Rembert Ford
 1967 "Bedside" Shell
 1968 Ben White
 1969 Frank Mitchell
 1970 "Woody" Williamson
 1971 Joel Marshall
 1972 Elton Williams
 1973 Jasper Grayson
 1974 Alex Fernandex
 1975 Larry Stepter
 1976 James Sharp
 1977 C. P. Rudy
 1978 Charles Hudson
 1979 Parmalee McClammy
 1980 Bobby Hodo
 1981 Homer King
 1982 Eugene Hampton
 1983 Al Lambert
 1984 James Chambers
 1985 Andrew Frazier
 1986 Valentine Cox
 1987 Albert Harrison
 1988 "Panama" Williams
 1989 Nelson Moore
 1990 Willie Robertson
 1991 Frank Cox
 1992 Michael Williams
 1993 Anatoly Grupin
 1994 Fred Shurn
 1995 Fred Welcher
 1996 Shervin Hanna
 1997 Joseph Wilson

Masters

1966 George Sykes
 1967 George Lyons
 1968 "Buster" Smith
 1969 "Buster" Smith
 1970 "Buster" Smith
 1971 "Shotgun" Howard
 1972 "Buster" Smith
 1973 Elton Williams
 1974 Charles McDuffy
 1975 "Ohio" Mitchell
 1976 Raleigh Taylor
 1977 Joel Marshall
 1978 Jesse Hurst
 1979 Larry Stepter
 1980 C. P. Ruby
 1981 James Stone
 1982 "Bedside" Shell
 1983 George Briscoe
 1984 Neil Wright
 1985 James Garrett
 1986 Henry Miller
 1987 Henry Stokes
 1988 "Fifi" Wilson
 1989 Valentine Cox
 1990 Simon Levine
 1991 Melvin Martin
 1992 Charles Hudson
 1993 "Panama" Williams
 1994 Timothy Irwin
 1995 Vincent Dean
 1996 Anatoly Grupin
 1997 Alex Golodets

We consider the above players, past or current National / World Champions
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Pool checkers is a game of checkers in which the Black men always move first. The single pieces, or men, can only move forward, one spot at a time, but can jump both forward and backwards. The King can jump and move several spots at a time.

Ollie "Shotgun" Howard, the World's Champion, once said, "This is the greatest game on earth." Conversely, the late analyst Edward Menifee, often referred to Pool Checkers as poems in motion. Without a doubt, it is the World's greatest game!

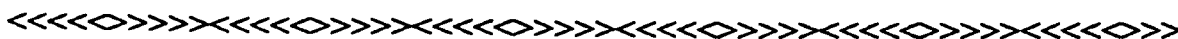
THE GREATEST GAME ON EARTH

Like air it is here to breathe in and enjoy.

Like the best things of life, Pool Checkers are free.

Pool Checkers offers you a challenging creative hobby, but it requires thinking, (some say God forbid, who wants it?) careful observations and it develops in a person the qualities of perseverance, sound judgment, patience, etc.

Like your limbs, your mind needs exercise. When a person sits down at a Pool Checker board, his mind is at work. Like life, a mind is given us only once. Like life, a mind is a terrible thing to waste. (Louis Rubin)



If your game suffers because you are too busy and therefore don't get the chance to play as often as you like, try playing a simultaneous 14 game match by mail. It's fun. It takes only a few minutes per day. It is a quick game improver. Write Pool Checker Masters for rules. Send a self addressed envelope.

The Year Entered Top Ten

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|------|--|------|---|
| 1966 | <i>George Sykes</i>
<i>"Bill" Langley</i>
<i>"Lawyer" Williams</i>
<i>"Bill" Moore</i>
<i>"Hank" Wilson</i>
<i>"Schoolboy" Morris</i>
<i>George Lyons</i>
<i>Tom Bell</i>
<i>"Bedside" Shell</i>
<i>"Talking" Sam Kennedy</i> | 1974 | <i>Elton Williams</i>
<i>"Peacan" Thompson</i>
<i>Walter Wright</i>
<i>George Graham</i> |
| 1967 | <i>"Buster" Smith</i>
<i>"Little" George Ramsey</i>
<i>Carl Thomas</i>
<i>George Robinson</i>
<i>Michael Jordan</i> | 1975 | <i>Clyde Black</i>
<i>Leon Burgess</i> |
| 1968 | <i>Charlie Carter</i>
<i>"Hank" Jenkins</i>
<i>Mack Carter</i>
<i>"Spects" Esselman</i> | 1976 | <i>P. L. Parker</i>
<i>"Eastpoint" Barnett</i> |
| 1969 | <i>"Shotgun" Howard</i>
<i>Moses Lightfoot</i>
<i>Victor Krafft</i>
<i>"Uncle Snap" Hamilton</i>
<i>Frank Mitchell</i> | 1977 | <i>Validimar Kaplan</i>
<i>Charles Mc Duffy</i>
<i>"Holy Poly" Davis</i> |
| 1970 | <i>John Fields</i>
<i>Tony Rivers</i>
<i>"Bill" Richardson</i> | 1978 | <i>Rollie Taylor</i> |
| 1971 | <i>"Ben" Bady</i>
<i>Herman Mack</i> | 1979 | <i>Mamadu Faals</i> |
| 1972 | <i>Freddy Owens</i>
<i>Charlie Brown</i>
<i>"Nub" Weaver</i>
<i>Fletcher Samuels</i> | 1981 | <i>Leroy Harbin</i>
<i>Casey Jones</i>
<i>Lester Smalls</i> |
| 1973 | <i>Milton Miskell</i> | 1982 | <i>James Stone</i> |
| | | 1984 | <i>Iser Kuperman</i>
<i>John Brown</i>
<i>Otha Bibbs</i> |
| | | 1985 | <i>Calvin Monroe</i> |
| | | 1986 | <i>Jaker Kacher</i> |
| | | 1987 | <i>Andrew Frazier</i>
<i>James Garrett</i> |
| | | 1989 | <i>Al Lambert</i> |
| | | 1990 | <i>John Gresham</i> |
| | | 1991 | <i>Valentine Cox</i> |
| | | 1992 | <i>Henry Miller</i>
<i>Pamalee Mc Clammey</i> |
| | | 1993 | <i>Charles Hudson</i> |
| | | 1994 | <i>Henry Stokes</i>
<i>Rembert Ford</i> |
| | | 1995 | <i>Melvin Martin</i> |
| | | 1996 | <i>Timothy Irvin</i> |
| | | 1997 | <i>"Panama" Williams</i> |

