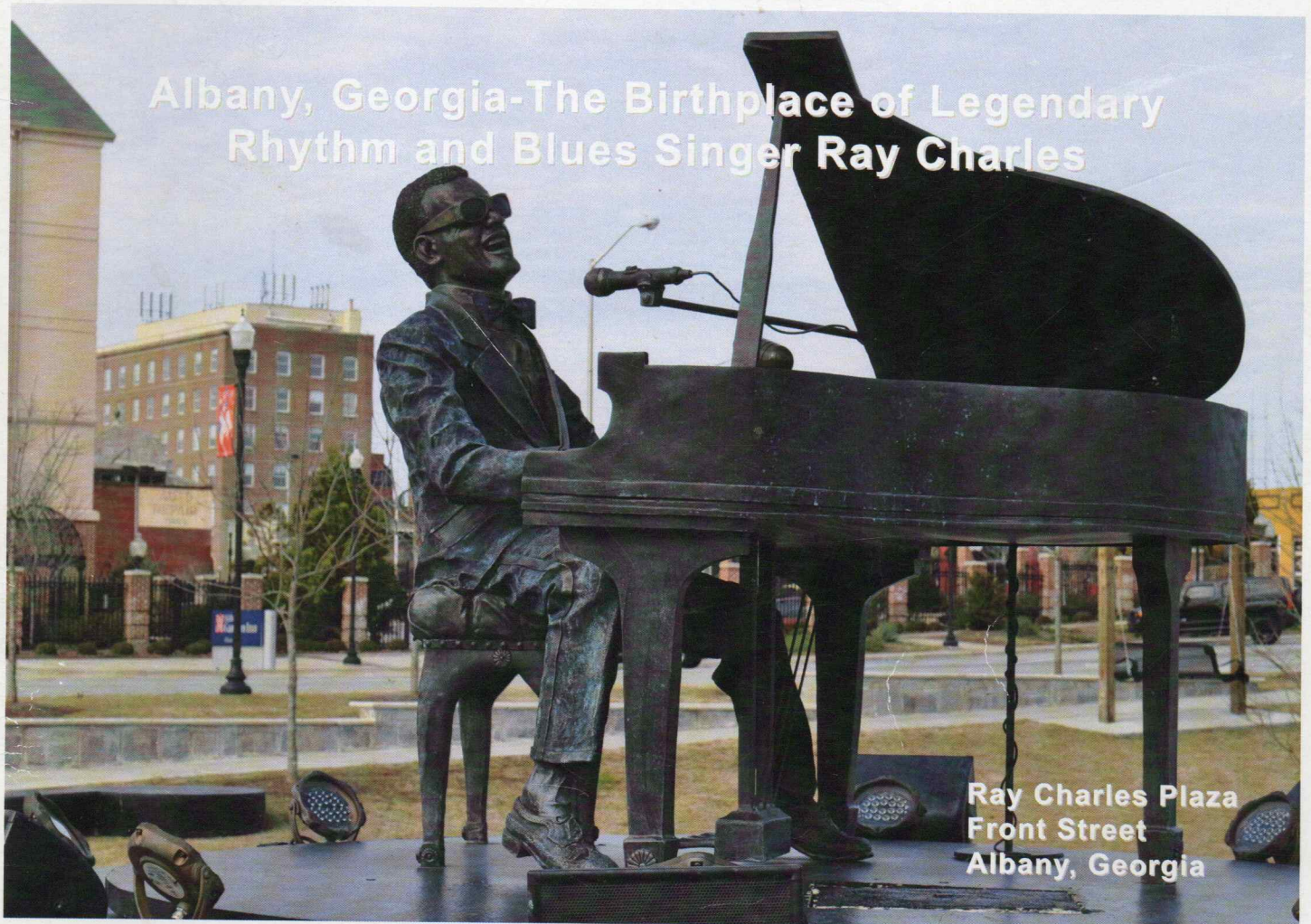


The American Pool Checker Association  
49<sup>th</sup> Annual National Tournament  
July 13 - 16, 2015



At The

Merry Acres Inn  
1500 Dawson Road  
Albany, Georgia 31707

Hosted by

The Albany Pool Checkers Club  
301 Highland Avenue  
Albany, Georgia 31707

President: Rev. Henry Mathis

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# Dedication

## The Albany Pool Checker Club Dedication Resolution of Respect For

Eddie "Albany State" Alexander

We are in place in this world for a limited time, and with the breath of the infant begins the race to the grave. A race everyone must run.

**Whereas**, in the providence of God, He has brought to a close the life of our beloved friend and member, the officers and members of The Albany Pool Checker Club, in the city of Albany feel that it is befitting to express our sympathy to the family during the passing of our member Eddie Alexander aka "Albany State." We commend you to Him who knows best and will always do right. You have our sincere prayers. And

**Whereas**, our member Eddie aka "Albany State." was considered a light weight on the checker board, he was a heavy weight when the members needed a checker board made. And

**Whereas**, State knew his checkers limitations, but he would often try the big boys including Little Jimmy, 119, Rev. Mathis the "boy dog," and others,

**Be it Resolved**, that we bow in humble submission to Him who never makes a mistake and remind the family and members to be encouraged by remembering this poem.

*When I must leave you for a little while*

*Please do not grieve and shed wild tears*

*And hug your sorrow to you through the years.*

*But start out bravely with a gallant smile;*

*And for my sake and in my name*

*Live on and do all things the same,*

*Feed not your loneliness on empty days,*

*But fill each waking hour in useful ways,*

*Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer*

*And I in turn will comfort you And hold you near;*

*And never, never be afraid to die,*

*For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

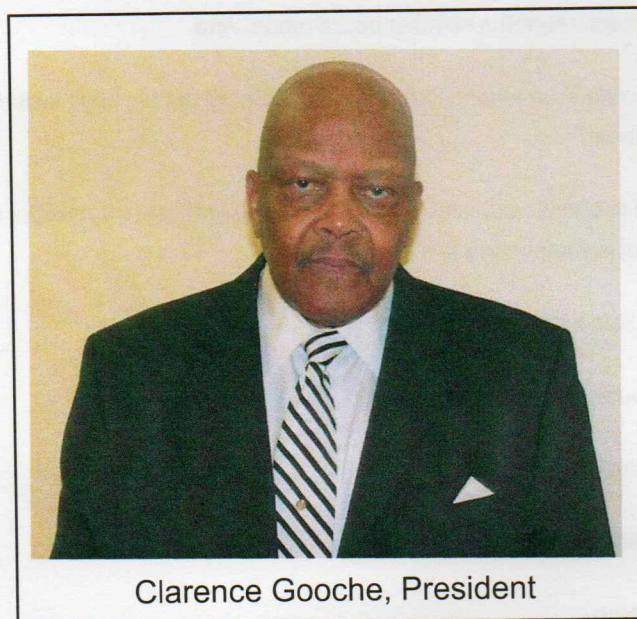
**Rev. Henry L. Mathis, Jr. President Albany Pool Checker Club**



## THE AMERICAN POOL CHECKER ASSOCIATION

A SPORT WHERE THE ELDERLY CAN SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE AGAINST THE YOUNG

Good Luck to the Albany Pool Checkers Club  
with Hosting the American Pool Checker  
Association's 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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July 13, 2015

Welcome to the City of Albany  
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BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALBANY

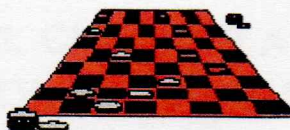
## A PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: The City of Albany is proud to join the Albany Pool Checkers Club as they host the American Pool Checkers 49<sup>th</sup> National Tournament on July 13 through July 16, 2015; and
- WHEREAS: The game of Pool Checkers has been around for years testing the skills of the minds of those who have dared to try and outwit one another; and
- WHEREAS: The American Pool Checkers Association is a national organization committed to helping the participants in the development and sharpening of their skills, enhanced by the use of computer software and other teaching aids; and
- WHEREAS: We commend the Albany Club members, special tournament staff members, and those who have continued to show their support for the game of Pool Checkers; and
- WHEREAS: It is through this support that we are able to create an environment conducive for a meeting of the minds, in a wholesome challenge, with participants who are interested in learning, especially our youth; NOW
- THEREFORE: I, Dorothy B. Hubbard, Mayor of the City of Albany, Georgia, do hereby declare July 13 through July 16, 2015 as "American Pool Checkers Association Week" in Albany, Georgia and urge this community to come together as we express our support for the game. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Albany to be affixed.



*Dorothy B. Hubbard*  
MAYOR

*Sonya Tolbert*  
CITY CLERK



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June 30, 2015



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**SERGEANT OF ARMS**

Greetings,

On behalf of the American Pool Checker Association, I would like to extend to you a hearty welcome to its 49<sup>th</sup> Annual National Tournament in Albany, Georgia at the Merry Acres Inn. We are fortunate to have been invited by the Albany Pool Checkers Club to hold our annual affair in this fair city, the "Pecan Capital of the World" and the birthplace of the legendary rhythm and blues singer, Ray Charles.

Albany is located on the Flint River 183 miles southwest of Atlanta, Georgia and 80 miles northwest of Tallahassee, Florida. Because it has many attractions and something for all of us regardless of age it is referred to as the "Good Life City." While here please visit the Ray Charles Plaza and view the picturesque statute erected in his honor. Spend a few moments at the Flint Riverquarium and see underwater creatures that you have never seen before.

Thanks to officers and supporters of the Albany Pool Checkers Club who worked very hard to make this event one of the best. Hotel staff and club members will assist you in any way to make your stay comfortable and enjoyable.

In these events nobody leaves as a loser, for the memories of the cast of characters that you met will be treasured more than the winning of any game. What better way to meet a group of nice guys, make a new friend or two, and get to play checkers all at the same time.

Thanks for your participation and support,

Clarence Gooche, President  
American Pool Checker Association

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301 WEST HIGHLAND AVENUE  
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**Rev. Henry L. Mathis, President  
Leonard Cato-Secretary, John Hilson-Treasurer**



**JULY 12, 2015**

**Welcome American Pool Checker Association:**


**On behalf of the Albany Pool Checkers Club, I would like to extend to our National Association and it's members a warm welcome to the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual National Tournament in our "Good Life City," Albany, Georgia. The Albany Pool Checkers Club is fortunate to host the American Pool Checker Association National Tournament for the first time. I want to extend to each of you the opportunity to tour our great city.**

**It is my desire that while you are here in Albany, the birth place for the legendary Ray Charles, that you will enjoy the many attractions including the Albany Civil Rights Institute, The footsteps of the 1960 freedom marchers from Shiloh MBC, Plains, GA home of the 39<sup>th</sup> President Jimmy Carter, Andersonville National Cemetery, Columbus Mall, Flint River Aquarium, Thronateeska Heritage Museum, The Ray Charles Plaza, the River Walk, the Unsinkable Albany State University a HBCU, Chehaw Park, Albany Museum of Arts, the Albany Mall, the South Side Pool Room, the Triple Diamond and other area attractions.**

**I want to personally thank our national president, President Clarence Gooche and his administration for granting the Albany Pool Checkers Club the opportunity to host the 49<sup>th</sup> annual tournament. His advise and guidance helped me to navigate each area of responsibility required to make this the best tournament. Members of the Albany Pool Checkers Club stand ready to assist our guest in any way to make your stay the most memorable, enlightening and enjoyable.**

**Again, on behalf of the Albany Pool Checkers Club, I want to express our appreciation and thanks to each of you for being a part of our 49<sup>th</sup> American Pool Checker Association National Tournament.**

**With warmest regards,**

  
**Rev. Henry L. Mathis, President  
The Albany Pool Checkers Club**

# THE AMERICAN POOL CHECKER ASSOCIATION (APCA) 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Hosted by the Albany Pool Checker Association  
at  
Merry Acres Inn  
1500 Dawson Road  
Albany, Georgia 31707  
July 12 – 17, 2015

<b>Sunday, July 12, 2015</b>	
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Arrival of Officers
8:30 PM -- 9:30 PM	Officers review accommodations
	Board meetings set by the APCA President
<b>Monday, July 13, 2015</b>	
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	APCA Board Meeting
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Computer workshop
1:00 PM -- 2:30 PM	Break
2:30 PM -- 4:00 PM	Registration - Computer workshop
4:00 PM -- 5:00 PM	Break
5:00 PM -- 7:00 PM	Opening Ceremony
7:00 PM -- 8:00 PM	Registration
8:00 PM -- Midnight	Tournament play
<b>Tuesday, July 14, 2015</b>	
8:00 PM -- Midnight	Tournament play
2:00 PM	Registration ends
To be announced	Scheduled events for women
<b>Wednesday, July 15, 2015</b>	
8:00 PM -- Midnight	Tournament play
Noon – 2:00 PM	Youths Tournament play
<b>Thursday, July 16, 2015</b>	
8:00 PM -- 2:00 PM	Tournament play
2:00 PM	Tournament play ends
2:00 PM -- 6:00 PM	Break (no scheduled events)
6:00 PM --	Recognition and Award Banquet
<b>Friday, July 17, 2015</b>	
	End of Activities
11:00 AM	Check out time is 11:00 AM

**Tournament play will be open full time as scheduled. Take your meals at your convenience as directed by the tournament director**

THE AMERICAN POOL CHECKER ASSOCIATION (APCA)  
49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL TOURNAMENT OPENING CEREMONY

Hosted by The Albany, Georgia Pool Checkers Club  
At

The Merry Acres Inn  
1500 Dawson Road  
Albany, Georgia 31707

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015  
6:00PM - 8:00PM

CALL TO ORDER ----- Mr. Clarence Gooche, President  
American Pool Checker Association

OPENING PRAYER ----- Rev. Roger Chatmon

WELCOME ----- Rev.. Henry Mathis, President  
Albany Pool Checkers Club

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION ----- Hotel Staff

OPENING REMARKS ----- Mr. Clarence Gooche, President  
Website Administrator  
Mr. Tal Roberts, <sup>1st</sup> Vice President  
Mr. Roger Blaine, APCA National Treasurer  
Rev, Henry Mathis, President  
Albany Pool Checkers Club  
Mr. Wayne Lockheart, Tournament Director

The American Pool Checker Association's mission is to:

1. Preserve the heritage of American Pool Checkers which is rooted in Black History.
2. Motivate youths to develop problem-solving and good analytical skills.
3. Stimulate the minds of senior citizens through free game play and sponsored organized national tournaments.

## History

In examining the history of the American Pool Checker Association, one must consider the history of pool checkers in Detroit, Michigan and how it influenced two men, John Otis and Nathaniel Leach to visualize organizing players into a strong single body. These individuals had witnessed checkers being played on street corners, alleys, barbershops and anywhere that two or more people could congregate in a challenging atmosphere to out-wit, out-think, out-move and out-talk each other. Players during that time, the early 1930's, would travel from one section of the city to another to satisfy that competitive zeal. They took special delight in "mugging" (beating their opponents five straight games) or "hooding" (beating their opponents ten straight games) their victims. However, winning was not as much fun as it was to have the loser to buy a bottle of soda pop and personally bring it to the winner while the winner shouted indignities to him as he sat waiting for his turn to get even.

The game was called "Spanish Pool" Checkers and it was played predominately by Blacks throughout the United States. Straight Checkers was too slow and not exciting in moving nor jumping so it was not as appealing as the former. There were no written rules to govern play nor were there any recorded accounts of games or players. The players agreed on local rules or those endorsed by the majority. There were no tournaments, no divisions and no instructions. The streets or the barbershops gave the group its name. What was happening in Detroit was also occurring in other major cities where there was a checkerboard.

Mr. Leach and John Otis were quite disturbed with the lack of organization that existed. These men of vision proceeded to start a checkers club in the Young men's Christian Association (YMCA) in the early 1930's there in Detroit. In 1938, the St Antoine Checkers Club held its first recognized city wide tournament. In 1940, the club created two divisions for that years tournament: Heavyweight and Light Heavyweight Divisions.

Playing unorganized checkers as it had been played was one thing, but to get club members to pay dues, 25 cents a month, to help defray heating and light expenses was like "pulling a hen's teeth." Refusing to accept some responsibilities for overhead costs, many players returned to the street corners and it was difficult to find them as they left no addresses or formal names as most played under nicknames, such as, "Schoolboy", "Little George", "Mack" and etc.. With a few faithful followers the club continued to meet in various homes and recreation centers.

The idea of unorganized play in the Spanish Pool Checkers tradition didn't set well with these two men of vision and in 1960 they presented the idea to Newell Banks, a grandmaster and a blindfold expert in Straight Checkers, whose guidance proved to be invaluable in the formation of an organization designed to teach its members in the fine point of play and to keep individual records.

In 1961, the American Pool Checker Association was registered in the city-county building and was

granted a charter as a non-profit organization to organize all checkers players in the United states. The first big event was the Midwest Open Tournament held in 1965 along with the publication of Point Manual and Rules based on the American Pool Checker Association (A.P.C.A.) philosophy. Then in 1966, the dream began to become a reality as the Association sponsored its first national tournament in Detroit, bringing together checker players from all parts of the country. The dream became a reality when on December 1, 1976, the Georgia Pool Checker Association became the first to receive its charter of affiliation. As the organization grew it found itself having to make modifications to accommodate its members. The Divisions were changed to the following divisions representing the level of play: Top Master, Master, Jr. Master, Gold Bar, and Blue Ribbon. Subsequently, rules and regulations were adopted to govern the organization and tournament play. Today, the American Pool Checkers Association holds annual tournaments in various cities throughout the United States.

## APCA Tournament Rules of Play

The following rules have been adopted by the American Pool Checker Association as being its official tournament rules of play. Where instances arise that are not precisely regulated for by the following rules of play, it should be possible for the Tournament Director/referee to reach a correct and fair decision by reflecting on analogous situations, and through the use of absolute objectivity.

1. The standard American pool checker playing board will consist of 64 squares, 32 dark and 32 light in color. For tournament play the dark squares must be green in color and the light squares must be off-white or buff in color. Each square must not be less than 2 inches nor more than 2 ½ inches wide. The board must not be less than 16 inches across nor more than 20 inches.
2. The Board must be placed so that the bottom corner square on the left side shall be dark.
3. The standard playing pieces for tournament play described as black and white must be red and white in color no less than 1 inch nor more than 1 1/2 inch in diameter.
4. The pieces must be placed on the dark squares and played from the dark squares.
5. The black or darker in color pieces must always be placed on the first twelve dark squares of the board. The white or lighter pieces on the last twelve dark squares.
6. Each player shall take turns with black and white pieces and shall choose the color only once. The color choosing is to be done just before the start of the first game, the winner having the choice either the black or the white.
7. The first move must always be made by the person having the black pieces.
8. After the first move and during the progress of the game, any apparent delay or improper moving should be called to the attention of the referee.
9. All tournament games shall be recorded. This rule can be modified at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Both players must complete their match (2 games) within 90 minutes. The Tournament Director or his designee shall be able to institute clocks where there are incidents that necessitate it. Incidents that dictate the usage of double clocks at the beginning of a match the tournament director shall place 45 minutes on each side. Additionally, clocks at tournament games are not mandatory. They will only be used when the tournament officials determine that

they are necessary. The tournament official can determine that both players be placed on the clock and that both players, using double clocks, have 30 minutes to finish a particular game when one player complains about too much time is being used.

10. A false, improper or illegal move is called to the opponent's attention and a proper or legal move is made. Improper moving includes the failure to capture when possible or failure to complete a jump. The player who continues to make false or improper moves in the eyes of the referee shall instantly forfeit the game without another move being made.
11. Either player may, on giving satisfactory notice to his opponent, arrange his own or his opponent's pieces properly on the squares. If either player touches or arranges any piece without giving satisfactory notice to his opponent, he shall be cautioned for the first offense and shall forfeit the game for any new offense of this kind during the game against the same player.
12. After the pieces have been arranged, if the person whose turn it is to play touches one he must either move it or forfeit the game. When a piece is not playable, he is cautioned for the first offense and forfeits the game for any other act of this kind.
13. If any part of a playable piece is played over a corner of the square on which it is stationed, the move must be completed in that direction, unless the opponent permits him to do otherwise.
14. The single piece moves forward only and may capture forward and backward.
15. "King:" The king may move forward and backward any number of squares providing there is no checker in its path, and may capture forward or backward any piece in its path having a vacant square immediately behind the piece to be capture, then landing on that vacant square or any other in the same diagonal.
16. A single man, capturing an opposing king row becomes a king, unless the capturing piece has more pieces to be captured beyond the king row and so must move through the king row on the same play. A single man or king may capture any piece or pieces.
17. A single piece captures by moving over the captured piece to the vacant square behind it (the captured piece). To execute a capture the capturing piece must be in the square next to the piece to be captured and the piece to be captured must have a vacant square immediately behind it. The captured piece is not removed from the board until the capturing has ended.
18. A double piece (King) may capture by moving over and then as far past the captured man or men as desired. The king may, if it is possible, turn a corner to capture more men on the same move. Behind each of the opponent's pieces there must be a vacant square in order for those checkers to be captured. The captured piece (or pieces) is not removed from the board until the jump is ended. The capturing move starts with the king on the same line as the piece or pieces to be captured.
19. Captured men are removed from the board only when the capturing play is completed, at which time the hand must be withdrawn from the capturing piece. A man or king cannot jump over the same man or king twice.
20. "Take-To-Your-Advantage:" A player may take his choice of pieces to be captured, that is if the player has a choice between two or more capturing moves by one of which he would take a

greater number of pieces than by the other he is not compelled to take the greater or lesser number.

21. A player must take a "complete jump." A complete jump is all checkers under the range of fire. An incomplete jump is one where the checker or checkers are omitted that could be captured in one jump.
22. When a man reaches, for the first time, any of the squares on the opposite extreme line of the board, technically called the "king row", it becomes a "king", providing it is not compelled to continue its jumping pattern outside of the king row). If it becomes a king, it should be crowned. After the crowning, it is the opponent's time to move. Continued play, by either player, without the king being crowned does not negate the progress of the game. If there is no crowning (because of oversight), the crowning can only be addressed when one of the players insist on it. Consequently, an uncrowned king is still a king no matter how many moves are made without it being crowned. Either player has the responsibility of stopping play until the king is crowned.
23. If an uncrowned checker lands in the king row during its capturing play, and must continue capturing because an opposing piece is on the square immediately next to the king row with a vacant square behind it, the piece must continue capturing. When the play ends, the capturing piece is not a king unless the last move lands it in the king row again.
24. A draw game, which counts as one game played, is when neither side can force a win.
25. A win occurs when one player captures or blocks all of his opponent's pieces or when a standard rule is violated-including that of time when the clock is used.
26. In certain end-game positions, when one of the sides appears stronger than the other, the stronger side is required to complete a win within thirty moves. If after thirty moves the pieces of both sides remain unchanged the game is declared a draw. However if the number of pieces is reduced or a piece is kinged the reading of twenty moves begins. If during any of these the same position repeats itself three times the game ends in a draw (if the weaker side says the number "thirty" in his counting, it's a draw). The counting shall start with the first move of the weaker side once the weaker side announces he is instituting this rule. To determine who has the stronger side simply count 1 for each of the pieces on the rearmost rank or base-line of each side, count 2 for each man on the second rank, 3 for each on the third - and so on until you have counted all the pieces for each side. If there are kings on the board give each, black or white, a value of 8. The player whose total in points is greater is said to have the stronger side.
27. "13" COUNT RULE: The lone king must be caught before the player with the lone king counts thirteen, or the game is declared a draw. The first count starts with the first move of the lone king. Each move by the lone, including jumps counts as one move. The rule is used only when there are four pieces on the board, and all pieces are kings.
28. If the lone king has the long line (4-29) and the stronger side refuses to accept the draw then the stronger side has to catch the lone king within five moves.
29. During the game neither player shall be permitted to leave the room without sufficient reason or without receiving the opponent's consent, or company. Neither player will be permitted to converse by way of cell phone or by way of any two-way communicative device.

30. Tournament play points will have to be earned. Free or forfeit points will only be awarded in cases of extreme emergencies determined by the tournament director. If the tournament director is notified and is able to substantiate cases of illness during a tournament he will consider the need for forfeit points, on the merit of each individual case. Also in the case of emergencies that causes a player to leave for tournament prematurely the tournament director will determine if forfeit points are to be awarded. If a player is not able to finish the tournament because of an emergency, substantiated by the tournament director, it will be determined whether that player has played 60% of his opponents. If he has played 60%, those opponents will keep whatever points they have gotten. The players who weren't able to play this opponent will receive two draw for a total of four points for not being able to play the opponent. However, if the player had not played at least 60% of his opponents then all points accumulated by opponents played will be void and no points will be awarded.
31. A tournament match shall consist of an even number of games; so that each player shall have the first move; each win counts 4 points; a draw counts 2 points; a loss is 0 points.
32. Any spectator giving warning, either by sound, sign, or remark on any one of the games being played or about to be played, shall be ordered from the room during the match. Play shall discontinue until such person, or persons, have left the room.
33. In order to facilitate continuous play if an opponent is asked to play by another opponent, that opponent must play the player who asked. If the opponent refuses to play for whatever reason(s), the tournament director should immediately be notified of the situation. The tournament director will then explain to the opponent, who has refused to play, that his playing card will be withheld. His card will only be given to him when he is ready to play the opponent that he refused to play. The other opponent will continue to play. When the player that refused to play is ready to resume play, he will notify the opponent who he had refused to play. At which time they must play. If the waiting opponent is already engaged in a match it must first be finished. Then the two involved opponents must play each other before playing anyone else.
34. Players must play opponents from their club, state, or region first. If the tournament director determines that there has been a violation of this rule the players involved will forfeit all points between their play against each other.
35. All Players and the Tournament Committee are compelled to follow the rules and to carry out the penalties stated.
36. The decision of the Tournament Committee is final and no re-dress is possible.
37. Checkers is a gentleman's game. Be courteous and try to maintain the integrity of the game. Play by the rules and ask your opponent to do the same-in a kind way.

## The American Pool Checker Association's Division Champions 1966-2014

Year/Location	Top Master	Master	Jr. Master	Gold Bar	Blue Ribbon
2014 Memphis, TN	Alfred Barnett Atlanta, Ga.	Freddie Welcher Augusta, Ga	Derrick Williams Memphis, TN	Joe Davis Louisburg, NC	Kenneth Jones Havana, FI
2013 Columbia, SC	Alfred Barnett Atlanta, Ga. Calvin Monroe Atlanta, Ga.	Caryle Lasane Columbia, SC	Alexander McNair Durham, NC	Michael Adkins Georgia	Cornelius McCloud South Carolina
2012 Atlanta, Ga	Alfred Barnett Atlanta, Ga.	Michael Weaver Washington, DC	Lynwood Tharrington Durham, NC Alex Issac Darlington, SC	James Lyles Georgia Derrick Williams Memphis, TN	Walter Adams Atlanta, Ga.
2011 Columbus, OH	Calvin Monroe Atlanta, Ga	Fred D. Shurn Chicago, Ill	Michael Weaver Washington, DC	Khemraj Rambarran Washington, DC	Robert Firstlist St. Louis, MO
2010 Durham, NC	Alfred Barnett Atlanta, Ga Calvin Monroe Atlanta, Ga	Tim Moore Durham, NC	Toney Simuel Washington, DC	Michael Weaver Washington	William Wilkerson Durham, NC
2009 Washington, DC	Calvin Monroe Atlanta, Ga	Kim Williams Washington, DC	Thomas Fletcher Washington, DC	Toney Simuel Washington, DC	William Ham Apex, NC
2008 Chicago, Ill	Calvin Monroe Atlanta, Ga	Arthur McCarr Tampa, FL	Kim Williams Washington, DC	General Owens Chicago, Ill	Joe Davis Louisburg, NC
2007 Memphis, TN	Al Lambert Chicago, Ill	Clinton Thang Macon, Ga	Gregory Green Macon, Ga	Kim Williams Virginia Beach, Va	Derrick Williams Memphis, TN
2006 Columbus, OH	Calvin Monroe Atlanta, Ga	John Williams Washington, DC	Larry Lindsay Piedmont	Tommy Ferrell Atlanta, Ga	Keith Brown St. Louis, MO
2005 Atlanta, Ga	Alfred Barnett Atlanta, Ga Calvin Monroe Atlanta, Ga	Willie Robinson Atlanta, Ga	Hammond Clark Atlanta	Reggie King Miami, FL	Toney Simuel Washington, DC
2004 Memphis, TN	Calvin Monroe Atlanta, Ga	Edward Danzy Detroit, MI	Jessie Sherfield Memphis, TN	Freddie Lambert Durham, NC	Robert Hunt Miami, FL
2003 Atlanta, Ga	Al Barnett Atlanta, Ga	Homer King Macon, Ga	Edward Danzy Detroit, MI	Alexander McNair Piedmont	Alexander Eley Atlanta, Ga
2002 Washington, DC	Calvin Monroe Atlanta Charlie Brown Baltimore, Md Alexander Katz New York	Albert Harrison Wilmington, NC Joe Wilson Memphis, TN	John Williams Washington, DC	Robert N. Johnson Piedmont	Michael Weaver Washington, DC

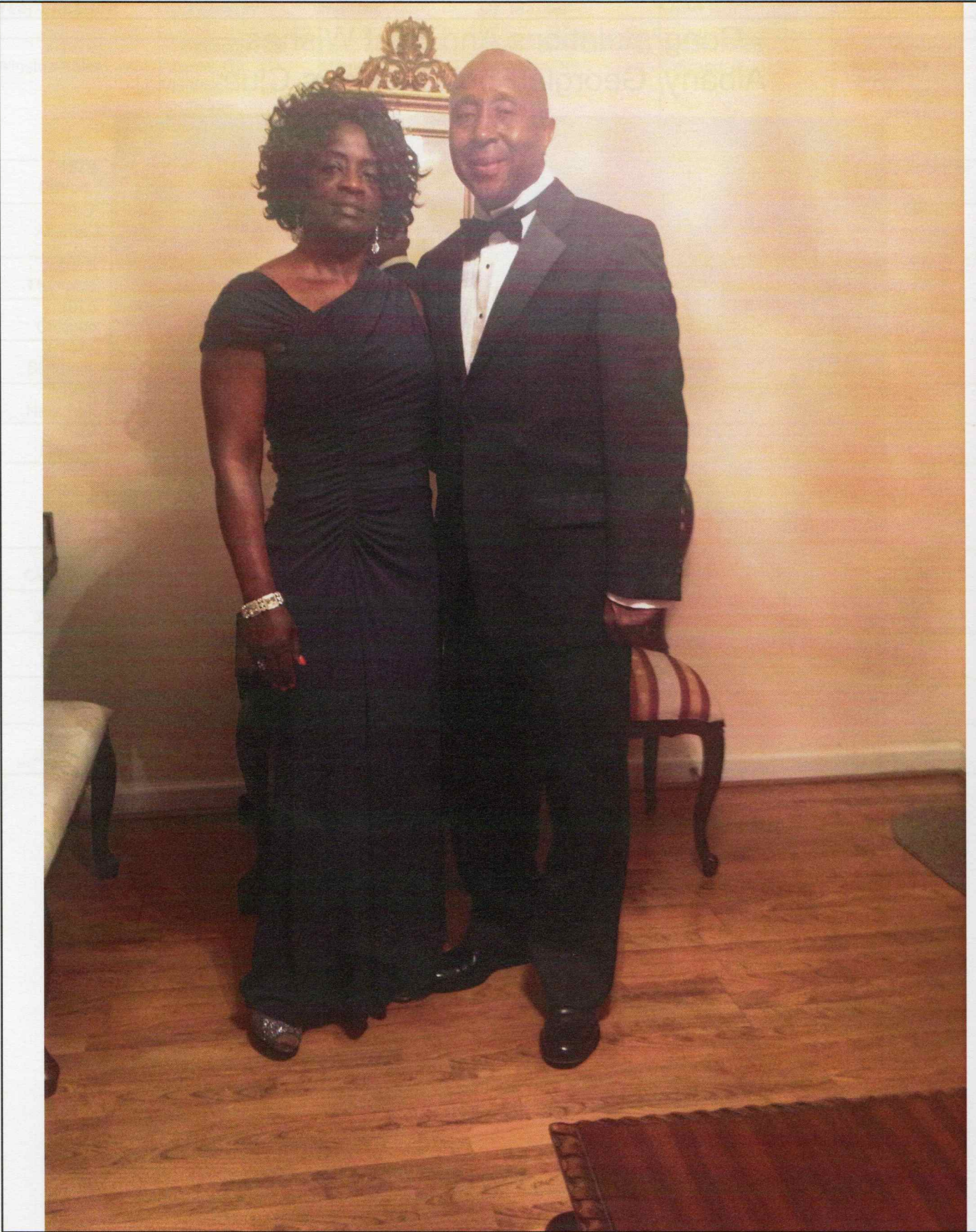
Year/Location	Top Master	Master	Jr. Master	Gold Bar	Blue Ribbon
2000 Columbus, OH	Ion Dosca Moldova	Clorius Lay Gary, IN	Arthur McCarr Tampa, FL	Keith Goodman Atlanta, Ga	Linwood Tharrington Piedmont
1999 Memphis, TN	Al Barnett Atlanta, Ga	Frank Cox Bahamas	Donald Jackson Macon, Ga	Emmitt Smith Atlanta, Ga	James Lanier Piedmont
1998 Atlanta, Ga	Al Barnett Atlanta, Ga	Louis Rufus St. Louis, Mo	David Jackson Macon, Ga	Timothy Moore Piedmont	Vilmer Phillips Bahamas Emmanuel Rogers St. Louis, MO
1997 Flint, MI	Al Barnett Atlanta, Ga	Alex Golodets Memphis, TN	Joseph Wilson Memphis, TN	Willie Robinson Mid-West Ohio	Elliot Eley Kansas City, MO
1996 Houston, TX	Al Barnett Atlanta, Ga	Anatoliy Grupin Los Angeles, CA Anthony Simmons Atlanta, Ga	Sercin Hanna Bahamas	Chauncey Smith St. Louis, MO	Timothy Moore Piedmont
1995 Augusta, Ga	Al Barnett Atlanta, Ga Elton Williams Detroit, MI	Vincent Dean Bahamas	Freddie Welcher Augusta, Ga	Gary Watson Atlanta, Ga	Eugene Davis Atlanta, Ga
1994 Winston Salem, NC	Calvin Monroe Atlanta, Ga	timothy Irving Houston, TX	Fred D. Sh urn Chicago, Ill	Roger Knowles Bahamas	William Bryant Piedmont
1993 Petal, MS	Elton Williams Flint, MI	Orlando Williams Chicago, Ill	Anatoly Grupin Los Angeles, CA	Wayne Lockheart Toledo, OH	Clinton Murphy Atlanta, Ga
1992 Bahamas	Carl Smith Chicago, Ill Andrew Fraizer Bahamas	Charles Hudson Detroit, MI	Michael Williams Bahamas	Leonard Bains Bahamas	General Owens Chicago, Ill
1991 Los Angeles, CA	Carl Smith Chicago, Ill	Melvin Martin Bahamas	Frank Cox Bahamas	Therman Ernest Chicago, Ill	Joe Bailey Loa Angeles, CA
1990 Atlanta, Ga	Iser Kuperman Midwest Ohio	Simon Levine NA	Willie Robinson Atlanta, Ga	Obie Rufus Memphis, TN	Leonard Bains Bahamas
1989 Columbus, OH	Iser Kuperman NA	Valentine Cox Bahamas	Nelson Moore St. Louis, MO	Clifford Johnson Chicago, Ill	Grover Kennedy Los Angeles, CA Christopher Stinson Los Angeles, CA
1988 Detroit, MI	Iser Kuperman NA	Sylvester Wilson NA Al Lambert Chicago, Ill	Orlando Williams Chicago, Ill	Fred Shurn Chicago, Ill	Joseph Capers Detroit, MI
1987 Memphis, TN	Iser Kuperman Bahamas	Henry Stokes Memphis, TN	Albert Harrison Winston Salem, NC	Jessie Sheffield Memphis, TN	Fred Shurn Chicago, Ill
1986 St. Louis, MO	Iser Kuperman Bahamas	Henry Miller Atlanta, Ga Andrew Fraizer Bahamas	Valentine Cox Bahamas	Frank Cox Bahamas	Garland Kilpatrick Los Angeles, CA
1985 Dayton, OH	Iser Kuperman Bahamas	James Garrett Winston Salem, NC	Andrew Fraizer Bahamas	Robert Butler Bahamas	Eddie Smith Chicago, Ill
1984 Bahamas	Iser Kuperman Bahamas	Neil Wright Bahamas	James Chambers Bahamas	Andrew Fraizer Bahamas	Roger Knowles NA
1983 Chicago, Ill	Carl Smith Chicago, Ill	George Briscoe Berston/Flint	Al Lambert Chicago, Ill	Louis Rufus St. Louis, MO	Wayne Lockheart Toledo, OH
1982 Akron, OH	Carl Smith Chicago, Ill	James Shell Atlanta, Ga	Eugene Hampton Berston/Flint	Valentine Cox Bahamas	Sylvester Wilson Berston/Flint
1981 Memphis	Mommodou Faal Atlanta, Ga	James Stone Atlanta, Ga	Homer King Macon, Ga	McBee Smith Cleveland, OH	Robert Johnson Chicago, Ill
1980 Washington, DC	Mommodou Faal Atlanta, Ga	Rembert Ford Detroit, MI Parmalee McClammy Brooklyn, NY	Bobby Hondo Chicago, Ill	Dan Flowers Detroit, MI	Prince Garland Washington, DC

Year/Location	Top Master	Master	Jr. Master	Gold Bar	Blue Ribbon
1979 Winston Salem, NC	Mommodou Faal Atlanta, Ga Vladimir Kaplan NY Dream Elton Williams Berston/Flint	Larry Stepter Memphis, TN	Parmalee McClammey Brooklyn, NY	Bobby Hondo Chicago, Ill	Emory Myrick Brooklyn, NY
1978 Detroit, MI	Vladimir Kaplan NY Dream	Jessie Hurst Memphis, TN	Charles Hudson Det./Amer.	Ben Rice Det./Amer.	Johnny Jamerson Piedmont
1977 Atlanta, Ga	Vladimir Kaplan NY Dream	Joel Marshall Georgia	C.P. Rudy NY Dream	Parmalee McClammey Brooklyn	Bobby Hodo Detroit/American
1976 Memphis, TN	Carl Smith Chicago, Ill	Raleigh Taylor Brooklyn, NY	James Sharp Chicago, Ill	Luther Murray Detroit American	Jessie Sheffield Memphis, TN
1975 Chicago, Ill	Carl Smith Chicago, Ill	Ohio Mitchell Chicago, Ill	Larry Stepter Memphis, TN	Stephen Trader Harlam Pk.	S. Saneigeyman Cleveland, OH
1974 St. Louis, MO	Carl Smith Chicago, Ill	Charles McDuffie St. Louis, MO	Alex Femandex Brooklyn, NY	Jesse Galloway, NY Dream	Leroy Thomas Chicago, Ill
1973 New York, NY	Carl Smith Chicago, Ill	Elton Williams Berston/Flint	Jasper Grayson NA	Alex Femandez Brooklyn, NY	Stephen Trader Harlem PK.
1972 Detroit, MI	Carl Smith Chicago, Ill	See Top Masters	Elton Williams Berston/Flint	Charles Florene Chicago, Ill	Ray Lawrence NY Dream
1971 Flint, MI	Victor Kraft Chicago, Ill Ollie Howard NY Dream	See Top Masters	Joel Marshall Georgia	Elton Williams Berston/Flint	Eddie Reynolds Cleveland, OH
1970 Cleveland, OH	Carl Smith Chicago, Ill	Carl Smith Chicago, Ill	Wood Williamson Det. Amer	Rudy Slade NY Dream	Elton Williams Berston/Flint
1969 Atlanta, Ga	William Langley Detroit American	Carl Smith Chicago, Ill	Frank Mitchell Georgia	James Turner Detroit American	Archie Hinton Georgia
1968 Detroit, MI	Charlie Carter Georgia	Carl Smith Chicago	Ben White Detroit American	Pierce Towns Georgia	Walter Hall Ferston/Flint
1967 Detroit, MI	Carl Smith Chicago, Ill	George Lyons Cleveland, OH	James Shell Georgia	Howard Jackson Georgia	Michael Jordan Georgia
1966 Detroit, MI	George Sykes Detroit American	George Sykes Detroit American	Rembert Ford Detroit American	Howard Jackson Georgia	Michael Jordan Georgia

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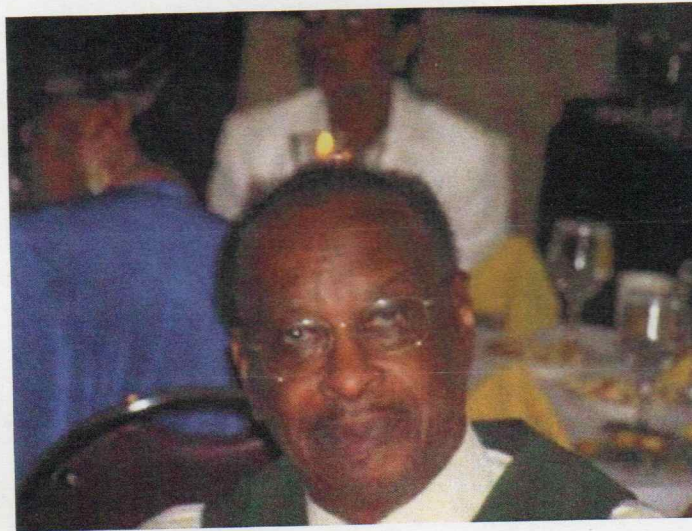
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Left-Right (standing): Jack Wilson-Deceased, Jimmy Kent, Robert N. (Bobby) Johnson, George "Chicken George" Evans, William Ham, Wallace Smith, Joe "Joesmooth" Davis-Vice President, Clarence "Shotgun" Gooche. Kneeling are left-right: Tim Moore, Freddie Lambert, Alexander McNair-President, Lynwood Tharrington-Treasurer and at the rear of club members is the BULL. Not shown are Anthony Butler-Secretary and Shoune Mitchell.

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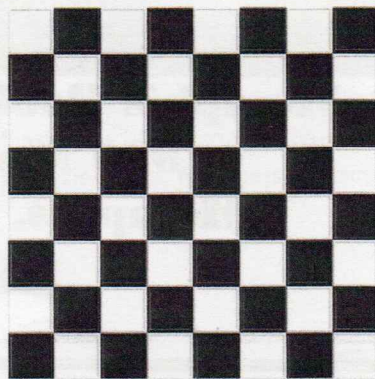


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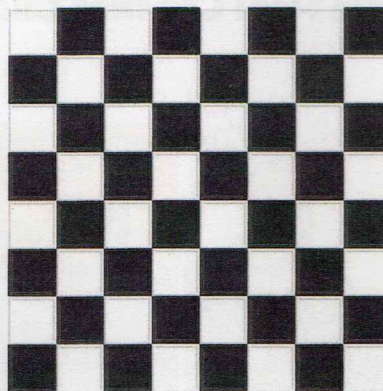
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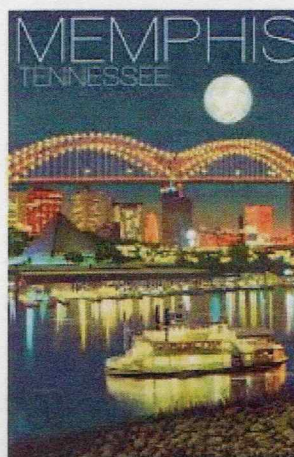




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Left- Right (Standing): James L. Weeks, Kenny Robinson, Joe Crapp, Virgil Banks, Larry "Duck" Anderson, Eugene Burns, Willie James Sumlin, Milton "Dog" Anderson, Michael Tramaine Adkins. Left-Right (Bending): Larry Ryan (club president), Chezie Evans. Members not pictured: Johnny Banks, Matthew Howard.

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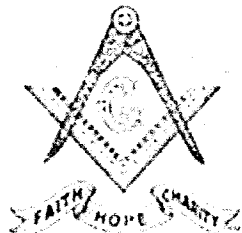
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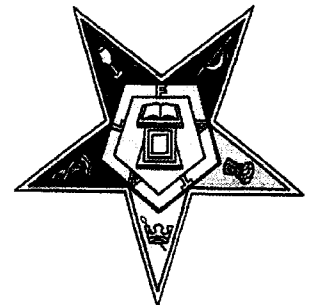
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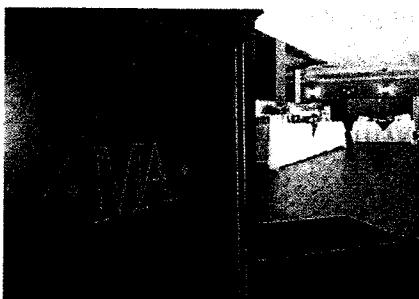
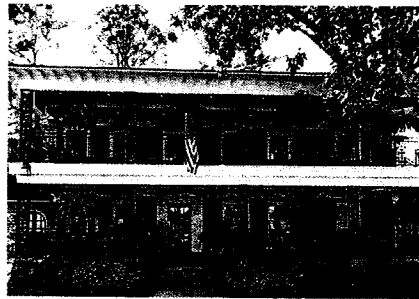
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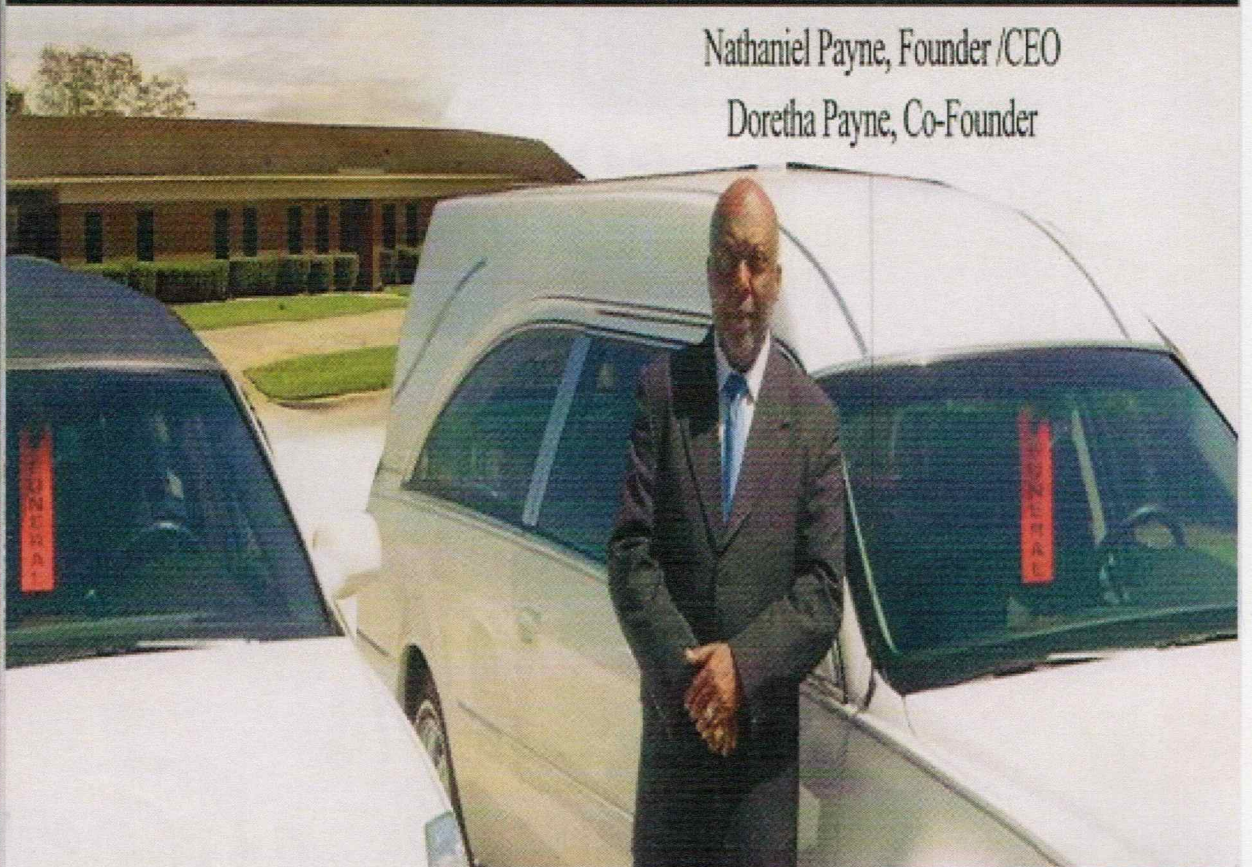
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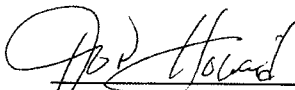
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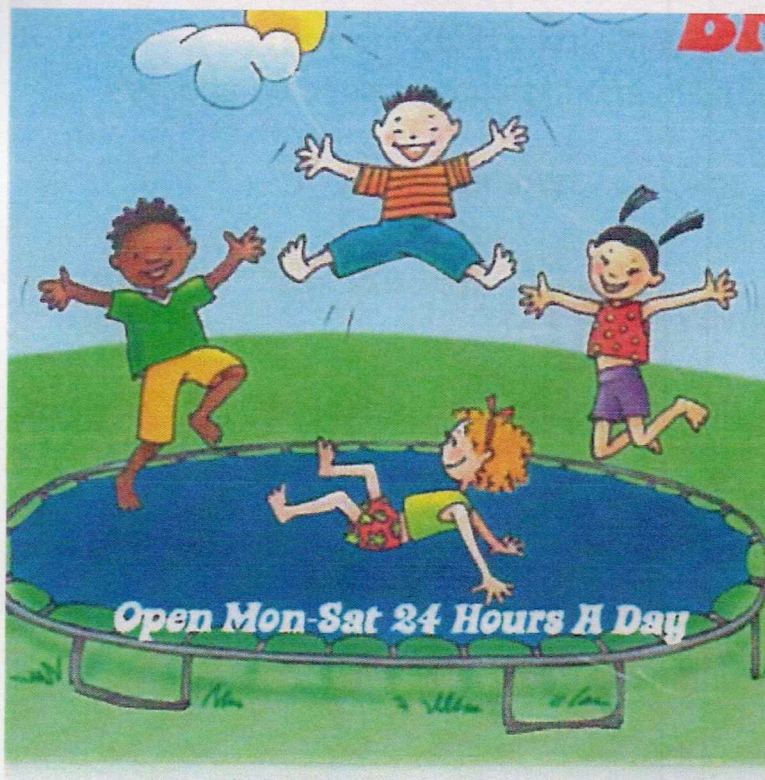
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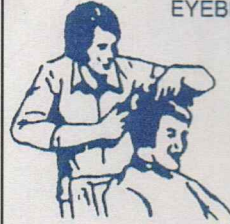
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