



FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER 2006

The Board of Directors of the National "42" Players Association welcomes all members to the second year of the association. We have seen a large growth in the number of tournaments available to all 42 domino players in our state, largely due to interest in N42PA, with its ranking of players and Pro Tournament schedule. The Board plans to continue to actively promote the ideals and policies of the association as set out in the "Constitution and By-Laws." We hope to interest many other 42 domino players to become members in the association.

N42PA was established for the following reasons:

- >Promote the game of 42 in Texas and surrounding states.
- >Develop interest in the game and our association with an internet website, sponsored tournaments, association newsletter, badges and camaraderie amongst 42 players.
- >Maintain a player ranking system whereby members are able to see how they compare to other players and take pride in being ranked.
- >Sponsor a Pro Tournament schedule whereby the best players can compete against the other best players in the association.
- >Sponsor a yearly Tournament of Champions whereby all the Pro Tournament winners can compete for the ultimate championship.
- >Promote numerous sanctioned local tournaments so that many players across the area may earn points toward Pro status.
- >Sponsor open tournaments to develop interest in the game of 42 and interest in N42PA.
- >Sponsor open member tournaments so all members have a better chance of earning Pro status.

Welcome New Members!:

Karl Reinsch - Alexandria, VA
Michael Cotton - Lufkin
Carol Ann Wilson - Houston
Jim Dwyer - Frankston
Paul McAlister - Clovis, NM
Arlen Leeder - Comfort

Russ Ford -- Kurten
Ricky Taggart - The Colony
Ken Story -- Houston
Lynn McDaniel - Texico, NM
James Parker -- Irving

Current Top 10 Ranked Players

Congratulations to everyone on a very active 1st Quarter of our 2nd year. The N42PA sanctioned eight tournaments compared to only two in 2005, and the rest of 2006 promises even more opportunities to compete.

1	Lance, Dan	83
2	Cameron, Donald	83
3	Perkins, John	71
4	Stigers, Scott	71
5	Crow, Darwin	61
6	Roberts, David	57
7	Newsome III, Waymon (Trey)	51
8	Lawrence, Lanford	50
9	Crow, Nellie	45
10	Lewelling, Tim	39

1st Quarter Tournament Winners

42 Online Winter Tourney - Duncanville
 East Texas Domino Club - Palestine
 N42PA 1st Quarter Invitational - Garland
 Warm Up Tourney - Hallettsville
 State Championship - Hallettsville
 4th Annual West Texas Regional - San Angelo
 42 Online Spring Tourney - Palestine
 North Texas Championship - Garland

Glenn Summers & Louis Graves
 John Perkins & Scott Stigers
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 Sam* & Carol*
 Lanford Lawrence & Trey Newsome
 Tubby Burket & Willie Ihnfeldt
 Bob Tucker* & Shannon Tucker*
 David Roberts & Tim Lewelling

* - Non members

2nd Quarter Tournament Schedule

Lakelander 10 th Annual Open Tourney	Whitney	April 1 st
David Abbott	254-694-3450	
4 th Annual 42 Tournament	De Leon	April 8 th
Barbara	254-893-2083	
Sons of the American Legion	Madisonville	April 22 nd
Glen Summers	903-344-4065	
Senter Park Warm Up Tourney	Irving	April 28 th
Darrell Jenkins	972-721-2519	
Senter Park Recreation Tourney	Irving	April 29 th

Other Tournaments Scheduled So Far

Stephenville July 4th 42 Tournament Tracy Riggs	Stephenville 254-918-1292	July 4 th
De Leon Peach & Melon 42 Tournament Betty	De Leon 254-893-7683	August 5 th
Hallettsville Kolache Fest 2006	Hallettsville 361-798-2662	September 30 th
42-Online Fall Tourney	Bryan/College Station	November 18 th

Highlights of Board Meeting on January 7, 2006

The Board finalized the two primary guiding documents of the N42PA .

The "Constitution and By-Laws" were edited to firmly establish the goals and policies of the N42PA Association. The final version of this document is available for all members to see on the association website or may be sent to any member upon request. The Board established that any further amendments/changes to the "Constitution and By-Laws" must be agreed to by the majority of the active members in the association.

The "Tournament Guidelines" portion of our association rules was established as a separate document from the By-Laws, and finalized to set forth the policies and guidelines for the various tournaments certified by the association and those tournaments hosted by the association. The "Tournament Guidelines" portion was separated from the "Constitution and By-Laws" so that it could be amended from time to time by a vote of the Board of Directors.

The Board agreed to sponsor two "open" tournaments this year. These tournaments would be open to any member or non-members that want to enter and play 42. These tournaments would make more tournaments available to members who have not achieved "Pro" status.

Board Update

Please welcome National 42 Players Association member Jana Burns to the Board of Directors as President. Jana lives in Palestine and is, of course, an avid 42 tournament player as well as tournament host.

Jana is filling out the remaining months of the term of founding president Dan Lance. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we thank Dan for his long and hard work on getting this association going just over a year ago, and we look forward to continuing to see him on the tournament circuit. (He and his partner placed fourth in the State Championship.)

The Board position of Pro Tournament Director is currently open, and this position will be up for election on the 2006 fall ballot. In the interim, Open Tournament Director David Roberts is overseeing these duties. The Board expresses their gratitude to 42 tournament veteran Don St. Clair for his past work as Pro Tournament Director and we look forward to seeing him on the tournament circuit as well. The Board thanks David for agreeing to handle those duties until a replacement is either appointed or elected, per the association by-laws.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Great Tournaments

It has been fun getting to meet so many of our members as we have played 42 around the state of Texas this spring. San Angelo to the west, Palestine to the east, Hallettsville to the south, Garland to the north. With many more scheduled throughout this year I hope to give each of you a hug and have a chance to win the bid! If there is not a tournament in your area please contact David Roberts our Open Tournament Director @ www.n42pa.com and let's get one working...our goal is for everyone to have a chance to play in a sanctioned tournament. Should you desire assistance with an event, N42PA members and directors are here to help.

Seeding—Brackets???

Unlike many of you I had no idea what this meant!!! And my first reaction was this is not fair. You sports fans probably understand this principal but I did not have a clue. As I have come to understand the principal and workings of seeding and brackets for determining how teams play one another it has become clear to me this may be the MOST FAIR way. Play begins by a random draw to match up opponents. After the preliminary rounds the teams are placed in order based on their performance to play in the championship rounds. This is recognition for how well a team did for that days play. Everyone starts the day equally and proceeds according to their wins and/or marks received. The format used for placing teams is up to the director of each tournament. All N42PA Pro tournaments will follow the seeding/bracket format. Other tourneys may not be styled this way. Watch the website tourney registration posting for the way in which a tournament will be conducted. If you have any questions about how seeding works please email any board member @ www.n42pa.com.

We Want You!

Members and games is what this association is all about. All of us want to play 42 and enjoy each and every game. It is with great delight I serve on your Board of Directors. Please help me meet the needs of this association to accomplish our goals as outlined in the By-Laws. This will be done with YOU the members. We are excited to see tournaments being held around Texas and will continue to sanction tourneys as requests are received. YOU can play most weekends somewhere now. N42PA has played a role in the growth of these tourneys while adding open tournaments to our schedule of Pro Invitational tournaments. Be sure to watch for upcoming tournaments @ www.n42pa.com. I hope to see each of YOU at an event soon and am here to serve YOU by giving YOU the best game of dominoes possible.

Good Luck and Good Skill!!!

Jana Burns

Working To Grow the N42PA

In our beginning, much of the N42PA membership has been concentrated in the north central part of the state, and we want to grow the association out from that, well south and east. We now have a Board member in Fredericksburg, and another from Willis. This is terrific! With their help, we plan to host and/or assist with tournaments in those more southerly reaches of the state, and introduce 42 players from those areas to the N42PA.

A new Fredericksburg tournament is already set for May 6, and is open to any 42 players who want to play. Members of N42PA will pay a reduced entry fee. We are excited about this, encourage your

participation, and hope this will be the first of several successful Open tournaments we can facilitate around the state to increase the association's reach and inclusiveness to as many 42 players as possible. The good news is, more people seem to be playing more tournament 42, and more tournaments seem to be popping up around the state for folks to play in.

Having said all that, one point of frustration for some members is that the size of our quarterly Pro Invitationals has not grown any bigger than they have. While more than half of our members have achieved Pro status, so far the numbers have worked out to about only 16 teams at our Invitationals, give or take a team or two. We all would like to see more teams in these Invitationals, but right now it is just a function of numbers. More members will bring more Pro status members, which will bring more teams into the Invitationals. But if that process takes a little while, then the look of our Invitationals won't change much in the near term.

One suggestion has been to open up the Invitationals to all N42PA members, regardless of status. Another idea has been to reduce the number of points required to achieve Pro status. Another idea has been to do one of these suggestions, but only temporarily until the number of members increases to eliminate the original issue. Since the Pro-status component of the N42PA is part of its very core, and defined in the Association by-laws, only a majority vote of the whole membership may change these details. The Board does not have the authority to change these specific things.

Still another idea has been for the N42PA to simply hold additional Open or member-only tournaments, so that non-Pro members still have plenty of playing opportunities. This is the easiest solution. But another issue affecting that is we are seeing so many 42 tournaments popping up, that it is hard to find an open weekend to add tournaments to! (Nice problem to have.)

We hope that you will feel free to discuss this issue in the coming months. Perhaps other ideas will be brought forth. Everyone's input is welcome. While there would certainly be some differing opinions among members, the bottom line is we all just want to have fun playing 42 with folks we enjoy being with - and also meet some new folks along the way.

Another issue that has received some discussion is the very basic N42PA tournament format. That is, the bracketing format used to run our own individual tournaments, and especially how they deal with round-robins and any necessary byes. The N42PA format is the same as used in all the following tournaments: 42-Online (Duncanville); 4th Annual West Texas Regional - San Angelo; 42-Online (Palestine); Lakelander (Whitney); both De Leon Tourneys; Madisonville; and Fredericksburg. In a nutshell, this format eliminates byes from occurring late in the competition, regardless of how many teams are in the tournament, and places teams in their brackets based on their performance in the preceding round-robins. The State Championship 42 Tournament in Hallettsville also uses this tournament bracketing, but without the round-robin seeding. Board members have been discussing this issue with numerous members at tournaments for the last several months, and the majority either support the format or at least do not care strongly one way or the other.

In summary, the prevailing sentiment is: we all just want to have fun playing 42 with friends. Your volunteer Board certainly agrees with that, and promises you that it is doing everything it can towards that goal. Your input is always welcome, and we look forward to seeing you at the next tournament down the road!

FIRST QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT

REVENUE **2006**

Membership Fees	\$1,750.00
Donations	\$0.00
Sponsors	\$0.00
Tourney Entry Fees	\$375.00
Other	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,125.00

EXPENSES

General	\$414.71
Incorporation Fees	\$0.00
Internet Site	\$74.99
Assoc. Postage	\$117.00
Misc. Supplies	\$60.34
Nametag Supplies	\$0.00
Bank Deposit Stamp	\$0.00
Checking Account Fees	\$0.00
Flyers/Newsletters	\$162.38
Tournaments	\$635.84
Postage	\$0.00
Supplies/Misc.	\$23.00
Trophies/Plaques	\$207.84
Cash Awards	\$280.00
Facility Rent	\$125.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,050.55

Board of Directors

Jana Burns.....President
Don Cameron.....Vice President
Jim Osina.....Secretary
Dennis Roberson.....Treasurer
David Roberts.....Open Tourney Director (acting Pro Tourney Director)
Blaine Morgan.....IT Director

You may contact any of us @ www.n42pa.com