

First FBMA Hold ‘Em Tournament A Big Success

At the end of the second day on April 8th, 2018, at the Club 52 card room in Melbourne, two players were left standing. 1st and 2nd place had almost identical stacks and chopped the top two prizes. Congratulations to Richard Clark, Land O’Lakes Lodge 1903 and Rick Gauzza, Venice Lodge 1308. The rest of the winners were: 3rd Place—Bob Anderson, Venice Lodge 1308; 4th Place—Kyle Simbro, Athens, GA Lodge 767; 5th Place—Harold Bennett, Palm Bay 2311; 6th Place—Clayton Tibbetts, Palm Bay Lodge 2311; 7th Place—Joann Majot, Sebastian River Chapter 1764; 8th Place—Dee Anna Simbro, Athens, GA Chapter 2449; and 9th Place—Jean Fleury, Hallandale Lodge 668. High Hand, with a seven high straight flush (knocking out quad Kings) was Philip Allen, Hallandale Lodge 668.

Fifty-eight players received their cards on the first deal at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 7, and played down to 29 players for three tables to begin anew on Sunday. It was good competition throughout, with lots of “Oh, greats” and just as many “Oh s---ts”. We believe the tournament went very well, and fully intend to have another next year, with membership approval. When it’s scheduled, we’ll announce it immediately, so that everyone can save the date and spread the word.

Thanks to all the participants and to those who helped make the tournament a success, including Dan O’Neal, Cindy Barnhart and FBMA President Scott Duncan. Co-Chairmen Wayne Clark and Rodney Hammond are especially pleased to report that funds raised for FBMA totaled more than \$5,600.00, making it a job well done.