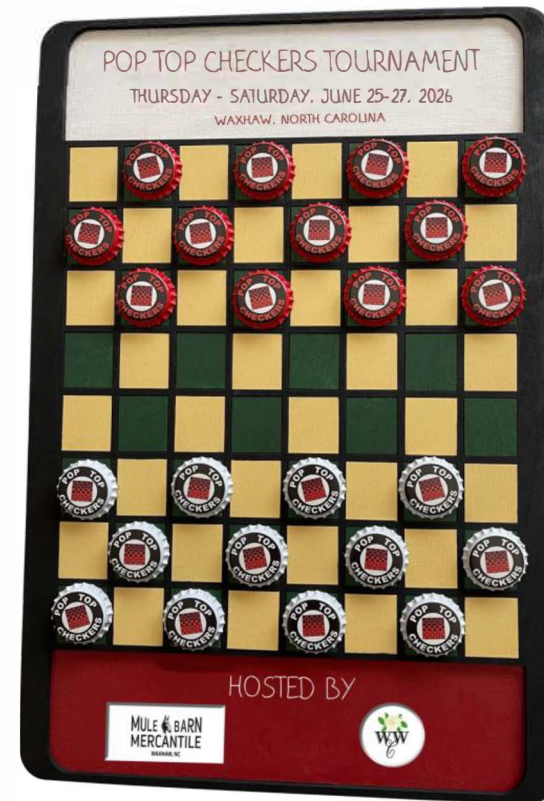


W.H. COLLINS / MAXWELL MCCAIN  
SECOND ANNUAL MEMORIAL

NEW THIS YEAR!  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY EVENT  
THURSDAY - JUNE 25TH

# "POP TOP" CHECKERS TOURNAMENT



HOSTED BY  
WAXHAW WOMAN'S CLUB  
&  
MULE BARN MERCANTILE

THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY

JUNE 25 - 27, 2026

## Sponsorship Levels

Mercantile	\$1000.
Barber Shop	\$750.
Livery Stable	\$500.
Hotel	\$250.
Filling Station	\$100.
Other amounts are appreciated.	

### Avenues to Sponsorship

[www.poptopcheckers.com](http://www.poptopcheckers.com)

or

Drop off or mail to:  
Mule Barn Mercantile  
121 S. Broom St  
#14 Suite A  
Waxhaw, NC 28173

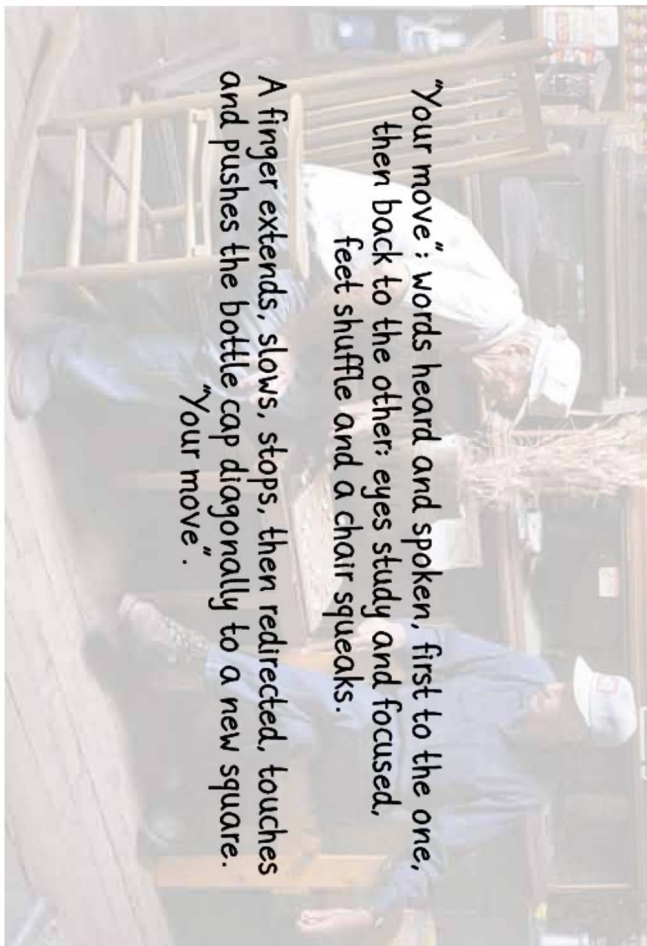
### Prizes for Adult Tournament: \*

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$3000.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$2000.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$1500.
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$1000.
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$750.
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$500.

\*In the event of a draw, honor points will determine the winners.

Tournament Entry Fee - \$25.  
No Fee for Friends and Family Event

Contributions also support the  
Waxhaw Woman's Club Scholarship Fund.



*"Your move": words heard and spoken, first to the one, then back to the other: eyes study and focused, feet shuffle and a chair squeaks.*  
*"Your move."*  
*A finger extends, slows, stops, then redirected, touches and pushes the bottle cap diagonally to a new square.*

“Your move.” These words have been spoken and heard as far back as the 12<sup>th</sup> century, when the French enjoyed the board game which evolved into modern day Checkers. At the hardware store, barber shop, livery stable, the hotel, the filling station, the town mercantile, or just about anywhere two chairs, a table, and a playing board could be set up, you most likely would find a game in progress. It was a simple, easy-going, friendly type of game; yet one taken seriously among the town folks. Players prided themselves as the sharpest thinker, the best strategist, or the “top dog” of the game.

In the small town of Waxhaw, North Carolina were two such enthusiasts, Henry Collins and Maxwell McCain. The first annual W.H.Collins/Maxwell McCain Pop Top Checkers Tournament was held not only in commemoration of Collins and McCain, but also to promote the game that Americans are so fond of. You are invited to play a part in this event to watch, support, or participate in the game. It’s “Your move” ...



William Henry Collins (W.H. Collins; 1873 – 1956)

Henry Collins moved to Waxhaw in 1907, at the age of 34, and first worked at the A. W. Heath Mercantile. Collins became a leading citizen and respected business owner in the community, and even served as mayor. In 1911 he purchased an existing livery stable barn and business, that became W.H. Collins & Son. Today that business is known as the Mule Barn Mercantile. Henry’s son, John Collins, upon his return from WWI, joined his father in the business. It served the town folk and farmers in an array of ways until Henry’s passing in 1956 at the age of 83.

Maxwell McCain managed a general store on Main Street in Waxhaw for 45 years. He sold everything from feed and seed to overalls and flour! The store operated a cotton gin, and McCain was a cotton buyer. His home, where he lived with his wife and 3 children, was two blocks from the store. Currently, the very popular restaurant, Maxwell’s Tavern is located in the old store building.



Robert Maxwell McCain (1900 – 1984)