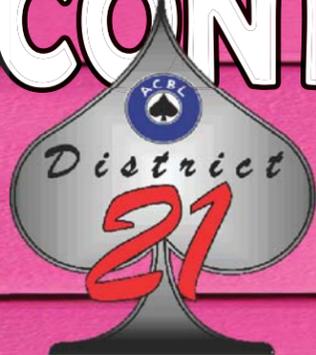


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Sacramento's California Capital Regional May 29-June 4, 2017



DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento, California



By Pam Hughes
D21 Tournament
Manager

The California Capital Regional in Sacramento is right around the corner. This year more than ever it's important that you cancel your reservations responsibly in the event you are unable to attend.

If you know now that you can't make it, cancel with the DoubleTree directly, through the beginning of May. Your room will go back in our room block and hopefully someone will be able to get it by calling the hotel directly. After May 1 please cancel through me via my email (jmom380@yahoo.com). I have a long list of people hoping to get into the hotel.

If you don't have a DoubleTree

reservation and have decided that you'd like to attend, don't despair! If you email me, I can add you to my wait list. There are also excellent overflow hotel options, information and booking links are available on our district website: d21acbl.com

It's going to be a wonderful tournament, don't miss it!

A reminder: Reservations for the Santa Clara All-Western Championships (Aug. 29-Sept. 3), and our Reno/Sparks Regional (October 9-15) are now open. Once again, booking info is available on the District 21 website.

That's it from me for now. Hope to see you all soon in Sacramento!

North American Pairs



By Jackie Ortiz
NAP Coordinator

In the North American Pairs at the NABC in Kansas City our

District 21 participants left their tracks all over the standings. In Flight A finishing 3rd for 56.25 gold masterpoints were Jo Anna & Lew Stansby; also in A in 9th were Edward Nagy & Gary Soules for 28.57 gold. In Flight B, Bob Enenstein & Alan Wood finished 2nd for 45 gold; in C, Sara Youngquist & Cornelius Duffie finished 3rd winning 22.5 gold; Benjamin & Michael Leit-

ner came in 4th, winning 17.787 gold masterpoints, and Dominik Dudzik & Wesley May 6th for 14.55 gold. Congrats to all!

Get ready to have North American Pairs club games starting in June.

Let's enter even more this year to keep up our record of D21 having the most NAP games in ACBL in 2016 with 2,238 tables which makes us #1 for the ratio compared to our membership. We also have had our players winning in all NAP national events. So please, club owners, continue to have lots of club and unit NAP games this year.

Thanks! jackieo@sonic.net

Grand National Teams

By Jackie Ortiz
D21 NAP/GNT Coordinator

Grand National Teams 2017 winners to represent District 21 at the Toronto Summer NABC.

Open winners: Jo Anna & Lew Stansby, and Chip Martell & Kit Woolsey

Flight A semi & final April 9: Bruce Tuttle, Sathya Bettadapura, Bill Heid, Steve Chen, versus Li-Chung Chen, Cheryl Mandala, Adam Meyerson and Eugene Hung and also Manfred

Michlmayr, Sara Rothmuller, Jack Beers and Kate Hill, versus Lynn Shannon, Stephen Tu, Michael Bodell and Mike Cailean.

Flight B playoff April 9: Floyd McWilliams, Scott Benson, Anant Rathi, Ankur Rathi versus Jim Liu, Peter Sun, Jun Shi, Ethan Liu and Qiang Zhang.

Flight C winners: Max Schireson, Oliver Chapelle, Cadir Lee & Aravind Alwan.

All teams that will represent D21 at the NABCs in Toronto will receive \$2,000 from D21. Good Luck to all!



Kansas City Report

By Roger Smith
ACBL District 21 Director

Our most recent North American Bridge Championship tournament was held in Kansas City. If you enjoy good bar-b-que there was plenty close by to the playing space. Once inside one of the hotels providing playing space they were connected and you did not have to go outside again, so the occasionally difficult weather was negligible. The playing space was good and it was a successful tournament.

Board Meeting

I want to give you information about actions taken during our ACBL Board of Directors meetings and information given to us that you might find interesting.

- The Longest Day fund raising games to benefit Alzheimer's Associations in the U.S. and Canada is coming up Wednesday, June 21. The ACBL has raised over \$700,000 each of the past two years to benefit research to fight Alzheimer's disease. As you may be thinking, with an average age over 70 years ACBL members are sensitive to this disease which tends to afflict older people. Sonoma Valley Unit 512 has always been the biggest contributor for District 21 to the cause, and I expect they will be very involved this year too. I want to encourage our clubs and units to plan unlimited charity games for extra masterpoints on that day. There will be efforts by management to incentivize clubs and teachers to get involved in this effort.

- We are seriously discussing the creation of an Anti-Cheating Commission. The purpose would be to deter, detect and prosecute collusive cheating or other serious ethical violations. Details are being worked out and a vote on whether or not to establish this commission will be made at our fall meetings.

- During 2016 we spent about \$200,000 in Bridge Administration due to the costs of prosecuting cheating cases and increased surveillance activities. I strongly support this expenditure.

- Three-year membership renewal payments are attracting members. It saves the member overpaying membership dues yearly and rewards their loyalty. It also saves management from yearly contacting members for renewal.

- While management has many programs to help gather and keep new members, something new regarding membership has been instituted. Recently hired is a staff member whose main area of focus is reaching by phone out to lapsed members. We will get a report in the Toronto meetings this summer on the progress of the effort.

- Masterpoint awards for regional events at North American Bridge Championships (NABCs) will be increased by about 15%. Attendance at NABCs has been declining over estimates and we are seeking ways to maintain or increase NABC attendance. One discussion element on this issue is that entry fees for regional events at an NABC are higher than fees usually charged at regular regional tournaments.

- For 2016 District 21 has maintained its position as second district of the 25 in Youth members and tied for second in Junior members. We have successful teachers, club owners and units with good programs attracting new younger members. Let us all do what we can to help these programs.

- ACBL wide regional tournaments were down in attendance by 5% in 2016. It is an issue we need to consider here in District 21. What can we do to maintain good attendance at our regional tournaments?

- Club games with more than one section may issue overall awards comparing all the sections. Club games with a single section exceeding fifteen tables may also issue overall awards. It will become effective when some updating of masterpoint programs are completed.

If you have ideas for improving our bridge activities please email me at RLSmithD21@aol.com, or chat with me at the table. Take care.

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