

District 10 Bridge News

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IMPORTANT BRIDGE NEWS THAT CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS RELEASED APRIL 1

TOPICS:

- ♣ New Orleans North American Bridge Championships (NABC)
- ♣ Grand National Teams
- ♣ North American Pairs
- ♣ Advertising Policy

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN NEW ORLEANS.

The North American Bridge Championships (**NABC**) will be held in **New Orleans March 9-19**. New Orleans is in our District 10 and offers an infrequent opportunity to not have to travel far to have fun at an NABC.

The NABC has **something for everyone**. There will be games for all skill levels, from beginners to World Champions. You can play bridge in multiple kinds of events: from pairs to mixed (male-female) pairs. From Swiss Teams to Knockouts. From Seniors only to Women-only. From single session games to multi-day side pair games. All playing our favorite game!

And you can do a lot more than play bridge. There will also be:

- ♣ Free Lessons with renowned teacher **Jerry Helms** and Hall of Fame Teacher **Patty Tucker** on the mornings of March 11 (Jerry) and March 12 (Patty)
- ♣ Learn about Preempts in a Day, a workshop exploring basic preemptive bidding on March 12
- ♣ Guest speakers on most days discussing an aspect of bidding, declarer play, or defense
- ♣ A Best Practices Teacher workshop, Friday-Sunday, March 10-12
- ♣ A Reception for Club Officials and Teachers to thank them for all that they do
- ♣ A Learn Bridge in a Day class on March 11
- ♣ Teacher Accreditation for Learn Bridge in a Day on March 11

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Some of these events are free and some of the courses and certifications charge fees. For more information on these opportunities and more information on the many games available, go to <https://www.acbl.org/portfolio/nolanabc/> and click on "Seminars & Meetings" or other topics such as game schedules.

There will also be free snacks and entertainment at various times during the tournament.

And, of course, New Orleans is famous for its food and hospitality.

Come for a day or for 11 days and enjoy the great fun of the NABC in New Orleans.



IMPORTANT DATES APPROACHING!

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (GNT)

What is the GNT? It is an annual ACBL Grass Roots tournament that culminates in four National Championships. It is one of the most accessible and friendly tournaments anywhere.

Your team, composed of members from anywhere in District 10, can compete in the District 10 competition and then go all the way to winning a North American Championship!

There are four flights:

C: non-Life Masters with under 500 masterpoints (MPs)

B: Players with fewer than 2,500 MPs

A: Players with up to 6,000 MPs

Open Championship: no limit on the player MPs.

A team is assigned a flight based on the highest masterpoint person on the team. Each flight contest is conducted separately, meaning participants only play against players in their same Masterpoint level, although any team can play in a higher flight if they want to do so.

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GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (GNT)

Your team can play in the District 10 finals in your team's flight.

IMPORTANT DATES: The District 10 finals will be held in conjunction with face-to-face Sectionals as follows:

- ♣ **Flights B and Open: Huntsville Open Sectional and NLM Regional on Saturday April 1 (the D10 Conditions of Contest stated erroneously as March 31). For more information, click here: [Huntsville GNT and Sectional](#)**
- ♣ **Flights A and C: Flowood MS (Jackson MS) on Saturday, April 29. For more information, click here: [Flowood GNT and Sectional](#)**

Top finishers in each Flight will be given a **stipend** to help offset the costs of travelling to the finals in Chicago in July. Captains of teams submit their contact information and their team members' names and ACBL numbers to the D10 GNT Coordinator, Jerry Burford, at jerryburford6@gmail.com by March 17, 2023. Just pre-register (not required but things run more smoothly if we have a count of the number of teams) and come play.

Gold points awarded in the District finals for overalls and red for match awards at Regional rating.

Form a team of your friends and prepare to win! If you have questions, please contact Jerry Burford, at jerryburford6@gmail.com.

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS UPDATE

Our District 10 North American Pairs Finals were conducted January 7 in Memphis and January 28 in Flowood (Jackson) MS. The following pairs will represent you (District 10) in the NAP finals in the New Orleans NABC.

For NAP Flight A:

1. **Drew Cavalier** (Huntsville AL) and **Bryan Howard** (Nashville TN)
2. **Charles Durrin** (Madison AL) and **Owen Lynch** (Huntsville AL)
3. **Mark Jones** (Birmingham AL) and **Clay Hall** (Vestavia AL)
4. **Larry Jackson** (Memphis TN) **Dan Lustig** (Germantown TN) (Not qualified unless one of the top three drops out)

For NAP FLIGHT B:

1. **Bruce Wachsmann** and **Jerry Drennan** (Germantown TN)
2. **Howard Morris** (Cordova TN) and **Daniel Lustig** (Germantown TN)
3. **Janice Atterberry** and **Travis Atterberry** (Little Rock AR)
4. **Glen Okui** and **Yong-Dong Wang** (Memphis TN)
5. **Karen Richards** (Harvest AL) and **Cheryl Piette** (Huntsville AL) (Not qualified unless one of the top three drops out)

For NAP FLIGHT C:

1. **Beckie Barry** (Jackson MS) and **Yong-Dong Wang** (Memphis TN)
2. **John Nikolic** (Pearl NS) and **Linda Crotwell** (Morton MS)
3. **Jason Mook** and **Tommy Mook** (Shreveport LA)
4. **Mary Ann O'Brien** and **Jan Johnson** (Ridgeland MS)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE FINE WINNERS. They will be great representatives for our District in the New Orleans NABC.

DISTRICT 10 TOURNAMENTS

Don't forget our near term District 10 tournaments.

The lists below cover tournaments through March 31, except for GNT, which is in April.

Click on the city to get more information.

D10 Open Sectionals through April 2023

DATES	CITY	STATE	TOURNEY	
Feb 23-26	<u>Birmingham</u>	AL	Sectional	Open
Mar 2-4	<u>Nashville</u>	TN	Sectional	Open
Mar 24-26	<u>Hot Springs Village</u>	AR	Sectional	Open
Mar 30-Apr 1	<u>Huntsville</u>	AL	Sectional & GNT	Open

D10 STaC Tournaments through April 2023

DATES	CITY	STATE	TOURNEY	
Feb 13-19	<u>STaC D10</u>	All	Sectional	STaC

D10 Non-Life Master Regionals through April 2023

DATES	CITY	STATE	TOURNEY	
Mar 30-Apr 1	<u>Huntsville</u>	AL	Regional	I/N

D10 2023 Grand National Teams

DATES	CITY	STATE	TOURNEY
Apr 1	<u>Huntsville</u>	AL	GNT Open Flight and Flight B
April 29	<u>Flowood</u>	MS	GNT Flights a and C

D10's New Orleans hosts Spring 2023

NABC. More information on page 1, above, and online at <https://www.acbl.org/portfolio/nolanabc/>



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The District 10 Newsletter will now accept advertisements for future issues. For now, advertising will be limited to bridge-related topics, including, but not necessarily limited to, teaching and tutoring, professional partners, bridge travel (such as cruises), bridge book advertisements, commercial bridge website advertisements, and similar. The organization or individual wanting to advertise must provide their own copy and art.

Advertising rates are:

\$100 for a full page advertisement

\$60 for a half page advertisement

\$40 for a quarter page

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