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Summer 2026 ACBL Region 13 Director Newsletter

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Members of District 18 and District 19,

ACBL Summer Board Meetings

The ACBL Board of Directors held its Summer 2026 meetings July 6-9 in Minneapolis. The meeting report has been posted to the District 18 and District 19 websites. Here's a link:

<https://www.wasumi.org/BoardInformation/Summer%202026%20ACBL%20Board%20Report.pdf>

North American Bridge Championships (NABCs)

During its meetings in Minneapolis, the Board approved sites for three future North American Bridge Championships:

- San Francisco, Spring 2029
- Montreal, Spring 2030
- Los Angeles, Fall 2030

ACBL Management has been developing a new model for Spring and Fall NABCs. The new format will continue to ensure every player – from Intermediate/Newcomers to world champions – has a path to compete for and win titles through “Signature” and “Championship” tracks. The new model will be implemented effective with Fall 2028 NABC Austin (and thus will not apply to Fall 2027 NABC Seattle). A writing, *Welcome to the New NABC!*, describes the new model, includes a Frequently Asked Questions section, and has been posted to the District 18 and District 19 websites. Here's a link:

<https://www.wasumi.org/BoardInformation/Spring%20and%20Fall%20NABCs%20-%20A%20New%20Model%20and%20FAQ.pdf>

Committee Work

Much of the work of the ACBL Board of Directors is accomplished by its committees and task forces. Reduction of the Board from 25 to 13 members was accompanied by a reduction in the size of committees. Some committees include a member of ACBL Management or the ACBL Advisory Council as a core member. During 2026 I serve on the Appeals and Charges Committee and the Finance Committee, and I Chair the Executive Director Review Committee. I also serve as the ACBL Board's elected representative to the North American Bridge Federation Board of Directors, where I also serve as Secretary.

Saskatoon Bridge Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration

On September 10 the Saskatoon Bridge Club will host an evening of celebration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of its wonderful member-owned facility. The celebration's flyer can be found here <https://www.saskatoonbridgeclub.ca/news/50th.pdf>. The Club hopes many of its past and current members will attend the celebration and play North Saskatchewan Unit 575's sectional tournament there, September 11-13.

I fondly remember my trip to Saskatoon in July 2025 to play the Regional sited at the Saskatoon Bridge Club. The Club is an impressive, beautiful, ideal venue for bridge. I felt most welcomed by the warmth of the Club's members and the entire Saskatoon bridge community. The long and active history of the Club and its members in supporting and growing the game of bridge and its generous record of community and charitable service are remarkable.

Jump Start Bridge is thriving in Kalispell, Montana!

Jump Start Bridge is a successful program Patty Tucker has developed and leads to introduce middle schoolers to bridge in math classes and through youth tournaments. Tournaments have been held in a number of cities. Two of the most successful recent ones were held in Huntsville, AL (92 students) and on Tuesday, April 28 at the Flathead Valley Bridge Center In **Kalispell, MT (350 participants)**. The *Kalispell Daily Inter Lake* newspaper featured a great article: https://dailyinterlake.com/news/2026/may/10/bridging-generations-and-sharpening-mind-through-classic-card-game/?fbclid=IwY2xjawSQ-WRleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEet_LEQiGI-7QaRCVlgwhyDC88fm49lRrSKa6w0UkiY5QlRe5aPypbBi6ktS8_aem_absz-VEU9UTKQOH0C8sFqQ

Students have been given the opportunity to submit an essay about their experiences in Jump Start Bridge. The winning essay was written by Kate Rogers of Kalispell. Kate was awarded an expense paid trip to the Youth NABC for herself and a guardian and a \$500 continuing education scholarship.

Cleaning up ACBL-sanctioned online games

The February 1, 2024 revision to the ACBL's Code of Disciplinary Regulations implemented Computer Based Cheating Detection (CBCD). ACBL continues its work to provide a clean game to its members who play online. All 80,521 players who played online during 2020 to February 1, 2024 have now been examined using EDGAR, a CBCD tool. The overall rate of "Reds" is 2.6%, with a large proportion of players flagged being subjects of Player Memos. If you suspect unethical behavior during online or face-to-face play, please file a Player Memo. ACBL employees and members elected to administrative positions or nominated for honors are examined. Some have been flagged by CBCD. Going forward, CBCD will be used to run "new" online players (those who began online play after February 1, 2024), re-visit players coming off suspension (or who received a Warning) for a first degree ethical violation, and to continue to screen members proposed for high level committees, the Advisory Council, the Board of Directors, and the Hall of Fame. A second instance of a first degree ethical violation results in

expulsion from the ACBL. Statistics as of June 30, 2026 are below, including dispositions of cases.

	Requested	Primary Reds ¹	Secondary Reds ²	Total Reds	% of Primary Reds	% of Total Reds	Charged Plus Warnings	% Charged Plus Warnings	Warnings	FTDs	MGT-EDP	NRs ³	IBA ⁴	Dismissals	Deceased	Expulsions ⁵	RPCs	Pending ⁶
Totals	80521	1183	914	2097	1.47%	2.60%	2012	2.50%	665	1133	10	53	52	4	44	8	41	10

¹ Primary Reds are from Player Numbers submitted for examination by CBCD.

² Secondary Reds are from partners of those submitted for examination, or partners of partners

Primary Red Breakdown

Random Selection	Player Memo	PUD List Monitoring	D/U Officials	Leadership	Pre-Appointment/Honor Review	TOTAL
674	457	2	47	2	1	1183

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