



DISTRICT news

2019 Updates from the District Director

First I want to say that I am honored to become your new District Director, I will do my best to serve and represent you all.

Exciting News!

The **Grand National Teams** (GNT's) are better than ever. This year's event will be held in Sturbridge, MA on Saturday April 13 & 14th. Players of every level are encouraged to come and play.

Teams may comprise of 4, 5 or 6 players, that play over both days (except flight C is Sunday only) qualifying to represent the district July 17-21, 2019 at the Summer NABC Tournament in Las Vegas, NV.

NEW: This year flights B and C will each qualify 2 teams, while the Open flight and flight A will each qualify 1 team.

The winning teams in all flights will receive \$2000 from the district (to be divided among the 4-6 players) and the second place teams (B & C) will each receive \$1200. This money is given by the district and the funds are generated by the "Grass Roots FUNd" (GRF) games held at your local clubs and tournaments, so be sure to support those games when you see them. The masterpoint awards this year are larger too! This is a "do not miss it" event for everyone. The "2019 Conditions of Contest" and advertising flyer are attached.

Let them eat breakfast! For the first time we will offer a full breakfast Sunday morning for all players starting at 8:30AM and wrapping up at 9:30AM. You will not want to miss this great social event. Funding for this is shared between the district hospitality budget, replacing the "lunch discount coupon" and the GRF funding designed to make better events for players during the NAP and GNT picking up the balance. The additional fee to play in those extra point games goes back to our players.

NABC: As Johnny Cash sang "I'm Going to Memphis" This will be my first meeting with the full board and I am excited to get started.

I am on the "Bridge" committee, one of the majors that deals with the playing of bridge, including NABC scheduling, masterpoints, events, tournaments, and conditions of contests. This year the committee will be focused on simplifying the tournament award system and implementing SOF (strength of field) awards for Pairs/Swiss. There are a myriad of other details involved if any seem of importance to many I will post them on my website.

I also am on the NABC Review Committee that evaluates past and future NABC sites.

WEBSITE- Please feel free to keep informed about the work locally and nationally and information about players advancing and their stories. Most of the information you may want will be found here at any time:

Visit www.district25director.org

See you at the tables

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