



The District 5 Newsletter

District Director's Report

April 2010

I didn't spend a lot of time in Reno due to a family wedding elsewhere. The facility was adequate from what I could see before the bridge began.

The ACBL board spent a lot of energy looking forward to what our marketing programs should emphasize in the near future, studying the latest technology and how it impacts bridge, and what our future on the internet ought to be.

Right now a lot of ACBL energy is going into managing a smooth move to our new headquarters building. The move is being held up by some technology issues. Hopefully the problems will be resolved soon.

ACBL has produced two free 30 second radio ads that will be available in April to clubs and teachers. Local information can be inserted. Clubs and teachers will have to pay for air time but this cost will qualify for Cooperative Advertising reimbursement.

ACBL used to mail hand records for special games and went to having clubs download and print their own. We will go back to mailing them for the convenience of our clubs except for Charity games.

The month of February is reserved for Junior Fund Games, the month of April is reserved for Charity Games and the month of September is reserved for International Fund Games and in those months any and all ACBL sanctioned club games can be special games for the named funds. In the remaining nine months of the year one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special game for the Junior Fund, the Charity Foundation, the Educational Foundation or the International Fund. The masterpoint rating for all of these special games will be 70% of sectional rating maintaining the current cap of 6.00 masterpoints. This is a change from 90% of sectional rating and unlimited games in the non-special months.

Any club that, in any calendar year runs one or more allowed special local charity games that are sanctioned for extra masterpoints must make available for public inspection an accounting of all funds raised in such games no later than February 28th of the following calendar year.

There will be a new NABC+ event called the Super Senior Pairs (age 70+) that will be held the last 2 days of the Fall NABC beginning in 2010 as a 4 session event with two qualifying and two final sessions held at 10 AM and 3 PM. The event will award platinum points and will not qualify for senior masterpoint races and shall not qualify for eligibility to become a Grand Life Master.

A unit may hold 3 extended team games. They may use 2 of these to run a 2 stage event with a round robin phase of at least 4 matches to qualify to a Knockout bracket.

Units or Districts that provide beer, wine or liquor at their tournaments may want to consider a \$500 insurance policy that I am told is available to cover liability for this as it is not covered in our regular insurance.

The requirements for ranks up to Life Master are modified as indicated in the attached table.

These requirements apply to members who join or re-join January 1, 2010 or later. They are thus retroactive to January 1. They do not apply to those who were members before January 1, 2010 and maintain their membership continuously.

Rank	Min Pts	Min Gold	Min Red/Gold	Min Silver	Min Black	Min Black	Max Black	Max Black	Max Transparent	Max Transparent
					now	proposed	now	proposed	now	proposed
Junior Master	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	1.66	5
Club Master	20	0	0	0	0	5	20	20	6.66	15
Sectional Master	50	0	0	5	0	10	45	45	16.66	25
Regional Master	100	0	5	15	0	15	60	60	33.33	40
NABC Master	200	5	15	25	0	20	155	155	66.66	70
Advanced NABC Master	300	25	25	50	50	50	200	200	100	100
Life Master	500	50	50	75	75	75	325	325	166.66	165

Effective Retroactive to January 1, 2010

Look for the GNT District finals May 1 and 2 in at the Solon Valley Party Center in Solon OH. Flights are determined by masterpoint holding on September 1, 2009 (Superflight=unlimited, A=0-5000, B=0-2000, C=0-500 Non Life Master). Call District Coordinator, Barb Bacon (440-331-8702) for more information.

I hope to see you at the Memorial Day Regional in Independence (Cleveland) OH May 25th to 31st. The events will be stratified by average masterpoints for pairs and Swiss Teams. See the District 5 website www.d5bridge.com for the schedule.

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