

**DISTRICT V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING**  
**Saturday, September 3, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Officers Present: Mary Paulone Carns, John Toy, Brian Ellis

Representatives  
Present: Sharon Fairchild, Lou Joseph, John Tscholl, Jim Zimmerman,  
Marc Sylvester, Jan Assini

Guests: Alex Bealles, District Tournament Coordinator  
Barbara Bacon, GNT/NAOP Coordinator

**WELCOME**

President Mary Paulone Carns called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM and welcomed the members.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes had previously been emailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Treasurer's Report** – Brian Ellis presented the Treasurer's Report, copy attached.

Noted points:

- Our current cash position is approximately \$93,000.00. approximately \$ 15,000.00 less than one year ago.
- The GNT loss for the year was \$ 6000.00. The Cleveland All American Regional is currently plus \$ 1000.00, but additional rebates and reimbursements from the hotel will bring the profit to approximately \$ 2000.00.
- Gene Speckman's rent is in arrears for the previous two tournaments. Brian is to settle this matter with him.
- The higher entry fees effective in January 2012 will alleviate the current losses and deficits.

**Report of the District Director** - Sharon Fairchild reported that the ACBL has a new CEO starting November 7, 2011. He appears to be young, enthusiastic and well suited for the position. Details regarding this and other decisions by headquarters are available in Sharon's District 5 Newsletter, copy attached.

Sharon noted that the ACBL permits running two special games at Sectionals to benefit the Education or Charity Foundations, which will be regionally rated silver point games.

The Alert chart is to incorporate minor changes in January. Short club openings are now announceable but no longer alertable.

Sharon asked members for possible nominations for the annual Goodwill and Charity appointments.

**Fifth Column** – Mary Paulone Carns reported in the absence of Sharon Robertson that there were no issues. There was discussion regarding content and expense of the publication (approximately \$ 8000.00 in 2011) and the general consensus was to change to a completely online format and eliminate the printed copies (6 issues per year), due to the annual expenses related to printing and postage and what appears to be significant wastage. Mary suggested the possibility of asking local club directors to download the online copy and print a copy or copies for the members. It was determined to present this discussion to the general meeting scheduled for tomorrow and allow the full board to make the final decision.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Pittsburgh Labor Day Regional** – (ongoing) Mary Paulone Carns reported that the tournament was running smoothly and that the Hyatt was accommodating and helpful as always. She also noted that hand record recaps are now available online and the facility exists for all District 5 Regional tournaments. Unfortunately, attendance has been down significantly starting Thursday morning, due to lack of participation in the scheduled two day morning team event and the problem of too many competing events which is causing the rapid decline of the two session pair games when scheduled against an open Swiss team game and a knock-out event. Based on this information, Mary is considering eliminating the two session pair game on the day of the open Swiss Team game (traditionally Friday). Additionally, if the tournament chairs elect to add the proposed Gold-Rush Pair Games (limited to 750 masterpoints or less), they will most probably dilute the pairs game further. Mary floated the idea of changing the starting times for the two session pair games to 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, to cater to those members who prefer an earlier starting and finish time.

Jim Zimmerman questioned whether the attendance drop was due in part to out of town members who are not aware of how close the current site is to Cleveland. The general thought was the out-of-town participation for regionals and sectionals in District 5 has been decreasing consistently, due to the aging population. Mary also noted that our local attendance in Pittsburgh has been less than hoped for.

**Buffalo Regional** – John Toy handed out flyers for the upcoming tournament. He advised that things are under control and he and his committee are prepared.

**Rock and Roll Regional** - Jan Assini presented her proposed flyer for distribution. She has added a side Swiss Team game every morning based on numerous requests. This is in addition to the morning side Pairs game. Sharon noted that she was able to negotiate staff room rates for any rooms that the tournament books for workers, board members, etc.

**All American Regional** – Financial results were reported in the Treasurer's report. Plans for 2012 include adding a Gold Rush Pairs.

**STaCs** – Mary Paulone Carns reported no problems or issues.

**Website** – Mary Paulone Carns reported on behalf of Bill Holt, the District 5 webmaster. There are currently no problems.

**Membership** – Marc Sylvester reported that our membership has increased 3.33% since May 2011. We have added 192 new members during the past year, with the largest number coming from the Pittsburgh Unit.

**Education and Marketing Committee** – Jan Assini had nothing new to report. She noted that her current teaching program is progressing as expected.

**NAOP and GNT** – Barbara Bacon distributed the flyer and conditions of contest (copies attached) for the upcoming NAOP contest in October 2011, and presented the contracts for Erie for the 2012 GNT. She noted that at the request of the USBF, the Championship flight and Flight B will be held the second weekend as originally scheduled so as not to conflict with the team trials. The schedule is now May 5-6 2012 for Flight A and C, and May 19-20 for Championship Flight and Flight B. The negotiated rates are \$ 300.00 per weekend. This represents a savings of more than \$ 1400.00 compared with the upcoming expenses in Meadville for the NAOP. Barbara is going to check with local Erie hotels to see if any special rates can be negotiated.

In regards to previous questions regarding conditions of contest and carryovers, Barbara presented a report detailing the several conditions of contest for other districts of the ACBL (copy attached). Lengthy discussion followed regarding carryover procedures and adoption of the best choice for District 5 players. The board elected to modify the procedures outlined by District 6 and allows for a 50% carryover with a maximum of 12.5, applicable to all flights. Barbara is to get these approved for May 2012.

Barbara noted that the ACBL Board of Governors reviewed the suggestion of having the ACBL pay the entry fees for the GNT finals but chose to deny it at this time. However, they are planning to revisit the issue. Also, as there are other concerns throughout all the Districts, Barbara noted that all GNT coordinators are planning to meet in Seattle at the upcoming Fall 2011 Nationals to discuss all ongoing issues.

Alex Bealles noted that if the board opts to open the Sunday consolation Swiss at the NAOP district finals to all players, the event can only award black points, although it will be regionally rated.

**Pre-Duplicated Boards** – President Carns advised that the plan to have Ken Van Cleve prepare pre-duplicated boards for this tournament as a demonstration at the current tournament fell through for a variety of reasons, including monetary issues and the fact the Ken is planning to wind down his business. John Toy noted that Dick Rasmus has offered to do it for Buffalo for any or all pair games. The board agreed to accept Dick's offer and to evaluate the outcome.

**Howard Lebow Award** - Howard's sister Marilyn is now working with the ACBL Education Foundation regarding the disposition of the award and turning over completely all future administration of said award. The board decided not to make the award this year. President Carns noted that Marilyn was very enthusiastic about John Toy's

suggestion at the previous meeting of using the funds to further the inner-city schools bridge program.

**Clocks/Timers** – Alex Bealles noted that the small but loud timers in use at the current tournament (on loan from the Delaware Bridge Studio) have been received less than enthusiastically by the directors, due to a variety of reasons including the small size, lack of programming methods, and the inability to change the times without resetting the entire mechanism. It was thought that the timers will work in a small room, but not in a large two-session event. Alex is to investigate the cost of the larger timer/clocks which may not be as expensive as they were thought to be and try to get one larger timer for experimental use in Cleveland January 2012.

**Possibility of NABC in Buffalo** – Sharon Fairchild reported that the NABC advisory committee has not ruled on the Buffalo proposal. Their main objection seems to be the hotel prices, although there are also logistic drawbacks regarding the use of more than one hotel - however no final decision will be made until November. Sharon noted that if the room rate was significantly lowered, the committee would be willing to overlook other minor objections. John Toy is to investigate what can be done to make the possibility of the Buffalo NABC a reality.

**Sectional Tournament Conflicts** – Sharon Fairchild reported that she, Alex Bealles and Dian Petrov circulated a questionnaire to Unit contacts regarding what they considered to be a conflict with any tournament they planned to run, as well as which tournaments their players were most likely to attend. The committee is still awaiting answers from 5 units.

**Cleveland-Akron Tournaments** – Effective January 2013, Sharon Fairchild will chair the May Regional on an annual basis, and Akron will chair the January Regional on an every other year basis. Jan Assini noted that Akron and Cleveland may choose to co-chair the tournaments – this is still under discussion.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Elections** - The District Executive Board elections are scheduled for tomorrow at the full board meeting.

**Caddy Wage Rates** - Brian Ellis reported on the current minimum wage rates for the Federal Government and for New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Based on these findings, President Carns noted that it had been decided to pay the caddies \$ 35.00 per session (up from \$ 30.00 per session) to be uniform across the states.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion for adjournment was proposed by Jim Zimmerman and seconded by Jan Assini. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

ACBL--DISTRICT 5  
FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF 7-31-11

BALANCE 4-30-11		95,237.46
INCOME		
INTEREST	10.03	
PROFIT--CLEVELAND MAY 2011	925.02	
RONI FUND--INTEREST	0.61	
EXCESS HOSPITALITY--CLEVELAND JANUARY 2011	15.18	
SUMMER STAC 2011--GROSS RECEIPTS	5,541.00	
ADVANCES--GNT 2011	552.54	
ADVANCES--CLEVELAND MAY 2011	663.72	
CLOCK RENTAL	25.00	
VARIANCES	7.72	
TOTAL INCOME	7,740.82	102,978.28
EXPENSES		
EDUCATION PROGRAM	181.35	
DISTRICT 5 EXPENSES	4,686.54	
TAX MATTERS	45.00	
WINTER STAC 2010--EXPENSES	500.00	
GNT 2011--TENTATIVE LOSS	3,692.44	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>9,105.33</u>
NET WORTH		93,872.95
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:		
CHECKING ACCOUNT	10,574.63	
MONEY MARKETS AND CD	80,825.39	
RONI FUND	<u>2,472.93</u>	
TOTAL	93,872.95	

ACBL—DISTRICT 5  
 FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF 7-31-11  
 OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2011

BALANCE 7-31-10		109,680.56
 INCOME		
CLEVELAND MAY 2010—EXCESS HOSPITALITY	158.86	
INTEREST	215.60	
INTEREST—RONI FUND	2.98	
CLOCK RENTAL	100.00	
PROFIT—PITTSBURGH 2010	2,011.91	
PROFIT—BUFFALO 2010	6,787.35	
ADVANCES—BUFFALO 2010	4,400.00	
PROFIT—WINTER STAC 2010	1,210.40	
PROFIT—CLEVELAND JAN 2011	970.12	
GNT FUND GAMES—PITTSBURGH	220.00	
GNT FUND GAMES—BUFFALO	71.50	
PROFIT—CLEVELAND MAY 2011	925.02	
SUMMER STAC 2011—GROSS RECEIPTS	5,541.00	
VARIANCES	<u>6.48</u>	
 TOTAL INCOME	 22,621.22	 132,301.78
 EXPENSES		
BOARD OF GOVERNORS	500.00	
LOSS—NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS 2010	809.97	
ADVANCES—BUFFALO 2011	2,000.00	
EDUCATION PROGRAM	645.66	
ADVANCES—OLYMPIAD 2011	222.48	
BID BOX STORAGE	200.00	
SUMMER STAC 2010—SANCTION FEES	4,420.00	
ADVANCES—NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS 2011	121.27	
DISTRICT 5 EXPENSES	19,973.34	
ADVANCES—PITTSBURGH 2011	5,368.67	
INCOME TAX PREPARATION	300.00	
GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2011—TENTATIVE LOSS	3,692.44	
FIDELITY COVERAGE	175.00	
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 	 <u>38,428.83</u>
 NET WORTH	 	 93,872.95
 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS		
CHECKING ACCOUNT	10,574.63	
MONEY MARKETS AND CD	80,825.39	
RONI FUND	<u>2,472.93</u>	
 TOTAL	 93,872.95	

ACBL--DISTRICT 5  
 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS--BUFFALO  
 MAY 2011

	ENTRIES	ENTRY FEE	TOTAL
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT	2	80.00	160.00
FLIGHT A	10	80.00	800.00
FLIGHT B	11	80.00	880.00
FLIGHT C	7	80.00	560.00
SUNDAY SWISS	4	40.00	<u>160.00</u>
 GROSS INCOME			 2,560.00
 EXPENSES			
DIRECTOR FEES		1,272.80	
DIRECTOR EXPENSES		476.18	
SANCTION FEE		80.00	
CADDIES		158.00	
SUPPLIES		70.40	
ROOM RENT		500.00	
PUBLICITY--FLYERS		86.78	
TABLES		125.00	
HOSPITALITY		500.75	
CO-ORDINATOR--STIPEND		250.00	
CO-ORDINATOR--EXPENSES		<u>436.53</u>	<u>3,956.44</u>
 NET OPERATING (LOSS)			 (1,396.44)
 OTHER EXPENSES			
SUBSIDIES		2,000.00	
ENTRY FEES		<u>296.00</u>	<u>2,296.00</u>
 NET (LOSS)--THIS REPORTING PERIOD			 (3,692.44)
 OTHER EXPENSES--SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED			
SUBSIDIES		2,000.00	
ENTRY FEES		<u>680.00</u>	<u>2,680.00</u>
 NET (LOSS)--ALL REPORTING PERIODS			 (6,372.44)

ACBL--DISTRICT 5  
TOURNAMENT REPORT--CLEVELAND  
MAY 2011

	ENTRIES	ENTRY FEE	TOTAL
TUESDAY CHARITY PAIRS	35	20.00	700.00
BRACKETED KO--1	70	40.00	2,800.00
SIDE GAMES	353	20.00	7,060.00
WEDNESDAY OPEN PAIRS	44	40.00	1,760.00
WEDNESDAY OPEN PAIRS--1 SESSION	2	20.00	40.00
NLM PAIRS	52	20.00	1,040.00
COMPACT KO--1	46	40.00	1,840.00
SIDE SWISS TEAMS	95	40.00	3,800.00
MORNING COMPACT KO--1	18	40.00	720.00
THURSDAY OPEN PAIRS	57	40.00	2,280.00
THURSDAY OPEN PAIRS--1 SESSION	4	20.00	80.00
BRACKETED KO--2	89	40.00	3,560.00
FRIDAY OPEN SWISS	44	80.00	3,520.00
FRIDAY OPEN PAIRS	55	40.00	2,200.00
FRIDAY OPEN PAIRS--1 SESSION	1	20.00	20.00
MORNING COMPACT KO--2	17	40.00	680.00
SATURDAY OPEN PAIRS	70	40.00	2,800.00
SATURDAY OPEN PAIRS--1 SESSION	1	20.00	20.00
BRACKETED KO--3	71	40.00	2,840.00
SUNDAY A/X PAIRS	20	40.00	800.00
SUNDAY B/C/D PAIRS	22	40.00	880.00
SUNDAY B/C/D PAIRS--FILL-IN PAIR	1	20.00	20.00
COMPACT KO--2	33	40.00	1,320.00
MONDAY A/X SWISS	25	80.00	2,000.00
MONDAY B/C/D SWISS	36	80.00	2,880.00
NON-MEMBER FEES			<u>34.00</u>
GROSS INCOME			45,694.00
LESS FILL-IN ENTRIES			<u>80.00</u>
GROSS INCOME			45,614.00
LESS EXPENSES			<u>44,688.98</u>
NET INCOME			925.02

## EXPENSES--CLEVELAND MAY 2011

EXPENSE	CKCB	TOURN SHEET	PERS ACCT	HOTEL	FREE ENTRIES	TOTAL
DIRECTOR FEES		11,163.80				11,163.80
DIRECTOR EXPENSES		2,999.28		1,969.44		4,968.72
SANCTION FEES		4,714.39				4,714.39
DUPLICATED HANDS		120.00				120.00
PRINTOUTS		500.07				500.07
HOSPITALITY	2,400.00			984.72	380.00	3,764.72
BULLETINS				537.12	200.00	737.12
PRIZES	570.00			537.12	120.00	1,227.12
TOURNAMENT CHR MN	965.21	720.00		1,074.24	250.00	3,009.45
CADDIES		1,920.00		537.12	10.00	2,467.12
PARTNERSHIP				549.90	250.00	799.90
TABLES	840.00				80.00	920.00
NON LM	122.86	115.00		447.60	220.00	905.46
ROOM RENT				6,300.00		6,300.00
SUPPLIES		1,255.65				1,255.65
PUBLICITY	663.72			270.00		933.72
WORKERS SUITE	192.12			537.12	20.00	749.24
REGISTRATION					10.00	10.00
BID BOXES					20.00	20.00
ACBL EDUCATION FUND		122.50				122.50
TOTALS	5,753.91	23,630.69	-	13,744.38	1,560.00	44,688.98

DISTRICT 5 EXPENSES  
CLEVELAND MAY 2011

EXECUTIVE BOARD--HOTEL	1,342.80
EXECUTIVE BOARD--FREE ENTRIES	530.00
FIFTH COLUMN--FREE ENTRIES	330.00
EDUCATION PROGRAM--FREE ENTRIES	40.00
EDUCATION PROGRAM--DIRECTOR FOR STUDENT GAME	170.00
DISTRICT MEETINGS	915.60
FREE ENTRIES--DISTRICT COUPONS	30.00
DISTRICT SUITE EXPENSES	85.77
TOTAL	3,444.17

ACBL DISTRICT 5  
DISTRICT EXPENSES  
FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2010 THROUGH JULY 31, 2011

	EXEC BD FREE ENTRIES	EXEC BD HOTEL	EXEC BD OTHER	D5 MEETINGS	5TH COL FREE ENTRIES	OTHER FREE ENTRIES	FIFTH COLUMN	EDUCATION PROGRAM OTHER	TOTAL
PITTSBURGH 10	450.00	2,435.04		1,197.70	190.00				4,272.74
BUFFALO 10	300.00	1,565.00			20.00				1,885.00
CLEVE JAN 11	400.00	1,224.21			110.00	50.00			1,784.21
CLEVE MAY 11	530.00	1,342.80	85.77	915.60	330.00	30.00			3,234.17
EDUCATION PROGRAM						40.00		170.00	210.00
FIFTH COLUMN							7,799.22		7,799.22
SECRETARY STIPEND			300.00						300.00
TOURN CO-ORDINATOR			400.00						400.00
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES			88.00						88.00
TOTALS	1,680.00	6,567.05	873.77	2,113.30	650.00	120.00	7,799.22	170.00	19,973.34

**ADVANCES OUTSTANDING**  
**JULY 31, 2011**

**PITTSBURGH--SEPTEMBER 2011**

<b>Mary Paulone Carns</b>	<b>5,368.67</b>	<b>Balance</b>
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**BUFFALO--OCTOBER 2011**

<b>Pat Rasmus</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>6-10-10</b>
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<b>Pat Rasmus</b>	<u><b>1,500.00</b></u>	<b>3-2-11</b>
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**2,000.00**

<b>BUFFALO--OCTOBER 2012</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>6-10-10</b>
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<b>BUFFALO--OCTOBER 2013</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>6-10-10</b>
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<b>NAP 2011</b>	<b>121.27</b>	<b>11-12-10</b>
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**OLYMPIAD 2011**

<b>K of C Hall</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>12-28</b>
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<b>Monica Early</b>	<u><b>122.48</b></u>	<b>1-14-11</b>
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**222.48**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,712.42</b>	
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## The District 5 Newsletter

District Director's Report

August 2011

At the Summer Meeting in Toronto, one of the most important decisions facing the ACBL was made. Our CEO search committee presented a candidate for the board's inspection out of the field of 80 applicants. Robert Hartman of Oakland, California was unanimously selected to be our next CEO. Mr. Hartman is currently the Vice President and General Manager of Golden Gate Fields in Albany, CA. Previously, he was the Associate Athletic Director for the University of California, Berkeley in 2003-2005, and the Vice President of Marketing for Pallotta TeamWorks during 2000-2003. He begins work for ACBL on November 7, 2011.

There are many items to report from the meetings.

Revisions to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations:

1. The Code of Disciplinary Regulations added the following to the things for which the administration may issue an automatic suspension:
  - Has caused damage to any facility associated with an ACBL tournament during the conduct of such tournament without adequate reason or justification and failed to make reasonable compensation therefor.
2. Section 5.2.1 of the CDR is amended to allow two methods of filing a single complaint requesting a disciplinary hearing. These were the sections that were added. To put it in context, see the complete minutes on the ACBL website.

There are two methods to file a disciplinary complaint based upon a single incident:

- One, a "Direct Complaint" may be submitted directly to the charging body having jurisdiction by any ACBL member within the time period specified in section 5.2.1(a), (c), or (d);
- Two, a "Recorder Complaint" may be submitted directly to the charging body having jurisdiction by any ACBL Recorder within the time period specified in section 5.2.1(b) A Recorder may file a Recorder Complaint involving a single incident of conduct within thirty (30) days of receipt by the Recorder of a player memo, if and only if such player memo is submitted to the Recorder within (30) days of the incident.

Some revisions to the CDR were rejected:

- A proposed revision to the CDR that would have allowed attorneys to represent a person in a hearing before the Appeals and Charges Committee failed. Attorneys are barred from the hearing room in all hearings currently in Unit, District, Ethical Oversight and Appeals and Charges hearings.
- A motion to allow units and districts to charge members for misconduct at a club game was defeated. They may still charge them for ethical violations.

**National and International Items:**

- A second reading on the proposed change to the Bylaws that would require that the ACBL President and Chairman of the Board be sitting members of the Board of Directors passed unanimously.

- The Board passed a motion in support of a World Championship in North America in 2018. And authorized a \$100,000 payment to support the running of the 2018 World Bridge Series championship, if held in North America, provided no title sponsor(s) pays \$300,000 or more in support of the championship. Payments to be made as needed, but no sooner than January 1, 2018.
- Monies raised from Junior Fund games will be available for all junior activities. The first \$50,000 or the amount collected annually, or whichever is less, will be given in July of the following year to the USBF to fund Junior Team activities.
- When there is a vugraph show at an NABC, the room will be called the Peter Pender Memorial Vugraph Theater. The late Peter Pender left a donation for Vugraph presentations.
- The board approved the creation of a new unit in the Beaufort and Jasper Counties in South Carolina and denied a request to move one unit from District 20 to District 21.
- The name of the Ace of Clubs race will be changed to The Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Race. Helen has won this race 17 times, a record not likely to be matched!
- As an experiment this year, the Spingold will first be seeded objectively and then reseeded subjectively by a “subjective seeding committee”.
- A motion to have the ACBL waive all entry fees in the NABC finals of the GNT was defeated.

## **Special Games at Sectionals**

All Units are permitted to run up to two (2) Special game sessions at each Sectional with the exception of STaCs. In the USA, these special games may be to benefit the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL International Fund or the ACBL Junior Fund.

Such a special game may be run as an open game, senior game, team or pair game, newcomer game, or any other game that is run at a Sectional.

The masterpoint awards will be regionally rated silver points.

The Sponsor of the sectional will be charged USD \$1.00 per player. These funds shall be included in the tournament report and shall be dispersed to the appropriate organization chosen by the tournament sponsor.

The normal sanction fee for Sectionals will also be charged to the Sponsoring Organization.

Starting times for NABC events at the 2013 Summer NABC in Atlanta will be 10 am. and 3:30 pm except for screened events.

## **Revision to Masterpoints**

### **First Reading**

- I. The awards for NABC Championships, Section III of the Masterpoint Award Regulations, are to be modified as follows:
  - Open Pairs (no other event, four sessions) changed from 130 to 125.
  - Red Ribbon Pairs changed from 70 to 60.
  - Canadian Open Pairs Championships changed from 75 to 65.
  - Women’s KO Teams changed from 140 to 120.

- US Women's Bridge Championship changed from 140 to 120.
- Senior Team Trials changed from 50 to 120.
- Canadian Senior Teams Championships: Changed to 60 masterpoints, instead of being computed by the general formula.
- Super Senior Pairs: Changed to 50 masterpoints, instead of being computed by the general formula.
- Senior Mixed Pairs (new): An initial award of 60 masterpoints for Seattle, to be reviewed.
- The Reduction Factor for 18 board games is changed from 80% to 67%.
- The minimum number of boards for a club game not restricted by masterpoints is changed from 18 to 20 boards (the tournament minimum is 21). Also, the Reduction Factor for club (& on-line) games not restricted by masterpoints of fewer than 20 boards will be 60%. Currently the minimum for club games receiving a full award is 18 boards and the reduction factor is 80%.

A second reading will be held at the Fall 2011 Seattle, WA NABC

### **Modifications in the General Conditions of Contest:**

In **Knockouts**, the **score correction period** for player and scorer errors expires thirty minutes after the completion of the segment, at the start of play at either table of a playoff, or at the announced starting time of the next match, whichever is earlier. Despite the foregoing, the DIC is empowered to, when practical, make a score correction before the announced starting time of the next match in the interest of fairness/equity.

In **Swiss**, no increase in score need be granted in **player errors** unless the Director's attention is called to the error prior to the announced starting time of the next match or thirty minutes after the completion of the match whichever is earlier.

In the GNT, a motion to use masterpoint averaging to determine flight was defeated.

Units may run up to three **extended-team games** per year. If they use a one day event that qualifies a team to play in the extended-team event and awards overall masterpoints, they may use a Unit Championship for the one day event and an extended team game for the other. If they use an extended-team event with overall awards to qualify to another extended team event with overall awards, they must use 2 of their extended-team sanctions. They also may use an extended-team event that pays only match award and qualifies a team for another extended-team event which then pays overall awards and use only one of their extended-team sanctions.

Conditions were approved for a method for Districts to run their **GNT finals on the Internet**. This is to help out the Districts that are so far-flung that holding one event for the District just doesn't allow many people to participate.

### **Change to the Alert Chart**

1. There is no alert (beginning January 1, 2012) of the cheapest club bid after a No Trump opening. However, rebids by the No Trump bidder that aren't standard (as in puppet stayman) are still alertable.
2. While a "short" club is still announceable, it is now defined as a natural bid.

## Strength Of Field Committee

Knock Out masterpoints are awarded depending on the strength of the field. A committee has been studying Strength of Field for determining masterpoint awards for other events. They will provide the formulas prior to the meetings in Seattle.

## Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning

Item 102-141, Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning, is amended as follows:

1. Section B. Regional Tournament Allocations, paragraph 9, add:

A regional tournament may start on any day of the week and (with the exceptions of Regionals at Sea) must be scheduled on consecutive days until its conclusion; provided that a tournament that starts on Sunday must end no later than the following Friday. In addition, a one-session event that is run for the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, or the Canadian equivalent of these may be held the first day of a six and one-half day Regional. The current formulas will be used to determine the minimum monetary contributions for these games.

2. Section C. Scheduling of Regional Tournaments, paragraph 2,

A. The dates are protected except for one day at either the beginning or end of the tournament. A tournament with a two or more day encroachment on a traditional date tournament will not be sanctioned.

B. A District that holds a Regional on the same dates and at the same sites/areas two out of three years will be placed on the traditional date list for Regionals. The dates are protected except for one day at either the beginning or end of the tournament. A tournament with a two or more day encroachment on a traditional date tournament will not be sanctioned. list is available on the Coordinators Bulletin Board. Easter week is noted as an exception.

## Sectional Tournament Scheduling and Allocations

The following two paragraphs are added to Section B. Scheduling of Sectional Tournaments.

7. A Sectional held more than 50 miles from a Regional held in another District is not considered in conflict with that Regional.

8. Sectionals that traditionally hold tournaments on or near specific holidays will, in the case of conflicts, be scheduled prior to the holiday when the holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday and after the holiday when the holiday falls on a Wednesday or Thursday.

Upcoming events include the Pittsburgh Regional, the North American Pairs and the Buffalo Regional. See the District 5 website for details at [www.d5bridge.com](http://www.d5bridge.com)

## Nominate someone

Are there members in your unit that are Goodwill ambassadors at your clubs or tournaments -encouraging others, being friendly and polite at the table and making the bridge world a nicer place to visit? Or how about someone who makes a real contribution to charitable causes in and out of the bridge world? They might be good candidates for the ACBL Goodwill Committee or the Charity Committee. Please contact me at the email address below and tell me about them.

Questions, complaints and suggestions are welcome. Just call 440-333-2536 or email me at [shortsuit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shortsuit@sbcglobal.net). Sharon Fairchild

***District 5 Bridge  
2010 -2011 North American Pairs***

***The District 5 NAP Finals will be  
October 22 & 23, 2011***

***Days Inn  
Meadville, Pa. 16335  
814-337-4264***

***Questions or Information:  
District NAP Coordinator Barb Bacon  
[bcbacon@cox.net](mailto:bcbacon@cox.net)***

# **District 5 Conditions of Contest 2011-2012 North American Pairs**

**Open, 0-2000, and Non Life Master < 500 Flights**

**ACBL Conditions of Contest and Appendices are part of the District 5 Conditions of Contest as published in the Bulletin and/or the ACBL web site.**

**[www.acbl.org/assets/documents/play/NAP/20102011ConditionsofContest.pdf](http://www.acbl.org/assets/documents/play/NAP/20102011ConditionsofContest.pdf)**

**District Final is scheduled for Meadville, Pa. as follows: All Flights**

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM**

**Sunday, October 23<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM & TBA**

**National Finals scheduled for 2012 Memphis, Tn. Spring NABC:**

**Open Flight**

**March 14-15, 2012 1:00 PM & 7:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> day is a qualification and Day is Finals**

**0-2000 and NLM < 500 Flights**

**March 24-25, 2012 1:00 PM & 7:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> day is a qualification and Day is Finals**

**Conventions:**

**Clubs:** Individual club decision

**District Finals:**

~~Open /Flight A~~ ACBL Mid-Chart

0-2000 and NLM Flights ACBL General Chart

District 5 will have no Unit Finals... Players qualify direct to District Final.

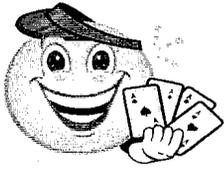
**Special Qualification:**

At the Club level when 4 or fewer pairs enter a scheduled qualifying event and/or strata all players whom pay their entry fee are qualified to District Final.

Club Qualifying Strata: Open, 0-2000, and NLM < 500 mandatory ... except a stand alone NLM < 500 which must be stratified 0-20, 20-100, and 100-NLM <500

New since 2007, ACBL will subsidize 1st place pairs \$700/person and 2nd place pairs \$300/person and entry fee to play in National Final is ZERO.

If a qualified pair is unable to play in the National Final, the next highest pair will qualify. You must actually attend and play in the National Final to be eligible for any subsidy from ACBL and/or District 5 and you are expected to notify the District NAP Coordinator on or before January 16, 2012 if you are unable to attend Memphis, Tn. NABC Finals. Pairs who fail to comply maybe subject to District Disciplinary action and/or denied future District subsidies.



## **NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS DISTRICT 5 FINALS**

Dates: **North American Pairs  
October 22 & 23, 2011**

Place: **Days Inn  
Meadville, Pa. 16335  
814-337-4264**

Times: **Saturday 1:30 and 7:30 PM  
Sunday 10:00 AM & TBA**

Cost: \$10.00/person/session

Room rates are \$62/night plus tax if reservations are made prior to October 8, 2011

Flights determined by point holding on **June 1, 2011**

Flight A= Unlimited Overall points are gold

Flight B= 0-2000 Overall points are gold

Flight C= 0-500, Non Life Master Overall points are 25% Gold 75% Red

**Pre-qualification is required.** This is done at your local club at qualifying games in June, July and August. Check with your club director for dates.

The top three pairs in each flight will qualify to compete in Memphis, Tn. on March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 for the Open flight and March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> for Flights B & C.

For more information please call:  
Barb Bacon 440-331-8702  
District Coordinator

REVIEW OF GNT OCEDURES RE: CARRYOVERS BY DISTRICT

District 1,3,8,9,11,17,18,19,20,21,22,24	No District Conditions of Contested or not on website
District 4	No carryover; no byes
District 5	Full carryover all flights
District 6	Partial carryover; maximum 12.5
District 7	Open and flight A 49% with maximum of 1 imp/board; Flights B & C no carryover
District 10	On line event with no carryover
District 12	No carryover; protest period ends 30 minutes after event
District <del>12</del> ,13,14,15,16,17	No carryover
District 23	Carryover for KO matches in the finals is based on the IMP margin and finishing position from qualifying round. If team finishing higher in the Q round has won the head to head the carryover will be 100%. If the team finishing lower has won the head to head match the carryover will be 50%. If the teams have finished tied in Q round the carryover will be 75%. If the teams have not played each other in the Q round there will be no carryover in the KO round.
District 25	3-9 teams maximum carryover is 35 Imps; 10+ teams have full carryover. District Sunday semi-final Championship flight has full carryover; A & B no carryover; Flight C is all day Swiss team.

1. Based on District Website
2. Asked to review ACBL Stand on fees
3. GNT Co-ord meet in Seattle