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District 21 Newsletter August 2023

Happy Labor Day, District 21. OK, early, but we hope you are planning to attend the Santa Clara Regional, which runs from August 29 through Labor Day.

The District recently adopted a new Covid vaccination policy. Commencing with the Santa Clara Regional, proof of vaccination will not be required at D21 regionals. However, any player wearing a mask will retain the right to require that masks be worn at their table. Failure to comply with a masking request may result in a penalty. Please respect each other's choices and come prepared to mask up if asked. Be nice!

Hotel reservations for the Santa Clara Regional are almost full, and we are expecting a good turnout for this popular tournament. We've got a new playing space that we think you're going to love! See Sigrid's report for more information about Santa Clara and the other upcoming regionals.

And don't stop with Sigrid's report, read all our correspondents' reports for news and updates, ranging from local Unit and District news, NAP changes, youth bridge successes, ACBL support for your advertising, to updates from the ACBL Board of Directors. District 21 is fortunate to have such a talented group of volunteers, and we thank all our correspondents for their tireless efforts on behalf of our District and the entire bridge community.

We bid farewell to one such volunteer, Cornelia Gould, who has moved out of the District. Cornelia served as the D21 Representative to the Western Conference for many years as well as on the D21 Executive Committee. We thank Cornelia for her exceptional service over the years. Joanne Wicker from Unit 550 will take Cornelia's place on the Western Conference Board until an election can be held. See Joanne's report below for upcoming STaC events.

Finally, we saved the best news for last! Drumroll, please...D21's very own Olivia Schireson has been crowned the 2023 Queen of Bridge. This prestigious award, presented by the ACBL Education Foundation, comes with a college scholarship and is given to an exceptional high school graduate. To read the full article on Olivia's bridge journey in this month's Bridge Bulletin, click [HERE](#). Join us in congratulating Olivia on this well deserved honor.

We hope to see you in Santa Clara!

President's Report

Anne Hollingsworth, President, D21 Board of Directors, shares highlights of many activities in the District, including the recent Board Meeting and the District's first Non Life Master Regional in years. She also congratulates D21 winners at the NABC in Chicago.

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Tournament Report

Sigrid Price, Chair, Tournament Planning Committee, looks forward to the Santa Clara Regional and other upcoming D21 regionals. With new events at each tournament, a brand new venue at Table Mountain, and the return of in person NAP finals in Monterey, there is a lot to look forward to! Read Sigrid's report for more information.

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North American Pairs (NAP)

Jim Coke, D21 NAP Coordinator, reports on some important updates to how players may qualify to participate in the District NAP finals. Unit finals are no longer required. Any player who qualifies at the club level will advance to the District finals. The District finals will be held in person at the Monterey Regional in January 2024. Jim explains the changes and encourages us all to participate.

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Western Conference - STaC Aug 21 - 27

Joanne Wicker, D21 Representative, Western Conference, announces the dates of the next Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaC). You'll have the opportunity to compete against players from Districts 21, 22, and 23 and earn silver points. Mark your calendars now! See Joanne's report for all the details.

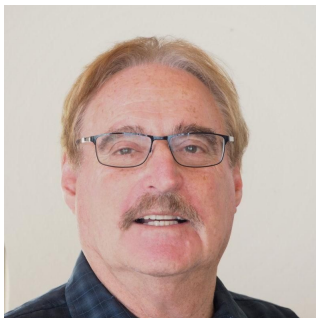
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Youth Bridge - D21 players rock!

Max Schireson, Chair, D21 Growth Committee, congratulates our youth players for their amazing successes at the recent Youth NABC and NABC as well as the European Junior Championships and World Junior Team Championships held in the Netherlands. Read Max's



report for all the details (and photos!).

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District Director Report

Stu Goodgold, D21 District Director, reports on the recent activities of the ACBL Board of Directors. In his comprehensive report, Stu covers a range of topics including ACBL management and finances, membership trends, and recent issues tackled by the Board, including the new convention cards and the opening of online Virtual clubs to all players. Read Stu's report for all the news!

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Region 12 Director Report

Jackie Zayac, Region 12 Director on the ACBL Board of Directors representing D20 and D21, announces changes in the reporting requirements for the ACBL Cooperative Advertising Program (CAP) to provide for better sharing of strategies for attracting and retaining new members. Jackie also invites feedback about the recent decision by ACBL management to increase the masterpoint limit for all regionally rated mid-flight events at NABCs from 3000 to 4000 masterpoints. See Jackie's report for more information.

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Board of Directors' Report

Ray Yuenger, Secretary, D21 Board of Directors, reports on the meeting of the Board of Directors on June 28, 2023. The Board voted to discontinue the vaccination requirement at District regionals and eliminate unit finals for NAP.

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