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## District 21 Newsletter December 2023

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year, District 21!

What are your new year's resolutions? We hope 2024 is the year of growth, increased interest in bridge, and many new and returning members in our District 21 community.

We're off to a great start with the Monterey Regional in January. We're expecting a strong turnout based on room reservations and look forward to a successful event. It's a beautiful venue and a great opportunity to connect with bridge friends, old and new. For the first time, the District finals for all three flights of the NAP will be held in Monterey. See Jim's report for the details and to check whether you've qualified to play.

Monterey will be Sigrid Price's last tournament as Chair of the D21 Tournament Planning Committee. She has done an amazing job, rebuilding the District's regionals post-Covid and ensuring a bright future for our regionals. Be sure to thank her when you see her in Monterey and read her report for up-to-date tournament information.

Taking over as D21 Tournament Chairs are Anne Wilson and Brenda Hatton. They are already hard at work planning for our upcoming Sacramento, Santa Clara, and Reno regionals. Let's give them a warm welcome and support them in making our regionals even better.

While we are handing out well deserved appreciations, Stu Goodgold's term as D21 District Director on the ACBL Board of Directors has come to an end. We are grateful for his many contributions to the District and the game of bridge over the years. In his farewell report, Stu shares important updates about recent Board of Director decisions, the ACBL's budget, interesting hands, and the answer to "what is 7411".

Back to resolutions, here's another way to get involved and help shape the future of bridge in our District. Elections for officer and executive committee positions on the District 21 Board and for two positions on the Western Conference Board will be held in January. Jackie Ortiz' report provides more information on how to apply.

Bridge administration not your thing? How about sharing your love of the game with others? D21's Growth Committee is offering the ACBL Best Practices Teacher Certification Workshop in Sacramento in February. By supporting bridge teachers in the District with techniques to engage students and training new teachers, we hope to help to grow and develop newer players in the District and build our community. See Max's report for details and how to apply.

Think about what you can do! Whether you're interested in volunteering at a Regional, joining a committee, or simply sharing your ideas, there are countless ways to get involved. Let's work together in 2024 to keep the D21 bridge community growing and thriving.



### President's Report

**Anne Hollingsworth**, President, D21 Board of Directors, reports on the recent successes of D21 members at the NABC in Atlanta, and looks forward to Monterey.

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### Tournament Report

**Sigrid Price**, Chair, Tournament Planning Committee, and Mishi look forward to the Monterey Regional in January and introduce new Tournament Planning Committee Chairs. Who is Mishi? Read Sigrid's report to find out!

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### North American Pairs (NAP) - D21 Finals January 2024

**Jim Coke**, D21 NAP Coordinator, reminds us that the D21 finals for all flights of the NAP will take place in Monterey in January. If you haven't already, and you've qualified, make plans to compete. You just might get to represent District 21 at the NAP finals at the Spring NABC in Louisville. See Jim's report for more information.

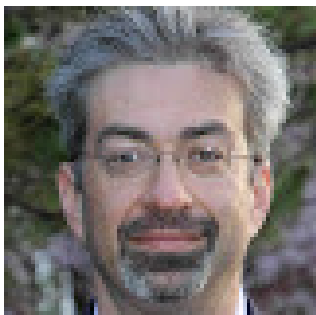
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## Amazing Volunteers Thanked in Monterey!

**Gail Gabiati**, D21 Chair, Goodwill Committee, announces and thanks the 2023 District 21 Volunteers of the Year. This inspiring group will be treated to a special dinner in Monterey, where they will be celebrated for their contributions to the bridge community. Read about them in Gail's report.

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## ACBL Best Practices Teacher Certification in Sacramento in February

**Max Schireson**, Chair, D21 Growth Committee, announces that the District is sponsoring an ACBL Best Practices Teacher Certification course in February, 2024. The course will be taught by renowned teacher Patty Tucker and the District will reimburse up to 50% of the class fee for those who meet certain criteria. For more information and registration details, read Max's report.

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## District Director Report

**Stu Goodgold**, D21 District Director, reports on the recent activities of the ACBL Board of Directors. Stu's report is full of information about the changes implemented by the ACBL Board of Directors. Want to know what 7411 is? Find out in Stu's report!

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## Region 12 Director Report

**Jackie Zayac**, Region 12 Director on the ACBL Board of Directors representing D20 and D21, looks forward to working with District members to attract and retain members in 2024. She also reminds us to renew our ACBL memberships in December! See Jackie's report for more info and how you can help.

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## Board of Directors' Report

**Ray Yuenger**, Secretary, D21 Board of Directors, reports on the special meeting of the Board of Directors on December 6, 2023. The Board reviewed the District's financials and approved the 2024 budget. See Ray's report for the complete summary.

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## District 21 Elections! Your District Needs You!

**Jackie Ortiz**, Chair, D21 Nominating Committee, invites nominations and applications for officer and executive committee positions on the District 21 Board and for two positions on the Western Conference Board. Elections will be held in January, 2024. See Jackie's report for details.

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