



President's Report

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To all you who attended the NABC in Austin: Welcome Back! You certainly brought a lot of multi-colored masterpoints home. Congratulations to all of you who did so well in the many events that were offered. District 21 was so well represented; there are far too many names to list here; however, special applause goes to Naren Gupta, Kevin Rosenberg and Michael Rosenberg who were listed among the top 100 masterpoint winners.

Your D21 Board held a special meeting in November. Ray Yuenger has prepared a report for your review. A new Executive Committee was formed composed of the four officers and a member at large (temporarily Cornelia Gould accepted the appointment). The fifth member of this committee will be elected and *any member* of D21 is eligible for the position. If you are interested in running, please contact Jackie Ortiz (jackieo@sonic.net), Chair of our Nominating Committee. This Committee is authorized to conduct business when the full board is not in session.

Please accept my apology for posting the zoom link wayyyy too early for our last board meeting. I was unaware that these links become obsolete after some time and that some of you attempted to join our last meeting and failed. Our next meeting, scheduled for January 15th at 10:00 a.m. via zoom, will be open to anyone interested, of course, and this time we will be certain to have the link prominently displayed on our website a couple of days in advance. I hope you have bookmarked d21acbl.org; it's the best place to find district information.

Here's my final pitch for our Monterey Regional: It's not too late, but nearly so, to book a room. The hotel very kindly extended our final booking date to December 16th. If you have been on the fence about attending, it's time to get a move on. To make a reservation go to d21acbl.org and it's a click away.

Already booked and planning to be there? Remember that vaccination evidence is required and as of now, masking is also mandatory. Please forward your proof of vaccination to us at d21m22vax@gmail.com. We will have a wristband ready for you upon arrival, thus eliminating having to stand in line to provide this information. No one will be allowed in the playing area without a wristband, and we are counting on everyone to comply. For many of us this will be the first face-to-face bridge event in many months; we really look forward to seeing you. Volunteers are still needed to facilitate the regional. Please consider donating an hour of your time here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4badaa29abff2-volunteer>

It's a little counter-intuitive, so, after you click a space to sign up go to the bottom of the page and click "Submit and Sign Up" to fill in the necessary information.

Don't forget that D21 is hosting the next NABC in Reno, early in March of 2022. Jackie Zayac is Chairing the Committee selected to run this event and will have more information in her article. It's best to reserve early, you don't want to lose the great rates offered at the hotels. And just when you think you've volunteered enough, Anne Hollingsworth will be soliciting help with the NABCs. It's big fun and a great way to meet folks from all over the world.

The Marin Unit #508 is once again hosting an online holiday benefit for Homeward Bound on December 19th, auctioning the opportunity to play with many local bridge professionals. It's a great opportunity to donate to a worthy cause and play with an excellent partner. Go to: <https://www.32auctions.com/MarinUnitBenefitforHBOM>



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The Marin representative asked me if it is appropriate for me to “advertise” their fundraiser. Here’s what I think: If I can help facilitate any unit’s, or club’s, efforts to make the world a better place, please count me in! Feel free to send me whatever your group is sponsoring, and I will be happy to help spread the word.

When you see them, please remember to thank Melanie Haddad, Laura DaCosta and Grant Robinson (and all the columnists who contributed) for their work in getting the Diamond in the Ruff to you. The effort of all these people is greatly appreciated!

Finally, and certainly by no means least of all, I send my wishes that you enjoy a wonderful holiday season, filled with good health, good friends, good food and lots of family time.

Here’s to a great 2022 for everyone!

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