

**President's Report**

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Contact Sigrid: [d21sigrid@gmail.com](mailto:d21sigrid@gmail.com)**California (Capital) Here I Come!**

As I started mulling over writing this article, various lyrics from songs ran through my head. The above line from Al Jolson's memorable song, released in January 1924 seems appropriate this month. Preparations for the Sacramento Regional starting May 30th are well underway and you will get all the details from Nancy Boyd in her article this month. Just remember to reserve early...and [please use the link on our website, d21acbl.com](#). Click [HERE](#) for the link. There have been reports that people calling to reserve have been told no rooms are available...not so, trust me!

Early in March, I attended the Santa Rosa Sectional held at the Petaluma Community Center. Maxine Reagh and Harley Conner, co-chairs, not only had the vision to believe in this event but succeeded in delivering a great tournament. Attendance exceeded expectations and Lynn Yokel, as Director in Charge, handled the overflow in her usual calm fashion, keeping the event running smoothly. It was apparent that Bay Area players were/are ready to get back to the tables for face-to-face competition. The community center has excellent lighting and plenty of parking, a real bonus after the frustrations we experienced at the former location. I hope this site will be the permanent choice for Unit 509 in the future.

Attending the NABC in Reno was wonderful. The committee headed by Jackie Zayac did a great job getting it together and despite the somewhat low attendance the overall opinion is that it was a success. It was great to play in an environment that was so well lighted. Congratulations to Michael Rosenberg who tied with his partner Zachary Grossack for winning the most masterpoints at the tournament...405! Both were awarded the Mott-Smith Trophy for most masterpoints. I saw several members of our district in attendance and for the most part everyone seemed to be having a good time.

Ray Yuenger, our District Secretary, was awarded the District 21 Goodwill Member of the Year during the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee Reception held at the NABC. Ray was recognized for his incredible volunteerism and participation in so many areas of facilitating the bridge experience. It was my pleasure to be part of the standing ovation he so well deserved. You can read all about it in the Tuesday, March 15th edition of the NABC Daily Bulletin available on the ACBL website. If you experience the same frustration I have with that website, let me guide you: On the home page, click MENU, then far to the left is a box labeled Results, then ACBL Live, then NABC Results...pick Reno 2022 and at the top of the next page you will find Daily Bulletins. Or, you can just click [HERE](#) to read the Bulletins from Reno. It's fun to read the bulletins even if you didn't attend.

Just following the nationals our district participated in a Royal STaC event, partnered with District 22 and District 23. As you may know, STaC games are only for face-to-face bridge and not allowed in online competition. I have not seen the final numbers for attendance, but can attest that in Unit 512 the games were well attended. This promotion was part of the ongoing campaign to get our players out of their pajamas, away from their computers and back to the tables. The Royal STaC is a great event that awards gold/silver/red/black points (25% each) to those who place. It is especially beneficial to those who no longer travel to tournaments but still participate in their local games.

Here's hoping I will see most of you in Sacramento for the Regional. It's a great venue and the new game schedule will probably appeal to you. In the meantime, I wish you all well and hope your finesses are successful and that you sometimes drop that stiff king!