

DIAMOND IN THE RUFF

D21 GNT Report

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2024 Grand National Teams (GNT)



Flight C (non-Life Masters with up to 750 masterpoints) players are most heartily invited to try this Premier Knock Out Event. The winning team gets to travel to Philadelphia in July to represent District 21 at the National Finals. Last year, both our Flight C and Flight B teams advanced all the way to the National Finals in Toronto. **All players** are invited to



compete at their own level: Flight C (non-Life Masters up to 750 MPs); Flight B (up to 3000 MPs), Flight A (up to 6000 MPs), and Open (unlimited). Come to Oakland or Palo Alto to play.

Shout out to the Palo Alto Bridge Center. Since Covid, the GNTs, like most tournaments, have suffered in attendance. Meanwhile costs have risen, putting great financial strain on this event. This year Palo Alto is not only donating playing space to the GNTs on February 8th and 9th, but also assisting in promoting the event. Many, many thanks to Marc Cervellino and all the others who've helped!

This additional available weekend means we can separate the Events more appropriately and allow players to play in both the Open and Flight A, Flight B and Flight C, if they wish. Our goal is always to allow players to compete in as many Flights as possible. Our schedule has been updated accordingly. Click HERE for the flyer for more information on the schedule and venues.

Open Flight – Qualification January 25th. Semis and Finals January 26th and February 8th. February 9th if necessary. January in Oakland, February in Palo Alto.

Flight A - February 8th and 9th, another day TBD if necessary. Held in Palo Alto.

Flight B - Qualification February 8th. Semis and Finals February 9th. Held in Palo Alto.

Flight C – January 25th. Play continues January 26th if necessary. Held in Oakland.

The format and schedule for all events is tentative, and dependent on the number of teams that enter. Be prepared to play all the days listed for your Flight. The Events could be shorter if the Events can be finished in fewer rounds. In the Open and A Flights, an unexpectedly high number of entries could entail a further day of play, to be arranged between the teams.

The first day Qualifications in all Flights may vary, based on number of entries. A round robin with all teams playing all other teams is preferable, but a Swiss will be played if there are too many teams for a round robin.

Put together a team and come compete. It's fun and who knows, you just may end up representing D21 in Philadelphia.

Open Championship Flight – Unlimited -- REGISTER HERE

Flight A -Under 6,000 masterpoints -- REGISTER HERE

Flight B - Under 3,000 masterpoints -- REGISTER HERE

Flight C - Non-Life Master and under 750 masterpoints -- REGISTER HERE

You may also register on the District 21 Website.

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