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District 21 Newsletter February 2025

Happy New Year, District 21!

A new year brings fresh opportunities, and 2025 is shaping up to be an exciting one for our bridge community! We have a new District President, new events on the horizon, and—most exciting of all—District 21 will be hosting the Fall 2025 North American Bridge Championships (NABC) in San Francisco!

At our recent board meeting, the District 21 Board of Directors elected Jim Coke as our new President, with Stu Goodgold as Vice President. Lynn Bartz and Ray Yuenger were reelected as Treasurer and Secretary, and Anne Hollingsworth joins the Executive Committee. Read Jim's report below to learn more about his vision for the district.

A huge thank you to our outgoing President, Anne Hollingsworth, for her leadership and dedication. She now takes the helm as Chair of the 2025 San Francisco NABC, which will be one of the biggest events in our district. Anne will keep us updated on all the exciting details in each issue.

Looking ahead, the ACBL is rolling out new games both online and at regional tournaments. The first of these, Bracketed Pairs, will debut at the Sacramento Regional. Check out Jackie Zayac's report for more details, and see Anne and Brenda's report for all upcoming D21 tournament info.

We also have results from the recent NAP and GNT competitions—congratulations to all participants! See Jim and Grant's reports for highlights.

As we dive into the new year, consider giving back to your bridge community—whether by volunteering at tournaments, getting involved in district governance, or helping us make the 2025 NABC a success. There's a lot to look forward to, and we hope you'll be part of it!



President's Report

Jim Coke, President, D21 Board of Directors, has hit the ground running. He updates us on activity so far and looks forward to his term as D21 President.

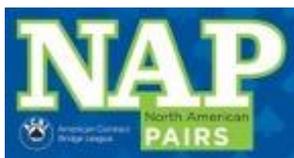
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Anne Wilson and Brenda Hatton, Co-Chairs, Tournament Planning Committee, report on the upcoming D21 Regional in Sacramento, at which the new Bracketed Pairs event will debut! Plus, they provide details on the D21 Regionals in Santa Clara and Reno /Sparks.

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North American Pairs (NAP) Update

Jim Coke, D21 NAP Coordinator, announces the winners of the D21 NAP qualifiers held at the Monterey Regional. Who will represent D21 at the Spring NABC in Memphis? Read Jim's report to find out.

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Grand National Teams (GNT) Update

Grant Vance, D21 GNT Coordinator, congratulates the winners of the recent GNT finals in the Open, B and C flights. Flight A is still being contested. The top team in Open and the top two teams in the A, B, and C flights will represent D21 at the Summer NABC in Philadelphia.

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Region Director Report

Jackie Zayac, Region 12 Director, has some updates from the ACBL Board of Directors and alerts us to some exciting new games introduced by the ACBL. See Jackie's report for the news.

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D21 Charity Awards

Jeff Hack, Chair, D21 Charity Committee, updates us on the Charity Committee's 2024 awards. Sam Earnhardt, President of Unit 499 also reports on one of the very deserving recipients of a D21 Charity Award, Monument Crisis Center in Concord. See Jeff's report for the details.

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Board Report

Ray Yuenger, D21 Secretary, reports on the Annual Meeting of the D21 Board of Directors on February 5, 2025, at which among other items, the District's new officers were elected.

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District Dispatches - Stories from our members

We celebrate **John Mattis**, Unit 503, and **John Blyskal**, Unit 473, on their rank advancements to Silver and Gold Life Master, respectively. They share a bit of their journeys with us.

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