



D21 GNT Report

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2026 Grand National Teams (GNT)



The 2026 District 21 GNTs are at the halfway mark. Flight C was held on the weekend of February 7th/8th at the East Bay Community Bridge Center in Oakland. The winning team, receiving 20 Red and Gold points, was Youfeng Wu, Shailesh Sampat, Henry Zhang, and Milind Girkar. Congratulations to the D21 Champions Flight C. They are invited to the National Finals in Milwaukee this summer, and will receive a \$2,000 stipend from the District. Their opponents in the Final were Emily Francis, Henry Zhang (yes, being named Henry Zhang is a fabulous advantage in this event!), David Murray, and David Ochoa. This team is also eligible for the National Finals, as our District qualifies two teams. They earned 15 Gold and Red points. Good luck to both our representatives this summer!

The Open Flight was also played this weekend, and the two finalists were determined. Scheduled to play the Finals on March 21st in Palo Alto are the teams: Ethan Liu, Ming Sheng, Tien-Chun Yang, and Yanong Han versus Linda Friedman, Dan Friedman, Tahir Gokcen, and Gary Macgregor. These teams defeated the two Finalists from last year, the Rosenberg team and the Vance team.

Flight A (under 6000 MPs) and B (under 2500 MPs) are scheduled for March 21st/22nd at the Palo Alto Bridge Center. All games will begin at 10am. Registration for each Flight should be completed online by the team's captain, 7 days before the event begins. The links to the Registration pages are on the GNT page of the District 21 website, along with the D21 Conditions of Contest for the event.

Currently registered Flight A teams:

1. Arthur Mirin, Danning Liu, Rick Wilson, Andrew Rowberg;
2. Ken Rosenfeld, Marcia Dean, Alex Martelli, Bob Dean;
3. Mike Cailean, Stephen Castellino, Aravind Alwan, Michael Bodell;
4. Brian Zhang, Xin Ge, Jun Shi, Qiang Zhang, Kayden Ge, Serena Guo.

Currently registered Flight B teams:

1. Milind Girkar, Uresh Vahalia, Nitin More, Shailesh Sampat;
2. Phil Abrahamson, Lu Ann Walker, Dana Shelley, Robert Brunkhorst;
3. Rick Jasper, John Wachsman, Arif Janjua, Marcus Ballinger;
4. Jay Wang, Chin Huang, Jesse Liu, Li Zhang;
5. Brian Wallace, Niraj Jain, Rajeev Jog, Anand Nuggihalli, Deepak Ramanathan;
6. Sheng Dou, Music Li, Shirley Shi, Allen Prohovsky, Wei Chen;
7. Anna Ravenscroft, Suzanne Vuko, Clive Surfleet, Judy Huckabay;



DIAMOND IN THE RUFF

8. Liz Koh, Kathy Wheeler, Stephanie Youngquist, Marc Cervellino;
9. Elenalani Lam, Preston Kauk, Andrew Lazarus, Joseph Chui;
10. Kit Morse, Solveig Kjartansdottir, Lucy Ballard, Debbie Carey.

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