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District 21 Newsletter
August 2026

Hello, District 21!

Lots to report in this issue: results from Summer NABC in Minneapolis, accomplishments of the D21 Youths, and some changes coming next year in tournaments both locally and nationally.

Below we have reports from:

- D21 President's Report--Jim Coke
- Tournament Report--Tournament Co-Chairs, Anne Wilson & Brenda Hatton
- NABC Minneapolis Report--NABC Reporter, Anne Hollingsworth
- Region Director's Report--Region 12 Director, Jackie Zayac
- North American Pairs (NAP) Report--NAP Coordinator, Jim Coke
- Grand National Teams (GNT) Report--GNT Coordinator, Grant Vance
- Charity Report--Charity Chair, Jeffrey Hack
- Royal Sectional Tournament at Clubs--STaC Coordinator, Don Garka
- Youth Bridge Update--Amber Yu Lin and Chris Chen
- District Dispatches--one story from our membership
- As always, Heart of the District (Unit reports), Rank Changes, and Links to D21 Tournament Flyers at the Bottom.

President's Report

Jim Coke, D21 President, discusses his experiences with the growth of bridge among college-aged players.

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Tournament Report

Anne Wilson and Brenda Hatton, Co-Chairs, Tournament Planning Committee, promote the many tournaments scheduled through to January 2027. Links to all relevant information are provided (schedule flyer, hotel reservations, partnership, and volunteering).

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NABC Minneapolis Report

Anne Hollingsworth, NABC Reporter, reports on the accomplishments of D21 members at the Summer NABC.

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Region Director Report

Jackie Zayac, Region 12 Director, gives a brief summary of the interesting topics covered at the recent National Board meeting (July 6-9) including changes to local and national tournaments, and a link to a more thorough summary of the Summer National Board Report.

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North American Pairs (NAP) Report

Jim Coke, D21 NAP Coordinator, provides a link to see NAP qualifiers and discusses the schedule for NAP Finals at the Monterey Regional in January.

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Grand National Teams (GNT) Report

Greg Vance, D21 GNT Coordinator, reports on the accomplishments of D21 teams in the GNT Finals held in Minneapolis.

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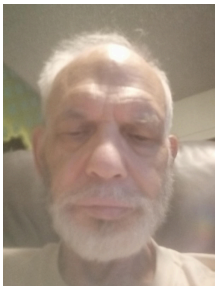

Charity Report

Jeffrey Hack, Charity Chair, refers members to page 9 of the July 2026 Bridge Bulletin. ACBL President Cindy Shoemaker explained why we give to charities. Link to that page is button below (you may need to log into your ACBL account to read it).

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Royal Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC)

Don Garka, STaC Coordinator, gives us an early reminder that we have a Royal STaC coming up in November (16th-22nd). Has your club registered? Links provided.

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Youth Bridge Update

Amber Yu Lin and Chris Chen give updates from the Junior players attending the Youth NABC in Minneapolis and from the World Youth Transnational Championships held in Hefei, China.

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District Dispatches

One member, **Christina Kobland**, shares her journey to Regional Master.

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Rank Advancements

Heart of the District (Unit Reports)

D21 Tournament Flyers

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