



NABC Minneapolis Report

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SUMMER NABC IN MINNEAPOLIS – DISTRICT 21 PLAYERS ARE STARS!

"Minnesota nice" is something I had heard before my arrival in Minneapolis. I had looked it up, and it was described as a cultural stereotype of behavior of people from the state. I found this to be a very accurate description, as all the people in the hotels, convention center, shops, and

restaurants were friendly, helpful, and polite. Everyone was warm and welcoming. The downtown area was very nice, and the skywalks from the hotels to the convention center were much appreciated on the very hot days, and the days with heavy smoke from fires in Canada. On pleasant mornings, the walk to the convention center was lined with gardens.

District 21 had some top finishes and players who brought home lots of masterpoints! Our top 10 masterpoint winners were:

- 1 250.00 Chip Martel, Davis CA
- 2 232.66 Andy Goodman, Carmel CA
- 3 180.86 Debbie Rosenberg, Foster City CA
- 4 164.47 Ethan Liu, Fremont CA
- 5 157.68 Jun Shi, Half Moon Bay CA
- 6 157.66 Ming Sheng, Los Altos CA
- 7 129.43 Yanong Han, Milpitas CA
- 8 115.86 Kevin Rosenberg, Mountain View CA
- 9 112.36 David desJardins, Burlingame CA
- 10 112.36 Andrew Gumperz, Berkeley CA

Below are photos and a listing of winners in major events. Thanks to ACBL for sharing the photos. When you see these players at upcoming tournaments, congratulate them on their great games.

Amber Lin has another article in this newsletter about our youth players who were also superstars at the summer tournament.

Grand National Teams: The summer NABC traditionally begins with teams from each District competing.

District 21 took home second-place medals when the Championship team finished second!



Runners-up in the Morehead Grand National Teams Championship Flight, from District 21 (Bay Area): Jun Shi, Tien-Chun Yang, team captain Yanong Han, Ethan Liu, Ming Sheng



Grand National Teams Championship Flight: (2) Ethan Liu, Tien-Chun Yang, Yanong Han, and Jun Shi

Grand National Teams Flight C: (3/4) Shailesh Sampat, Henry Zhang, Milind Girkar, Maggie Zhao

Our Flight A team and another of our Flight C teams came in 5/8 in their events.

Major Events: Teams

Spingold Knockouts

Spingold knockouts are multiday major events in the summer. Look at all the top finishes in these games by our nine district players!



ACBL Executive Director Bronia Jenkins presents the Spingold Trophy to the 2026 winners of the Spingold Knockout Teams: Thomas Bessis, Sebastiaan Drijver, Chip Martel, team captain Martin Fleisher, Sjoert Brink and Cedric Lorenzini

Spingold Master Knockout Teams: (1) Chip Martel; (2) Andy Goodman

The 0–6000 Mini-Spingold KO winners: Leon Meier, Lysandra Zheng, captain David desJardins and Andrew Gumperz.

District players were members of teams that took first and second place in this Mini-Spingold:

Mini-Spingold 0-6000: (1) David desJardins and Andrew Gumperz; (2) Scott Brozell



The 0–6000 Mini-Spingold KO winners: Leon Meier, Lysandra Zheng, captain David DesJardins and Andrew Gumperz

Mini-Spingold 0-3000: (1) Vasisht Ganesh and Weilong Shen



Winners of the 0–3,000 MiniSpingold Knockout Teams: team captain Giorgio Casinovi, Vasisht Ganesh, Weilong Shen and Hao Xiang



DIAMOND IN THE RUFF

In other team events, Debbie Rosenberg's team brought home first place!

Freeman Board-a-Match: (1) Debbie Rosenberg



Winners of the Freeman Mixed BAM Teams: Uday Ivatury, Christal Henner, Ben Kristensen, captain Debbie Rosenberg, Sheri Winestock and Fred Gitelman

10K Mixed Swiss Teams: (4) Barak Engel

Major Events: Pairs

Wagar Women's Pairs: (2) Arti Bhargava

Wernher Open Pairs: (3) Brent Xiao

Oshlag Fast Open Pairs: (5) Michael Rosenberg



Runners-up in the Wagar Women's Pairs: Disa Eythorsdottir and Arti Bhargava

Husband and wife Xiaoyu Cheng and Peng Cheng were big winners in Minneapolis, winning the Bean Red Ribbon competition and earning a second-place finish in the 0-6000 Bruce LM Pairs. They came to this NABC to represent District 21 as members of our GNT Flight B team.

Bean Red Ribbon Pairs: (1) Xiaoyu Cheng and Peng Cheng

David Bruce 0-6000 LM Pairs: (2) Xiaoyu Cheng and Peng Cheng (who won the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs)



Winners of the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs: Xiaoyu Cheng and Peng Cheng



D I A M O N D I N T H E R U F F

Chris Chung of Palo Alto and new partner Ewan McNay from Glenmont, NY, won the 0-3000 pairs. They met at the Spring NABC in St. Louis just a few months before.

Young 0-3000 Pairs: (1) Chris Chung

NABC+ Open Pairs: (3) David DesJardins and Andrew Gumperz

10K NABC Pairs: (4) Anne Hollingsworth; (5) Martina Seputis and Dmitri Stukalov



Winners of the Young 0-3000 Pairs:
Chris Chung and Ewan McNay