

District Director's Report - August 2010

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New Orleans NABC

The Summer NABC was held at the New Orleans Marriott. Attendance was 10,956 tables, about 12% lower than pre-tournament expectations, which makes this NABC the smallest Summer NABC since the Miami NABC in 1995.

For most NABCs, the reaction of the players is usually fairly consistent. In New Orleans, many players were pleased with the accessibility to numerous fine restaurants and tourist sites. There were also a few negative views of the site either because of the intense heat, which was certainly not a surprise, or problems with the playing areas (e.g., some thought the playing areas were too cold and/or bathrooms were not easily accessible from some of the playing rooms). All I spoke to thought the local volunteers did a great job.

Top 10 Finishers in NABC Events - District 25

LIFE MASTER PAIRS

Richard Zeckhauser, Cambridge MA 9

0 - 5000 LIFE MASTER PAIRS

Joseph DeGaetano, Atkinson NH
Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA 3

SENIOR SWISS TEAMS

Richard Budd, Portland ME
Dan Colatosti, Waltham MA
Sheila Gabay, Newton MA
John Malley, Pascoag RI 3

Steve Becker, Old Greenwich CT
Larry Bausher, West Haven CT 9

OPEN PAIRS

Andy Avery, Jamaica VT 5

0 - 5000 MINI SPINGOLD

Donald Caplan, Waltham MA

Adam Parrish, Arlington MA
Adam Grossack, Newton MA

3/4

FAST PAIRS

Lewis Gamerman, Westwood MA
Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA

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WOMEN'S KO TEAMS

Karen McCallum, Exeter NH

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OPEN SWISS TEAMS

Dan Colatosti Waltham MA
Rich DeMartino, Riverside CT
Sheila Gabay, Newton MA
John Malley, Pascoag RI
John Steifel, Wethersfield CT

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Highlights of ACBL Board Meeting

CEO Report

CEO Jay Baum reported that for the first six months of 2010 membership increased by 250 members. The June 2010 membership is 4,957 greater than June 2009.

Jay also reported that tournaments are continuing to do well with regionals showing an increase of nearly 3000 tables compared with 2009. In addition, the STAC table average of 1,676 is a strong indication that these tournaments continue to be very popular.

Financial Results

Management reported that for the first five months of 2010, the ACBL is about \$175,000 worse off than expected when compared with the five-month budget estimate. A further concern is that the lower-than-expected table count in New Orleans will result in an additional shortfall of approximately \$70,000. For 2010, we budgeted a loss of \$375,000 so unless Management is able to implement corrective actions to improve results, the 2010 projected loss could rise to in excess of \$600,000. Management and the Finance Committee are developing appropriate steps to address the shortfall.

Senior Mixed Pairs

A motion was made that a Senior Mixed Pairs be added to the Fall NABC schedule beginning in 2011. The event will be held on Wednesday and Thursday and will consist of two qualifying and two final sessions. The motion passed 23-2.

Conditions of Contest

The following motion was passed unanimously: “Unless instructed otherwise by a tournament director, a member of each side must be present and seated before cards are removed from a board.”

National Goodwill Committee

In honor of her many years of dedicated service to the ACBL, the Board voted unanimously to change the name of the ACBL Goodwill Committee to the Eileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee. Eileen passed away on June 22 after serving 25 years as Chairman of this committee.

Top 25 Masterpoint Winners – New Orleans NABC

Name	Total Points	Points Won in NABC+ Events
1. Sheila Gabay, Newton MA	176.44	164.60
2. Daniel Colatosti, Waltham MA	173.82	172.09
John Malley, Pascoag RI	173.82	172.09
4. John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT	111.08	109.50
5. Karen McCallum, Exeter NH	110.56	103.64
6. Robert McCaw, Sudbury MA	100.36	37.95
7. Rich DeMartino, Riverside CT	97.43	97.43
8. Geoffrey Brod, Avon CT	94.51	80.75
9. Adam Parrish, Arlington MA	89.56	1.06
10. Richard Budd, Portland ME	75.00	75.00
11. Adam Grossack, Newton MA	72.59	59.85
12. Randall Rubinstein, East Falmouth MA	66.87	4.07
13. Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA	65.12	65.12
14. Richard Zeckhauser, Cambridge MA	63.33	63.33
15. Brian Duran, Somerville MA	62.48	12.30
16. Joseph De Gaetano, Atkinson NH	60.71	
17. Andy Avery, Jamaica VT	60.41	52.00
18. Neil Montague, Swampscott MA	55.08	
19. Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA	55.02	1.06

20. Simon Kantor, Agawam MA	54.32	32.41
21. Donald Caplin, Waltham MA	50.00	
22. Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA	46.60	1.06
23. Lewis Gamerman, Westwood MA	46.20	37.95
24. Penny Lane, Williston VT	44.44	
J Peter Tripp, Williston VT	44.44	

The Fall NABC will be held from November 25 through December 5 at the Marriott World Center Resort in Orlando, which towers over more than 200 prime central acres and is close to all the area's major attractions. Of all the NABC sites, Orlando is my personal favorite. I hope to see you there.

Rich DeMartino
District Director