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### Happy New Year

#### District Director Report Fall 2019

**The San Francisco Marriott** was an outstanding venue. The service amazing, the playing space easy to find and well lit. For those who adventured out the local restaurants were top notch, including Chinatown. A bad meal was hard to find. The table count was 10,373 a decrease of 20% from the last SF NABC in 2012 however the table count for 2019 was 33,639 for the 3 NABC's an increase from 27,620 in 2018.

2019 Introduced the "Soloway Knockout" a seven day event with a two day qualifier to open the Fall NABC. When we added the Soloway it was hoped for 60-70 teams to enter the event , we were pleasantly surprised with 96 teams in the inaugural event.

#### Bridge Play by District 25 Players.

##### The Top 25 MP Winners were:

1. 227.09 Adam Grossack, Newton MA
2. 225.00 Zachary Grossack, Newton MA
2. 225.00 Laurence Lebowitz, Newton, MA
4. 202.86 Cenk Tuncok, Amesbury, MA
5. 90.88 Victor King, Hartford, CT
6. 74.23 Bernard Yomtov, Cambridge, MA

7. 66.85 Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain, MA
8. 62.40 Kamla Chawla, Longmeadow, MA
9. 54.17 Lloyd Arvedon, Hudson, NH
10. 52.54 Kate McCallum, Exeter, NH
11. 50.00 Andrew Chesterton, Winchester, MA
12. 48.38 Doug Doub, W Hartford, CT
13. 44.45 Harrison Luba, Lynnfield, MA
14. 37.89 Alan Watson, Lexington, MA
15. 37.88 Michael Schrange, Chestnut Hill, MA
16. 36.70 Robert Bertoni, Haverhill, MA
17. 36.40 Linda Robinson, Arlington, MA
18. 35.73 Faye Marino, Greenwich, CT
19. 33.96 Lawrence Lau, Westport, CT
20. 32.91 Prahalad Rajkumar, Avon, CT
21. 31.96 Felix Springer, W Hartford, CT
22. 31.64 Allan Graves, Saint Johnsbury, VT
23. 29.75 Sonja Smith, North Granby, CT
24. 29.75 Paul Burnham, Wilton, CT
25. 29.59 Susan Lincoln, Boxford, MA

**NE Players Placing in NABC+ Events (Top 10)**

**NAIL LIFE MASTER PAIRS:**

Cenk Tuncok 3<sup>RD</sup>

Mark Aquino 5<sup>TH</sup>

Andrew Chesterton 5<sup>TH</sup>

**MITCHELL BAM:**

Cenk Tuncok 2<sup>ND</sup>

**WHITEHEAD WOMENS PAIRS:**

Kamla Chawla 3<sup>RD</sup>

**SOLOWAY KO TEAMS:**

Laurence Lebowitz 5-8

Zach Grossack 5-8

Adam Grossack 5-8

**REISINGER**

Laurence Lebowitz 6<sup>th</sup>

Zach Grossack 6<sup>th</sup>

Adam Grossack 6<sup>th</sup>

[For a List of ALL players placing in San Francisco Click Here](#)

### **Board Meeting Highlights**

Of specific Interest to District 25:

**The Senior Age** was tweaked again to allow full grandfathering and to avoid you were "In this year and out next 5" The new standard is 65 years of age, however any player born before 1/1/60 is now eligible to play. Why was this important to us? We are the only district that is allowed to run an extra regional for Seniors in the ACBL. As such if the age went immediately to 65 we would have lost 20% of our eligible players. While 65 makes sense to me an immediate change would have hurt us, I objected in Las Vegas I was able to get it to 62 however working with others I was able to get the correct result for us and the ACBL in San Francisco and we actually added a year as it was before 1/1/59 previously now anyone born during 1959 can enter and enjoy the Senior Regional (In Hyannis this year) Make Sure you don't miss this event, the GNT for Open, A and B will be there also so come early and practice up!

### **The Small Bracket KO's (KIKO)**

We had a ball of fire about this event, there were 3 separate motions to stop it and another to curtail the the event. We had the opportunity in October for the D25 executive committee to speak directly to Russ Jones about the event. He was still pretty adamant that it should not take place but he did hear how we felt it was working for lower point players. The bridge committee that I was on voted against us 7-3, so I asked Russ to meet with me in between meeting sessions before it came to the full board, we were joined by David Metcalf and I was able to negotiate the best I could to keep the event viable. I went to the table holding a yarborough and left with at least an opening hand.

I negotiated to drop the motion to limit brackets of 5 to the top two brackets, by working and compromising on the masterpoint objections. The proposal was to limit Gold to first and second only anytime brackets of 5 played and to limit 5's to two brackets the rest being 7+, knowing this would not work well for us, I agreed to vote with them and not object if we could get Gold to third place also, we settled on  $\frac{1}{3}$  Gold to Third and we got it done in about an hour. It was impossible to get Gold points for 4th as it is possible to come in 4th and never win a match in a bracket of 5, I could not argue that. I was not a huge proponent of this event but the D25 Board

asked me to fight for it so I did to the best of my ability. I was pleased to get a compromise worked out and the event will continue.

### **National Motions and News:**

**Georgia Heth** was elected President of the ACBL for 2020, it was a close vote but she defeated Paul Cuneo in the election. Georgia has a lot of experience in the ACBL and the WBF and she will bring her expertise to the table this year. We will all support her in her efforts.

### **ACBL Governance Reorganization Plan**

This issue continues to take up large blocks of time in full board. There were 2 Motions up for vote both require bylaw changes which require a supermajority to pass ( $\frac{2}{3}$  of 25 or 17 votes to pass)

The reconsideration of the Las Vegas Re-Org plan to allow an executive committee to run in Lieu of the full board at any time was again defeated by the same 16-9 vote. The New Governance plan which reduced the board to 13 by combining districts for voting purposes (D25 was combined with D24 (New York and LI) interesting the plan removes any representation of the districts that vote so this new "Regional representative" would Represent the ACBL and vote on the board but not be representative to the districts that are voting. Basically it eliminated the representative form of government but elects the board in the same manner by the same people that currently vote.

I could not see the causal link between less board members and better decisions or better people for that matter, it just means less people will vote so less discussion (so certainly faster results). While D25 is the larger district and under this plan it is highly likely that someone from D25 will outvote anyone from D24 it just does not seem a plan that I can in good conscious vote for. This vote Failed 15-10.

I do agree that we are not running efficiently, the past boards have made and allowed to be made some horrible decisions that resulted in many financial and bridge errors, I think we need to make some changes to be efficient and effective but I also feel we deserve a better plan than this if we are going to toss our entire form of governance up in the air and hope it works.

### **Unfair Incentives**

This is a motion that I wrote to prohibit Districts and Units from offering financial incentives to players from a local club that runs at a concurrent time to the tournament. (Specifically a unit/district can not advertise players from "Bob's Club can play for a discount" (Unless Bob's Club approves the discount) but they can

advertise "non life masters can play free" or any general discount just not club based targeting. Basically no predatory poaching of players from specific clubs. The minutes draft incorrectly stated that I voted against this.

To read the entire list of motions or the complete governance proposal is available in the minutes

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My Next Year Assignments:

NABC Site Selection Committee Vice Chair

Finance Committee

Bridge Committee

Up Next: Columbus 2020, Click the picture for the playing schedule.



**Congratulations** to the following Youth Players who won in the USBF Juniors The Eight players are on teams that won the Michael Seamon Junior US Team Championships and will represent our country this summer in Italy in the World Youth Teams Championships.

Congratulations to **Zach Grossack** and **Yichen Yin** (U26 USA1), **Lucy Zhang** (U26 Women), **Harrison Luba** (U21 USA1), and **Marley Cedrone, Sam Pahk, Zach Pasternak**, and **Eric Xiao** (U16).

If you have any specific Questions or concerns please email me at

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