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# A NEWSLETTER FOR Club Managers

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## Dear Club Manager,

Join us in Philadelphia July 12 to 22. All bridge games are being played at the Philadelphia Marriott and Philadelphia Convention Center. All championship sessions will start at 10 am and 3 pm. The seminars and functions you are used to

attending may not be held at their normal times. Details are on pages 4-5. The ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame Induction will be held Sunday, July 15. This year Kyle Larsen is being inducted, Jan Martel will receive the Blackwood Award and Grant Baze will receive the von Zedtwitz Award. In addition,

Michael Kamil will receive the Sidney H. Lazard, Jr. Sportsman of the Year award. Come join us to celebrate this landmark event in bridge history. To make your reservations, please go to the ACBL website at [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) then click on the Hall of Fame Induction icon on the home page.



**Philadelphia**

**NABC  
SUMMER  
July 12-22  
2012**

*Finessing's fun in Philly!*

The 2012 Youth NABC will also take place in Philadelphia from July 19 to 21. Please inform Members 19 years of age or younger about this event. More information is available at [www.youth4bridge.org](http://www.youth4bridge.org).

We hope to see you in Philadelphia this summer!!

*Carol Robertson*

*Director of Club and Member Services*

Reminder

## ACBLscore Updates

It's very important to keep ACBLscore updated in your computer. Changes are made periodically to reflect changes in regulations. Many of the changes involve ACBL-wide games and require the most recent updated version for setting the game up. To update your ACBLscore program, please [click here](#).

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# Top 50 Clubs 2011

The top 50 clubs reporting the most tables for 2011 are listed below.

**Congratulations to all!**

<u>Club Name, State/Province</u>	<u>#Tables</u>	<u>Club Name, State/Province</u>	<u>#Tables</u>
1. Laguna Woods DBC, California ....	14,537.0	26. Indianapolis Bridge Center Inc., Indiana .....	7,040.0
2. The In-Between DBC, Florida .....	13,617.5	27. The Villages DBC, Florida.....	7,037.0
3. The Hartes' Club, New York.....	12,977.5	28. Duke City Bridge Club, New Mexico.....	7,025.0
4. Essex Bridge Center, New Jersey...	12,813.0	29. Franklin Bridge Center, New York .....	6,846.0
5. Manhattan Bridge Club, New York.....	12,792.5	30. Twin City Bridge Center Inc., Minnesota .....	6,759.5
6. Jourdans Bridge Club, Florida .....	12,506.0	31. Win "The Bridge Club," Florida .....	6,686.5
7. Honors, New York.....	12,503.0	32. Houston Bridge Studio, Texas.....	6,660.0
8. Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, Florida.....	12,245.0	33. Hartford Bridge Club, Connecticut.....	6,459.5
9. Vero Beach Bridge Center, Florida.....	10,738.0	34. Bridge Club of Baltimore, Maryland.....	6,443.0
10. Shakespeare's Elbow Bridge Club, Quebec .....	10,557.0	35. Hilton Head Island BC, South Carolina .....	6,432.0
11. The Bridge Deck, New York.....	9,742.0	36. Pompano Beach DBC, Florida.....	6,418.0
12. Sagamore Bridge Club, New York ...	9,713.0	37. Hazel's Bridge Club, Ontario .....	6,417.5
13. Adventures In Bridge , California....	9,131.0	38. DOTYBRIDGE-Scottsdale, Arizona ...	6,369.5
14. Temple Sinai DBC, Florida .....	8,797.0	39. Vanderbilt BC of Nashville, Tennessee .....	6,366.5
15. Dana Harbor Bridge Center, California .....	8,667.5	40. R.A. DBC, Ontario .....	6,172.0
16. Long Beach Bridge Center, California .....	8,399.0	41. Bridge Center, California .....	6,164.5
17. Naples Bridge Center Inc., Florida ...	8,100.5	42. Bridge Centre of Niagara, Ontario.....	6,140.0
18. McGregor Point Bridge Club, Florida.....	7,883.5	43. Hollywood Bridge Club, Florida.....	6,137.0
19. AZ Bridgeworks, Arizona .....	7,782.5	44. Livingston Bridge Studio, New Jersey .....	6,111.0
20. Le Mirage Club de Bridge, Quebec .....	7,754.5	45. Bridge Center of Austin, Texas .....	6,106.5
21. The Village Card Club Inc., Arkansas.....	7,521.0	46. Saskatoon BC, Saskatchewan .....	6,009.5
22. Boca Raton DBC II, Florida.....	7,409.0	47. Mississauga-Oakville DBC, Ontario ..	5,994.5
23. The Bridge Spot, Massachusetts .....	7,275.0	48. The Barrington Bridge Club, California .....	5,925.0
24. Beverly Hills Bridge Club, California .....	7,188.0	49. Hendersonville Bridge Center, North Carolina.....	5,821.5
25. Glen Rock Bridge Center, New Jersey.....	7,055.5	50. Cove Community BC, California.....	5,774.0

### 2011 Table Count for Online Clubs:

1. Bridge Base Online..... 671,951
2. OKbridge .....
3. Swan Games Online BC..... 14,676



# Special Events Corner

## NAP - North American Pairs

Each club can hold two NAP games per sanctioned session during each of the months of June, July and August. No special sanction is required. Masterpoint awards are ½ red, ½ black at sectional rating. Fees are \$4.00 per table.

### Flight eligibility is as follows:

**A:** Open

**B:** Less than 2,000

**C:** Non Life Master with less than 500

*Flight eligibility is based on the June, 2012 masterpoint cycle, which is run on May 6, 2012.*

NAP material is sent to all club managers, unit and district NAP coordinators by e-mail. Please read the conditions of contest carefully. Unit level events begin September 1, but must be held prior to the district finals. The NAP finals will be held in St. Louis, MO in March 2013. First and second place district finishers in all flights receive monetary awards that will be distributed at the finals in March. First place pairs receive \$700.00 per person, second place pairs receive \$300.00 per person and third place pairs receive an invitation with no subsidy.

## ACBL-wide International Fund Game # 3

Help support North Americans in international bridge competition. On Friday evening, July 13, bridge clubs across ACBL will host the third of three events designed to raise funds to defray expenses of North American teams entered in international competition for World Bridge Federation titles. Masterpoint awards are ½ red, ½ black at sectional rating. In addition to masterpoints earned at clubs, there will also be ACBL-wide and district-wide awards. Printed material is sent by mail approximately 4 to 6 weeks in advance of the game. Click [here](#) to sign up.

## ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game

The Instant Matchpoint game will be held on Thursday evening, October 4, 2012. Masterpoint awards at the club are 1.00 gold point to section tops; the remaining points are ½ red, ½ black at sectional rating. Additional overall and district-wide awards are possible. Players can see their score instantly after each deal is completed. Game material includes analysis booklets written by national champion Larry Cohen. Fees are \$11.00 per table. Participating clubs must update to the newest version of ACBLscore in order to set up the game in ACBLscore. Please click [here](#) to update your ACBLscore program. Click [here](#) to sign up.

## Other Games:



For more information, please contact [specialevents@acbl.org](mailto:specialevents@acbl.org).



## Seminars and Meetings at the Philadelphia Summer NABC

*There is more to the game at the NABCs when Members have an opportunity to take advantage of numerous educational and social activities. Here is a listing of the seminars being offered in Philadelphia at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. For more information, contact [education@acbl.org](mailto:education@acbl.org).*

### Club Directors Course July 10, 11, 12

Comprehensive course that prepares candidates for directing club and bridge cruise games. Anyone interested in becoming a club director or a director aboard a cruise ship is invited to participate. Study materials may be purchased through **Baron Barclay Bridge Supply** ([www.baronbarclay.com](http://www.baronbarclay.com)).

Pre-register online by July 2 at <https://web.acbl.org/Education/CDC/index.do>, or contact Joyce Stone at 662-253-3138, or send an e-mail to: [directorcourses@acbl.org](mailto:directorcourses@acbl.org).

**Fee:** \$50

**Date:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – July 10, 11, 12

**Time:** 1 – 10 p.m. Tuesday with dinner break  
9 am – 10 pm Wednesday with lunch & dinner breaks  
9 am – noon Thursday followed by lunch break & testing

### Reception for Club Officials & Teachers Friday, July 13

This is the ACBL's "thank you" reception for the club officials and teachers who recruit and retain our Members. All club managers, teachers and club directors are encouraged to attend.

**Fee:** **FREE** of charge.

**Date:** Friday, July 13

**Time:** 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

### The TAP— Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP) July 12-13

Introduction to the ACBL Bridge Series material and other popular teaching products. Learn modern teaching techniques from one of the ACBL's premier teachers in this 10-hour interactive learning course which includes three hours of hands-on experience. Learn the business side of teaching bridge and be introduced to 64 weeks of class material and more! There are even techniques to move your students into duplicate faster. Leave with the tools needed to develop a successful teaching career.



Players age 25 and under are eligible to participate in these seminars for free. Classes can be taught in colleges, high schools, middle schools, elementary schools, churches, community centers or anywhere that space is available. Younger players will be more encouraged to participate when they see a peer is teaching the class, so if you are age 25 or under, or know someone who is that would be great at teaching the game, we encourage you to reach out to us to attend this seminar.

Use the link at <http://www.acbl.org/teachers/upcomingTaps.html> to pre-register. Contact [education@acbl.org](mailto:education@acbl.org) for more information.

**Fee:** Age 26 and Over, **\$125** (Previously ACBL Accredited Teachers can take the course for no fee.)

Age 25 and Under, **FREE**

**Date:** Thursday, July 12 – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Friday, July 13 – 9:00 am to noon.

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**Club Manager and Teacher Q & A**  
**Saturday, July 14**

Come by for coffee and meet with members of the ACBL staff. This interactive information session will be hosted by Carol Robertson, Director of Club and Member Services. She will be joined by Jim Miller, National Recorder & Director of Elections; Ken Horwedel, Tournament Director and Manager with a special visit by our new CEO, Robert Hartman. We will be there to answer your questions and share thoughts about club games, marketing tools and programs. Special guest, Nicolas Hammond, will be available to answer questions about the new ACBLscore+ that is in development. So bring your best ideas and hear from others about growing the game of bridge.

**Fee:** **FREE** of charge.  
**Date:** Saturday, July 14  
**Time:** 8:30 am – 9:30 am

**Board of Governors Meeting**  
**Saturday, July 14**

**ACBL General Membership Meeting**

All Members of the ACBL Board of Governors are invited to attend the Summer NABC meeting. This meeting is also open to the general Membership of the ACBL. Discussion will include recent actions of the Board of Directors, reports from the CEO and treasurer and new proposals from the Board of Governors.

**Fee:** **FREE** of charge.  
**Date:** Saturday, July 14  
**Time:** 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Club Director Refresher Course**  
**Tuesday and Wednesday, July 17 and 18**

Tom Marsh, National Tournament Director, will be conducting a continuing education class for bridge directors to increase their skills. Must attend both sessions (Tuesday and Wednesday).

**Fee:** **\$15** covers both sessions. Sign up at door.  
**Date:** Tuesday and Wednesday, July 17 and 18  
**Time:** 9:00 am – noon, both days

**Number of Points Won in 2011**

137,962 Members	won	6,086,835.25 points	at Any level of play
12,215 Members	won	632,796.29 points	at Online Clubs
49,705 Members	won	220,924.81 points	at NAP Games at Clubs
6,797 Members	won	25,059.36 points	at Other NAP Games
13,262 Members	won	42,626.87 points	at GNT Games at Clubs
4,235 Members	won	30,555.57 points	at Other GNT Games
133,401 Members	won	2,931,437.27 points	at Club Games
70,216 Members	won	309,202.96 points	at STaC Games
65,359 Members	won	580,044.28 points	at Sectionals
53,069 Members	won	1,041,003.97 points	at Regionals
10,631 Members	won	126,668.70 points	at Regional Events at NABC
1,741 Members	won	28,306.23 points	at NABC Events (Not NABC+)
2,999 Members	won	118,208.94 points	at NABC+ Events
1,729 Members	won	points	at Online Clubs Only
56,148 Members	won	points	at Face-to-Face Clubs Only
80,085 Members	won	points	at Sectionals or Higher
55,497 Members	won	points	at Regionals or Higher
4,109 Members	won	points	at NABC Events Only



## Junior Coupons

Junior coupons will be made available for junior members in good standing for entry into events at NABCs.

Any junior under the age of 26 years who is a full time student (must provide proof of eligibility) will be entitled to coupons that can be used for any event. These coupons will have a value of \$10.00 per session.

Any junior under the age of 21 years will be entitled to coupons that can be used for any event. These coupons will have a value of \$10.00 per session.

Any junior 19 years and under will be granted free plays for each session of regionally rated events.

## Proposed Masterpoint Formula Changes

Prior to any implementation of a new formula for the awarding of masterpoints the following procedures will be done:

A “shadow” testing period will begin in May, 2012 to review how the formula would change masterpoint awards. The results of this testing will be reviewed by both management and the Masterpoint Committee.

The results of the initial testing will be reported to the Board of Directors in Philadelphia.

The monitoring will include, but not be limited to the following items.

- Masterpoint Inflation
- Effects on both Regional and Sectional events
- Geographic and Demographic variations

## GNT/NAP Conditions of Contest

The Grand National Team and North American Pairs Conditions of Contest were amended to include more specific information regarding residency requirements. [Click here](#) to view the updated conditions for NAP event.

The changes in the GNT Conditions of Contest will be posted this summer.

## GNT/NAP Special Events Task Force

This year a Grand National Team and North American Pairs Task Force was formed to address issues such as awareness and publicity to increase interest and participation in these events. The Task Force is working closely with the GNT/NAP Coordinators Forum that was established in the late 2011.