



American Contract
Bridge League

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Unit Presidents:

Hopefully, you, your families and all of your unit members are healthy and following all the suggestions and mandates to stay safe.

Yesterday, the national board of directors concluded a week of on-line meetings and I just got off a District 22 BOD meeting. Here are a few important things which effect you, your clubs and your members.

The San Diego regional at the Town and Country has been cancelled.

ACBL, working with BBO and The Common Game, has created an on-line game aimed at supporting the clubs. There are currently 2 games each day limited to the 1st 300 individuals that sign up. \$4 of each person's card fee will go back to the club(s) with which the player is associated.

ACBL is working with BBO trying to establish on-line games so that every club can transition it's regular face-to-face games to electronic games. This endeavor has an extremely high priority at headquarters. You'll be informed by the league of their progress toward this initiative.

As I learn of any formal federal or state initiatives that might be available to non-profits I'll share them with you.

The district finals of the GNTs were to be held at the San Diego regional. The National GNT competition which normally occurs at the summer NABC (Montreal) will now be contested at the fall NABC in Tampa. Therefore, all the districts are now allowed to extend the end date by which they can hold their district finals until October 1. As D22 figures out where and when we will hold our finals, we will be able to determine the date by which unit qualifying must happen.

North American Pairs are normally contested at the Spring NABC. Given the cancellation of Columbus, this event has been moved to Montreal. There are details to be worked out about attendees and subsidies that are being worked out by the D22 BOD and we'll keep you advised.

By now you've received an announcement from ACBL about the need of confidentiality as to the names of anyone who may be exposed or tested positive to the virus. Please adhere to the guidelines.

Again, please don't hesitate to call me or any of the other D22 members with any question or request you have. I encourage you to have this or other pertinent messages put on your unit websites.

Stay well!

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