



THE DISTRICT 20 TRUMPET

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Bridge Across the District

Winter Extra 2017

North American Pairs: Going to Philadelphia

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Forty-two pairs from all parts of District 20 competed in the three flights of our NAP finals Dec. 9–10. The events ran almost flawlessly.

Where in prior years, the start of the sessions were delayed, this year all the sessions started in a timely manner. Where in prior years, the events ran for up to 10 hours, this year all the flights were finished by 7 p.m. Pacific time. Where in prior years the results were not up for hours or days, this year the results were all posted within a half hour of the end of the events. Furthermore, not only were the results available through the ACBL, but the bidding and play of every pair on every board was available through BBO. District 20 put on an event that we can all be proud of.

The winners are pictured here and listed at right. Let us all wish them luck at the national finals in Philadelphia next March.

Though the events ran very smoothly, there are several areas for improvement.

The biggest area of concern is attendance. There were 14 pairs in flight A, 16 in B and 12 in C.

In prior years our online events did not run smoothly. There were delays in the starting times and frequent

Flight A



David Brower and Linda Wiener



Lynne Schaeffer and Don Lowry



John Ashton and Jon Bartlett

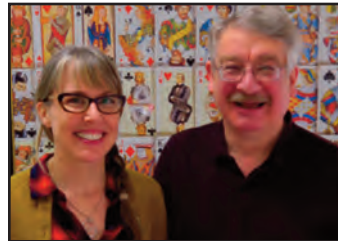
unexpected and unexplained stoppages in the play. The games dragged on and took all day to finish. The results that players have come to expect instantly were often delayed. These problems have made some players reluctant to compete online. We have worked hard to overcome these issues and have made substantial progress in addressing all of them.

Convention cards are still

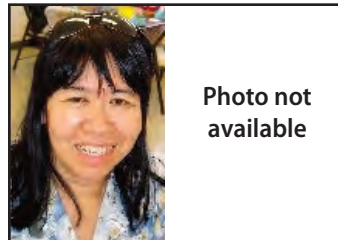
Flight B



Arun Savara and Alan Kosansky



Amy Casanova and Paul Wrigley



Laurie Carr and Larry Denneau

an issue. Participants were supposed to provide their BBO convention cards to the administrators two weeks before the events started so that they could be posted online for all to review. Many players, especially those in flight A, complied.

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Flight C



Andrew Nuxoll and Kevin Marnell



Janice Smith and Phyllis Sutter



Deanna Miller and Jeff Heyser

Flight A

- 1 Linda Wiener, Vancouver WA – David Brower, Portland OR
- 2 Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI – Arun Savara, Honolulu HI
- 3 Don Lowry, Wilsonville OR – Lynne Schaeffer, Portland OR
- 4 Jon Bartlett, Portland OR – John Ashton, Portland OR

Flight B

- 1 Arun Savara, Honolulu HI – Alan Kosansky, Kailua HI
- 2 Amy Casanova, Portland OR – Paul Wrigley, Troutdale OR
- 3 Laurie Carr, Honolulu HI – Larry Denneau Jr., Honolulu HI
- 4 Tim Rilling, Vancouver WA – Don Herring, Lake Oswego OR

Flight C

- 1 Kevin Marnell, Portland OR – Andrew Nuxoll, Portland OR
- 2 Janice Smith, Portland OR – Phyllis Sutter, West Linn OR
- 3 Jeff Heyser, Penn Valley CA – Deanna Miller, Penn Valley CA
- 4 Karen Sharples, Brush Prairie WA – Bernie Widolff, Portland OR

Flight B

Tim Rilling and Don Herring

Flight C

Bernie Widolff and Karen Sharples

NAP: Online event improves

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Most of the flight B and C players did not.

Other problems are self-alerting and answering chat messages. These continue as areas in which our players need more education. To help, we put on training seminars at all the D20 regionals and have started a training manual for our players with screen shots that walk players through what is expected of them in online tournament play.

The partnership between BBO and the ACBL has produced a much more responsive online experience. BBO now works diligently with our ACBL director to head off problems before they happen and reduce the effect of the problems that do happen. Our tournament directors are now much more experienced with running events. Our North American event administrators are much more experienced as well. Our players are much more experienced with playing on BBO and competing online. Computer hardware and software is much more capable. Now we need players to come back and try our new and better online finals. We need new players to try us out.

We had nine venues hosting players from the far reaches of our district: Honolulu and Boise, Nevada City and Vancouver. We even had players competing from Florida and Arizona. I believe there is no fairer or better way to compete in our far-flung

district. Please read the accounts of those players who held bridge parties in Honolulu, Nevada City and Portland in the next Trumpet. You too can get your friends together and compete in a regional event from your home. You can win gold as you play locally while competing regionally.

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DIRECTOR COURSE

at the
OREGON TRAIL REGIONAL

at Hilton Vancouver, Washington

Prepare to become a club director or get an in-depth overview of the ACBL laws in the club director course.



When

- **Class:** 8:30 a.m.-noon on Monday, Feb. 21
- **Class:** 8:30 a.m.-noon on Tuesday, Feb. 22
- **Test** (open book): 8 a.m.-noon on Wednesday, Feb. 23

What

- Instructor: **Rich Carle**
- Cost: **\$50**, which includes class and fee for taking the director's test.

(You will need *Laws of Duplicate Bridge*, *Duplicate Decisions* and *The Club Director's Handbook*, which can be obtained from BaronBarclay.com or downloaded from www.acbl.org. Also recommended: Chapters 4 and 5 of the *ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations*, available from www.acbl.org.)



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LEARN AUDREY GRANT'S POWERFUL TEACHING STRATEGIES!

ACBL
District 20
presents:

Better Bridge Teacher Training Seminar

Monday-Tuesday, February 19-20, 2018

Oregon Trail Regional at Hilton Vancouver, Wash.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE	
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19	LATEST TEACHING METHODOLOGY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ STEAM! A focus on five essentials for professionally delivered bridge lessons ▶ The Cards-on-the-Table method
	NEW PRACTICAL TEACHING TOOLS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Bridge for the absolute beginner and players with a wide range of experience and skill ▶ Class management techniques ▶ Marketing tips ▶ Professional development resources
9 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Feb. 20	A CLASS IN ACTION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Attend a live demonstration ▶ Moving forward!

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE

- Teacher's guide
- Sample lesson plans
- Materials:
 - » Bridge Basics 1: An introduction
 - » Coded cards for Bridge Basics 1
 - » Bridge Basics 2: Competitive Bidding
 - » Comprehensive Participant package
 - » Bridge At a Glance booklet
 - » and more!

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FEB. 9, 2018: \$75 fee for District 20 members; \$125 for all others. Make checks payable to **ACBL District 20**.

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