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PHILADELPHIA NABC IN 2018



I am getting EXCITED as preparations are now underway for the first National Bridge Tournament to be held in District 4 since 2012. Mark your calendar - MARCH 8 TO MARCH 18, 2018 are the dates. The tournament will be held at the Philadelphia Marriott at 12th and Market Street in Philadelphia – right next to Reading Terminal. It is great location with literally hundreds of restaurants within walking distance of the Marriot.

If you have never attended a National Bridge Tournament – here’s a chance to do so without getting on an airplane. It’s a terrific experience – players come from all over the world to attend. There are events for players at every level of the game.

The first weekend will offer an introduction to bridge open to all. There will be a free “Learn to Play Bridge in a Day” for those who have never played the game before. In addition there will be special celebrity lectures and an opening party on Friday night after the evening session.

We have a terrific group of volunteers working to make this an unforgettable NABC. It takes the dedicated efforts of hundreds of District 4 volunteers who give freely of their time to make a great tournament. You can support the District by buying the naming rights to a regionally rated game at the 2018 PHILADELPHIA NABC in March of 2018. The cost of the naming rights range from \$150 to \$500. The money raised will be dedicated to providing entertainment and food/beverages for the players at the Philadelphia NABC.

It is the perfect gift for friends, family or even a bridge partner! All named events will appear in the full-color “Schedule and Restaurant Guide” included in the Registration Packet received by more than 4,000 players at the Philadelphia NABC. In addition, all named events will appear in the ACBL Daily Bulletin with a personal write-up about the person named in the event and the four-page Philadelphia NABC schedule that will be available at national tournaments. You can also get a gift certificate emailed to you for

presentation.

More information, along with the ACBL Welcome Bulletin for new players, is available on the NABC website.

[Philadelphia NABC Website](#)

Win gold points sitting on your couch!!

The ACBL will be holding a new trial event - The 2017 Summer Online Individual – It is a four-day, four-session BBO robot duplicate event held during the Toronto NABC. The event will occur on Sunday, July 23 through Wednesday, July 26. It is a limited NABC event that will pay up to 48 masterpoints (1/3 gold and 2/3 red).

Conditions of Contest:

1. ACBL membership is required to participate.
2. Each session spans one calendar day: start time: 00:00:01, end time: 23:59:59.
3. Each session consists of 24 boards.
4. A player may start a session at any time from midnight to 11 p.m. Eastern, but must complete the session boards within three hours (or prior to 23:59:59, whichever comes first).
5. Usual robot duplicate practices apply. Barometer scoring is disabled.
6. No elimination between sessions; full carryover. Players who skip a session are eliminated from the event.
7. Pre-registration from July 9-19.
8. Card fees \$40 (\$10/session) during pre-registration. \$50 afterwards.
9. ACBLscore game file will be generated for ACBL Live, if possible.