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Philadelphia North American Bridge Championships
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This spring District 4 will be hosting the North American Bridge Championships (NABC) in Philadelphia. Only once every six or seven years do we have an opportunity to play in a National Championship without getting on an airplane. This is your chance and it's an opportunity that no bridge player should pass up!

This national tournament is open to all and has games available to players at every level of experience. If you have never been to a national tournament, I urge you to come. The excitement of participating in a bridge event that will host between 4,000 and 5,000 players from all over the world is unparalleled.

If you have never been to an NABC, here's a link to a Welcome Bulletin that will give you more information about the experience. [Welcome to our NABC](#)

For players with fewer than 299 masterpoints, Deb and John Klinger have put together a great program of events for you. Because the number of players in the field will be large, there will be lots of masterpoints available. There will also be free lectures from nationally-ranked players every day. There is also a full schedule of Gold Rush Events for players with under 750 masterpoints. Here's a link to the Intermediate/Newcomer schedule: [Philadelphia I/N Schedule](#)

The tournament will be held at the Marriott Hotel at 1201 Market Street in Philadelphia and the attached Convention Center. If you would like to reserve a hotel room you must book through the ACBL to get the room rate of \$160 a night. These rooms typically fill up early, so don't procrastinate. Here's a link to the ACBL room reservation site: [Reserve a room at the Marriott](#)

If you will be commuting to the tournament site, SEPTA has a train that will take you right to the Convention Center. If you have a Medicare card, you can ride for \$1. Just get off at Market Street East and you will be in the Convention Center.

If you plan on driving into Philadelphia, Everett Young has arranged discounted parking for our players. Here's a link to the parking information: [Discounted Parking](#)

If you take advantage of the discounted parking rates you will need to pick up a discounted parking ticket at the Information Desk on the 5th Floor of the Marriott Hotel when you get to the tournament.

Most important - if you plan to be in Philadelphia for dinner, take advantage of the terrific restaurant guide that has been put together by Ed Kung and Janet Johnson, two center-city foodies. Here's a link: [Restaurant Guide](#)

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me: joannglasson@msn.com or my co-chair: bglasson45@gmail.com if you have any questions about playing in the NABC.

We have a great committee of volunteers who will be working together to put on this tournament. If you would like to help us by volunteering to work at a desk at the NABC, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Pat Civale. pat@csa-accounting.com