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The ACBL has moved the NABC that was scheduled for Providence, Rhode Island, this summer to next summer (2022) to replace the Washington DC NABC. The hotel that was to be the site of the DC NABC has been turned into condominiums and no other suitable facility was available in that city.

The ACBL has also canceled all regional and sectional tournaments through the end of July of this year. The ACBL will be continually monitoring the pandemic to determine when it might be safe to resume face-to-face play.

Jay Whipple has come up with yet another terrific bridge initiative. In an effort to provide a comfortable playing space for new players, he has opened the "**99ers Nite Club**". This special bridge club was originally only open to players in District 9 (Florida) and District 7 (Georgia and the Carolinas), but District 4 has been invited to participate and we are now able to provide this opportunity for our newer players.

For a \$6 entry, the "**99ers Nite Club**" offers a mini-lesson before the game on Zoom, a 12 board duplicate game at 7pm that awards ACBL masterpoints, followed by a post-game analysis of the hands on Zoom. This social aspect gives new players an opportunity to meet with others in a friendly atmosphere. The games have been running at least 25 tables each evening. \$3 of the entry fee is returned to our player's local District 4 club. In order to be eligible to play, you must have a valid email address with ACBL and have played at least once in a virtual bridge club.

Thirty of the bridge clubs in District 4 have signed up so far and the Nite Club has been getting very good reviews from the players who have attended. If you wish to join the "99ers Nite Club" and are not receiving a daily invitation, get in touch with your club manager and request that your local club be included. Individuals can't join, bridge clubs must enroll their players.

The 2021 Grand National Teams will be held online in early May. Flights B and Open on May 1-2 and Flights A & C on May 15-16. Start forming your teams now - more information will be available shortly on the District 4 website.

I hope that we all get vaccinated and will soon once again be able to meet at the bridge table.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns: joannglasson@msn.com

Stay well,

Joann