

**District Director, Joann Glasson**  
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**LET'S PLAY FACE TO FACE BRIDGE**

Next month management will be presenting their plan for the return to face-to-face bridge to the ACBL Board of Directors. The details are not yet available, but I suspect they will discontinue some of the games on BBO that were held during the pandemic in an effort to support the reopening of face-to-face clubs and the resumption of face-to-face tournament play. I will bring you the complete details of the plan next month.

With the lifting of mask requirements, the return to face-to-face play will be attractive to more of our players. Bridge clubs in the area are beginning to open up.

Bridge clubs are the lifeblood of the ACBL. Bridge Clubs are where many of us first got hooked on the game and where teachers introduce the game to new players. Although the ACBL is offering an introductory class for beginners online, it is limited in the number of players they are able to accommodate and without the personal connection we are not attracting new players into the game.

**GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS**

A special thanks to our GNT Coordinator, John Dickenson, for the Herculean effort he put into the 2021 District 4 Grand National Teams. District 4 had 53 teams participating including 17 teams in Flight C, a new record for participation at that level.

Also, a huge shoutout to our District 4 Tournament Directors, Rob Maier and Rui Marques, for their flawless running of this event. It was quite a challenge since it was the first time District 4 ran the GNTs online.

And, of course, a special thank you to District 4's friend, Jay Whipple, for contributing the time and effort to set up the event for us and to provide the required software. Whenever District 4 has a technological need - Jay has been there to provide the solution for us.

Stay well and please contact me anytime with any questions or concerns: [joannglasson@msn.com](mailto:joannglasson@msn.com)

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