

TDs promoted, positions created



Promoted to Associate National Tournament Director (from left): Joel Haywood, Alex Bealles, Rob Maier and Jesse Laird

After the announcement of the resignation of Executive Director Joe Jones, the troops (tournament directors) were rallied at an informal gathering of the executive and tournament operations staff on Monday. Director of Operations Greg Coles said a few words by way of introduction for McKenzie Myers and his new position of senior manager of field operations, which is effectively a newly created role involving the management of tournament directors.

"Aside from my position there have been a few new hires," said Myers. He announced that Chris Weigand of Portland OR has been promoted to manager of NABC operations. "This tournament looks and runs smoothly because of what she's been doing in the background for the last few months."

Myers noted that the ACBL has "never before tried a central scheduling position to let all of the TDs get the right amount of work and ensure all tournaments will be adequately staffed." Rob Maier of Wilmington DE has been appointed to the central scheduling position.

The third new role is that of continuing education and training coordinator which is Rui Marques of Gladwyne PA.

Four were promoted to Associate National Tournament Director: Maier, Jesse Laird of Davie

FL, Joel Haywood of Macon GA and Alex Bealles of Butler PA.

"This has been an incredibly difficult last three years for all of us," concluded Myers. "We've lost friends and colleagues. I'm really proud of what everybody in this organization has done to keep bridge alive, vibrant and amazing. We have over 1000 players here having a great time. That wouldn't be so without all of you."



New positions created for (from left): Rui Marques, Rob Maier and Chris Weigand