

District 9 President's Message

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Changes are happening in District 9 and all for the best of reasons.

SBN (Sunshine Bridge News):

as soon as the latest issue of the SBN is uploaded, you will receive an email from us notifying you that this edition is ready for viewing. Anytime you'd like to connect directly to the SBN site, click on this site: <https://district9acbl.org/sunshine-bridge-news/>. You may choose the latest edition of the SBN or any of the past editions listed there. Past editions go back to January 2015.

District 9 Website:

There is a project underway to upgrade our District website. Our aim is to provide you with easy and comfortable navigation with the least number of clicks to take you to any event(s) you may wish to view or plan to attend. As we make progress on this venture we will keep you updated. Meanwhile, continue to view our website: <https://district9acbl.org> and be apprised of any changes or updates we may have on existing flyers for our tournaments, or other timely events which unexpectedly may have experienced a change of date or details.

2022 D9 GNT (Grand National Teams) FINALS were conducted during the Sanibel Regional. Our warmest congrats to all winners who will be representing District 9 at the Summer Nationals in Providence, Rhode Island:

Championship Flight: Gary Cohler, Janice Seamon-Molson, Mike Cappelletti, and Allison L. Cappelletti

Flight A: Peter Jargowsky, Linda Epstein, Jakob Kristinsson, and Sveinn Eiriksson

Flight B: Nicholas Tallyn, Clive Morgan, Regina Soeey, and Bill Page.

Any questions you may have concerning the GNTs direct to the District 9 GNT and NAP Coordinator, John Moschella, at: jmoschellaunit240@outlook.com.

It is not too early to start practicing for the 2023 NAPs (North American Pairs) District 9 Finals: Jan 6-7, during the 2023 Orlando Regional. The Club Qualifying games are ongoing from June 1, 2022 thru August 31. The District 9 winners will go on to the Nationals scheduled for March 9-19, 2023 in New Orleans.

YNABC: District 9, as we have for many years, is very proud to sponsor 12 young players to compete at the YNABC in the Summer Nationals in Providence. These young players have been training and are as ready as they can be to face other young players representing multiple ACBL districts. What a life experience for all of these District 9 players and we can't wait to hear about some of their experiences while participating in this prestigious National event!

The Royal STaC week in D9 (March 28-April 3, 2022) was a highly successful event and all participating players thoroughly enjoyed playing in as many events as their schedules allowed. Chasing gold points is always challenging and rewarding and we expect to see many of these players at our future regional events in D9.

Sectionals and regional events are all back and there is an added incentive for all our players: overall awards at all in-person sectional and regional tournaments will be increased by 20%!

Let's show up and play.

May your sunny summer months be happy ones for you and yours.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty".