

Canadian Bridge Federation:

The first good news is we finally got a NEW web master – so we are hoping that we can have a more accessible site.

The Canadian Championships for 2018 will be held in Montreal at the McGill University New Residence Hall. May 26th – June 3rd.

Canadian Open Pairs club qualification rounds have begun and will run until December 31, 2017. This cost is \$4.00 (Canadian) per table as opposed to the \$5.00 UDS for the NAP. The masterpoint awards 81.8% Sectional-rate (triple) and are all red points.

Canadian Team Club qualification rounds run from September 1, 2017 – January 15, 2018. There are three flights – 0-1000; 0-2500; and OPEN. These are also 81.8% sectional-rated red points. This Canadian Event is really an all Canadian event and run very well, lots of hospitality and a chance to the best Canada has to offer at play. There are cash prizes for the Open Pairs, CNT-B and CNT-C. As well as the Canadian IMP Pairs. There is also a Canadian Seniors event (60+) no club qualification required.

Canadian Bridge Federation – Charity Foundation

As in previous year as a member of the CBF-CF I have some discretionary funds to distribute in Zone 1. This year the members have been allotted \$2200.00. The focus for the funds is for seniors and in particular to be bridge related. What the CBF asks in return for the donation is to have some recognition – preferably a photo in a local newspaper or with the organizations own publication. If you know of anyone in your area that would like a donation they simply email me with the request. This is a charity donation and the organization must have a charity number.

North American Pairs

Club qualifications were held during June, July and August of 2017. The District 1 finals will once again be held as a 'split' event. District 1 is the only district that still holds a split final, and as long as we do not rock the boat, this should continue. Our agreement with the Western portion of District 1 is that this year of the ACBL Final in Philadelphia PA the first place prize of \$700.00 will be awarded to the first place finishers in the Eastern portion of our District (Units 194 & 230). The prize of \$300.00 will awarded to the first place winner in the Western portion (Units 151, 152, 192, 199). Each district can send THREE pairs to the Flight A (Open) national final – and the third place will go to units 194 & 230. In the Flight B and C FOUR pairs may represent their District, therefore two pairs from the west and two from the east will have the privilege to represent District 1. Our District 1 Grass Roots fund will give a \$200.00 subsidy to each player of the winning pair that does not receive any ACBL subsidy. Please bear in mind that in units 194 & 230 we go out of our way to trim expenses from our District finals so any left over proceeds go to the winner pairs. The amount that has been agreed upon is 60% to the second place finisher and 40% to the first place finishers.

The District finals (Eastern portion) will be held as follows: Flight A – Moncton NB Saturday October 28th, Flight C – Moncton NB Sunday October 29th. Flight B – Halifax Saturday November 4th.

Grand National Teams

The club qualification period for the Grand National Teams commence in September 2017 and can run through to January 2018.

There are four flights:

OPEN – Unlimited

A = 0 - 6000

B = 0 - 2500

C = 0 – 500, non-life masters.

The District finals for 2018 will be held in May (date to be determined). The ACBL finals will be held in July 2018 in Atlanta, Georgia. Flights A & C will be held in Montreal and the OPEN flight and flight B will be held in Halifax.

This year was a record year for District 1. Both the Western portion and the Eastern portion held stand alone finals with Open & B in Montreal and flights A & C in Halifax. A record total of 40 teams played in the finals. We had representation for all four flights at the summer NABC in Toronto, Ont.

Open Flight and flight B from Montreal PQ

Flight A, from Halifax finals:

Karl Hicks

Denis Murphy

Gerardo Malazdrewicz

Trisha Malazdrewicz

Jim Mathers

Bilgin Batman

Flight C from Halifax finals:

Bob Braedley

Gordon Young

Margaret Anne Dodson

Irene Szabla

All FOUR District 1 teams made it through to the round of 16 – quite a feat. Congratulations.

Respectfully submitted,

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