



Region 7 Town Hall Meeting

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Agenda

- **Welcome/Introduction**
- **Recent BOD/Management Actions**
- **Questions/Comments**



Pre-New Orleans Update

- **Mgmt made Decision to Eliminate Printed Daily Bulletin at NABCs**
 - Straw poll of Board was 18-1 in favor. I was the vote against.
- **Virtual Ace of Clubs: Motion passed in PHX but contained friendly amendment that removed VACB masterpoints from Mini-McKenney races.**
 - I brought motion to reconsider (which passed). Then resubmitted Virtual Ace of Clubs motion w/o friendly amendment. This motion passed.
- **Created BBO Instant Matchpoint Games for International Players that Award Silver and Gold Points – Creating Path to Life Master, while adding Revenue.**
- **Created new Experimental 0-6000 MP Event for Last Weekend of Fall NABC.**
- **Voted to Allow Multi-2D Opener in Platinum Pairs and Reisinger**
- **Will Award Small Number of MPs for “Just Declare” Daylong BBO Games (Only for Players with 0-5 MPs)**
- **Updated ACBL Codification to Reflect new Institute for Bridge Arbitration (IBA)**



Key Actions from New Orleans (1 of 2)

- 2023 Budget Approved (Projected \$109K Gain)
- Approved Continuing Funding of Boost Program aimed at Building Membership thru F2F Beginning Bridge Classes. Interested Teachers should Contact Blakely.Meyers@acbl.org.
- Reduction of Goodwill Receptions from 3x/year (every NABC) to once. I abstained.
 - Attendance had not been great (though NOLA had a great turnout).
 - Thought was to make it more meaningful.
 - Idea is to rotate geographically, not be tied to the same seasonal NABC.
- Increased Sectional Surcharge from \$180 to \$190. It had been the same for 7 years. Also to apply to Local Sectionals.
- Will allow a F2F Regional to hold a 1-day 2-Session Online Game for Members of the Host District only. It can be 2 Sessions in the same Day or similar to a Side Series (e.g., 2 Evenings).



Key Actions from New Orleans (2 of 2)

- District NAP Finals will not require Proctoring, if held online, for 2023-24. Will be Revisited next Year.
- Created new Masterpoint Race for Players living Outside North America.
- Appeals & Charges Committee is Working on Processes to Implement EDGAR (new Cheating Detection Tool).
- Struck the requirement for STaCs to be advertised in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin calendar at least one month before the scheduled STaC tournament date.
 - This came up due to the issue with a March STaC requested by District 8.
- Covid Protocols: Beginning May 14, Sectional and Regional Tournament Sponsors will be able to decide whether to Require Vaccinations. NABCs will still Require them (thru Chicago Summer NABC, at least)
- Executive Director Search
 - 17 Applications have been received, all but 2 from Bridge Community. (4 Women, 13 Men)
 - Deadline for applications was April 3.
 - Hope to have new ED in place by Summer NABC.



Online Regional Schedule

- **2023**

- Mar 23-26 (was opposite Evansville, IN Regional)
- July 27-30 – After Chicago NABC. *Four I/N Regionals during this time.*
- Dec 19-22 – only other Regional is Cruise.

- **2024**

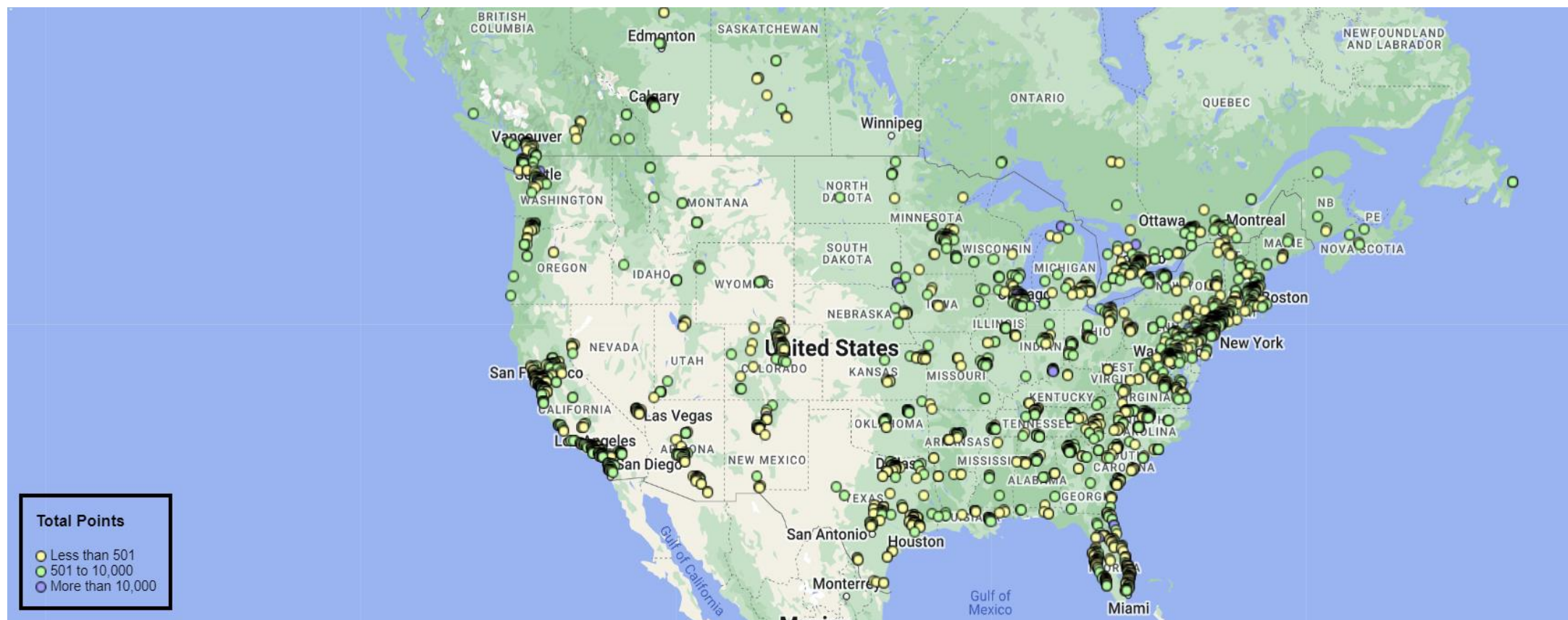
- March 5-8 - No other Regionals are scheduled.
- July 10-13 - No other Regionals are scheduled.
- Dec 11-14 – after Las Vegas NABC - No other Regionals are scheduled.

- **2025**

- March 26-29 after Memphis NABC - No other Regionals are scheduled.
- July 9-12 before Philadelphia NABC - No other Regionals are scheduled.
- Dec 18-21 - No other Regionals are scheduled.



March Online Regional Players



<https://cloud.bridgefinesse.com/TournMap.php?tnumber=2303106>

- Each Dot is the residence of a person that played in March 2023 online Regional



Questions/Comments?