

## Orlando Greeting

Leaving the -26 Celsius of Western Canada it was truly a treat going to Orlando's sunshine and warm weather. The meetings were very productive and the tournament was a huge success. I will try to highlight the happenings that affected our District. Be sure to check the ACBL Bulletin or web page for the full minutes from the Fall meeting.

The most significant news for District 18 comes for our 2011 GNT's. I was able to negotiate a trial usage of the internet for our 2010-2011 District play-downs. Next May 6-8 we will use BBO to select our District representatives. Between 4 and 8 sites will be selected as hosts. These sites have not been determined at this time but every effort will be made to provide sites that are relatively close for all participants. Marie Jolley will be sending out the full details so be sure to get your teams entered as soon as possible.

I would like to remind everyone of the new program the ACBL has offered clubs to post game results on their web site. To date more than 900 clubs are taking part. If you think it is something your club could benefit from be sure to contact .... At the ACBL head office.

The League is in the midst of rewriting ACBL SCOR. They are presently working with a system analyst to determine what are the needs of our new system. You can be a help with this. Is there something you think ACBL SCOR should do? Are there reports you would like to see it generate? What about an APP that would let you use your GPS to find and map the closest bridge club in your area? Please send me any and all suggestions. I will assemble your ideas and forward them to the steering committee.

Another reminder is for the ACBL cooperative advertising program. If you are advertising programs at your club you may be eligible for reimbursement. In addition you could also qualify for reimbursement under our Districts new program. Again be sure to contact head office with your questions.

For those who are planning far in advance the following future NABC's were approved:

- March 12-22, 2015 : New Orleans
- August 6-16, 2015 : Chicago
- July 21-31, 2016 : Washington, DC

Thank you to everyone who submitted their thoughts on the motions being dealt with in Orlando. I am highlighting the ones I feel are most relative to District 18 on the District 18 web site. Again be sure to check the ACBL Bulletin and web site for complete coverage.

Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season and may all your successes be successful.

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