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# ATLANTA REPORT 2013

Atlanta was a fun place for an NABC. The attendance was 12,364 which was respectable but a little below expectations. What I liked most about Atlanta was the great food court connected to the Hyatt Hotel and it was open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Eating there I saved money and managed to come home with out gaining 5 pounds, which I do at most NABC'S.

## MEMBERSHIP

As of the end of June, ACBL Membership stands at 167,232, which is up by 824.

## FINANCIALS

At the end of June the ACBL has a net income for 2013 of \$302,192.

## NEW MASTERPOINT LIMITS FOR GNT'S

New limits have been instituted for Grand National Teams.

Flight C:	non-LM up to 500 MP
Flight B:	0-2500 MP
Flight A:	0-6000 MP
Championship Flight:	0-unlimited

These limits are effective immediately.

## MASTERPOINTS LIMITS FOR FLIGHT B NAP'S

The upper limit for flight B in North American Pairs has been changed from 2000 to 2,500, starting June 1, 2014.

## VICTORY POINT SCALE

A new victory point scale for NABC+ events passed. It is the scale used by the USBF and the WBF.

A requirement for top seeds in NABC+ events to purchase their entries at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the event was passed. This is an effort to start the events on time instead of 15-30 min late.

## NEW NABC EVENTS

The 0-10,000 Swiss teams in St. Louis was a big success, so the Board added a 0-10,000 mixed teams and a 0-10,000 pairs at the Summer NABC.

A 0-10,000 KO was added to the spring NABC and a 0-10,000 Swiss in the fall.

## THE LONGEST DAY

This was a big success with the ACBL raising over \$550,000 for Alzheimer's.

The Bridge Academy of Dallas and the Bridge Club of Austin were two of the top fund raisers in the US.

## WOMEN'S EVENTS

The Machlin Women's Swiss and the Wagar Women's KO's were reevaluated because of the small number of players. It was decided to keep the events, but after this year they will no longer serve as qualifying events to make Grand Life Master.

## COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Marketing and Education are reorganizing the college program to make it easier for colleges to start programs in their school. A webpage dedicated specifically to college will be created, and with a step-by-step process being developed.

## PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION

Donald Mamula, whom many of you met at the San Antonio Regional, resigned as President of the ACBL effective at the end of the Atlanta National for personal reasons.

Bill Cook was elected to serve as president for the remainder of the year.

The Grand National Teams and the Grass Roots Open Pairs are the next best thing to attending an NABC so I would like to recommend every one participating, you may win a free trip to the National to play in the finals.

Six players from District 15 won over 100 masterpoints in Atlanta.

Bart Bramley	275.98
Dan Morse	165.46
Petra Hamman	135.18
Steve Shirey	124.22
Nagy Kamel	118.19
John Sutherlin	108.01

See you at the tables

Dan