



**Dear Buddy**

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I'm your "Omsbuddy" and I am starting a column to provide information on topics that many may have questions about, but didn't know whom to ask! You can send questions to me at [District21info@gmail.com](mailto:District21info@gmail.com).

*North American Pairs (NAP)*

Have you ever wanted to play at a national tournament and represent your District but you didn't know you could do this without thousands of masterpoints? Now may be the time!!

North American Pairs (NAP), once known as Grand National Pairs, is an ACBL championship that begins with qualifying rounds at local clubs. Players that qualify at the club level then play at their Unit or District level. The NAP Finals are played at the Spring NABC where the top winners from each District compete against each other.

There are three Flights:

- Flight A is open to all players
- Flight B is open to all players with less than 2500 master points as of May 6 (June masterpoint cycle)
- Flight C is open to all non-life masters with less than 500 master points as of May 6 (June masterpoint cycle)

During this past June, July, and August, many clubs held NAP "qualifying" games. You may qualify as an individual or as part of a partnership. Like many bridge players, you probably have several partners, so may have qualified at more than one game.

At the club level, eligible partnerships qualify by earning at least a 50% score OR by finishing in the top 50% of their flight (i.e., A, B, or C) (rounded up and including ties). Depending on your masterpoints and your score, you can qualify in your flight, or your flight and higher flight(s). To see if you qualified at a club game this summer and the flight(s) you are eligible to play in, click on the link below.

[NAP qualifiers in District 21](#)

If you qualified at the club level, what's next? You and your favorite partner need to play at the District NAP qualifying games being held on BBO in November. No travel required! You must pre-register to play one week ahead of your flight (see details on the D21 website ([click here](#))). If you have specific questions, please contact the D21 NAP Coordinator, Susan Mazzei at [samazzei@gmail.com](mailto:samazzei@gmail.com).

- Flight A – November 13 (10 am and 2 pm) and November 14 (10 am and 2 pm); first two sessions qualify those to play on Sunday.
- Flight B – November 20 (10 am and 2 pm)
- Flight C – November 21 (10 am and 2pm)

If you finish in the top three places in Flight A or the top four places in Flights B and/or C, you will qualify to represent District 21 at the NAP Finals in Reno next March!

Plan to play in the District Finals in November!!