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## Four Teams Go to New Orleans GNT Final Morse Nips Hamman by One in Playoff



GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS SUPERFLIGHT  
Ira Hessel - Nagy Kamel  
Dan Morse - Greg Hinze



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David Pearlman-Hui Hua Garrard  
Joseph Gill-William Garrard Jr.



GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS FLIGHT C  
Karen Fillis-Tessa Bodnar  
George Fillis-Richard Curtin

Charles Price  
District 16  
President



Dear District 16 Members:

Recently I was notified by the ACBL that District 16 has been awarded a fifth regional tournament beginning in 2012, thanks to your efforts to increase our membership to over 9000. It was close, so each member was critical. I believe that bridge is on the upswing in the nation and in District 16.

Recently it seems that more B- and C- level players are being elected to leadership positions within the units and the district. We welcome the fresh ideas and infusion of energy that new players bring. We hope, however, that A-level players will continue to serve as board members at all levels in order to share their experience and knowledge of the game and the management of the functioning of the ACBL. This diversity in leadership roles will facilitate decision-making that is in the best interests of all players.

Our clubs are doing an outstanding job of recruiting new players. Some of the clubs have a "not so serious game", "ask 1 question per hand" game, mentoring programs, name tags for players, and lessons at all levels. Clubs across District 16 generally have a climate that is friendly and inviting. Clubs are the lifeblood of our efforts to recruit, educate and retain new players.

We have discussed three goals with action plans. These action plans will be shared with the Board of Directors in Austin this month. The goals for our district are: (1) recruit and retain members, (2) increase communication among the members, clubs, teachers, and the Board, (3) manage finances to remain fiscally stable and utilize financial resources effectively.

We hope to see each of you in Austin. We will "keep our cool" as we play in the beautiful Doubletree Hotel!

See you at the table!

Sincerely,

Charlie Price

District 16 President

47 teams competed in over the Memorial Day weekend, in Richardson, to determine which four teams would represent District 16 at the national finals in New Orleans in July. The winners are :

**Superflight:** Dan Morse, Greg Hinze, Nagy Kamel, Ira Hessel  
**Flight A:** Hua Yang, Hanchang Wang, Tiger King, James Zhan  
**Flight B:** David Pearlman, Joseph Gill, William Garrard Jr, Hui Hua Garrard  
**Flight C:** George Fillis, Karen Fillis, Richard Curtin, Tessa Bodnar

There were 4 Superflight teams, 10 in A, 20 in B and 13 in C. The total of 47 teams was about average for this event. The Superflight and A had the same number of teams as last year. C was 4 more, but B was 6 less. The superflight went right into the KO round with 52 board matches. The other three flights had round robins to determine the teams to advance to the KO round.

The Superflight final was a repeat of last year. The runner-ups included Bob Hamman, Hemant Lall and Bart Bramley, who were members of the team that took third in the 2008 national final, and Chris Hamman and Ira Chorush. All but Chorush were on last year's finalist. Last year they lost to the same Morse team by 8 after 48 boards. This year, the margin was way closer. Morse came back from a 37 IMP halftime deficit to tie after 52 boards. The teams had started their second half an hour early, and that proved very thoughtful, as an 8 board playoff was needed. Hamman won 4 Imps on overtricks over the first 6 hands. There remained a low partscore and a close game that took

careful play. The game was a push so the whole match would be decided on the following hand:

	♠ 109 ♥ KQ1075 ♦ AK4 ♣ J96	
♠ 43 ♥ AJ86 ♦ Q106 ♣ AQJ5	N E W S	♦ AQ76 ♥ 62 ♦ J75 ♣ J965
	♠ KJ852 ♥ 74 ♦ 9832 ♣ K5	

Both auctions started 1C by W, 1H by N and a negative double. In one room S bid 1S and everyone passed. S made 2 for 110. At the other table, S passed and W bid and made 1NT. 90 and 110 were 200 - 5 IMPs to the Morse team and a precious 1 IMP victory. 13 years ago Hessel lost the final by one to current district president Charlie Price. This year's winners made it to the round of 8 at the Washington national last year. They led the New York team by 34 after 48 boards, but lost by one after 64!

Both teams played hard for overtrick Imps and the real opportunities to gain during the match were the big swings. Holding x xx Axx Q10xxxx, you have an opportunity to balance after your this sequence- 1S on your right: pass, 2S. pass. pass. The 3C call gets you 3S pass 4S. The cards were well placed and that was 11 IMPs to Hamman. Morse picked up when they held: AJ 852 5 KQJ62 A4 and partner opened 1C. They found out that partner had 4Ss, a stiff D, one ace and no Q of S. They bid the slam and the SQ was singleton. This slam is a slight favor-

ite, and being down 20, with 13 hands to go, a good shot. Another big swing came on a 3NT or 4H decision.. Opener held Q53 A42 K953 AQ4. Each side opened 1NT and partner transferred to 2H. The Hamman responder bid 2NT and raised opener's 3H to 4. The Morse team rebid 3NT with K104 QJ742 Q84 J5, and there they played. 4H went bait one, while 3NT made with an overtrick

A huge swing came on the following hand. After 1C 4H 5H you bid 6H, nonvul vs. vul, with xx 109753 K5 KJ104. It goes 7D on tour right and you are up again. What is your call? If you save, or pass, you end up in 7H doubled. You needed to double to stop partner from saving. In the other room it was a tad different. Left hand opponent (LHO) passed and your partner bid 1H! It proceeded 2D by RHO, 4H by you, 5D by LHO, 5H by pard and 5S on the right. In this room preemptor doubled with defense, but of course, partner pulled with long H's (7 to the AKQ) and no other card. RHO was 5 -0-7-1 and only the diamond K scores.

Another slam swing was gained for Morse when their guy held Q5 KQ1065 J54 AK7. He opened a NT. Partner transferred to 2S and rebid 3C. After 3D by openers, implying a C fit, responder bid 5NT-pick a slam. Oy. Opener tried 6C and it made on a 4-3 fit, but 5H is a tad better opposite A7 doubleton and off the D ace. The Hamman team stayed out of slam, 6S always goes down and Greg guarantees me that he would double 6NT for a S lead behind the A, holding the DA as well. Almost all of the swings were in bidding. I had thought we gained or

lost on a number of hands where one side got to a close contract and made it on accurate play, but they were almost all pushes.

In 1986 I made my first GNT final against Bob Hamman, Jim Jacoby Bobby Wolff and Seymon Deutsch. My teammate, Barry Hagedorn, the sage of Houston, gave us some great strategy. His advice was "let's jump out to an early lead, and then really pour it on!". Well we led by 26 at the quarter and then the plan went a tad awry. We scored one more IMP! Still, it was a great learning experience for me. As Butch Cassidy lamented, "Who were those guys?"

In three of the flights, at least one member of the losing finalist will go to New Orleans and play in the national finals. The Morse team added Hemant Lall, who will play with his son, Justin. The Flight C Fillis team added Brett Elliot and Richard Polunsky. Brett won the district last year and finished second in the national final in Washington. For the flight A runner-ups-the whole team gets to go! The Flight A winners had one pair that could not make it, so the second place team, Jeffrey McKee, Greg Resz, James La Fountain and Pam LaShelle, will represent district 16. They added the available pair from the original winners, Tiger King and James Zhan.

While the number of teams was about the same as in recent years, I sensed a huge amount of enthusiasm. It was very refreshing to see how excited the players were on winning. Many were glad to just get to the KO rounds. This is really a special event. and it is nice to see it prosper. I will be routing hard for all of the teams in New Orleans

### Around the District

**9001 Members** This January District 16 reached over 9000 members for the first time since 1997. Although we then dipped below, we were at 9001 members on June 1. This will qualify us for another regional in 2012.

**Sectional tournaments** are reaching decades long levels in Houston and Dallas. Their recent sectional have been near and over 700 tables.

**East Texas** is preparing for their first ever Regional Nov 15-21.

Their sectional tournaments have flourished. They are working hard so please plan to attend It is a beautiful area.

**Mike Lawrence** has given a series of lectures in Austin and San Antonio. Over 40 players attended the lectures daily in San Antonio and word is that he will return in 2011.

**Recently I attended the Hot Springs Regional** and the hospitality was fabulous. Hot Springs Village is a retirement town of about 15000. Their bridge club has over 700 members! They tell me the major reason for their success is

their teachers.

**LM pictures** If you have not had your LM picture taken, please do so at a local tournament. We will have an update after the Austin Regional.

**Extra Material.** There are additional pictures in the online edition.

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## Graduation Story

The Bridge Academy of North Dallas (BAND) offers year-round Introduction to Bridge lessons throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth area. At the end of each quarter, BAND hosts a "Graduation Party" for all of the students. During the graduation, the students become players. They are introduced to duplicate with a shortened special graduate game including bidding boxes, Bridgepads, boards and hand records.

The festivities are kicked off with dinner and wine prior to the duplicate game starting. Introductions are made around the room since there are usually at least three classes involved. All of the teachers are included in the celebration and help answer questions throughout the evening. At the end of each round, special gifts are given out to

everyone including score sheets, convention card holders and name badges. By the end of the evening, they have all of the toys they need to enter the world of duplicate!

Upon completion of the eight-board game, graduation certificates and trophies are awarded to the (now) duplicate players and they are left with these parting words

:"They have the rights and privileges of every other bridge players to make brilliant plays and silly mistakes."

Go forth and have a life-time of fun playing this wonderful game called bridge!"

A fun night is had by all!

### DISTRICT 16 TOURNAMENTS

#### JULY

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 Tyler (May Scorecard page 14) 9-11  
 Austin NLM 17-18  
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#### AUGUST

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 Houston (3) 12-15  
 San Miguel Allende 13-15  
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 Lubbock (11) 20-22  
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 RICHARDSON REGIONAL (8) 31-Sept 6

#### SEPTEMBER

New Braunfels (6) 9-12  
 Spring 0-300 17-19  
 Abilene (0-500NLM) (14) 18-19  
 Mexico City 21-24  
 Athens 0-500 23-25  
 Austin (12) 23-26  
 Dallas (0-100) (3) 24-26

#### OCTOBER

Wichita Falls (14) 1-3  
 Dallas (0-300) 7-9  
 Beaumont 7-10  
 San Antonio 8-11  
 Fort Worth 15-17  
 Rockport 15-17  
 Abilene 29-31  
 Humble 29-31

#### NOVEMBER

PUERTO VALLERTA REGIONAL 1-7  
 Houston (0-300) 5-7  
 McAllen 12-14  
 San Antonio 11-14  
 Richardson 11-14  
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 TYLER REGIONAL 15-21

#### DECEMBER

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### Bill Scarpero Celebrates His 90th!

Congratulations to Bill Scarpero of San Antonio, who celebrated his 90th birthday with his favorite pastime, bridge. A party at the Turtle Creek Duplicate Club was held for Bill and the players came out in force. Those lovely ladies that are all around him in the photo are his regular partners! Bill plays almost daily and wins quite often.



#### DEADLINE for Sept/Oct Issue

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