

It's rapidly approaching that time of the year again - our prestigious annual North American Pairs Championship- October 11-12, 2008. As usual, the district finals will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, and the hotel rate is as usual very attractive- only \$74/nite!

As in the previous few years, the top finishers in Flight A, B and C will receive generous subsidies to participate in the NABC Finals that will be held in Houston, TX in March, 2009. Top pairs get \$700 each, 2nd place pairs get \$300 each, and 3rd place pairs don't get a subsidy, but they do get a chance to compete in the national finals. If our district is among the top 2-3 attendees across the ACBL at the club level, we may even be able to send a 4th pair to the nationals.

As an added incentive to try to attract a larger Flight C field, we've changed the format on an experimental basis to allow Flight C to qualify in a 2 session play through. If this proves unpopular, or if we don't see a big boost in Flight C attendance this year, we may go back to the old format next year, but we're willing to gamble that there will be a lot of Flight C pairs who will want a chance to earn a generous subsidy and attend the Houston NABC in the spring.

Please take a look at the attached flyer and spread it around to your friends in District 25!

Thanks very much,

Mark

District 25 NAP Coordinator

2008/9 North American Open Pairs District 25 FINALS

October 11-12, 2008 NEW this year- Flt C is 2 sessions only!

Sturbridge Host Hotel (508) 347-7393 366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566

The **1st place** qualifiers in **Flt A, B & C** will receive **\$700** subsidy **per person**.

The **2nd place** qualifiers in **Flt A, B & C** will receive **\$300** subsidy **per person**.

The **3rd** place qualifiers also are invited to participate in the national level finals.

Flt A National Finals 3/11-12/2009, Flt B&C Finals 3/21-22/2009

The Hilton Americas - Houston, TX

Saturday, October 11, 2008		
1:00 PM	Flight A NAOP (Open)	1 st Qualifying session
	Flight B NAOP (0-2000 Masterpoints)	
	Flight C NAOP (0-500MP, NonLife Master) -1 st of 2 session play thru qualifier	
7:00 PM	Flight A NAOP (Open)	2 nd Qualifying session
	Flight B NAOP (0-2000 Masterpoints)	
	Flight C NAOP (0-500MP, NonLife Master) -2 nd of 2 session play thru qualifier	
Sunday, October 12, 2008		
10:00 AM	Flight A NAOP (Open)	1 st Final session
	Flight B NAOP (0-2000 Masterpoints)	
TBA	Flight A NAOP (Open)	2nd Final session
	Flight B NAOP (0-2000 Masterpoints)	

*District will also host sectionally rated consolation pairs on Sunday. Details TBD.

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Mass Pike (I-90) Exit 9 onto Rte 84; Exit 3B to Rte 20 West towards Old Sturbridge Village. Hotel is approx. 1 mile on right on rt. Between McDonalds & Burger King