

Regional Director Report – July 2024

It's not too late to make your plans to join us at the North American Bridge Championship in Toronto from July 18 to July 28. There are events for every level of play and our Executive Director, Bronia Jenkins, has added a couple of popular fun events to the NABC tournament schedule to make bridge competition more enjoyable for all.

“Beyond Bridge”, a night of playing all kinds of games with bridge players and bridge celebrities, will be held on Sunday, July 21 and “Bridge Mania”, held on Wednesday, July 24, includes more after the game fun with players participating in games like Jeopardy and Family Feud.

The highlight of the summer NABC in Toronto is the ACBL Hall of Fame banquet on Thursday, July 18. At this year's event, District 4 player Bonnie Brier's mother will be the recipient of the ultimate bridge honor. Barbara Brier will receive the von Zedtwitz award posthumously and be inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame.

Barbara Brier, who was born in Philadelphia, was a fabulous bridge player who passed away in 1996. She was the favorite partner of Waldemar von Zedtwitz for whom the award is named. Together Barbara and Waldy won the World Bridge Championships Mixed Pairs in Stockholm in 1970 when von Zeditwitz was 74 years old and legally blind.

Barbara Brier won multiple major championships and played bridge with all the great players of her era including Tobias Stone, Johnny Crawford, Kyle Larson, Sidney Lazard, Marshall Miles, Vic and Jacqui Mitchell, Bobby Nail, Richard Pavlicek, George Rapee, Al Roth, Ira Rubin, Howard Schenken and Paul Soloway.

Toronto will be a very special NABC and I hope to see you there!!

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