

District 14 GNT finals May 15-16, 2010

Open Swiss Teams: May 16, 2010

'*Seven Days in May*': not a political thriller to overthrow our government, but the time left for you to get your team together to compete in this year's Grand National Teams district final competition.

Not qualified yet?: There are still two 'last-chance' GNT club qualifying games next week: Tuesday evening, May 11, at the Twin Cities Bridge Center and Thursday evening, May 13 at Tony Ames' game in Plymouth.

Saturday, May 15 at 12:30pm: Play within your flight in a 2 session flighted qualifier with pre-duplicated hands, and hand records:

Flight C (0-500 non-life masters), Flight B (0-2,000), Flight A (0-5,000), Champ. (0-unlimited)

New & Improved! Flights B & C will now qualify the top half of the field on Saturday to play in round-robin finals on Sunday rather than only the top four to a knockout semifinal. Round robin play Sunday will determine the flight winners in the B & C flights who will **win a trip to the Nationals in New Orleans** in July.

Sunday, May 16 at 10am: A 2 session Open Swiss is scheduled Sunday with a Full Sectional rating (black), only \$80/team with a lunch break scheduled.

If your team happens not to qualify for the finals play on Sunday then return for the Swiss which will be stratified by average masterpoint holdings.

If you couldn't play on Saturday you are welcome to just play on Sunday in the Swiss Team event while the GNT semifinals and finals are being held separately.

Outstanding hospitality

A wide variety of home baked treats as well as a broad selection of pop and snacks will be available all weekend. Minnesota Units 103 and 178 are providing a **Sunday Breakfast: coffee, o.j., sausage & egg bake, fresh fruit** and baked goods for returning and new players.

Local area restaurants offer a wide variety of cuisines. 30+ restaurants within 5 mi. are featured in a dining guide & map and many are offering discount coupons.

The playing site: the **NEW BRIGHTON FAMILY SERVICE CENTER, 400 10th St. NW, New Brighton, MN 55112** has nice southern exposure with a full wall of windows and is easy to get to N/S from Interstate 35W(@Cty E2) or E/W from 694(@Long Lake) exits. Park on the east side of the building.

Partnership Desk: Tony Ames Ynotsema@aol.com 952-200-3871 can help you with partnerships and team formation. We can help players/partnerships find partners or new?! teammates for Sunday. Flights Sunday will be by average masterpoints/team.

What Can You Do?

- 1. Consider coming for the excitement of flighted competition even if you have no interest in earning a trip to New Orleans in the GNT finals.**
- 2. Have 2 fun days of bridge battling against your peers at the table:** meet new friends and maybe new teammates for the future.
- 3. Bring some restaurant coupons and/or home-baked treats to share with other players**

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GNT Links: Tournament flyer and Conditions of Contest: <http://bridgedistrict14.com/gnt.html>

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