

# 2019 District 14 GNT Champions

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Twenty four teams competed at the Des Moines Bridge Center over May 4-5. A twelve team flight B field will give us the opportunity for a second B team to attend this summer's NABC in Las Vegas.

The Championship Flight sported four teams this year (one more than usual). Val Laing, John Gustafson, and the Stark brothers, Dave & Doug, were surprise entrants. (Val & David were on the winning GNT squad 8 years ago in Des Moines). John, at 95 years old, seems as sharp as ever. A round robin Saturday, 3 18-board matches) eliminated the Iowans and Team Holloway: Kerry, Sean McNally, Mike Flader and Barry Purrington. The 56 board final was contested between the Kaplan team (Peg, Bill Kent, Paul Meerschaert, Carol Miner, and Bob and Cindy Balderson) and this foursome: Terry Beckman, Mike Cassel, Tony Ames and John Koch. Kaplan was ahead by 14 at the half, but a slam swing in the third quarter left Team Beckman with a 7 imp lead. At the finish line Bill & Bob, Paul & Carol had regained the lead in a match that could have landed either way.



Bill Kent Bob & Cindy B. Paul Carol  
Peg was headed home.



Richard, Andy Paul Eric

- Round 1 -

Head to Head match 1 1 - Vern Swing, Bruce Boje, Mark Patton, Joseph Pieper vs 2 - Andrew Clements, William Voedisch, Dennis Cerkvenik, Jonathan Cohn
Head to Head match 2 3 - Richard Newell, Toby White, Gregg Walsh, Richard Freedman vs 4 - Eric Hendrickson, Andrew Caranicas, Paul Gutterman, Richard Lawson

- Round 2 -

Head to Head match 1 2 - Andrew Clements, William Voedisch, Dennis Cerkvenik, Jonathan Cohn vs 4 - Eric Hendrickson, Andrew Caranicas, Paul Gutterman, Richard Lawson
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Winners 4 - Eric Hendrickson, Andrew Caranicas, Paul Gutterman, Richard Lawson
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In Flight A, 5 teams played a 12 board match contested in two halves against each of the other teams to eliminate one team. Flight A KO teams. The flight featured two teams with pairs from different states. I am given to understand that both semifinal KOs were tightly contested, the final not so much. Congrats to Team Hendrickson.



Matt Campbell, Jeff Buckwalter, Justin Graver,  
Jamie Radcliffe

In Flight B, 12 teams played a two-session Swiss on Saturday. Minnesotans Trevor, Lasoff, and the Hensons earned the top seed with 114VPs (over 70%). The Nebraska squad was second. A U103 team captained by Kim Hayward was third, and a local team captained by Rita Kothari rounded out the KO field. Team Hayward and Graver played the 28-board final. The Nebraskans triumphed. However, the new ACBL conditions of contest will allow us to send a second B team. Congratulations are in order therefore to Kim, Sandy Casey, Jerry Johnson & Rick Mattson. The D14

BOD will decide how much of a subsidy to grant the second B team.



Connie

Jim

Susan

Roger

An incredibly small field of only three teams played a two-session round robin in Flight C. The winning team, from St. Cloud Minnesota: Connie Nelson, Jim Schnepf, Roger & Susan Knauss. Congratulations. They won both of their matches.

On Sunday a pair of one session GNT Fundraiser Swiss teams was offered. Seven and six tables played.

Thanks are in order to our DIC Larry Brobst, and hosts Greg Walsh and Rich Newell who provided a nice venue and a pleasant variety of snacks.

ACBL Live is having reporting issues as late as Tuesday evening. [D14 GNT District Finals](#)