

My Story – District 11 Rank Promotion Perspectives

Here are the stories of our members as they reflect on a recent rank promotion.

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Katsumi Soma – NABC Master



I am very happy that I have finally reached this level – NABC. It's been 9 years since I became a regional master. Eight years ago, I moved to Charleston, WV, where sectional and regional tournaments are rarely offered. Then the pandemic began! I wasn't actively seeking the next level, but recently my club friends brought online games to my attention. I played online for the first time in November, then again in December. My partner and I played well both times, and I fulfilled two requirements at the same time - 300 points overall and 5 Gold points. Although Life Master would be too distant to attain, I plan to play online regularly

from now on.

Katsumi Sohma

Linda Grey – Sectional Master



Thanks, Larry, for the congratulatory email! I've been playing online at BBO and have gotten most of my points there. My regular partner (Sue Goosman) and I have been going to tournaments in Ohio, and will play in Westerville at the end of the month.

We played at the tournament in Independence OH on Friday, and came in first in the 499er group. I also won a two-night stay at the NABC in Louisville KY and am excited to play.

I need a partner for the 299er games on March 15, 16, and 17. I have reached out to the partnership desk.

I've been playing for 50 years, but hadn't played in a duplicate club or match since 1996. Now that I'm retired, my partner and I are playing online. We also play in 3 party game clubs.

Thanks again,
Linda Grey