

Daily Bulletin

2017 Youth NABC

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Record attendance expected for 10th Youth NABC

For the second time, Toronto is hosting the tournament that has become Mecca for bridge players 19 and younger. It's 10th Youth NABC, and it's just about certain to have record attendance.

Last summer in Washington DC, the number of young players jumped from 199 pre-registered to 233 total, a record.

Stephanie Threlkeld, ACBL's education and communications manager, said pre-registration for the Toronto tournament was at 235 earlier this week and that there were several walk-ins for the opening day on Thursday.

"I'm really excited," said Threlkeld, who is working with Shaneka Cunningham, ACBL's education program coordinator, to manage the tournament with the help of a legion of volunteers.

The two have support from Toronto players Michael Yang and Carol Bongard, who serve as Youth NABC volunteer coordinators.

The two work together on the Unit 166 board of directors, Bongard as president. She says she likes working with youth programs so much because of her "grandma instinct." She adds, "I love the kids."



Michael Yang



Carol Bongard

Bongard also credits Flo Belford for helping build youth participation in bridge. Belford organizes an annual youth section at the Toronto Regional. In the 15 years she has been doing it, she has had as many as 600 school children participate over two days at the regional.

Yang is another dynamo when it comes to promoting youth bridge. He started a youth bridge club in 2012 with players as young as 6 and up to 9. He took a group of them to the 2012 Youth NABC in Chicago and has attended every Youth NABC since then.

Yang's philosophy is that "the younger they start, the more attractive bridge is to them." He says that as his youth bridge club has grown he has received more and more requests from parents for bridge classes for their children. He has helped set up youth bridge clubs in Waterloo, about 70 miles east of Toronto, and in Ottawa. He's working on figuring out how to help a group in Vancouver BC establish their own youth bridge club.

He believes that teaching bridge to young people has helped his game, too, and there's evidence that it has. Yang was on the team that finished second in the Grand National Teams Flight C this week representing District 2.

The tournament is fortunate to have three major sponsors: Baron Barclay Bridge Supply, which offers a \$2000 scholarship to the winners of the Youth Open Pairs (each player receives \$1000). Baron Barclay has also donated convention card holders



Shaneka Cunningham, left, and Stephanie Threlkeld, who are in charge of the 10th Youth NABC, now under way in Toronto.

and playing cards. John McAllister, the brains behind the documentary film "Double Dummy," is sponsoring the National Youth Swiss Teams. Each of the four members of the winning team receive \$1000 scholarships.

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A Film About Bridge



The Bermuda Bridge Club sent a contingent of 16 players, plus coaches, to the 10th Youth NABC in Toronto. The club also runs a summer bridge camp for students 13-17.

Faces in the crowd



My name:
Mary Daniels
My age: 13
Where I live:
Vernon Hills IL
Why I like bridge:
I get to travel for playing a card game
What I want to be when I grow up: A chef



My name: Justin Dapaah
My age: 12
Where I live: Orange NJ
Why I like bridge:
You learn new things every day
My favorite convention:
Weak two-bids
What I want to be when I grow up:
A track runner



My name:
Mitchell Dyen
My age: 14
Where I live:
Orlando FL
Why I like bridge:
You get to go on trips
My favorite convention:
Jacoby transfers
What I want to be when I grow up: A doctor

My name:
Tamyra Rumble
My age: 12
Where I live:
Orange NJ
Why I like bridge:
The amount of strategy
What I want to be when I grow up:
An author



My name:
Miranda Schuyler
My age: 13
Where I live:
Discovery Bay CA
Why I like bridge:
It is a challenging mind game
My favorite convention:
Jacoby 2NT
What I want to be when I grow up: An author



My name:
Tsz Fei Wang
My age: 8
Where I live:
Toronto ON
Why I like bridge:
The competition
What I want to be when I grow up:
An animator



Thursday's Winners



Prince Antwi and Iherobiem Munachiso, first in Strat C N-S, Morning Cardrook Pairs



Isaac Barden and Lukasz Kucharczyk, first in Strat A N-S, Morning Cardrook Pairs



Joely Bayless and Caleb Thompson, first in Strat B E-W, Morning Cardrook Pairs



Sayeed Bennett and Tamyra Rumble, first in Strat A E-W, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs



Ariana Black and Martha Johnson, first in Strat B E-W, Morning Cardrook Pairs



Bill Cai and Donnie Chiang, first in Strat C E-W, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs

More winners
photos in
tomorrow's
edition

THURSDAY MORNING YOUTH PAIRS

26.5 Tables					
	A	B	C		
7.34	1	1	1	Sean McNally - Morgan Johnstone, Minneapolis MN	70.41%
5.51	2			John Dong, Richmond Hill ON; Bo Han Zhu, Oakville ON	64.72%
4.13	3	2	2	Zihan Zhou, Mianyang China; Keming Zhang, Guanghan China	63.96%
3.10	4			Max Cheng - Cindy Zhang He, Toronto ON	63.69%
2.32	5	3		Lauren Liu, Princeton NJ; Helena Hsieh, Naperville IL	63.17%
1.74	6			Jonathon Youngquist, Palo Alto CA; Nathan Gennaro, San Carlos CA	62.83%
1.32	7	4	3	Aman Desai, Cupertino CA; Maxwell Burns, Washington DC	62.79%
0.94		5		Michael Zheng, San Jose CA; Lucas Huang, Palo Alto CA	61.25%
1.32		6		Samuel Li, North York ON; Han Wu, Markham ON	60.44%
0.76			4	Ezra Mowbray - Ariel Flaster, Menlo Park CA	59.93%
0.94			5	Fangda Mu - Shidi Xu, Mianyang People's Republic of China	58.75%
1.88			6	Hao Tang - Dan Li, Mianyang People's Republic of China	57.64%

THURSDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

19.5 Tables					
	A	B	C		
2.14	1	1	1	Rachael Sun - Anne Zhang, Waterloo ON	72.98%
1.61	2	2		Ashish Narne, Altamonte Spg FL; Prisha Narne, Altamonte Springs, FL	69.82%
1.20	3			Aaron Liu, Toronto ON; Denise Donovan (Volunteer),	66.00%
0.90	4			Rizhe Jia - Yiwei Cao, Ottawa ON	64.50%
0.68	5			Elsa Schleicher - Kyra Helmbold, Los Gatos CA	61.82%
0.96	6	3		Ariana Black - Martha Johnson, Orange NJ	61.45%
0.95		4	2	Garrett Liu, Oakville ON; David Tai, Mississauga ON	61.20%
0.71		5	3	Matthew O'Dowd, Altamonte Spg FL; Nathan Bedell, Apopka FL	60.75%
0.40		6		Justin Dapaah - Momo Sacko, Orange NJ	60.60%
0.53			4	Daren Liu - Tyler Mu, Williamsville NY	59.50%
0.40			5	Badra Traoe - Marquis Douglas, Orange NJ	55.20%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

19.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
2.06	1	1		Prisha Narne - Ashish Narne, Altamonte Spring FL	73.75%
1.55	2	2		Mary Daniels - Josie Daniels, Vernon Hills IL	66.25%
1.26	3	3	1	Chidigo Iherobiem, Springfield NJ; Bernard Francis, Orange NJ	63.75%
0.87	4			Ivy Li, Nepean ON; Jessica Chen, Ottawa ON	61.67%
0.61	5/6	4/5		Edwin Thomas - Chidumebi Iherobiem, Orange NJ	60.00%
0.61	5/6	4/5		Caitlin Leek - Erin Bayless, Williamsburg VA	60.00%
0.39		6		Ariana Black - Martha Johnson, Orange NJ	58.90%
0.95			2	Kayleen Iguban - Lea Iguban, Virginia Beach VA	58.87%
0.71			3	Sharon Mi, Mississauga ON; Juliet Shannon, Toronto ON	57.20%
0.53			4	Isabel Daniels, Vernon Hills IL; Mandi Mu, Buffalo NY	53.87%
0.46			5	Tyler Mu - Daren Liu, Williamsville NY	51.67%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH TEAMS

26 Tables				
	A	B	C	
5.71	1		Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON; Sean McNally - Morgan Johnstone, Minneapolis MN	54.00
4.28	2		Eric Chai, Marlboro NJ; Jackson Miller, Discovery Bay CA; Justin Wang - Kyle Lui, Morganville NJ	51.00
3.21	3	1	Han Wu, Markham ON; Samuel Li, North York ON; Darwin Li, Richmond Hill ON; Michelle Yang, Scarborough ON	42.00
2.11	4/5		Matthew Shi - Jonathan Shi - Lucas Huang, Palo Alto CA; Michael Zheng, San Jose CA	41.00
2.11	4/5		Isabella Babb, Williamsburg VA; Lauren Wilson, Lower Coverdale NB; Max Cheng - Cindy Zhang He, Toronto ON	41.00
1.36	6		Katherine Yang, Scarborough ON; Yolanda Ling - Neo Ling, Markham ON; Arnold Liu, Toronto ON	40.00
1.34	7	2	Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA; Ezra Mowbray - Ariel Flaster, Menlo Park CA; Miranda Schuyler, Discovery Bay CA	39.00
1.01		3	Emma Miller - Matt Oakley, Reno NV; Ivan Marchant - James Marchant, Fairfax CA; Hailey Botkins, Williamsburg VA	38.00
0.76		4	V.J. Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Michael Serafini, Calgary AB; Gabriella Morano, Satellite Beach FL; Kevin Jiang, Deerfield IL	36.00
0.50		5/6	Cutter Green, Falkville AL; Vivian Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Tanner Hess, Fairhope AL; Patrick Sullivan, Healdsburg CA	33.00
1.14		5/6	1 Liangjie Ma - Renjie Chen - Hao Tang - Dan Li, Mianyang China	33.00
0.75		2/3	Fangda Mu - Shidi Xu - Zihan Zhou, Mianyang China; Keming Zhang, Guanghan China	24.00
0.75		2/3	Elissa Luo, North York ON; Andy Zhang - Alex Wu, Markham ON; Jeffrey You, Nepean ON	24.00
0.48		4	Ross Cooper, Smiths Bermuda; Scott Gilbertson - Adeline Young, Pembroke Bermuda; Charlotte Emery-King, Paget Bermuda	23.00



Chidumebi Iherobiem and Thomas Edwin, First in Strat B E-W, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs



Daren Liu and Tyler Mu, fifth overall in afternoon Cardrook Pairs and first in Strat C E-W, Morning Cardrook Pairs



Aaron Liu and Denise Donovan (volunteer), third overall afternoon Cardrook Pairs; third overall, Morning Cardrook Pairs



***Prisha Narne and Ashish Narne, first overcall,
afternoon Cardrook Pairs; first in Strat B N-S,
Morning Cardrook Pairs***



**Anne Zhang and Rachael Sun, first overall,
Morning Cardrook Pairs**



Bernard Francis and Chidigo Iherobiem, first in Strat C, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs

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Magician to entertain at Youth NABC

Norman Beck, a bridge player who specializes in sleight of hand and other illusions – including one dynamite card trick – will perform for the participants in the 10th Youth NABC during the lunch break today at the Convention Center.

Beck’s business card also notes that he is a raconteur and writer. Beck learned magic while in the Cub Scouts in Tulsa OK and has worked as a magician for more than a decade. His favorite trick is memorizing all 52 cards in a deck in less than a minute and then naming them as they lie face down in four piles.

Beck has also worked as a consultant to the ACBL in investigations of cheating at cards.



YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

All card play is in Room 201 A-F in the Convention Centre

Friday, July 28
10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs • Two sessions (one qualifying and one final session) Players must be available for both sessions
10 a.m. Cardrook Pairs • Single session
2 p.m. Cardrook Pairs • Single session
2 p.m. Consolation Open Pairs • Single session

Saturday, July 29
10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Double Dummy National Youth Swiss Teams • Two sessions (one qualifying and one final session) Players must be available for both sessions
10 a.m. Cardrook Pairs • Single session
2 p.m. Cardrook Pairs • Single session
2 p.m. Consolation Swiss Teams Single session
5:30 p.m. Award Ceremony, including Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award



Cindy He and Max Cheng, first in Strat A E-W, Morning Cardrook Pairs



Kyra Helmbold and Elsa Schleicher, first in Strat B, Morning Cardrook Pairs



Kayleen Iguban and Lea Iguban, second overall in Strat C, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs



Caitlin Leek and Erin Bayless, 6/7 overall, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs

NORTH-SOUTH		
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NORTH-SOUTH		
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THURSDAY MORNING YOUTH PAIRS		
SECTION Q		
	A	B
57.64%	1	1
57.48%	2	2
54.98%	3	3
51.56%	4	4
SECTION R		
	A	B
63.17%	1	
62.78%	2	1
58.75%	3	2
52.10%	4	3
SECTION S		
	A	B
63.96%	1	
	2	
60.44%	3	1
56.75%	4	2
56.21%		3
44.23%		2

THURSDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS		
SECTION U		
	A	B
66.00%	1	
61.20%	2	1
60.60%	3	2
SECTION W		
	A	B
69.82%	1	1
64.50%	2	2
51.82%	3	
SECTION X		
	A	B
72.98%	1	
54.70%	2	1
48.37%		

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS		
SECTION U		
	A	B
60.00%	1	1
58.75%	2	2
56.25%	3	
46.25%		1
SECTION W		
	A	B
61.68%	1	
60.00%	2	
58.90%		1
SECTION X		
	A	B
63.90%	1	1
58.88%	2	2
56.70%		

EAST-WEST	
Sean McNally - Morgan Johnstone, Minneapolis MN	70.41%
Neo Ling, Markham ON; Arnold Liu, Toronto ON	58.52%
Amaury Majors, Devonshire Bermuda; Mical Hardtman, Hamilton Bermuda	51.52%
Spencer Dyen - D Carter Wilson, Maitland FL	49.75%
EAST-WEST	
John Dong, Richmond Hill ON; Bo Han Zhu, Oakville ON	64.72%
Aman Desai, Cupertino CA; Maxwell Burns, Washington DC	62.79%
Jason Lin - Andrew Dance, Palm Coast FL	57.53%
Hailey Botkins, Williamsburg VA; Jasmine Xiong, Markham ON	54.02%
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Jonathon Youngquist, Palo Alto CA; Nathan Gennaro, San Carlos CA	62.83%
Michael Zheng, San Jose CA; Lucas Huang, Palo Alto CA	61.25%
Ezra Mowbray - Ariel Flaster, Menlo Park CA	59.93%
Katherine Yang, Scarborough ON; Yolanda Ling, Markham ON	49.54%
Alex Wu, Markham ON; Jeffrey You, Nepean ON	45.62%

EAST-WEST	
Isaac Barden, Cambridge England; Lukasz Kucharczyk, Mississauga ON	58.33%
Joely Bayless - Caleb Thompson, Williamsburg VA	51.67%
Lucas Chang - Nicholas Harper, San Francisco CA	50.50%
EAST-WEST	
Ariana Black - Martha Johnson, Orange NJ	61.45%
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Chidigo Iherobiem, Springfield NJ; Bernard Francis, Orange NJ	63.75%
Munachiso Iherobiem - Prince Antwi, Orange NJ	42.50%
EAST-WEST	
Tamyra Rumble - Sayeed Bennett, Orange NJ	56.68%
Madelyn Bedell - Sydney Thompson, Apopka FL	55.58%
Tyler Mu - Daren Liu, Williamsville NY	51.68%
EAST-WEST	
Jahiem Watson - Ibrahima Sacko, Orange NJ	58.00%
Sharon Mi, Mississauga ON; Juliet Shannon, Toronto ON	57.20%