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2017 Youth NABC Editor: Brent Manley



Winners of the Double Dummy National Youth Swiss Teams: Rory Xiao, Brent Xiao, Michael Hu and Arthur Zhou.



Runners-up in the Double Dummy National Youth Swiss Teams: Harrison Luba, Reese Koppel, Olivia Laufer and Albena-Maria Vassileva.



Tops in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs were Lucas Huang and Michael Zheng.



They were second in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs: Olivia Laufer and Albena-Maria Vassileva.

### Celebrating three days of fun

The closing ceremony of the 10th Youth NABC was for recognition of a new set of champions, but it was also a celebration of another meeting of highenergy young people who love the game of bridge and the chance to get together with friends they've made at other YNABCs.



ACBL President Bob Heller

Before the prize-giving got under way, ACBL President Bob Heller thanked the organizers – namely Stephanie Threlkeld and Shaneka Cunningham from ACBL Headquarters — for helping set an attendance record of more than 240 participants (the

final count is pending). The previous record – 233 players – was set in Washington DC last summer.

He also singled out the 16-member contingent from Bermuda, jokingly saying that when the 2018 Youth NABC rolls around in Atlanta, "we expect you to be there whether you drive or swim."

Heller also paid tribute to Patty Tucker, who organized the first Youth NABC in 2008 in the Atlanta suburb of Norcross. After the closing ceremony, Tucker said, "I hope everyone who was here comes to Atlanta."

Threlkeld was equally pleased with the turnout and the smooth operation of the tournament. "I can't stress enough how incredible the volunteers were," she said.

Threlkeld had special thanks for the YNABC volunteer coordinators, Carol Bongard and Michael Yang, and the four tournament directors who managed the sometimes-rambunctious players. "The directors," she said, "did an amazing job."

A big part of the ceremony was the handing out of trophies to the main-event winners.

**Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs:** Lucas Huang and Michael Zheng. Runners-up: Olivia

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Jacob Schireson of Stanford CA was voted the winner of the Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award.

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#### **Celebrating**

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Laufer and Albena-Maria Vassileva.

**Double Dummy National Youth Swiss Teams:**Brent Xiao, Rory Xiao, Michael Hu and Arthur Zhou.
Runners-up: Reese Koppel, Harrison Luba, Laufer and Vassileva, whose two second-place finishes put them at the top of the masterpoint winners list for the Youth NABC.

One of the most important awards is the Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award, the winner of which is chosen by vote of the other players, with input from the tournament directors. This year's winner is Jacob Schireson of Stanford CA. He was chosen for consoling a young player who was upset about having a problem during play.

Ray Lee, founder of Master Point Press, told the group, "It's not about winning and losing. It's about challenging yourself to play one of the three or four hardest games ever created and having fun doing it. It's important to treat people the way you want to be treated."





Norman Beck, who performed magic tricks at lunch time for the Youth NABC players, amazed young Luke Wilson, of Lower Coverdale NB, on the second day of the tournament.

#### **Saturday's Winners**



They were first in the YNABC Consolation Swiss Teams Strat A: Michael Moschella, Elise Bedell, Emma Kolesnik and Finn Kolesnik



Tied for first in the YNABC Consolation Swiss Teams, Strat B were Carlos Dezza, Liying Wu, Lena Heng and Jennifer Tan.



Colleen Stewart and Michael Passucci First overall in the Saturday Afternoon Cardrook Pairs



Vivian Lamoureux and Ashlyn Bourgeois First overall in the Saturday Afternoon Cardrook Pairs, Strat B



Tsz Fei Wang and Yunshan Wang, first overall Saturday Afternoon Cardrook Pairs, Strat C

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10.23	1			- Rory Xiao, Fremont CA; Michael Hu - Arthur Zhou, San Jose CA	72.00								
7.67	2	Reese Koppel, Metairie LA; Harrison Luba, Lynnfield MA; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON; Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON											
5.75	3	Cornelius Duffie - Sarah Youngquist- Stella Q. Wan, Palo Alto CA; David Zheng, San Jose CA											
4.32	4	Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA; Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL											
3.41	5	Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Bo Han Zhu, Oakville ON; John Dong - Martin Zhao, Richmond Hill ON											
2.92	6	Matt Oakley - Emma Miller, Reno NV; Kunal Vohra, Alpharetta GA; Cooper Smith, Marquette MI											
2.56	7	Samuel Perlow, Mill Valley CA; Maxwell Burns, Washington DC; Aman Desai,											
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1.44	3/4	1/2	1/2	Oakville ON Soor Hansalia - Anjani Hansalia, Altamonte Spring FL; Nathan Bedell,	47.00								
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0.81	5/6			Elissa Luo, North York ON Ariel Flaster - Ezra Mowbray, Menlo Park CA; Miranda Schuyler,	46.00								
0.50		4		Discovery Bay CA; Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA Michael Shelly - Isabella Babb - Andrew Burrows, Williamsburg VA;	46.00								
				Lauren Wilson, Lower Coverdale NB	44.00								
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				Williamsville NY	64.87%								
0.75	4			Mary Daniels - Josie Daniels, Vernon Hills IL	63.00%								
0.56	5			Ibrahima Sacko - Jahiem Watson, Orange NJ	60.80%								
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1.05		3	1	Daren Liu - Tyler Mu, Williamsville NY	56.45%								
0.62		4		Rizhe Jia - Yiwei Cao, Ottawa ON	56.05%								
0.79		5	2	Caleb Thompson - Aiden Gilbert, Williamsburg VA	54.36%								
0.59		6	3	Lucas Chang - Nicholas Harper, San Francisco CA	54.18%								
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1.23	2			Jake Warsaw, Menlo Park CA; Jacob Schireson, Stanford CA	78.75%								
0.92	3	4		Ivy Li, Nepean ON; Jessica Chen, Ottawa ON	75.00%								
1.41	4	1		Vivian Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Ashlyn Bourgeois, Riverview NB	73.75%								
1.06	5	2		Garrett Liu, Oakville ON; Raymond Huang, Richmond Hill ON	71.10%								
1.05	6	3	1	Yunshan Wang - Tsz Fei Wang, North York ON	70.00%								
0.59		4		Justin Wong - Owen Li, Richmond Hill ON	58.63%								
0.79		5	2	Tyler Mu - Daren Liu, Williamsville NY	52.72%								
0.59		6	3	Harry Wei - Eric Chen	50.58%								
0.44			4	Chidigo Iherobiem, Springfield NJ; Bernard Francis, Orange NJ	49.47%								



Tied for first in the YNABC Consolation Swiss Teams, Strat B were Nathan Bedell, Tamyra Rumble, Anjani Hansalia and Soor Hansalia.

## Young bridge players eager to learn

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Before last fall, Zahra Wilson knew little, if anything, about bridge. In November 2016, lunchtime bridge, including some lessons, started at her high school – Berkeley Institute. She was interested. "It started to get serious," she says, "when they were talking about Toronto."

Wilson, 17, is one of 16 players from Bermuda who are participating in the 10th Youth NABC in Toronto. It's the second time a group from the British island territory has been part of the tournament.

John Burville, who led the group's first Youth NABC trip – to Chicago in 2015 – said the participation is an outgrowth of the beginning of bridge in the island's three high schools. "Our mission," says Burville, "is to make them bridge players for life by the end of the event."

Wilson has certainly taken to the game. "It helps me with my math in school," she says, "and I like the unpredictable part. You never know the outcome, and it's a great experience to come and see how it works. Seeing people who know more than I do makes me curious about what I can learn."

Caroline Rance says she is happy her daughter Katarina is involved. "I encouraged her," Rance says, "because it's a game for life. It's a nice group of people with very good kids."

Three high schools now have bridge at lunch, and Burville says there are plans to introduce the game at Bermuda College next year.

In addition to introducing students to bridge, Burville has helped to set up a "summer camp" experience at the Bermuda Bridge Club, and he was coach of the four-man team that represented Bermuda in the 2016 World Youth Teams Championships in Salsomaggiore, Italy. The going was rough, but the team was given the Joan Gerard Award for outstanding sportsmanship.

The Bermuda group is one of several taking part in the Youth NABC. Two schools from Orange NJ, sent a total of 17 young players, including 12-year-old A'Rina Black, who has been playing since age 9. "I'm pretty competitive," she says. Justin Depaah, 12, took part in his second Youth NABC. "You learn something new every time you come," he says. Momo Sacko, 11, thinks bridge is fun because "it makes you think."

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Zahra Wilson

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#### Young bridge players

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District 9 also has a large contingent, as do Silicon Valley Youth Bridge and a group led by Jim Davis of Williamsburg VA and another from Buffalo NY. By the end of the Youth NABC, 30 of Toronto teacher Michael Yang's Youth Bridge Club had played in the tournament. Four teams from his club – including the winning squad – made it to the final of the Double Dummy National Youth Swiss Teams.





Scenes from the 10th Youth NABC: "Really . . . I didn't mean to ruff my partner's ace!"



These tournament directors kept things in order for the 10th Youth NABC: Chief TD David Metcalf, Jesse Laird, Carolyn Pinto and Tim Hill.



Two schools from Orange NJ, regulars at the Youth NABC, sent 17 players to the 10th YNABC this



Silicon Valley Youth Bridge in Mountain View CA brought 28 youth players to the 10th Youth NABC in Toronto. All but four were photographed at the Convention Center on the second day of the tournament.

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2			Ibrahima Sacko - Jahiem Watson, Orange NJ	60.80%	2			Justin Wong - Owen Li, Richmond Hill ON	60.05%
3			Erin Bayless - Abbey Lavelle, Williamsburg VA	57.14%	3			Joely Bayless, Williamsburg VA; Volunteer	54.90%
	2	1	Lucas Chang - Nicholas Harper, San Francisco CA	54.18%		2	1	Caleb Thompson - Aiden Gilbert, Williamsburg VA	54.36%
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3			Ashley Wang - Kara Lui, Morganville NJ	53.87%	3	1		Garrett Liu, Oakville ON; Raymond Huang, Richmond Hill ON	52.08%
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2	1		Vivian Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Ashlyn Bourgeois, Riverview NB	73.75%	2	1	1	Yunshan Wang - Tsz Fei Wang, North York ON	70.00%
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2			Ashley Wang - Kara Lui, Morganville NJ	53.83%	2	2		Justin Wong - Owen Li, Richmond Hill ON	58.63%
	1	1	Harry Wei - Eric Chen,	50.58%			1	Tyler Mu - Daren Liu, Williamsville NY	52.73%
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