

Daily Bulletin

2017 Youth NABC

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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 high-energy 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.

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



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



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



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



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

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 year.



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.

			SATURDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS					
			NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION W		
A	B	C				A	B	C
1	1		Michael Passucci, Clarence Center NY; Colleen Stewart, Williamsville NY	64.87%		1	1	
2			Ibrahima Sacko - Jahiem Watson, Orange NJ	60.80%		2		
3			Erin Bayless - Abbey Lavelle, Williamsburg VA	57.14%		3		
	2	1	Lucas Chang - Nicholas Harper, San Francisco CA	54.18%			2	1
			NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION X		
A	B	C				A	B	C
1	1	1	Daren Liu - Tyler Mu, Williamsville NY	56.45%		1		
2		2	Rizhe Jia - Yiwei Cao, Ottawa ON	56.05%		2		
3			Ashley Wang - Kara Lui, Morganville NJ	53.87%		3	1	1
							2	
			NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION W		
A	B	C				A	B	C
1			Ivy Li, Nepean ON; Jessica Chen, Ottawa ON	75.00%		1		
2	1		Vivian Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Ashlyn Bourgeois, Riverview NB	73.75%		2	1	1
3/4	2/3		Ibrahima Sacko - Jahiem Watson, Orange NJ	46.25%		3	2	
3/4	2/3	1	Michael Yan, Toronto ON; Ben Cheng, North York ON	46.25%				
			NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION X		
A	B	C				A	B	C
1			Michael Passucci, Clarence Center NY; Colleen Stewart, Williamsville NY	90.53%		1	1	
2			Ashley Wang - Kara Lui, Morganville NJ	53.83%		2	2	
	1	1	Harry Wei - Eric Chen,	50.58%				1
			EAST-WEST					
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			Soor Hansalia - Anjani Hansalia, Altamonte Spring FL	67.43%				
			Justin Wong - Owen Li, Richmond Hill ON	60.05%				
			Joely Bayless, Williamsburg VA; Volunteer	54.90%				
			Caleb Thompson - Aiden Gilbert, Williamsburg VA	54.36%				
			SATURDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS					
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			EAST-WEST					
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			Jake Warsaw, Menlo Park CA; Jacob Schireson, Stanford CA	78.75%				
			Yunshan Wang - Tsz Fei Wang, North York ON	70.00%				
			Isabel Daniels, Vernon Hills IL; Mandi Mu, Buffalo NY	46.25%				
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			EAST-WEST					
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			Garrett Liu, Oakville ON; Raymond Huang, Richmond Hill ON	71.10%				
			Justin Wong - Owen Li, Richmond Hill ON	58.63%				
			Tyler Mu - Daren Liu, Williamsville NY	52.73%				