## The kids have arrived - and they're having fun!



On Thursday morning, people who found themselves on the Atrium level of the Marriott might have wondered if there was a riot in progress near Room 707.

## No

worries. It was just opening day of the 11 th Youth NABC as hordes of young people converged to do what they like best - playing bridge. The players are naturally full of energy and raring to go, and the adults - mostly parents - are happy to see their children pursuing a hobby that has multiple benefits.

Austin TX resident Surbhi Chandak arrived in Atlanta with her two sons, Aaradhya, 9, and Aarav, 7. Aaradhya is playing in the tournament while his brother dreams of making his debut next year. "I just started bridge and I'm loving it," says Aarav. "You get to take tricks and there are two parts of the game: bidding and card play."


Chandak doesn't play bridge, but she says she is "pretty happy" about her sons' interest in the game. "I have to learn, I think," she says, noting that she can see that her son is learning how to compete as he adds partnership skills and logical thinking. "He will learn how to deal with all situations," Chandak says. "This learning will help him everywhere."

Aaradhya says he likes to play bridge because "it needs a lot of brain power, and you get to make


Adeline Young friends and see new people. It provides a very good challenge and is hard to master."

Tamyra Rumble is part of a 17-member contingent from Orange NJ. They traveled by bus to Atlanta along with a
group from Edison NJ.
Barbara Clark started teaching bridge to gifted and talented students in 2003. Now bridge is taught in four elementary schools in Orange and will start next year at the high school level.

The benefits for the students, Clark says, are many. Playing bridge helps the kids with their math skills, she says, and they see improvements in their concentration and focus. They learn to plan and develop strategies.

Denise Harlem, technical coordinator at the Park Avenue School in Orange, has been involved with bridge at the school for a decade, playing online and at the school's Friday club. The players, Harlem says, "are like a family, and the kids' parents are really supportive.'

Tamyra, who is so keen on the game that she is now teaching her older brother and parents to play, says she likes the game because "it's something I can do after school, and you have to think.'

Another group of regulars traveled to Atlanta from Bermuda, where John Burville, a semi-retired actuary, spends a lot of his time arranging for bridge to be taught in schools on the Island. At present, bridge is being taught in three different schools. Sixteen of the students are playing in the Youth


Surbhi Chandak, of Austin TX, with her sons Aaradhya, left, and Aarav.

NABC. "we've got some really keen kids," says Burville. He and Mike Viotti managed to talk the staff at the CedarBridge School to offer the game to students there.

Kalreta Conyers-Steede, deputy principal at the school, was so impressed with the game that she is now taking lessons and, according to Burville, "pushing the program."

The Bermuda group is made up of 12 new players and four who have attended in previous years.

One of the Bermuda players is Adeline Young, 18, who graduated from high school about a month ago and will soon head for college in Kingston ON, where she has already arranged for a bridge partner.

At this year's Bermuda Regional, Young won a trophy as the top masterpoint winner among Junior players. She played five sessions with five different partners to claim the trophy. Young says she likes bridge because "it's a challenge I like having my mind consumed by something, and most people in bridge are a lot of fun."

The two players featured on the front cover of this issue came all the way from Nome AK to play in the Youth NABC. Both are bridge students of Harley Bress, featured on the Thursday front cover. Kalie Knowlton, 14, says bridge is sometimes stressful because "some players take it seriously." Katie Kelso, 18, has noticed during play that on occasion "there's not a lot of time to think." That said, both agreed that playing bridge is fun.

## YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

All card play is in Room 707, Atruim level

Friday, August 3
10 a.m. \& BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL 2 p.m. 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, August 4

10 a.m. \& NATIONAL YOUTH SWISS
2 p.m. TEAMS
Two Sessions (one qualifying and one final session) Players must be available for both sessions.

10 a.m.
2 p.m.
Cardrook Pairs* Single Session Session
*Cardrook Pairs are games designed for lessexperienced players.

## Youth Award Ceremony

## Saturday, August 4 at 5:30 pm

Including Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award, Baron Barclay

Youth Pairs Scholarship and National Swiss Teams Scholarship

## Youth NABC winners on Day 1



Winners of Strat B North-South, Morning Youth Pairs: Katherine Hwang and Avery Silverstein.


First in Strat B, East-West, Morning Youth Pairs: Shi Chen and Hao Hao Chen.


First East-West, Strat B, East-West: William and Thomas Sutton.


First North-South, Strat B, Morning Cardrook Pairs: Sydney Blake, Brooke Thompson


They were tops in Strat B North-South, Morning Youth Pairs: Ross Cooper and Scott Gilbertson.


First North-South, Strat C, Morning Youth Pairs: Meredith Burkett and Kevin Jiang.


First North-South, Strat A,Morning Cardrook Pairs: Aaron Wang and Jamie Wang.


Tied for first East-West, Strat B, Morning Cardrook Pairs: Parker Stokes and Sunook Yoon


First in Strat C East-West, Morning Youth Pairs: Adeline Young and Shane Krueger.


First North-South, Strat A, Morning Youth Pairs: Jackson Games and Sungwook Jung.


First North-South, Strat B, Morning Cardrook Pairs: Daren Liu and Tyler Mu.


Tied for first East-West, Strat B, Morning Cardrook Pairs: Kayden Ge and Charlie Chen.
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## See more photos in Saturday's Youth Daily Bulletin

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

Gary Zeng, San Francisco CA; Samuel Gladkov, Atlanta GA
Jerry Shang, S Plainfield NJ; Kenneth Yao, Edison NJ
Kayleen Iguban - Lea Iguban, Virginia Beach VA
Daren Liu - Tyler Mu, Williamsville NY
Parker Stokes, Greenville NC; Sunook Yoon, Winterville NC Ariana Black - Martha Johnson, Orange NJ
Momo Sacko - Justin Dapoah, Orange NJ
Zachary Rediske, Maitland FL; William Qu, Williamsville NY Evan Rabinowitz, Williamsburg VA; Joely Bayless, Manassas VA Nathan Chow - Helen Chow, San Francisco CA
Liam Hamilton - Kenneth Quinlan, Williamsburg VA
Kendal Smith - Kaiden McKeoun, Williamsburg VA


First East-West in Strat A, Morning Cardrook Pairs: Brady Lyon and RJ Lyon.


First North-South in Strat A, Morning Cardrook Pairs: A'Rina Black and Martha Johnson.


First North-South in Strat A, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: Jerry Shang and Kenneth Yao.


First East-West in Strat B, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: Aiden Gilbert and Evan Rabinowitz.


First East-West in Strat A, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: Evan Rabinowitz and Joely Bayless.


First East-West in Strat B, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: Kenneth Quinlan and Liam Hamilton.


First East-West in Strat B, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: Lea Iguban and Kayleen Iguban.


First North-South in Strat B, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: Daren Liu and Tyler Mu.


First North-South in Strat A, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: Gabriella Morano and Max Morano.


First in Strat A, Afternoon Youth Teams: Cindy Zhang He, Max Cheng, Lauren Liu and Brandon Fong.


First East-West in Strat A, Morning Cardrook Pairs: Julia Huang and Sharon Mi.



First North-South in Strat B, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs: William Qu. His partner, Zachary Rediske, was unavailable.


Larry Steiner of Orlando, and his wife, Barb, are among the hardest workers for bridge in District 9 (Florida).

