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Youth NABC closes with record attendance



Open Pairs 1st: Winners of the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs: Kunal Vohra and Reese Koppel.

Among the players who attended the dinner at the end of the 11th Youth NABC at the Marriott on Saturday was the person who dreamed of the tournament more than a decade ago and has watched it become an important annual event on the ACBL calendar. That would be Patty Tucker of Atlanta.

Looking around the room of young players, she saw a variety of ages, races and cultures, all busy seeing old friends, making new ones and planning trips to next YNABC, next summer in Las Vegas.

"This is what it's about," said Tucker. "The kids have one thing in common. They all love to play bridge. There are no social barriers."

Attendance at the tournament was expected to top 240 players because of pre-registration numbers but fell two short of that number. It was, however, one better than last year's total.

It's impossible to have an event such as the Youth NABC and maintain quiet, but the sometimes-raucous gathering produced an unmistakable increase in the energy level in and around the playing areas.

"The kids have been really great," said Eveylyn Gilliard, YNABC chair. "They are more competitive than I expected, even the little ones. She praised the volunteers who helped out with the cardrook games and told interesting stories. Gilliard said one volunteer, a retired pediatrician, reported watching a young player declare a contract "better than I would have played it."

Parents weren't allowed in the playing areas, but they were keen observers nonetheless. Jodi Rabinowitz of Williamsburg VA was attending her first NABC and was impressed with the organization of the Youth tournament. She liked the central

location of the hotel and the food for the kids. "They actually ate their lunches," she said.

The contingent from Williamsburg, including Evan Rabinowitz, was put together by Jim Davis, who has been leading groups of young players to YNABCs for the past five years. This year's



Jim Davis

Williamsburg group numbers

Said Rabinowitz, "Mister Davis is a real hero here."

The players enjoy the exposure to other nationalities and cultures. Nya Runde of Orlando attended her second Youth NABC and noted, "It's amazing how many people are here and how diverse it is."

Williamsburg player Mary Gray is 17, very near to the upper age limit for participation in the tournament. "It's nice meeting a bunch of new kids, and it's kind of fun being the oldest one at the table," she said.

Barbara Traore, one of a large group from Orange NJ, said the competition is fun: "I like it when we're winning."

Recognizing winners is on the agenda at the tournament's closing dinner. Here they are:



National Youth Swiss Teams: First in the National Youth Swiss Teams: front, Jacob Freeman, Martin Zhao and Luke Williams; rear, Bo Han Zhu, Finn Kolesnik and John Dong.

Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs: Reese Koppel, Metairie LA, and Kunal Vohra, Alpharetta GA. The victory comes with a \$1,000 scholarship for each player.

National Youth Swiss Teams: Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Bo Han Zhu, Oakville ON; John Dong – Martin Zhao, Richmond Hill ON; Luke Williams, San Diego CA, and Finn Kolesnik, Ventura CA. The team will divide \$4,000 in scholarship money.

The third major trophy of the day went to Williamsburg's Ashley Thomas, chosen by the other players to receive the Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award. That honor also includes a \$1,000 scholarship.

When the school year starts this fall, Ashley will be a sophomore at Warhill High School in her home town. Pleased with being selected for the trophy, Ashley commented that "I always try to be nice." Although at present she is interested in community theater, Ashley said her ultimate goal is to become a veterinarian.

Other Saturday winners included the foursome captained by Avery Silverstein, winners of the Saturday Consolation Teams. Her teammates were Olivia Schireson, Lucas Huang and Jonathan Shi.

The Saturday morning Cardrook Pairs was won by Nathan and Helen Chow with a 71.67% game.

The Saturday afternoon Cardrook Pairs was won by William Qu and

Leondina Passucci with a 66.92% game.

Ashley Thomas: Winner of the Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award was Ashley Thomas of Williamsburg VA





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Youth NABC Saturday Morning Cardrook Pairs











First North-South in Strat A, Saturday morning Cardrook Pairs: Luna Liu and Mandi Mu.



First East-West in Strat B, Saturday Morning Cardrook Pairs: Greyson Fraysur and Nya Runde.



First North-South in Strat B, Saturday morning Cardrook Pairs: Nancy Yu and Chloe Chow.



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



First North-South in Strat C, Saturday morning Cardrook Pairs: Carolina Fernandez and Elizbeth Chapa.



First East-West in Strat A, Saturday Morning Cardrook Pairs: Helen Chow and Nathan Chow.



First North-South in Strat A, Saturday morning Cardrook Pairs: Gary Zeng and Samuel Gladov.









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				SATURDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS	
16.0 Ta	ables				
	A	В	C		
2.11	1			Nathan Chow - Helen Chow, San Francisco CA	71.67%
1.70	2	1		Mandi Mu - Luna Liu, Williamsville NY	68.33%
1.19	3			Momo Sacko - Justin Dapoah, Orange NJ	62.50%
0.89	4			Keith Yao - Kevin Dai, Edison NJ	60.47%
1.28	5	2	1	Kenneth Quinlan - Liam Hamilton, Williamsburg VA	59.28%
0.96	6	3	2	Precious Onyeagocha - Rahshanae Williams, Orange NJ	59.08%
0.72		4	3	Nancy Yu - Chloe Chow, San Francisco CA	57.49%
0.54		5		Mary Gray - Evan Rabinowitz, Williamsburg VA	55.96%
0.40		6		Markel Powell - Chibuihie Iherobiem, Orange NJ	55.83%
0.51			4	Carolina Fernandez - Elizabeth Chapa Guerra, San Pedro G G Mexico	52.50%
18 Tal	oles / B	Based on	34 Ta	SATURDAY NATIONAL YOUTH SWISS TEAMS	
10 140	A	B	C C	.oics	
10.47	1	Ь	C	Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Bo Han Zhu, Oakville ON; John Dong -	
10.17	•			Martin Zhao, Richmond Hill ON; Luke Williams, San Diego CA; Finn	
				Kolesnik, Ventura CA	85.34
7.85	2			Eric Chai, Marlboro NJ; Kyle Lui - Justin Wang - Eric Lou,	
				Morganville NJ	62.45
5.89	3			Rory Xiao, Fremont CA; Jonathan Yue, San Jose CA; Darwin Li,	
				Richmond Hill ON; Michael Serafini, Calgary AB; Harrison Luba,	
				Lynnfield MA; Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA	60.69
4.42	4			Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON;	
				Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Sarah Youngquist, Palo Alto CA	56.00
3.49	5			Ivan Marchant - James Marchant, Fairfax CA; Sarah Macharg - Matt	
2 00	_			Oakley, Reno NV	55.55
2.99	6			Andy Zhang - Lucy Zhang, Arcadia CA; Jasmine Xiong, Markham ON;	40.20
2.62	7			Sophia Chang, San Gabriel CA	49.28
2.62	7			Ariel Flaster - Ezra Mowbray, Menlo Park CA; Benjamin Darnell -	40.00
2 22	0			Alex Zheng, San Jose CA Violeng Wang, Papinin Zhu, Zhao Wang, Violeng Sang, Chantang	49.00
2.33	8			Yicheng Wang - Ruixin Zhu - Zhao Wang - Xichen Song - Chentong Qi - Juncan Huang, Beijing People's Republic of China	48.62
2.09	9			Jeffrey You, Nepean ON; Melody Zheng, Gloucester ON; Yiwei Cao,	46.02
2.09	9			Ottawa ON; Helena Hsieh, Naperville IL	47.03
				Ottawa G13, Helena Histori, Prapervino IE	47.03
				SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONSOLATION TEAMS	
15 Tab	oles				
	A	В	C		
3.47	1			Avery Silverstein, Ridgefield CT; Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA;	
• •	_	_		Lucas Huang - Jonathan Shi, Palo Alto CA	66.00
2.60	2	1		Thomas Sutton - William Sutton - Sungwook Jung - Jackson Games,	
1.05	2			Greenville NC	59.00
1.95	3	2	1	Ryan Tock, Mountain View CA; Kayden Ge - Brandon Ge, Cupertino	52.00
1.46	4			CA; Charlie Chen, San Hose CA	52.00
1.46	4			Han Wu, Markham ON; Samuel Li, North York ON; Sharon Mi - Julia	51.00
1 10	5	2	2	Huang, Mississauga ON Shiba Haa, Mingga Tang, Yuga Yia, Jingyang Wang, Tioniin	51.00
1.10	5	3	2	Shibo Hao - Mingze Tang - Yuze Xie - Jingyang Wang, Tianjin	46.00
0.66		1		People's Republic of China Isabel Daniels - Abby Daniels - Mary Daniels - Josie Daniels,	40.00
0.00		4		Vernon Hills IL	41.00
0.62		5	3	Ahzanai Smith, St Georges Bermuda; Gabriella Quinn-Sirera -	71.00
0.02		3	5	Sydney Deports Smiths Demonds Salayah Stongs Dembraks Demonds	28.00

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

Sydney Daponte, Smiths Bermuda; Salayah Stange, Pembroke Bermuda

15.0 Ta	bles /]	Based o	n 14 T	Tables	
	A	В	C		
1.95	1	1	1	William Qu, Williamsville NY; Leondina Passucci, Clarence Center NY	66.92%
1.46	2	2		Mandi Mu - Luna Liu, Williamsville NY	66.67%
1.10	3	3		Joshua Sikoryak - Jeremy Sikoryak, Loganville GA	66.17%
0.82	4			Donnie Chiang, Richmond Hill ON; Henry Wilder, Asheville NC	62.50%
0.62	5			Gary Zeng, San Francisco CA; Samuel Gladkov, Atlanta GA	60.33%
0.68	6	4		Yunshan Wang - Tsz Fei Wang, North York ON	60.00%
0.96		5	2	Linzhen Cai - Yanyan Cui, Tianjin People's Republic of China	59.17%
0.38		6		Mary Gray - Evan Rabinowitz, Williamsburg VA	57.50%
0.72			3	Carolina Fernandez - Elizabeth Chapa Guerra, San Pedro G G Mexico	52.50%
0.54			4	Calliope Cutzhins - Reese Harward, Atlanta GA	46.33%



Jeremy and Joshua Sikoryak, first East-West in Strat A, Saturday afternoon Cardrook Pairs



William Qu and Leondina Passucci, first North-South in Strat A, Saturday afternoon Cardrook **Pairs**



Yanyan Cui and Linzhen Cai, first East-West in Strat C, Saturday afternoon Cardrook Pairs



Brandon Ge, Ryan Tock, Kayden Ge and Charlie Chen, first in Strat C, Saturday afternoon Consolation Swiss.



Thomas Suhon, Jackson Games, Sean Jung and William Sutton, first in Strat B, Saturday afternoon Consolation Swiss.

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