



Daily Bulletin



These four players will be teammates in the Youth NABC that starts today. On Wednesday, they were playing in the Intermediate/Newcomer game to practice. They are Randy Pan, Beijing, China; Allison Hunt, Charlotte NC; Jason Miller, Tampa FL, and Rebecca-Lynn Bowers, Bluffton SC.



Suzanne Abrams and Patty Tucker.

School Bridge LEAGUE: Schools Use Cards to Increase Skills



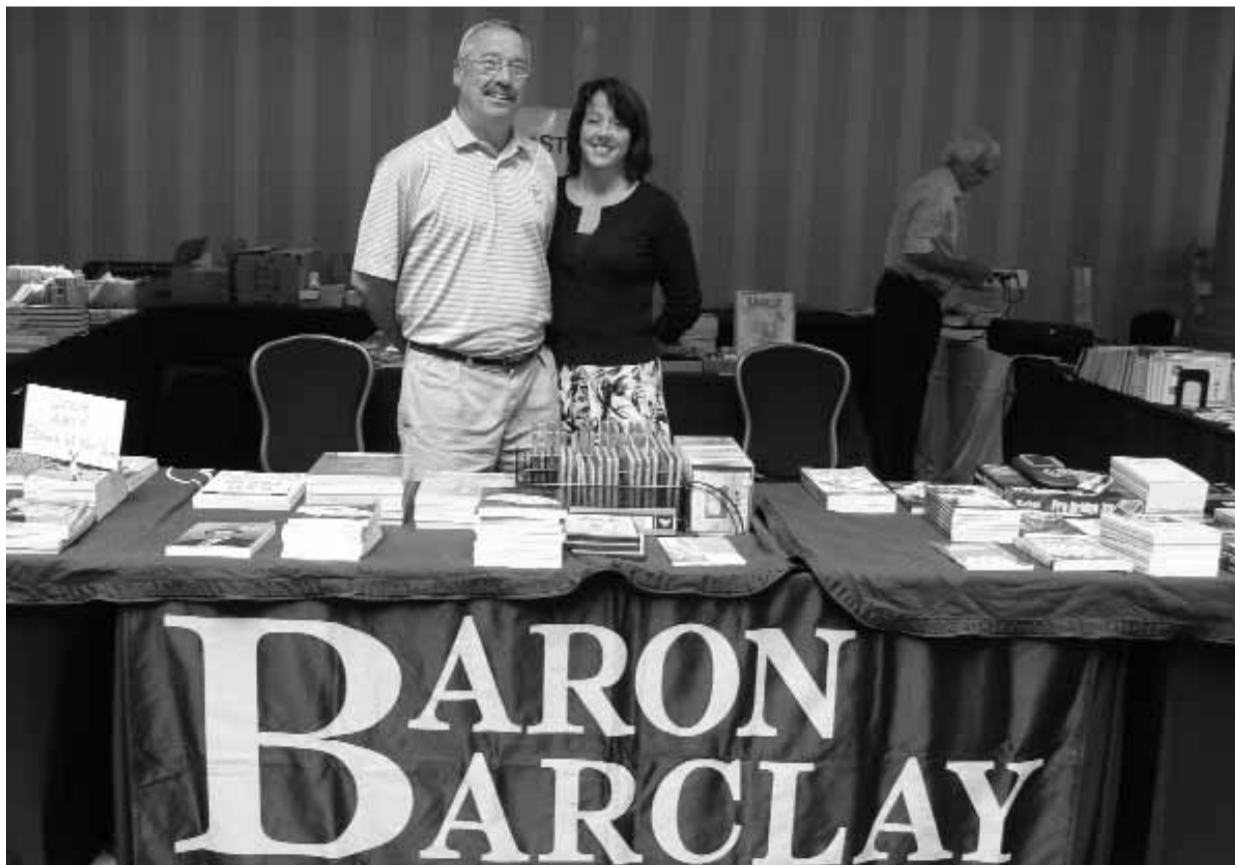
It's a whole new "deal" when it comes to playing cards at school as teachers discover the brain- and skills-building power of the game of bridge.

Fueling this in-school card craze is the School Bridge LEAGUE – a division of The LEAGUE – created through funding from bridge enthusiasts

and business leaders Bill Gates and Warren Buffett.

"The game of bridge is full of strategy and tactics," says Paula Alford-Johnson, Manager School Bridge LEAGUE. "It is part science, math, logic, reason and all fun. Plus bridge builds bridges as it embodies cooperation and team problem solving – and is linked to higher test

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Jim and Mimi Maier, Youth NABC sponsors.

Sponsor profile: Baron Barclay Bridge Supply

Jim Maier has played cards for a long time, and over the years he came to know a lot of bridge players, including Randy Baron, founder of the company that eventually became Baron Barclay Bridge Supply.

In 1990, Maier helped Baron expand his Louisville KY-based bridge supply company by buying Barclay Bridge Supplies, located in the New York City area.

Maier's wife, Mimi, had worked for Baron for about a year before the partnership began, and about three years ago, Maier bought out Baron.

"Randy wanted to do something else," Maier says.

The Maiers signed on as sponsors for the Youth NABC to help promote their business, but mainly, he says, "because we would like to see another generation of people become crazy about the game."

Maier is not a bridge expert, but he knows good books when he sees them – and enjoys traveling to NABCs to set up shop. "I like the bridge world," he says. "It's nice to have a business that revolves around other people having a good time."

Welcome to DC!

Here we are for our second Youth NABC. Make plans for fun, fun, fun!

Last year's director, Nancy Watkins, is back with us and she's already spotted several familiar faces from last year's event. Our adult NABC players have commented that they love seeing some young faces in the crowd. Many of you have come in early to sightsee and play a few warm-up games of bridge and I have heard nothing but compliments.

Today we'll kick off with a welcome to the tournament and the presentation of the first class of Youth Ambassadors and your elected Youth Advocate.

On Friday wear your favorite bridge tee shirt for the videographer who is going to join us for the next two days. You'll see them around filming, talking to parents and young players and catching the fun and excitement of the Youth NABC. We are hoping a few of you might even try out the piano in the playing area for him and show him we're not just about cards.

Also, on Friday morning many of the ACBL Juniors, some top-ranked players and ACBL members from foreign countries have promised to show up and answer your bridge questions or just talk to you about what the bridge world is like at their level and in their countries.

On Saturday morning, Astronaut Greg Johnson, who we met in Houston, has a presentation just for you, and he will be back Saturday night to award the Sportsmanship trophy.

We hope all of you will take these opportunities to make friends and really get to know your fellow

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Things You Should Know for the Youth NABC

- Registration will begin at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, in the foyer of the Thurgood Marshall Ballroom.
- All Youth NABC events will be played in the Marshall Ballroom.
- Box lunches are provided Thursday-Friday-Saturday for all multiple-session players.
- Youth lounges are located in the Taft and Taylor rooms off of the Marshall Ballroom.
- Parents and chaperones are not permitted to kibitz the players but are allowed to take photos during the first five minutes of each session.
- Parents and chaperones are welcome to attend the Winners' Reception Saturday evening following the final session of play.

School Bridge

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scores.”

So, what’s a kid to do if you want to play but don’t know how? Ask your teacher, of course. Thanks to School Bridge LEAGUE, everyone – kids and teachers alike – can learn to play and reap the brain-building benefits of bridge.

To get started, visit the School Bridge LEAGUE web site at www.schoolbridgeleague.org. Once there, teachers can register their class (for FREE) and order a “Bridge in a Box” learning kit. Also available are FREE, downloadable teaching units, links to lesson plans (coded to state educational standards) on how to incorporate bridge into existing curriculum as well as, tournament information, teacher training workshop information, news from schools nationwide and more.

School Bridge LEAGUE, for the second year, is proud to again be a sponsor of the Youth North American Bridge Championships. “We are thrilled to continue our sponsorship of this championship tournament as it unites students from all walks of life in a game that’s not only fun, but proven to enhance the critical thinking skills that are so important to helping kids succeed in school and in life,” says Ms. Alford-Johnson.

Also, again this year, School Bridge LEAGUE will be offering its “Teaching Critical Thinking Through Bridge” Workshop during the Youth NABC Tournament. This workshop training session teaches teachers how to play the game of Bridge and introduce it to their students. The multi-day day workshop is conducted by educators as well as ACBL members. It is designed for non-bridge playing teachers (4th through 8th grades) to provide the fundamentals of bridge and the classroom techniques to teach young people (students) how to play the game of bridge. By learning the game, and teaching it to their students, classroom teachers can give their students a decided edge in the learning process. This workshop has been successful in assisting teachers in bringing the game of bridge into the classroom! So please sign up and join us in Washington, DC.

School Bridge LEAGUE would also like to announce their 1st Annual School Bridge LEAGUE Tri-State (NY, NJ, CT) Interscholastic Tournament. This inaugural tournament will be on Saturday, August 8, 2009 at the Manhattan Bridge Club in New York City. We are inviting all of you to participate! If you are interested in having your students participate please contact paula@schoolbridgeleague.org ASAP for additional information.

School Bridge LEAGUE was formed to introduce the game of bridge to children and teachers in schools nationwide. It provides all the resources necessary for them to learn to play, hosting six virtual tournaments a year, along with an interactive web site. To date, more than 400 students in 65 schools are actively involved in the program. School Bridge LEAGUE is open to every school everywhere and is a division of The LEAGUE – formed to empower young people to “do good” by getting in the game of giving and making a positive difference in their communities.

The LEAGUE and School Bridge LEAGUE are simple to join. To find out more, visit www.schoolbridgeleague.org or www.theleague.org.

Welcome

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young players. It’s an opportunity to start building your youth community.

We have two youth lounges set up for games or just talk. So come down to the playing site around 9:30 or so every morning and experience all we have planned for you.

Our volunteers and chairpersons have worked very extremely hard to make this an event you’ll remember for the rest of your life!

Suzanne Abrams
Patty Tucker
Youth NABC Co-chairs

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For Your Entertainment

Thursday, July 30

Juggler John Chase will be on hand following the afternoon session with his high-energy juggling routine and comedic interactions. He’ll have you glued to the edge of your chair one minute and falling out of your chair with laughter the next. You don’t want to miss seeing this juggler’s exciting routine.

Don’t miss a reception, hosted by District 6, in honor of the youth, the parents and the sponsors of the 2nd annual Youth NABC this evening. The reception starts at 6:45 p.m. in the Wardman Tower, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.

Friday, July 31

Gabe is a part-time magician and a full-time college student who enjoys playing bridge on occasion. A graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, and currently a psychology major at Washington University in St. Louis, Gabe tries to put his knowledge and experience with the human mind to use in his magic. Be sure to stick around after the afternoon session of bridge. You may find some of his magic to be completely mind-warping.

Bridge for Parents - Start to Play

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon

This class is designed for those who are new to bridge. Students will learn the basic concepts of the game, including value of suits and cards, basic hand evaluation, bidding as an auction, trump suit versus Notrump hands and how the play proceeds around the table. Newcomers will be playing bridge before they realize it!

The instructor, Lois Geer, specializes in teaching beginners and keeps the class relaxed and fun. Check the Daily Bulletin for class location.

Bridge for Parents - Advance Your Game

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon

This class is for those who know the basics of the game and want to improve their skills. The focus will be on play of the hand by declarer. We will discuss the importance of making a plan before playing to trick one. Students will learn to think in terms of counting winners and losers, recognizing and avoiding the danger hand and when to draw or not to draw trumps. Participants will play hands designed to reinforce the concepts and let them use their growing knowledge.

The instructor, Shawn Stringer, teaches this class regularly at local sectionals and regionals, and she loves to see her students improving their games. Check the Daily Bulletin for class location.

Saturday, Aug. 1

Have You Been to Outer Space? Astronaut Greg Johnson has and he will be in DC to give a presentation. Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m., Greg will be in the Youth NABC playing area to talk to the players, answer questions and tell them what it’s like to be an astronaut. Greg will also be back for the Winners’ Reception Saturday evening to present the Sportsmanship trophy to the winner.

Cryptoquote #1

The following is a well-known bridge quote in code (letter substitution), followed by the name of the author of the quote. Be the first to report the correct answer to Patty Tucker and win a gift certificate from Baron Barclay.

“Zimlm’q bim ipdr xwa imvr ralcdn bim paebcwd?”

– Fpd Fpdcbqei gm

A look back at the 1st Youth NABC in Atlanta GA





We're ready to play

YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Washington DC, Summer, 2009

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH

10:30 a.m.	Youth Pairs & Cardrook Pairs	Single Session
3:00 p.m.	Youth Teams & Cardrook Pairs	Single Session

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST

10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.	BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS	2 Sessions
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Players must be available for both sessions.

10:30 a.m.	Cardrook Pairs	Single Session
3:00 p.m.	Cardrook Pairs	Single Session

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST

10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.	NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS	2 Sessions
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Teams must be available for both sessions.

10:30 a.m.	Cardrook Pairs	Single Session
3:00 p.m.	Cardrook Pairs	Single Session

(Cardrook Pairs are games designed for less experienced players)

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee for the 2009 Youth NABC is \$45. This includes entry fees for all events, access to the Youth Lounge, opportunities to compete for prizes and scholarships and admission to the Winner's Reception on Saturday.

ELIGIBILITY

Events are open to any player 19 years of age or younger with fewer than 5000 ACBL masterpoints (or equivalent) as of July 1, 2009.

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VENUE

All events will be played in the Thurgood Marshall Ballroom