



Daily Bulletin

Wexel troupe arrives seeking fun

Earlier this year, the Wexel clan of Lilburn GA was very busy raising money, selling raffle tickets, having bake sales and hosting a special tournament in Atlanta.

It was all so that six of the Wexel youngsters could attend the second Youth NABC in Washington.

Watch out for the Wexels: Jacob, 15; Ruth, 13; Peter, 12; Mary, 10, Isaac, 8 and Phoebe, 7.

Their mom, Laurie, doesn't play much, but she heartily approves of her children's new interest.

"Our children are home schooled," she says, "and I was interested when I read that Bill Gates and Warren Buffett were making an effort to have bridge taught in schools. Then I heard about Atlanta Junior Bridge." That was the beginning. The next step was the inaugural Youth NABC in Atlanta last year.

Laurie says the six children playing at this tournament (there are eight more young Wexels back in Lilburn) are "hooked on bridge. They love it. They play at home with each other."



The Wexels of Lilburn – front, Mary, Isaac and Phoebe; back, Ruth, Peter, Jacob and Laurie.

DIC job is 'my cup of tea'

Nancy Watkins, the one-time Queen of Giggle Bridge, now has a new, important job – director in charge of the Youth NABC – and she's loving every minute of it.

Watkins ran the first Youth NABC last year in the Atlanta area, and she made a special request to do it again this year.

That's a far cry from her start in bridge, in the late Nineties, when she and her late husband, Bill, taught themselves to play at their home in Alpharetta GA. After Bill died, Watkins started having informal games at her home. "Every Saturday night, people would come over," she says. "We had as many as 15 tables at a time in play."

Watkins recalls that the social bridge games were called Giggle Bridge – they were just for fun,

with no one keeping score – and she was the best player. She played her first duplicate game in Alpharetta, walking into the club and buying an entry without knowing the first thing about that form of the game. "My partner and I had 23%," she says.

It wasn't long before she was directing games at



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Sponsor profile: Robert and Joyce Hampton

Robert Hampton first learned bridge on a cruise in 2003, the same year he and his wife, Joyce, took up duplicate. There were some anxious moments because of what Robert had heard about the "serious" duplicate players.

Those misgivings were quickly dispelled, however, and the Hamptons took to the game almost immediately.

"I really enjoyed duplicate because of the ability to compare," says Robert.

The Hamptons, who live in Blytheville SC, enjoy bridge so much that they have become sponsors of the Youth NABC.

A retired tennis pro, Robert says he had some hard times growing up, and his son has had some problems, too, that are now behind him. "If he had found something like bridge," Hampton says, "this never would have happened."

Hampton says he has been very impressed with the youngsters he has met in the Youth NABC. "If this is the type of kid you meet," he



Bob and Joyce Hampton

says, "I want to be involved, and I'm proud to support people who make things happen."

A message from the President

Welcome to the Washington Youth North American Bridge Championships. What a tremendous opportunity to come together, play bridge against your peers, gain valuable bridge experience, and make lifelong friends that have similar interests!



I wasn't much older than many of you when I first took up bridge, and I can still remember the excitement that playing the game gave me. Many years later, the thrill of playing bridge remains.

As ACBL President, I'm especially interested in the development of bridge opportunities for younger players. We don't have many members in your age group, so it is important that we nurture any opportunity available to encourage you and other players your age to play duplicate bridge, and hope you'll urge your peers to try this game we all love.

If there is anything I can do to help make your Youth NABC experience the best possible, please let me know. You are the future of this game we all love. E-mail me at peanutcat@aol.com.

My best wishes to each of you for a successful and enjoyable tournament.

Jerry Fleming
ACBL President



Murphy Green, Youth Advocate, and Zandy Rizzo won Youth Pairs on Thursday.

Youth advocate is a winner

Murphy Green of Alpharetta GA is an up-and-coming young player with an important responsibility. The 15-year-old high school sophomore is the first Youth Advocate, and he got the job in a vote by his peers.

Patty Tucker, Youth Coordinator for the ACBL, says Green's role is to solicit ideas from other young players, prepare a synopsis and then submit proposals for consideration to ACBL management.

He's new on the job, so Green hasn't had a lot of input from other young players, but he is very much into the game. He and his regular partner, Zandy Rizzo, also of Alpharetta, racked up a 78.17% game in the afternoon warmup game at the Youth NABC on Thursday.

Green says he likes bridge "because you are constantly learning, and it never gets old. Bridge makes you think, and I like brain teasers."

Watkins

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the club, and she became an ACBL tournament director in 2002.

If there's one thing Watkins knows, it's the service business. Originally from Cincinnati, she moved to Albany GA to work for a medical products company but left that job to own and operate a gas station in Pembroke Pines (southern Florida). Before she sold the operation in 1988, her Amoco station sold more gasoline per pump than any other Amoco station in the state.

Back in the Atlanta area, she owned and operated the Southern Skillet Restaurant in Roswell. She sold that business in 2002 and retired, but she became bored and signed on with the ACBL as a TD. She moved to Cumming GA about four years ago.

With no one at home, she loves the nomadic life of the TD, and she specializes in sectionals. "I will never be an expert player, but I can be a really good director," she says, "and I like being on the road."

The experience with the young players last summer in Atlanta left her wanting more.

"I love the kids' enthusiasm," she says. "This is my cup of tea."

For Your Entertainment

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.

THURSDAY MORNING YOUTH OPEN PAIRS

21.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
5.06	1			Murphy Green - Zandy Rizzo, Alpharetta GA	78.17%
3.80	2	1		Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL; Ryan Miller, Tampa FL	74.40%
2.85	3	2	1	Saachi Hingorani - Aashna Choudhary, Alpharetta GA	70.83%
2.13	4	3		Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Peter Ku, Princeton Jct NJ	67.00%
1.63	5			Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA	65.48%
1.43	6	4	2	Amanda Pham, Marietta GA; Samuel Cai, Suwanee GA	64.68%
1.20		5	3	Kevin Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA	63.03%
1.14		6	4	Sherry Wu, Elmwood Park NJ; Brian Hamrick, Annadale VA	61.51%
0.86			5	Andrew Cavalier - Joshua Sablan, Pensacola FL	60.32%
0.82			6	William Dang, Alpharetta GA; Hakan Berk, Potomac MD	58.33%

THURSDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

9.0 Tables					
1.40	1	Randy Pan, Beijing People's Republic of China; Jason Miller, Tampa FL		75.86%	
1.05	2	Madeline Power, New Brunswick NB; Greg Nason, Moncton NB		67.75%	
0.79	3	Jamal Strickland - Drake Jones, Atlanta GA		59.08%	
0.70	4	Taylor Hamm, Riverview NB; Lindsay Cormier, Moncton NB		57.50%	
0.44	5	Nicholas Poirier - Keifer Bell, Moncton NB		54.61%	

THURSDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

24 Tables					
	A	B	C		
5.55	1	1		Kevin Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Peter Ku, Princeton Jct NJ; Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS	60.00
4.16	2			Zachary Brescoll, Versailles KY; Asya Ladyzhensky - Nikita Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL; Jesse Stern, Lutz FL	59.00
3.12	3	2	1	Kevin Lu, Mahwah NJ; Matthew Mayers, Franklin Lakes NJ; Sherry Wu, Elmwood Park NJ; Brian Hamrick,	57.00
2.34	4	3	2	Andrew Cavalier - Joshua Sablan, Pensacola FL; Peter Wexel - Jacob Wexel, Lilburn GA	56.00
1.76	5	4		Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL; Ryan Miller, Tampa FL; Ricoh Das, Alpharetta GA; Geoffrey Webb, Kelowna BC	53.00
1.32	6	5	3	Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL; Dan Emmons, Fairfax VA; Tim Rauen - Jonathan Haley, Alexandria VA	50.00
0.81		6	4	Rhyanna Melanson - Rhys Melanson, Ottawa Congo; Alexandre Xiao - Derek Smith, Kanata ON	46.00
0.46			5/7	Amanda Pham, Marietta GA; Samuel Cai, Suwanee GA; Ruth Wexel - Mary Wexel, Lilburn GA	44.00
0.46			5/7	Oren Kriegel, Skondia MI; Tage Kelkar, Norcross GA; Aashna Choudhary - Saachi Hingerani,	44.00
0.46			5/7	Alice Hu - Stephanie Willman - Michael Cline - Ivan Ding, Mays Landing NJ	44.00

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

9.0 Tables					
2.02	1	Madeline Powers, ; Greg Nason, Moncton NB		65.18%	
1.52	2	Nicholas Poirier - Keifer Bell, Moncton NB		62.36%	
1.14	3	Erin Langford - Lauren Langford, Atlanta GA		60.12%	
0.85	4	Khari King - Christopher Brown, Atlanta GA		59.55%	
0.71	5	Olivia Edstrom - Kristofer Edstrom, Opopka FL		57.86%	

Thanks to these volunteers who help the Youth NABC possible:

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Hoping to excel

Kids learn to play bridge

Count to thirteen, travel to

Washington DC

Crypto quote #2

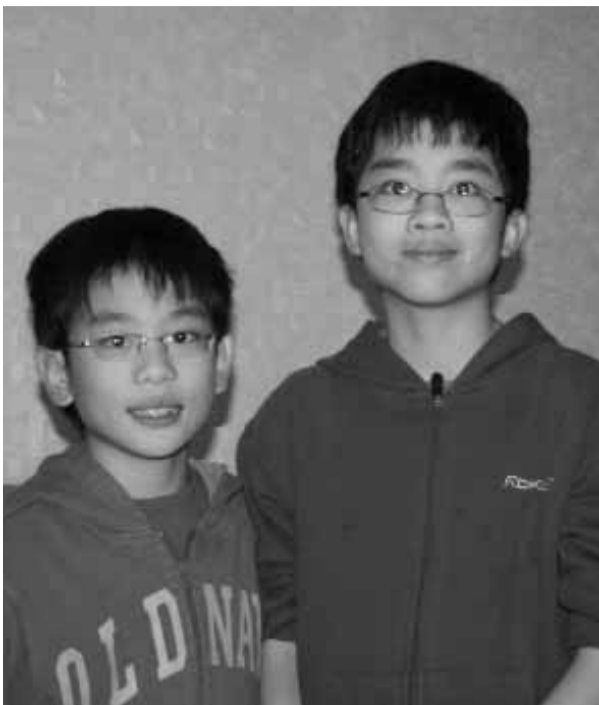
The following is a well-known bridge quote in code (letter substitution), followed by the name of the author of the quote. Be the first to report the correct answer to Patty Tucker and win a gift certificate from Baron Barclay.

"AU BDCCQL VNQLQ M FU, M GDA
DPXDZH BDIQ AQX JLMQAWH DC CNQ
ELMWFQ CDEPQ."

- BDLCMAD ADKLMCMPUKD



A day at the youth NABC



Richard Jeng, 9, and Andrew Jeng, 12, are playing in the Youth NABC. The brothers live in the Atlanta area.



Juggler John Chase performed for the Youth players after the afternoon session on Thursday.



Tiger Lili Williams of Elk Point SD was ready for young players at the Youth NABC to make their own shapes for souvenir pens. Plastic rods were heated up and bent into a variety of shapes, including hearts, stars and various twists.



These Atlanta-area players are enjoying the food at a reception given for attendees of the Youth NABC.



Winners of the Thursday Team Game: Victor Lamoureux, Peter Ku, Kevin Rosenberg and Jeffrey Schwartz.



Bridge teachers Terry O'Neill and Bobbie O'Neill brought this group of rising seventh graders from St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Bluffton SC to play here in Washington. The O'Neills offer after-school classes several times per week, and encourage their students to actively participate in club and tournament games in the Hilton Head area.



Jeff Meckstroth kibitzed the team match to learn some new tricks.

THURSDAY MORNING YOUTH OPEN PAIRS MORNING SESSION											
NORTH-SOUTH				SECTION A				EAST-WEST			
A	B	C			A	B	C				
1	1	1	Saachi Hingorani - Aashna Choudhary, Alpharetta GA	70.83%	1	1	Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL; Ryan Miller, Tampa FL	74.40%			
2	2		Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Peter Ku, Princeton Jct NJ	67.00%	2	2	Kevin Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA	63.03%			
3	3	2	Allison Hunt, Charlotte NC; Rebecca-Lynn Bowers, Bluffton SC	53.97%	3	3	Andrew Cavalier - Joshua Sablan, Pensacola FL	60.32%			
4			John Maguire, Moncton NB; Maya Kelkar, Norcross GA	53.17%	4		Arjun Dhir - Angie Green, Alpharetta GA	55.95%			
	4		Hunter Smith - Mili Raina, Alpharetta GA	50.99%		4	3	Tim Rauen - Jonathan Haley, Alexandria VA	55.89%		
						4	4	Sean Kelley - Erin Doering, Bluffton SC	51.98%		
NORTH-SOUTH				SECTION B				EAST-WEST			
A	B	C			A	B	C				
1			Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA	65.48%	1			Murphy Green - Zandy Rizzo, Alpharetta GA	78.17%		
2	1	1	Sherry Wu, Elmwood Park NJ; Brian Hamrick, Annadale VA	61.51%	2	1	1	Amanda Phan, Marietta GA; Samuel Cai, Suwanee GA	64.68%		
3	2	2	William Dang, Alpharetta GA; Hakan Berk, Potomac MD	58.33%	3	2	2	Alexander Saalfeld - Chandler Saalfeld, Bluffton SC	55.95%		
4	3	3	Justin Campagna - Matthew Boucher, Riverview NB	55.95%	4	3	3	Dominick Webb, Salem IA; Brach Prough, Mt Pleasant IA	53.57%		
4	4	4	Tage Kelkar, Norcross GA; Oren Kriegel, Skondia MI	48.81%							
THURSDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS MORNING SESSION											
NORTH-SOUTH				SECTION D				EAST-WEST			
1			Taylor Hamm, Riverview NB; Lindsay Cormier, Moncton NB	57.50%	1			Randy Pan, Beijing People's Republic of China; Jason Miller, Tampa FL	75.86%		
2			Shareet Singh - Theresa Ahn,	52.27%	2			Madeline Power, New Brunswick NB; Greg Nason, Moncton NB	67.75%		
3			Isaac Wexel - Phoebe Wexel, Lilburn GA	51.08%	3			Jamal Strickland - Drake Jones, Atlanta GA	59.08%		
4			Lauren Langford - Erin Langford, Atlanta GA	50.40%	4			Nicholas Poirier - Keifer Bell, Moncton NB	54.61%		
THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS											
NORTH-SOUTH				SECTION D				EAST-WEST			
1			Erin Langford - Lauren Langford, Atlanta GA	60.12%	1			Madeline Powers, ; Greg Nason, Moncton NB	65.18%		
2			Olivia Edstrom - Kristofer Edstrom, Opopka FL	57.86%	2			Nicholas Poirier - Keifer Bell, Moncton NB	62.36%		
3			Jennifer Molson, Hollywood FL; Taylor Compton, Dallas TX	54.87%	3			Khari King - Christopher Brown, Atlanta GA	59.55%		
4			Isaac Wexel, Lilburn GA; Amanda Harper, Winter Park FL	53.12%	4			Jamal Strickland - Drake Jones, Atlanta GA	57.81%		



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FRIDAY, JULY 31ST

10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

**BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL
YOUTH OPEN PAIRS**

2 Sessions

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

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