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They came all the way from Mount Pleasant IA in three vans. Front, Brynjar Johnston, Brach Prough and Jessica Tone; second row, Jasmin Tone, Shaylee Crile and Hannah Taylor; back row, Blake Carel, Dominick Webb, Rose Steffenmeier, Courtney Zook and Devin Peer.

Atlanta Junior Bridge well represented at Youth NABC

Young players have flocked to Washington DC from all over the U.S. – and some have some from overseas – but no group is better represented than Atlanta Junior Bridge.

AJB Secretary MaryJo VanWinkle proudly notes that 41 young players from the Atlanta area are competing in the Youth NABC. She is thrilled to see how much fun they are having.

Bridge, VanWinkle says, is an ideal pastime for the kids because it teaches them social skills plus respect for and tolerance of differences. “Bridge is a great equalizer and a great ice breaker. They make friends quickly.”

She has been teaching the game you youngsters since renowned teacher Pat Harrington visited Atlanta and taught 30 adults how to teach the game to young people – and VanWinkle says she is having a ball at the pursuit.



MaryJo VanWinkle (xx) with some of the Atlanta Junior Bridge players attending the Youth NABC.

“Children have no fear,” she says, “and they constantly ask why, which is great. Also, they aren’t afraid to make mistakes – and they all start out wanting to bid 7NT.”



Many parents have accompanied their children to Washington DC so the youngsters can play in the Youth NABC. For the adults who don't know how to play, there was a class (continued today) for teaching the game to parents. There is another class for parents who already know how to play but want to improve.

Patchett, Stern prevail In Youth Open Pairs



Open Pairs winners Jesse Stern and Jourdain Patchett.

There was some drama in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs on Friday, as a couple of score corrections had first and second in the event flip-flopping. In the end, however, the championship went to a pair of Florida players – Jourdain Patchett of Sarasota and Jesse Stern of Lutz.

Second were Andrew Dubay, Voorheesville NY, and Zachary Grossack, Newton MA. In third were Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL and Sean Gannon, Atlanta.

Patchett and Stern were in first place by one-third of a board (11 top) after the final tally, but a

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Sponsor profile: Phil Gordon



Another of the loyal sponsors of the Youth NABC is Phil Gordon of Henderson NV, who has made his mark in bridge and poker.

In fact, Gordon says, “I have two goals. I want to win the Bermuda Bowl and a bracelet at the World

Series of Poker. It will happen!” These are strong words, but success has come early and often to Gordon. He started college at age 15 and was a retired multi-millionaire at 26.

Playing games with his family was an important part of his youth, and the competition was fierce. “I played cards all my early life. My whole family played. Whether it was cards, scrabble or Boggle, we played for blood,” he says. This was a good background for a bridge or poker player.

Gordon learned bridge from his great-aunt, Lib Lucas. He attended college at Georgia Tech in Atlanta and began playing bridge “from my first day there.” Eventually, he improved his game and graduated to duplicate bridge. Players at the local club encouraged him. “Patty Tucker played with me. Besides being a mentor, she was a friend, partner and teammate.”

He has won the Bean Red Ribbon Pairs and the national Open Swiss Teams, just last year. He has also won two World Poker Tour titles and has written three books on the card game.

Youth Open Pairs

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score correction dropped them to second, putting Dubai and Grossack into first. A second score correction, however, restored the standings to the original configuration. The final margin increased to one and one-third boards.

The winners each receive a \$1000 scholarship from sponsor Baron Barclay Bridge Supply. The runners-up each take home a copy of Bridge Baron 2000, thanks to the North American Youth Bridge Foundation.

Thanks to these volunteers who help the Youth NABC possible:

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	Kevin Lamb
	Ellinor Legg
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Dan Emmons	Laurie Wexel
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Bryan Geer	

Cryptoquote #3

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.

PA CLN LQ VWMXZ CJN LG LV
OWABADFQ J HAWQF NFGFPQF..

- KLNFMQ KAE

Richard Jeng of Johns Creek GA was the first winner of a \$25 gift certificate for successfully deciphering the quote: "Where's the hand you held during the auction?" - Jan Janitschke.

Second winner is Victor Lamoureux of Dartmouth NS. The quote was: "No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table." - Martina Navritalova.

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Brian Gunnell, who wrote the analysis books for the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs, has examined three deals in light of the actual action at the table. Read what he has to say on page 10.

Bridge for Parents - Start to Play

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

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.



Second in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs: Andrew Dubay and Zachary Grossack.



Third in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs: Sean Gannon and Adam Kaplan.

BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS

16.0 Tables / Based on 32 Tables

16.54	1	Jourdain Patchett, Sarasota FL; Jesse Stern, Lutz FL	70.45%
12.41	2	Andrew Dubay, Voorheesville NY; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA	69.95%
9.30	3	Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Sean Gannon, Atlanta GA	64.27%
6.98	4	Zandy Rizzo - Murphy Green, Alpharetta GA	64.25%
5.23	5	Thomas Walsh, Saskatoon SK; Joshua Holt, Alexandria VA	63.65%
4.34	6	Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA	63.31%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH CONSOLATION PAIRS

8.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.94	1	1	1	David Yoon - Jason Yas, Bayside NY	68.51%
2.21	2			Karan Vohra, Alpharetta GA; Surabhi Ghai, Wayne PA	63.17%
1.65	3	2		Oren Kriegel, Skondia MI; Tage Kelkar, Norcross GA	59.18%
1.47	4	3	2	Ruth Wexel - Mary Wexel, Lilburn GA	58.24%
1.03	5	4	3	Sarah Chen, Fresh Meadows NY; Linda Cai, Bayside NY	56.33%
0.74		5	4	Hanning Zhang - Edward Li, Bayside NY	53.12%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

10.0 Tables

3.27	1	Jamal Strickland - Drake Jones, Atlanta GA	64.99%
2.45	2	Madeline Power, Moncton NB; Gary Nason, Bothell WA	62.18%
1.84	3	Allison Dykeman, Dieppe NB; Mattea Roach, Duppe NB	60.24%
1.38	4	Julia Abelsky, Atlanta GA; Ethan Ableman, McLean VA	59.12%
1.03	5	Eric Rodriguez, Germantown TN; Nassem Yousef, Cordova TN	57.35%
0.82	6	Alexandre Xiao, Kanata ON; Lindsay Cormier, Moncton NB	57.17%

A day at the Youth NABC



Who needs a table? These guys decided the floor works just fine for a quick hand between sessions.



After the morning session, players check out the analysis book to see the best way to bid the hands.



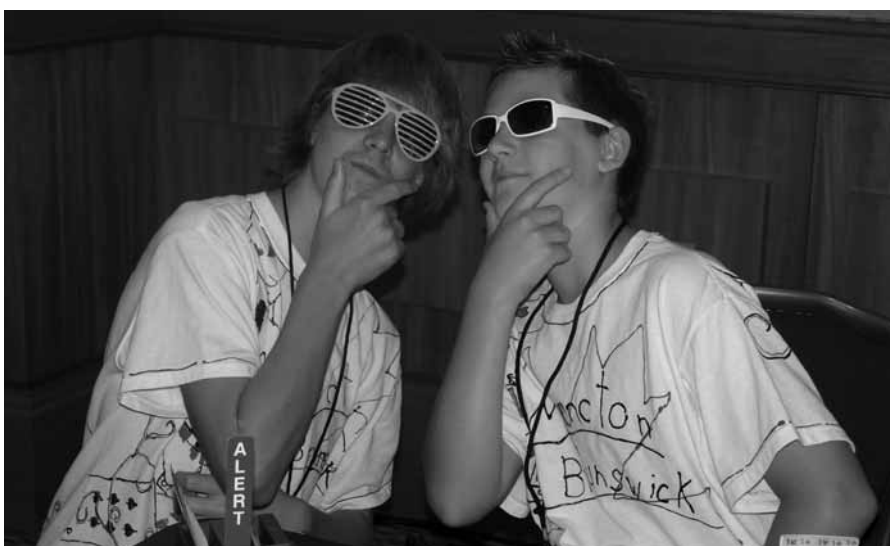
Player Amanda Harper of Winter Park FL is enjoying the Youth NABC.



Youth Ambassador Jasmin Tone of Mt. Pleasant IA.



Winners of the Friday morning Cardrook Pairs: Jack Matthews, 12, of Riverview NB, and Nassem Yousef, 10, of Memphis TN.



The coolest guys in the whole tournament.



These Atlanta players posed for the camera: Malcolm Strickland, 9, Drake Jones, 12, Khari King, 12, and Grace Kelly, 17.

NORTH-SOUTH	
1	C. Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC; John Marriott III, Cary NC
2	Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA
3	Zandy Rizzo - Murphy Green, Alpharetta GA
4	Zachary Brescoll, Versailles KY; Anum Tebha, Las Vegas NV
5	Elliott Gordon, Austin TX; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN
6	Kevin Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA
7	Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Sean Gannon, Atlanta GA
8	Ricoh Das, Alpharetta GA; Geoffrey Webb, Kelowna BC
9	Friederike Ach, Cliffside Park NJ; W Jacob Branch, Winchester VA
10	Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Peter Ku, Princeton Jnct NJ

NORTH-SOUTH	
1	Jack Matthews, Moncton NB; Nassem Yousef, Cordova TN
2	Eric Rodriguez, Germantown TN; Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN
3	Aidan Kedzierski - Hannah Kedzierski, Marietta GA
4	Isaac Wexel, Lilburn GA; Amanda Harper, Winter Park FL

BARON BARCLAY YOUTH PAIRS FRIDAY MORNING 1ST QUALIFYING SESSION

SECTIONS A B		EAST-WEST	
66.82%	1	Jourdain Patchett, Sarasota FL; Jesse Stern, Lutz FL	67.01%
61.44%	2	Thomas Walsh, Saskatoon SK; Joshua Holt, Alexandria VA	62.29%
60.93%	3	Hunter Smith - Mili Raina, Alpharetta GA	62.12%
60.76%	4	Dan Emmons, Fairfax VA; Bradley Sevcik, Olmsted Falls OH	61.64%
59.98%	5	Andrew Dubay, Voorheesville NY; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA	61.47%
59.86%	6	Asya Ladyzhensky - Nikita Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL	60.37%
59.11%	7	Tim Rauen - Jonathan Haley, Alexandria VA	60.12%
57.12%	8	Sherry Wu, Elmwood Park NJ; Brian Hamrick, Annadale VA	57.36%
56.44%	9	David Soukup, Arlington VA; Burke Snowden, Ft Collins CO	55.63%
55.52%	10	Andrew Cavalier - Joshua Sablan, Pensacola FL	53.75%

FRIDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS ONLY SESSION

SECTION D		EAST-WEST	
76.95%	1	Keifer Bell - Nicholas Poirier, Moncton NB	62.64%
68.94%	2	Minni Mouse, Washington DC; Chris Cannon, Atlanta GA	61.93%
62.79%	3	Allison Dykeman, Dieppe NB; Mattea Roach, Duppe NB	60.44%
49.89%	4	Tony White, Riverview NB; Seongyoung Han, Moncton NB	51.63%

FRIDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

9.5 Tables			
3.27	1	Jack Matthews, Moncton NB; Nassem Yousef, Cordova TN	76.95%
2.45	2	Eric Rodriguez, Germantown TN; Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN	68.94%
1.84	3	Aidan Kedzierski - Hannah Kedzierski, Marietta GA	62.79%
1.63	4	Keifer Bell - Nicholas Poirier, Moncton NB	62.64%
1.14	5	Minni Mouse, Washington DC; Chris Cannon, Atlanta GA	61.93%
0.82	6	Allison Dykeman, Dieppe NB; Mattea Roach, Duppe NB	60.44%





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YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Washington DC, Summer, 2009

All play in Thurgood Marshall SW

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.

VENUE

All events will be played in the Thurgood Marshall Ballroom

NORTH-SOUTH	
1	Jourdain Patchett, Sarasota FL; Jesse Stern, Lutz FL
2	Zandy Rizzo - Murphy Green, Alpharetta GA
3	Elliott Gordon, Austin TX; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN
4	Zachary Brescoll, Versailles KY; Anum Tehba, Las Vegas NV
5	Randy Pan, Beijing People's Republic of China; Jason Miller, Tampa FL
6	Kevin Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA

BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS FINAL SESSION			
SECTION C		EAST-WEST	
62.12%	1	Andrew Dubay, Voorheesville NY; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA	63.83%
58.33%	2	Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Sean Gannon, Atlanta GA	59.09%
57.58%	3	Asya Ladyzhensky - Nikita Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL	57.39%
56.63%	4/5	Thomas Walsh, Saskatoon SK; Joshua Holt, Alexandria VA	57.20%
56.25%	4/5	Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA	57.20%
54.73%	6	David Soukup, Arlington VA; Burke Snowden, Ft Collins CO	53.98%

NORTH-SOUTH			
A	B	C	
1	1	1	Ruth Wexel - Mary Wexel, Lilburn GA
2	2	2	Sarah Chen, Fresh Meadows NY; Linda Cai, Bayside NY
3	3	3	Hanning Zhang - Edward Li, Bayside NY

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CONSOLATION PAIRS AFTERNOON SESSION			
SECTION B		EAST-WEST	
A	B	C	
58.24%	1	1	David Yoon - Jason Yas, Bayside NY
56.33%	2	1	Karan Vohra, Alpharetta GA; Surabhi Ghai, Wayne PA
53.12%	3	2	Oren Kriegel, Skandia MI; Tage Kelkar, Norcross GA
		2	Michael Cline - Ivan Ding, Mays Landing NJ

NORTH-SOUTH	
1	Jamal Strickland - Drake Jones, Atlanta GA
2	Madeline Power, Moncton NB; Gary Nason, Bothell WA
3	Alexandre Xiao, Kanata ON; Lindsay Cormier, Moncton NB
4	Aidan Kedzierski - Hannah Kedzierski, Marietta GA

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS AFTERNOON SESSION			
SECTION D		EAST-WEST	
64.99%	1	Allison Dykeman, Dieppe NB; Mattea Roach, Duppe NB	60.24%
62.18%	2	Julia Abelsky, Atlanta GA; Ethan Ableman, McLean VA	59.13%
57.17%	3	Eric Rodriguez, Germantown TN; Nasseem Yousef, Cordova TN	57.35%
52.09%	4	Keifer Bell - Nicholas Poirier, Moncton NB	55.74%

Advocate's job is to help Junior players

Bryan Delfs of Kenosha WI has been named to the newly created post of Junior Advocate. Delfs explains his new role.

"My job is to get in contact with other Junior players to get their questions, comments and opinions. I will then forward these to appropriate officials at the unit, district or national level. My goal is to bridge the communication gap between the growing number of young players and ACBL officials."

Delfs, 24, has been playing duplicate bridge six years. He was a member of the U.S. squad that participated in the 2008 University Bridge Championship in Lodz, Poland.

Delf will serve as Junior Advocate for one year. His term expires at next year's Summer NABC, when a new advocate will be named.

To contact Delfs, visit www.youth4bridge.org, where you'll find all the important news and information about ACBL's bridge programs for young people.

