



# Daily Bulletin



Winners of the National Youth Swiss Teams: Sean Gannon, Andrew Dubay, Adam Kaplan, Jesse Stern, Adam Grossack and Jourdain Patchett. The team will be awarded \$4000 in scholarship money.



These players were named on Saturday as Youth Ambassadors. Each is nominated for the position by his or her district director for exhibiting high ethical standards, excellent sportsmanship and a passion for the game. The full list of Youth Ambassadors is on page 2.



Angie Green of Alpharetta GA was selected in a vote by the other Youth NABC players as the recipient of the Sportsmanship Trophy. The vote was very close, and Green is shown with the other two players who received a lot of support for the award: Olivia Edstrom of Apopka FL and Richard Jeng of Duluth GA.

## Gates wows young players



Bill Gates stopped by the Youth NABC to say hello to the young players.

Microsoft founder Bill Gates is not a rock star, but he got the rock star treatment in a surprise appearance at the Youth NABC on Saturday.

Gates arrived as the young players were taking a lunch break between sessions of the National Youth Swiss Teams.

Addressing the young players, Gates said, "It's great to see you playing bridge. You make mistakes, but it's fun because you can try not to make the same mistakes again."

Gates and his friend Warren Buffett have helped fund an effort to get more schools to teach bridge to young player. Buffett, Gates said, "got me involved in bridge in a pretty deep way."

Mobbed by the young players and enthusiastically applauded, Gates signed autographs and chatted with the youngsters before departing for his own bridge game. He is playing in the Open Swiss Teams.

"We need a lot more young players in this game," he said.

Youth NABC Co-Chair Patty Tucker said she was impressed that Gates took time out to drop in on the tournament. "It sends the message that bridge important and good for the kids," she said.

## Youth tournament gets big parental endorsement



Kevin Rosenberg with his world champion mom, Debbie.

In her 25 years of playing tournament bridge, Debbie Rosenberg says, seeing a young person at a bridge table was a truly unusual event, which made the scene at the second Youth NABC all the more exciting for her.

Surveying the room full of young players laughing and cutting up, she said, "This is huge."

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## Youth Tournament

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I'm actually more excited than Kevin," a reference to her 12-year-old son, one of the competitors.

That's mostly, she said, because Kevin is used to attending chess tournaments with lots of other young players (he has a high national ranking among chess players his age). In Washington, she said, Kevin has been having a lot of fun at bridge.

An NABC attendee since he was born, Kevin started playing about three years ago in intermediate/newcomer games.

"He just likes to play for fun," Debbie said. "He is more interested in card play than bidding, and he has read all the Victor Mollo books. He likes squeezes."

## Youth Ambassadors

Murphy Green, Alpharetta GA.

Aled Iaboni, Truro NS.

Zachary Rosenberg, Montreal QC.

Ricoh Das, Alpharetta GA.

Arjun Dhir, Alpharetta GA.

Angie Green, Alpharetta GA.

Mili Raina, Alpharetta GA.

Zandy Rizzo, Alpharetta GA.

Monali Shah, Alpharetta GA.

Ashish Shah, Alpharetta GA.

Hunter Smith, Alpharetta GA.

Richard Jeng, Duluth GA.

Andrew Jeng, Duluth GA.

Maya Kelkar, Norcross GA.

Amanda Pham, Atlanta GA.

Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL.

Sarah Manning, Pensacola FL.

Jesse Stern, Lutz FL.

Jasmin Tone, Mount Pleasant IA.

Tom Walsh, Saskatoon SK.

Edmund Wu, San Francisco CA.

*Murphy Green is the Youth Advocate.*

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## Cryptoquote #4

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.

"PZMQ LAXQSN EN X FZZU  
KEU.....KMS ZJ NZOA ZSLAQ LXJU."

- AUFXQ BXKGXJ

## A message from the Co-Chairs



Thank you for coming to the great Youth NABC. Our local volunteers provided a great venue, superb entertainment and exceptional support.

Jeff Johnston, Vicki Campbell, Dana Norton, Brent Manley and Paul Linxwiler deserve many thanks for their excellent work in making everything smooth and easy.

We ended the tournament with 168 players from 22 states, five provinces and four countries. Our tournament had a total of 214 tables of bridge play.

We don't think the young players could possibly have had more fun than we did, but I hope you all had a great time and earned lots of masterpoints.

*Suzanne Abrams  
Patty Tucker  
Youth NABC Co-Chairs*



*Runners-up in the National Youth Swiss Teams: Andrew Jeng, Murphy Green, Richard Jeng and Zandy Rizzo.*



*Third place in the National Youth Swiss Teams went to Alex Hudson, Tom Walsh, John Marriott III and Joshua Holt.*

## A Note from Canada

*By Helen Smith*



The Youth NABC has included many young people from many places. Stephen Leacock Public School is in Kanata, Ontario, Canada, a suburb of the nation's capital city, Ottawa.

This year, four students from the school are here in Washington

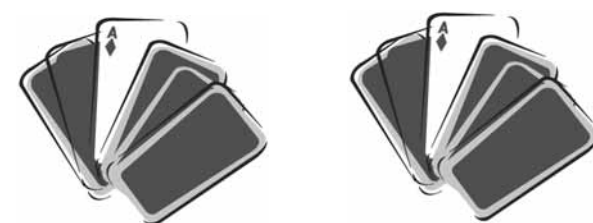
DC. Rhys, Rhyanna, Alex and Derek learned in late May that the School Bridge League wanted to send them to Washington.

Wow!

Thanks to the hard work of Paula Alford Johnson, the four players and eight family members are here. They were pleased with their finish at the team event and they all played again on Friday morning.

In between, they've been exploring Washington's tourist attractions, especially the Smithsonian Institute. On Saturday, there was more bridge before everyone headed home on Sunday.

Thanks to the committee who organized the tournament. What a great experience!



*Aidan and Hannah Kedzierski*

## Sister Act

Two of the most charming young players at the Youth NABC are sisters Aidan and Hannah Kedzierski of Marietta GA.

Aidan, 10, and Hannah, 8, enjoyed themselves immensely at the tournament.

Says Aidan, "Our mom thought we would like to play cards, so she signed us up for a bridge camp."

Lately they have been playing at Priscilla Smith's Ruff 'n Sluff Bridge Club in their home town.

"We like bridge because you're always learning new conventions," says Aidan. Adds her sister: "I just like cards."

Their mother, Lydia Kedzierski, is not a bridge player - yet. "I'm learning," she says.

She says she saw a sign at a local library for the bridge camp and has been delighted with her daughters' interest in the game. "It's good for them," she says. "They are really enjoying the tournament."

# A day at the Youth NABC



*Jennifer Molson and her mom, world champion Janice Seamon-Molson, during the National Youth Swiss Teams on Saturday.*



*Amanda Harper of Winter Park FL shows off a hat autographed by Bill Gates on Saturday. The 10-year-old said she met the Microsoft founder in Nashville a couple of years ago. "He told me to keep track of all the cards," she said. "He is a nice man and not scared to talk to people."*



*Bill Gates attracted a lot of attention when he made an appearance at the Youth NABC on Saturday.*



*Jason Lee, 18, of San Francisco CA, playing a casual hand after the session.*



*These Ottawa ON siblings attended the Youth NABC: Pierce Melanson, 7, Rhys Melanson, 9, and Rhyanna Melanson, 11.*



*Astronaut and Life Master Greg Johnson attended the Youth NABC on Saturday, and spoke with the participants. Johnson signs an autograph for a fan.*



*Mary Beth Shaw presents a grant check from the ACBL Educational Foundation to Zip Mettenburg of the Mt. Pleasant Duplicate Bridge Club in Iowa. The grant will be used for research into how bridge-playing students compare academically to non-playing peers.*



They won the CardrOOK Pairs on Saturday: Olivia Edstrom and Kristofer Edstrom.



They were second in the CardrOOK Pairs on Saturday at the Youth NABC: Rhyanna and Rhys Melanson.

## Junior Ambassadors

Bryan Delfs	Pleasant Prairie WI
Andrew Carver	Edwardsville IL
Kevin Dwyer	Fort Myers FL
Jeffrey Donald	Hoover AL
Howard Liu	Naperville IL
Brendan Byrne	Roseville MN
Eric Mayefsky	Palo Alto CA

*Bryan Delfs is the Junior Advocate*



### SATURDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

10.0 Tables

3.27	1	Lindsay Cormier, Moncton NB; Taylor Hamm, Riverview NB	71.69%
2.45	2	Nassem Yousef - Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN	66.07%
1.84	3	Jack Matthews, Moncton NB; Eric Rodriguez, Germantown TN	61.40%
1.38	4	Keifer Bell - Nicholas Poirier, Moncton NB	57.74%
1.14	5	Hannah Kedzierski - Aidan Kedzierski, Marietta GA	55.95%
0.78	6	Rhyanna Melanson - Rhys Melanson, Ottawa ON	54.56%

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

8.0 Tables

2.94	1	Kristofer Edstrom - Olivia Edstrom, Apopka FL	65.48%
2.21	2	Rhyanna Melanson - Rhys Melanson, Ottawa ON	62.50%
1.65	3	Allison Dykeman, Dieppe NB; Mattea Roach, Duppe NB	58.33%
1.24	4	Piper Ziebarth - Nassem Yousef, Cordova TN	55.95%
1.03	5	Taylor Compton, Dallas TX; Jennifer Molson, Hollywood FL	55.36%

## NATIONAL YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

28 Tables

	A	B	C		
14.96	1			Adam Grossack, Newton MA; Sean Gannon, Atlanta GA; Andrew Dubay, Voorheesville NY; Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL; Jesse Stern, Lutz FL; Jourdain Patchett, Sarasota FL	95.00
11.22	2			Murphy Green - Zandy Rizzo, Alpharetta GA; Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA	90.00
8.42	3			John Marriott III, Cary NC; C. Alex Hudson, Raleigh NC; Joshua Holt, Alexandria VA; Thomas Walsh, Saskatoon SK	86.00
6.31	4			Arjun Dhir - Angie Green - Hunter Smith - Mili Raina, Alpharetta GA	83.00
6.23	5	1		Kevin Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Peter Ku, Princeton Jnct NJ	82.00
4.67	6	2		Ryan Miller, Tampa FL; Geoffrey Webb, Kelowna BC; Ricoh Das, Alpharetta GA; Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL	73.00
4.19		3/4	1/2	Andrew Cavalier - Joshua Sablan, Pensacola FL; W Jacob Branch, Winchester VA; Friederike Ach, Cliffside Park NJ	71.00
4.19		3/4	1/2	Edmund Wu - Kendrick Chow - Jason Yee - Samuel Kuang, San Francisco CA	71.00
1.97		5		Elliott Gordon, Austin TX; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN; Burke Snowden, Ft Collins CO; David Soukup, Arlington VA	69.00
2.69		6	3	Sherry Wu, Elmwood Park NJ; Brian Hamrick, Annadale VA; Matthew Mayers, Franklin Lakes NJ; Kevin Lu, Mahwah NJ	67.00
1.77			4/5	Constantine Giallourakis - Anthony Giallourakis, Dunedin FL; Ethan Ableman, McLean VA; Julia Abelsky, Atlanta GA	61.00
1.77			4/5	Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL; Melissa Luo, North York ON; Tage Kelkar, Norcross GA; Oren Kriegel, Skondia MI	61.00



Winners of the Youth Open Pairs Consolation: Jason Yas and David Yoon.



They were second in the Youth Open Pairs Consolation: Karan Vohra and Surabhi Ghai.

NORTH-SOUTH	
1	Nassem Yousef - Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN
2	Hannah Kedzierski - Aidan Kedzierski, Marietta GA
3	Olivia Edstrom - Kristofer Edstrom, Opopka FL
4	Jamal Strickland - Drake Jones, Atlanta GA

### SATURDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

SECTION D	EAST-WEST	
66.07%	1	Lindsay Cormier, Moncton NB; Taylor Hamm, Riverview NB
55.95%	2	Jack Matthews, Moncton NB; Eric Rodriguez, Germantown TN
54.07%	3	Keifer Bell - Nicholas Poirier, Moncton NB
53.08%	4	Rhyanna Melanson - Rhys Melanson, Ottawa Congo

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH	
1	Rhyanna Melanson - Rhys Melanson, Ottawa Congo
2	Taylor Compton, Dallas TX; Jennifer Molson, Hollywood FL
3	Jamal Strickland - Drake Jones, Atlanta GA

SECTION D	EAST-WEST	
62.50%	1	Kristofer Edstrom - Olivia Edstrom, Opopka FL
55.36%	2	Allison Dykeman, Dieppe NB; Mattea Roach, Duppe NB
53.57%	3	Piper Ziebarth - Nassem Yousef, Cordova TN