

# Daily Bulletin

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# Youth NABC gets off to a fast start



Morning Cardrook Pairs winners Spencer Dyen and Nick Laugen.



Sarah Carl and Brandon Cavalier won the Cardrook Pairs Thursday afternoon.



Youth Teams winners: Tage Kelkar, Aidan Kedzierski, Oren Kriegel and Amanda Pham.

There's something really invigorating about a room full of young people – some of them really young – gathered to play bridge. On opening day of the third Youth NABC, no Energizer Bunnies were needed.

Youngsters were registering, buying entries, trying to guess the Mystery Bridge Hand, filling out convention cards, renewing acquaintances from previous tournaments and just generally racing around the Mardi Gras Ballroom at the Marriott.

It was just what the organizers were hoping for. About 100 young people registered in advance for the three-day tournament, and there were about a dozen walkups.

Tournament Chair Dana Norton said, "It went really well, and the volunteers have been absolutely wonderful." Norton singled out Volunteer Chair Suzanne Cliffe and Partnership Chair Eileen

As for the players, they were raring to go well before the first card was turned.

Camille Gros, 10, of Altamonte Springs FL in the Orlando area, has been playing about two years. She learned in a class for gifted students at Bear Lake Elementary School.

Camille's mother, Anita, heartily approves of her daughter's interest in a card game. "I think it's great," she said. "She has fun with it and it's very educational. They have tournaments at school. It's a great process."

Camille added, "I like to count up my points, and I like it when I win."

Three young players from the Pensacola FL area – Sarah Carl, 13, and Blakeley Baker, 11 and Kate Manning, 11 – arrived together for their second Youth NABC after playing in the first one in Atlanta. They learned the game at a bridge camp run by Carla Burke, Kate's grandmother.

Said Sarah, "I like math, so it's a fun card game for me." Added Kate, "It's fun to sit at the table

and know what you're doing."

Lance LeCesne, 18, of Houston has been playing bridge for 11 years and has logged time at the tables in five NABCs. He learned from his grandfather, Errol LeCesne, a retired teacher. His partner for Thursday was his brother, Jon, 13, who has been playing for two years. Jon said he enjoys bridge because "I like to think about it."

Back for a third time at the Youth NABC are eight members of the Wexel clan of Lilburn GA - mother Laurie plus Ruth, Jacob, Analise, Peter, Mary, Isaac and



Youth Pairs winners David Soukup and Hakan Berk.

Phoebe.

Laurie Wexel said the children learned the game through Atlanta Junior Bridge, and they play regularly in club games in the Atlanta area as well as taking lessons.

Laurie Wexel, mother of 14, said she brought only half of her offspring to New Orleans. "I would have had the older children playing if I had known about this earlier," she said.

Wexel said all her children are home-schooled and she much prefers that they participate in thinking games like bridge rather than watching television or playing video games.

Daughter Ruth said she has enjoyed the Youth NABCs because "I like meeting new people."

Two other young players from Atlanta – Khari King and Chris Brown, both 13 – said a friend's grandmother taught them to play. "We go to her house every Saturday to practice," King said.

The two have been playing for about three years. Chris is a fan of duplicate because he has discovered that, even with bad cards, "if you use your brain you can still win."

Khari added, "I like bridge because it challenges you."

> Don't miss the 9 a.m. talk by Louis Sachar, author of The Cardturner, a novel about young people playing bridge. Details on next page.

# Bridge players are like animals?

Who is more flexible, a young bridge player or a ferret? Who can crawl faster, a snake or a boy?

If there was an Olympic contest pitting animals versus humans, who would win? That was the question the ZOOmobile from the local Audubon Institute asked when they came to the NABC yesterday.

The ZOOmobile staff amused and informed bridge players after Thursday's game. Audience participation was encouraged, and bridge players asked questions, picked up bugs from the floor with tongs, jumped like a frog and were entertaining and entertained.

After the demonstration, young bridge players lined up to touch and pet the animals.

The Olympics ended in a 3--3 tie, so the youngsters were left wondering about the answer to the original question.

Bridge players touch a skink held by a zoo attendant. The ZOOmobile from the local Audubon Institute brought animals to the NABC yesterday.



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## 2010 Youth NABC Schedule New Orleans LA

### Friday, July 30

9 am Louis Sachar, author of the award-winning novel and film,

Holes, will give a presentation and autograph his new book,

The Cardturner.

10 am & 2 pm Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs\*

10 am Cardrook Pairs 2 pm Cardrook Pairs

5 pm Funny Bones Improv Comedy Group will perform and

interact with the audience.

Saturday, July 31

9 am Greg Johnson, astronaut and bridge player, will give a

presentation on space flight.

10 am & 2 pm orderTopia National Youth Swiss Teams\*

10 amCardrook Pairs2 pmCardrook Pairs5 pmWinner's reception

Cardrook Pairs are games designed for less experienced players. \*Players must be available for both sessions.

Entry Fee The entry fees for the 2010 Youth NABC are \$10 per

session, which includes lunch between sessions and a snack

following the afternoon session.

**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, 2010.

**Venue** All events will be played at the New Orleans Marriott in the

Mardi Gras Ballroom, Salon E.

## **Bridge Classes Just for Parents**

#### Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31

10:00 am-noon

Location: Mardi Gras Ballroom, Salon E **Bridge for Parents – Start to Play** 

This class is designed for new players or players that haven't played in many years that want to learn something about the "new" bridge. Learn the basics concepts of the game, value of suits and cards and basic hand evaluation. You will learn how an auction proceeds, what a "trump" contract is, as well as notrump. You will also learn what to bid and how high to bid. There will be example hands to practice illustrating what is covered each day.

The instructor, Suzanne Cliffe, teaches many beginners and intermediate players at the bridge club in New Orleans. She also directs games designed specifically to introduce players to duplicate bridge.

### Bridge for Parents - Advance Your Game

These lessons are for parents that know the basics of the game and want to improve their skills. Using a PowerPoint presentation, the focus will be on planning the play, the play of the hand in both no trump and suit contracts, and hand reevaluation after each bid. Drawing trumps and when to delay drawing trumps will be covered as well.

The instructor, Jennie Sauviac, is a Gold Life Master, an ACBL Sectional Director and certified bridge teacher and cruise director.



World champion Debbie Rosenberg with her son, Kevin, right, and Jeff Schwartz.



Playing "bridge" with cards from the bidding box: David Soukup, Arlington VA; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN; Hakan Berk, Potomac MD, and Burke Snowden, Fort Collins CO.



Tournament Directors Dianne Barton-Paine and Nancy Watkins



Irene Williams of Elk Point SD and Ruth Kristensen of Duluth MN fill out their convention cards.

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## Scenes from the Youth NABC



Camille Gros and her mother, Anita Gros, of Altamonte Springs FL.



Hannah Kedzierski, Michael Pham, Aidan Kedzierski and Amanda Pham from Marietta GA.



 ${\it Lance \ LeCesne \ and \ brother \ Jon \ from \ Houston}.$ 



Sarah Carl, Orange Beach AL, and Blakely Baker and Kate Manning of Pensacola FL.



The Wexels of Lilburn GA: front, Mary, Isaac and Phoebe; rear, Ruth, Jacob, Analise, Peter and Laurie (mom).



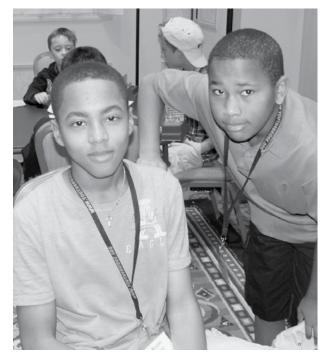
Jeff Schwartz of Washington DC checking in at registration.



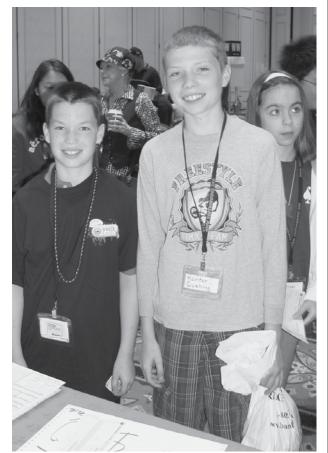


Striking poses near the trophy display: Alex Brito, Spencer Dyen, Nick Laugen and Madeline "Maddz" Wheaton, all of Altamonte Springs FL.

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Atlantans Khari King and Chris Brown.



Hudson and Hunter Cushing of Vancouver WA buying entries.



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## THURSDAY MORNING YOUTH PAIRS

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