

Daily Bulletin

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Parents approve of bridge

Bridge is a great game, but what do parents think about it?

“Bridge makes them think,” says Mark Kedzierski of Marietta GA. He doesn’t play bridge, but has opinions about it. “Bridge is above and beyond an ordinary card game,” he says. “I have two daughters who’ve played for three years, and I’ve seen them grow in it. They really enjoy it.”

Annie Rizzo, mother of Zandy Rizzo, agrees. “I’ve seen when my son has made connections, when he puts two and two together,” Rizzo of Alpharetta GA says. “One of the big benefits is learning how to figure things out on their own outside of the structure of a school.”

“Besides being mentally stimulating and encouraging social interaction, bridge is an activity where rules, manners and decorum are expected,” says Laurie Wexel of Lilburn GA. “That’s important.”

Minjane Jan of Alpharetta GA agrees. “Bridge is a disciplined game with rules to follow,” she says. “There’s a proper etiquette.”

“My son loves bridge and winning is secondary,” says Jeff McCurdy. “He loves the complexity of the game, but he loves the social aspect even more. He doesn’t want to disappoint his partner.”

Carol Krug of Sarasota FL is a bridge player who is active in bridge governance. “I see the joy in the kids’ faces and the fun they have,” she says. “I see them learn and how quickly they catch on.” Krug, along with Gloria Bart and the late Dean Cohler started an active youth program in her area. There are about 80 kids in schools and in Boys and Girls Clubs.”

Irina Ladyzhensky is a bridge player who has won an NABC+ event. She is also a parent with three children who play. Her daughters Asya and Alexandra are here.

“Bridge helps children with math and science skills, but also it teaches them to make good decisions,” says Ladyzhensky. “When they play with others, it expands their circle of friends.”

David and Michelle Ziebarth of the Memphis TN area are here with daughter Piper. “She likes the numbers and the strategy,” says David, “but it’s also a way to socialize with friends. She plays at the local bridge club against adults and is not intimidated.”

Other parents say similar things.

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Phoebe Wexel, center, and Olivia Edstrom make the letter G yesterday during entertainment by the Funny Bones Improv Comedy Group.

Jeng brothers win NABC Youth Open

Andrew and Richard Jeng of Johns Creek GA had two big games to win the Baron Barclay NABC Youth Open Pairs. The brothers had 58.93% in the morning and followed with a 71.43% in the afternoon. Because it was a qualifying event, carryover was added to the final session results to give them a total score of 74.81%.

The Jengs are on the USA2 team to play in the under 21 event at the world championships to be held later this year in Philadelphia. They will be competing for the Damiani Cup. Richard holds the ACBL record as the youngest Life Master. The pair play a 2/1 bidding system.

Tom Walsh of Saskatoon SK and Arjun Dhir of Alpharetta GA were second with a score of 65.18%. In third place were Zachary Brescoll of Versailles KY and Asya Ladyzhensky of Ellenton FL. Their score was 62.45%.



ACBL President Richard DeMartino (center) presents trophies to the winners of the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs: Andrew (left) and Richard Jeng.

ACBL President Richard DeMartino presented trophies to the top three places. They were donated by Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies.

Award-winning author autographs his new book

“The hardest part of writing my latest book was making bridge understandable to the 99% of the readers who don’t play bridge,” says acclaimed author Louis Sachar. That’s understandable. Bridge is hard enough to understand by those who play.

Louis Sachar spoke yesterday to players at the Youth NABC. He described his work, answered questions and signed books.

Sachar says he began *The Card Turner*, a book about an older bridge player who goes blind and his nephew who helps him cope, by writing one or two hours each day. After six months, he had finished a first draft. That was the first of six drafts as he worked and reworked his book. The process took about two years.

Sachar described how while in college he took a “course” as an assistant at an elementary school. The experience changed his life. He was interested in writing, and he used his experiences at the school as the basis for his first book.

Sachar’s best-seller *Holes* was made into a



Louis Sachar signs his book, *The Card Turner*, for Camille Gros yesterday.

movie. When he was asked to write the screen play, at first he was reluctant. Then he decided why not? Sachar described how he accidentally had a part in the movie.

After discussion and questions, Sachar signed books and posed for photographs.


Astronaut lands

Greg Johnson flew 6.6 million miles in space. On the trip, he was allowed to take 10 items, even though the space capsule had limited room. As one of these 10 items, Johnson chose to take the ace of spades playing card. Why? He’s a bridge player and wanted to do something to publicize bridge.

Johnson will give a presentation and answer questions on space flight this morning at 9 a.m.

Arjun Dhir and Tom Walsh were second in the Baron Barclay Youth NABC Open Pairs. Johnson will give a presentation on space flight today at 9 a.m.





2010 Youth NABC Schedule New Orleans LA

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 am

Cardrook Pairs

2 pm

Cardrook Pairs

5 pm

Winner’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

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.

A black and white photograph of two young people, a boy and a girl, standing side-by-side and smiling. They are both holding trophies. The boy on the left is wearing a light-colored polo shirt and a lanyard. The girl on the right is wearing a white t-shirt with the word 'HUNTINGTON' printed on it and a lanyard.


Henry and Jordan Trautwein won the Friday morning Cardrook Pairs.

A black and white photograph of two young people, a girl and a boy, standing side-by-side and smiling. They are both holding trophies. The girl on the left is wearing a patterned short-sleeved shirt and a lanyard. The boy on the right is wearing a white t-shirt with a large 'af' logo and a lanyard.

Morgan Compton and Julia Molson were second in the Friday afternoon Cardrook Pairs.

A black and white photograph of two young people, a boy and a girl, standing side-by-side and smiling. They are both holding trophies. The boy on the left is wearing a striped polo shirt. The girl on the right is wearing a striped polo shirt.

William and Christopher Welland were first in the Friday afternoon Cardrook Pairs.

A black and white photograph of two young people, a girl and a boy, standing side-by-side and smiling. They are both holding trophies. The girl on the left is wearing a dark top with a floral pattern. The boy on the right is wearing a striped button-down shirt and a baseball cap.

Asya Ladyzhensky and Zachary Brescoll were third in the Baron Barclay Youth NABC Open Pairs.

Scenes from the Youth NABC



Atlanta Junior Bridge sent the most players to this Youth NABC.



Camille Gros and Julia Steffy were first North-South in the Friday morning Cardrunk Pairs.



Alexandra Ladyzhensky considers her play on defense.



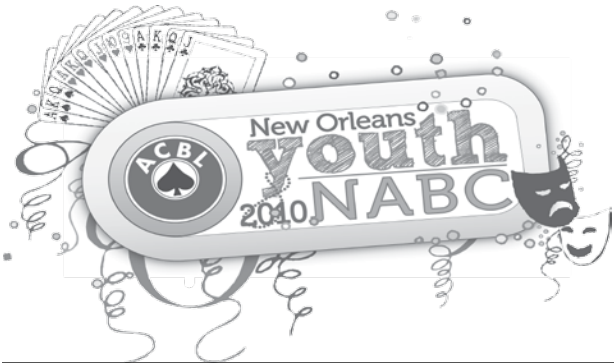
Eric Rodriguez shows his Louis Sachar book to ACBL Marketing Director Vicki Campbell.



Players admire the trophy display: Katie Rico, Ellie Fashingbauer and Konner Spalding.



Louis Sachar (second from right) signed his book for: Nasseem Yousef, Paul McGannon, Piper Zierbarth and Eric Rodriguez.



Parents

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“Bridge is great for learning strategy,” says Sandra Marlin. Her daughter is Ashley Spalding of Versailles KY.
Grace Tinaza’s daughter has played bridge for

three years. “It’s helped her with concentration and problem solving skills,” she says. “It began as a math club, but they switched to a bridge club because that was more interesting.”
Mikael Edstrom of Apopka FL says that “Bridge promotes good thinking skills. It’s great when they put it all together. There’s also the

camaraderie from playing with friends.”
Michael Rosenberg’s son, Kevin, plays. Rosenberg says, “Thinking games are good for kids. Bridge is more social than other games like chess because it’s a partnership game.”



Blakeley Baker of Pensacola FL declares a contract in the Cardrook game Friday morning.



Rand Pinsky, Treasurer of the Educational Foundation, spoke yesterday to players in the Youth NABC.

Volunteers key to success

It takes volunteers to make any event successful. Local volunteers are: Volunteer Committee Chair Suzanne Cliffe, Keenan Romig, Ellie Brammell, Theresa Federico, Zack Federico, Eileen Bagnetto, Tippi Ellis, Trish Kessler and Jennie Sauviac.

Others who helped are: Carla Burke, Pensacola FL; Laura Wexler, Atlanta; Lydia and Mark Kedzierski, Marietta GA; Carol Krug, Sarasota FL; Carol Hamilton, Sarasota FL; Elise Parrish, Memphis TN; Marilyn Norenberg, Duluth MN; and Patty Tucker, Atlanta.

BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS

8.0 Tables					
10.24	1			Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA	74.81%
7.68	2			Thomas Walsh, Saskatoon SK; Arjun Dhir, Alpharetta GA	65.18%
5.76	3			Zachary Brescoll, Versailles KY; Asya Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL	62.45%
4.32	4			Jourdain Patchett, Sarasota FL; Jesse Stern, Lutz FL	62.15%
3.53	5			David Soukup, Arlington VA; Hakan Berk, Potomac MD	60.30%
2.98	6			Kevin Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA	60.24%

FRIDAY AM CARDROOK PAIRS

9.5 Tables					
	A	B	C		
1.21	1	1	1	Henry Trautwein - Jordan Trautwein, Naples FL	64.74%
0.91	2	2	2	Brody Mccurdy, Sarasota FL; Alexandra Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL	62.05%
0.68	3	3	3	Julia Steffy, Apopka FL; Camille Gros,	58.54%
0.51	4	4		Kristofer Edstrom - Olivia Edstrom, Apopka FL	57.29%
0.38	5	5		Sarah Carl, Orange Beach AL; Brandon Cavalier, Pensacola FL	56.21%
0.29	6		4	Russell Slighon - Neil Slighon, Hong Kong	54.19%

BARON BARCLAY YOUTH OPEN CONSOLATION

6.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
1.94	1	1	1	Rob Mann - Alex Jan, Alpharetta GA	65.42%
1.46	2	2		Paul McGannon, Fort Mill SC; Eric Rodriguez, Germantown TN	64.67%
1.09	3			Aashna Choudhary - Saachi Hingorani, Alpharetta GA	63.33%
0.82	4			Oren Kriegel, Skandia MI; Allison Hunt, Charlotte NC	58.00%
0.68		3	2	Jason Miller, Tampa FL; Randy Pan, Beijing People’s Republic of China	57.65%
0.51		4		Peter Wexel - Jacob Wexel, Lilburn GA	44.00%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK

7.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
1.03	1	1	1	William Welland - Christopher Welland, New York NY	73.21%
0.77	2			Jennifer Molson, Hollywood FL; Morgan Compton, Dallas TX	69.05%
0.58	3	2		Brandon Cavalier, Pensacola FL; Sarah Carl, Orange Beach AL	64.88%
0.43	4	3		Timmy Green, Alpharetta GA; Ridhi Choragudi, Johns Creek GA	57.74%
0.36	5			Kathryn Manning, Pensacola FL; Caleb Colburn, Alpharetta GA	50.00%
0.26		4/5	2/3	Jonathan Lecesne, Houston TX; Hunter Cushing, Vancouver	48.81%
0.24		4/5	2/3	Camille Gros, ; Julia Steffy, Apopka FL	48.81%

Combining your chances

Tom Walsh of Saskatoon SK found himself in a skinny 4♠ contract and was able to make it when he combined his chances.

Dlr: South ♠ A J 10 9 7 5 3

Vul: N-S ♥ J 6

♦ J 7

♣ A 7

♠ 6 4

♥ A 4 3 2

♦ K 10 8 6 4 2

♣ Q

♠ K

♥ K 10 8 7

♦ A Q 5 3

♣ J 8 5 3

♠ Q 8 2

♥ Q 9 5

♦ 8

♣ K 10 9 6 4 2

West	North	East	South
	<i>Walsh</i>		<i>Dhir</i>
			Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West’s preempt gave North-South a tough problem. South, Arjun Dhir of Alpharetta GA,

made the first key decision when he balanced at the four level, vulnerable against not, with 7 HCP. Walsh bid 4♠, ending the auction

East led the ♦A and at trick two, led a low club to the 10, queen and ace. Walsh ruffed his diamond loser in dummy and led a spade. When East played low, Walsh had a problem — should he finesse or not? Normally, the finesse is a better play, but Walsh rose with the ♠A, dropping the king. It was an easy matter now to draw the last trump, and claim 10 tricks: seven spades, two clubs and a diamond ruff.

Why did Walsh play for the inferior play in trumps? He realized that if the king didn’t fall, he still had an excellent chance to make his contract. He could lead the ♣7 to the 9. The ♣K would then be a discard for one of his heart losers. Two chances are better than one.

Making 4♠ was worth 5.5 on a 7 top

NABC YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION WW			EAST-WEST		
1	Thomas Walsh, Saskatoon SK; Arjun Dhir, Alpharetta GA		71.13%	1		Jourdain Patchett, Sarasota FL; Jesse Stern, Lutz FL		62.20%
2	Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA		58.93%	2		James Andrew Pruet, Houston TX; Hailie Dumett,		57.44%
3	Burke Snowden, Ft Collins CO; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN		57.14%	3		Situ Hubert - Lauren Lai, San Francisco CA		55.95%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION XX			EAST-WEST		
1	Kevin Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA		61.90%	1		David Soukup, Arlington VA; Hakan Berk, Potomac MD		61.31%
2	Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL; Ashish Shah, Alpharetta GA		57.14%	2		Angie Green - Mili Raina, Alpharetta GA		58.04%
3	Ricoh Das - William Dang, Alpharetta GA		56.25%	3		Ryan Miller, Tampa FL; Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL		56.85%

FRI AM CARDROOK PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION YY			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1	1	58.54%	1	1	Henry Trautwein - Jordan Trautwein, Naples FL		64.74%
2	2		57.29%	2	2	Brody Mccurdy, Sarasota FL; Alexandra Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL		62.05%
3	3		56.21%	3	3	Alex Brito - Madeline Wheaton, Altamonte Sprin FL		53.80%
4	4	2	54.19%	4		Spencer Dyen, Apopka FL; Nicholas Laugen, Altamonte FL		50.01%

FRIDAY YOUTH NABC OPEN FINAL AFTERNOON SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION WW			EAST-WEST		
1	David Soukup, Arlington VA; Hakan Berk, Potomac MD		55.95%	1		Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA		71.43%
2	Kevin Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY; Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA		55.65%	2		Zachary Brescoll, Versailles KY; Asya Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL		62.20%
3	Stephen Drodge, McLean VA; Dan Emmons, Pasadena CA		54.46%	3		Jourdain Patchett, Sarasota FL; Jesse Stern, Lutz FL		57.44%

FRIDAY YOUTH CONSOLATION AFTERNOON SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION XX			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1	1	65.42%	1		Aashna Choudhary - Saachi Hingorani, Alpharetta GA		63.33%
2	2		64.67%	2		Oren Kriegel, Skandia MI; Allison Hunt, Charlotte NC		58.00%
				1	1	Jason Miller, Tampa FL; Randy Pan, Beijing People's Republic of China		57.65%
				2		Peter Wexel - Jacob Wexel, Lilburn GA		44.00%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION YY			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1	1	73.21%	1		Jennifer Molson, Hollywood FL; Morgan Compton, Dallas TX		69.05%
2			50.00%	2	1	Brandon Cavalier, Pensacola FL; Sarah Carl, Orange Beach AL		64.88%
3	2		48.81%	3	2	Timmy Green, Alpharetta GA; Ridhi Choragudi, Johns Creek GA		57.74%
					1	Camille Gros, ; Julia Steffy, Apopka FL		48.81%
					2	Khari King - Christopher Brown, Atlanta GA		42.86%