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Darbi Southers, project supervisor in ACBL's Marketing Department, after she finished decorating the ballot box for the Sportsmanship Award at the Youth NABC. The winner receives a \$1000 scholarship. More information is available in the sponsor list on the next page.



Welcome to Toronto

**By Dana Norton
Youth NABC Chair**

It seems like just yesterday that we were convening for the third Youth NABC – and now it's time to do it again.

Welcome to Toronto and the fourth Youth NABC – the first to take place outside the U.S.

The goal of each Youth NABC has been for the players to have fun, and by any standards we have succeeded.

Lots of volunteers have worked very hard to make sure you enjoy this event.

Good luck to everyone!



Things you should know For the Youth NABC

- Registration will begin at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, July 28, in the foyer of the Essex Ballroom on the Mezzanine level of the Sheraton Centre Hotel.
- It is not necessary to register to play. Single-session entries are welcome. The event is open to players 19 and younger with fewer than 5000 masterpoints. The card fee is \$10 per person per session.
- All Youth NABC events will be played in the Essex Ballroom at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.
- Lunch will be provided on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for all Youth NABC participants.
- The Youth Lounge is located in Conference Room G outside the Essex Ballroom.
- Parents and chaperones are not permitted to kibitz the players but are allowed to take photos during the first five minutes of each session.
- Parents and chaperones are welcome to attend the Winners' Reception on Saturday evening following the final session of play.
- The young players' favorite tournament director, Nancy Watkins, returns to run the various games.

Mystery Bridge Hand Sweepstakes

Enter the Mystery Bridge Hand Sweepstakes. Correctly guess the name of the famous "Mystery Bridge Hand" for this year's Youth NABC. A copy of the hand is available in the handout.

You will have a chance to win a \$500 Visa gift card.

All you have to do is guess the name of the hand. Complete an entry form, and if you guess correctly, your entry will be eligible to be placed in the random drawing.

Turn your entry form in at the registration table. Entries must be received on Saturday by noon to be eligible.

There is a limit of one entry per person. The sweepstakes is open to legal residents of the U.S. and Canada between the ages of 6 and 19. Minors must have parent or legal guardian's permission to enter. Void in Puerto Rico, Quebec and where prohibited by law.

BARON BARCLAY BRIDGE SUPPLY

Sponsor profile:

Baron Barclay Bridge Supply

Jim Maier has played cards for a long time, and over the years he came to know a lot of bridge players, including Randy Baron, founder of the company that eventually became Baron Barclay Bridge Supply.

In 1990, Maier helped Baron expand his Louisville KY-based bridge supply company by buying Barclay Bridge Supplies, located in the New York City area.

Maier's wife, Mimi, had worked for Baron for about a year before the partnership began, and about three years ago, Maier bought out Baron.

"Randy wanted to do something else," Maier says.

The Maiers signed on as sponsors for the Youth NABC to help promote their business, but mainly, he says, "because we would like to see another generation of people become crazy about the game."

Maier is not a bridge expert, but he knows good books when he sees them – and enjoys traveling to NABCs to set up shop. "I like the bridge world," he says. "It's nice to have a business that revolves around other people having a good time."



ACBL Marketing Director Vicki Campbell with one of the Youth NABC tee shirts last year.



Tournament Director Nancy Watkins addresses the crowd at the 2010 Youth NABC in New Orleans. She is back as the director in charge of the Toronto edition of the tournament.



Author Louis Sachar signs a copy of his best-selling book, *The Cardturner*, at the 2010 Youth NABC.



Two happy winners at the 2010 Youth NABC.

Youth NABC sponsors

Baron Barclay Bridge Supply.

The full story of that generous company is on the first page. Baron Barclay will present a \$1000 scholarship (per person) to the winning pair in the Youth NABC Open Pairs.

The Aileen Osofsky Memorial Fund offers \$4000 in scholarships to be divided among the winners of the Youth NABC Swiss Teams. For 25 years, Aileen Osofsky was the chair of the ACBL Goodwill Committee. After her death last year, the committee was renamed in her honor.

Phil Gordon. Renowned as a poker champion, he is also an expert at bridge, with a victory in the Roth Open Swiss Teams in 2008. He is

providing a \$1000 scholarship for the player chosen by his or her peers as the Sportsman of the tournament.

Joyce and Bob Hampton have become regulars – and regular winners – at the NABCs – and have been enthusiastic supporters of bridge for young people.

Leonard Helman of Santa Fe NM is known to many as The Rabbi, one of the most enthusiastic bridge players anyone could meet – and loved by all.

If you would like to be a sponsor of the Youth NABC, you can make a donation to the Foundation for the Preservation and Advancement of Bridge. Contact Tracey Yarbrow (tracey.yarbrow@acbl.org) for more



2011 Youth NABC Schedule Toronto Canada

Youth NABC events are open to any player 19 years of age or younger with fewer than 5000 masterpoints (or the equivalent) as of July 1, 2011.

Entry fees

The entry fees for the 2011 Youth NABC are \$10 per session. (Complimentary access to the Youth Lounge, opportunities to compete for prizes and scholarships and admission to the Winner's Reception on Saturday).

Thursday, July 28

- 10 a.m. Youth Pairs & Cardrhook Pairs
Single session
2 p.m. Youth Teams & Cardrhook Pairs
Single session

Friday, July 29

- 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS
Two sessions. Players must be available for both sessions. Each member of the winning pair will receive a \$1000 scholarship.
10 a.m. Cardrhook Pairs
Single session
2 p.m. Cardrhook Pairs
Single session

Saturday, July 30

- 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. AILEEN OSOFSKY NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS
Two sessions. Teams must be available for both sessions. All members of the winning team will share a \$4000 scholarship.
10 a.m. Cardrhook Pairs
Single session
2 p.m. Cardrhook Pairs
Single session
(Cardrhook Pairs are games designed for less experienced players.)

Bridge Classes Just for Parents

Friday, July 29, and Saturday, July 30

10 a.m. to noon. Conference Rooms D and E on the Mezzanine Level at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

Bridge for Parents – Start to Play I

This class is designed for new players or players who haven't played in many years and want to learn something about the "new" bridge. Learn the basic concepts of the game, ranks of the suits 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. The instructor is Wanda Pearce of Ontario.

Bridge for Parents – Advance Your Game I

These lessons are for parents who know the basics of the game and want to improve their skills. The focus will be on planning the play, the play of the hand in notrump and in suit contracts, and hand evaluation after each bid. Drawing trumps and when to delay drawing trumps will be covered as well.

The instructor is Viktoria Renaud, also of Ontario.

Just for fun

On Thursday, astronaut Greg Johnson, a major fan of bridge, will give his thoughts on bridge and visiting outer space. The talk is scheduled for approximately 5:30 p.m. outside the Essex Ballroom on the Mezzanine Level at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

On Friday at 9 a.m., the bridge-playing astronaut returns for a question-and-answer session at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, same location as his Thursday talk.

On Friday at about 5:30 p.m., the Wonderful World of Circus will present a show outside the Essex Ballroom on the Mezzanine Level at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.