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Welcome to the Youth NABC

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The American Contract Bridge League welcomes all competitors, family, friends and volunteers who are participating in the 5th Youth North American Bridge Championships in Philadelphia. We expect more than 120 competitors this year, including 36 traveling from Beijing, China.

WHAT: The Youth NABC features the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs and the Bridge Base National Youth Swiss Teams, which include a \$1000 scholarship prize for each player. In addition, there are Cardrook pairs for players who want to play with their peers without playing in a highly competitive event.

WHEN: All sessions start at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., with an hour for lunch. A free lunch coupon will be provided to each competitor to be used at the snack bar on the 4th floor of the Marriott. Game play is expected to end around 4:30 p.m.

each day.

WHERE: All events will be held on the 3rd floor of the Marriot in Rooms 302-306. All competitors must go to the registration desk, outside Rooms 302-306, before playing in their first event.

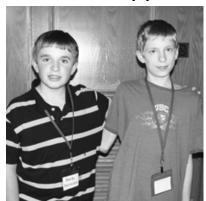


COST: Thanks

to recent policy changes regarding Youth bridge, all entries for all events are free.

In addition to bridge, look in the Youth NABC bulletin for other planned youth activities.

Top performers last year



Burke Snowden and Ben Kristensen came in first in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open



Runners-up in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs: Murphy Green and Arjun

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, found 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.'

Things you should know for the Youth NABC

- Registration will begin at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, July 19, outside Rooms 302-306 at the Marriott.
- It is not necessary to register to play. Singlesession entries are welcome. The event is open to players 19 and younger with fewer than 5000 masterpoints. Entries are free for all sessions. The playing schedule is on the facing
- All Youth NABC events will be played in Rooms 302-306 at the Marriott.
- Lunch coupons will be provided on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for all Youth NABC participants.
- The Youth Lounge is located in Room 307 at the Marriott.
- Parents and chaperones are not permitted to kibitz the players but are allowed to take photos during the first five minutes of each
- Parents and chaperones are welcome to attend the Winners' Reception on Saturday evening following the final session of play.
- David Metcalf will be making his debut as director-in-charge of the Youth NABC.

Panel discussion and breakfast

All competitors, friends and family participating in the Youth NABC are invited to a free special breakfast that will include a panel discussion, moderated by George Jacobs, of the current stars who were former youth players, including Fred Gitelman and Joel Wooldridge.

When: Friday, July 20, at 8:30 a.m.

Where: Independence Room, located near the bridge connecting the Marriott and Conference Center on the third floor.

Scenes from Toronto



Victor Lamoureux, Canada's youngest Life Master, and Richard Jeng, youngest ACBL Life Master.



Juggler and magician Edik helps 9-year-old Vivian Lamoureux keep spinning balls aloft, part of the entertainment at the Youth NABC on Friday.



2012 Youth NABC Schedule Philadelphia PA

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, 2012.

Entry fees

All play in the Youth NABC is free.

Thursday, July 19

10 a.m. Youth Pairs & Cardrook Pairs, Single session 2 p.m. Youth Teams & Cardrook Pairs, Single session

Friday, July 20

10 a.m. & 2 p.m. BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN

PAIRS

One qualifying, one final session. Players must be

available for both sessions.

Each member of the winning pair will receive a \$1000

scholarship.

 10 a.m.
 Cardrook Pairs, Single session

 2 p.m.
 Cardrook Pairs, Single session

 2 p.m.
 Consolation Open Pairs, Single session

Saturday, July 21

10 a.m. & 2 p.m. BRIDGEBASE ONLINE NATIONAL YOUTH 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. Cardrook Pairs, Single session 2 p.m. Cardrook Pairs, Single session

2 p.m. Consolation Swiss Teams (Single session)

(Cardrook Pairs are games designed for less-experienced

players.)



Winners of the Aileen Osofsky National Swiss Teams last year: Burke Snowden, David Soukup, Hakan Berk and Ben Kristensen.



Second place in the 2011 Swiss Teams went to Evan Berman, Nikita Ladyzhensky, Asya Ladyzhensky, Zach Brescoll, Allison Hunt and Blake Sanders.



Runners-up in the Youth Teams in Toronto: Oren Kriegel, Amber Lin, Brandon Harper and Ryan Miller.



Below: These two pairs tied for first in the 2011 Youth Pairs, Strat C: Rhyanna Melanson, Rhys Melanson, Jeff Robinson and Aodhan Murphy.



Tops in the Youth Teams in Toronto were David Yoon, Sarah Chen, Linda Cai and Edward (SM) Li.



First in the Morning Card Rook Pairs in Toronto: Ellie Fashingbauer and Grace Strasen.