



# Daily Bulletin

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CEO Robert Hartman with Michael Luzzi, Jacqueline Reu, Amanda Luzzi and Kyra Reu.

## Youth NABC starts strong

With a huge contingent from China swelling the ranks of the 2012 Youth NABC to more than 130 competitors, the annual tournament for players 19 and younger started off with a bang on Thursday. More are expected to join the fun today.

Two separate groups of Chinese players totaling three dozen players joined the Open Pairs, Swiss Teams and Cardrhook Pairs. Today's schedule includes the two-session Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs.

ACBL's chief executive, Robert Hartman, was impressed with the numbers, particularly the

participants from the Far East.

"I want to welcome the players from China and wish everyone success at the table," Hartman said. "It is encouraging to see so many young people having fun at our game. The energy in the room is really amazing."

Besides the bridge play, the players and parents were treated to an entertaining show by local magician Francis Menotti, who wowed the crowd with impressive legerdemain, including a special stamp that made a dollar bill travel back in time.

## Young player back at NABC with lots of his friends

In 2009, 9-year-old Randy Pan and his father, Qi Pan, traveled from Beijing, China, to Washington DC so that Randy could play in the Youth NABC. He was the only player from China in the young-players-only tournament.

Now 12, Randy is back this year with his father and 21 other students from RDFZ, a high school affiliated with Renmin University in China. Another group of 15 traveled from China to Philadelphia for the Youth NABC.

Randy's father said he learned of the Youth NABC by visiting the Atlanta Junior Bridge website. AJB was founded by Patty Tucker, who organized the first Youth NABC in the Atlanta area.

Qi Pan, an attorney for Johnson & Johnson in Beijing, steered his son toward bridge at his school, which offers optional classes, including bridge. "He is good with numbers," said Pan, "so

I wanted him to have more exposure to it, and there is only one place to play bridge for kids."

The bridge teacher at RDFZ is Hu Jichao, who teaches physics at the school. He is coach of the players who are playing in Philadelphia.

Speaking with Qi Pan as his interpreter, Hu said he considers bridge "very good for brain development and for students to learn how to work together, and it is especially important for learning reasoning and logic."

At the school, there are more than 100 optional classes for extracurricular activities, said Hu, "and bridge is one of the most popular. There are 300 students every semester."

Randy showed himself to be a good student of the game in the Thursday-morning Open Pairs (stratified by age), coming in first in Flights C and B with Zhiyu Cheng.



Hu Jichao and Qi Pan



Randy Pan and Zhiyu Cheng

## A message from Bryan

I would like to thank you for attending the 2012 Youth North American Championships. We've all heard how bridge is an amazing game. There are so many reasons why, but one of the most important is the social aspect.



I encourage you to get to know as many of the players around you as possible. You never know who you are going to meet or what friendships you may find.

Every NABC I attend, I'm surrounded by my friends and co-workers, who I can honestly say have become a part of my family.

I hope you enjoy this experience and we look forward to seeing you at the bridge table.

*Bryan Delfs  
ACBL Education Program Manager*



Magician Francis Menotti assisted by VJ Lamoureux of Halifax NS.

## Things you should know for the Youth NABC

- 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. Entries are free for all sessions.
- All Youth NABC events will be played in Rooms 302-306 at the Marriott.
- Lunch coupons will be provided on 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 session.
- Parents and chaperones are welcome to attend the Winners' Reception on Saturday evening following the final session of play.



*Thursday Morning Flight A Open Pairs winners: Shiyu Sun and Weixiang Wu.*



*National champion Sylvia McNamara watches son Drew in the Thursday Afternoon Cardrook Pairs.*



*They won the Thursday Afternoon Swiss Teams: Amber Lin, Karan Vohra, Theo Allen and Maximilian Ach.*



*Kevin Rodriguez and Alexander Sung won the Thursday Afternoon Cardrook Pairs.*



*Sisters Jacqueline and Kyra Reu won Flight A of the Thursday Morning Cardrook Pairs.*



*Brant and Dru Guimond won Flight C of the Thursday Morning Cardrook Pairs.*



Alaska's representatives to the Youth NABC: Maddy Novak, Bryan Goodwin and Sarah Edwards.

## It's cold up there, but bridge is hot

On Wednesday afternoon, Maddy Novak, Bryan Goodwin and Sarah Edwards arrived in Philadelphia to play in the Youth NABC. Except for players from other continents, they traveled farther than any other competitors.

All three players, plus chaperone Tiffany Gage, live in McGrath, a village in Alaska so remote that the only way in or out is by airplane. Google cannot measure how far McGrath is from anywhere.

Although weary from the long flight, the players quickly settled into the scramble for matchpoints and IMPs on the tournament's first day.

"It's a wonderful experience," said Goodwin, 16. "I really like to play bridge."

His partner, 13-year-old Novak, said bridge is interesting "because you can't just lay down your cards. You have to think."

The trip from Alaska to Philadelphia came about because of Harley Bress, former ACBL employee who moved from Colorado to Alaska last summer to take a teaching position at the McGrath School. He and another teacher have charge of about 45 middle- and high school students.

Almost as soon as Bress arrived at the school, he established bridge as a for-credit elective. He has had two classes so far, one of eight students, another of four.

When four of his students expressed an interest in playing in the Youth NABC, Bress helped them get a couple of grants to pay for the trip. They also raised funds in McGrath, population about 350 in the winter, mostly

through bingo games. One of the students wasn't able to make the trip, but it didn't spoil the fun for the three who did.

Gage, who is not a bridge player, met Bress at the school when she started some wellness activities there.

The 23-year-old clinical associate was impressed with the enthusiasm of the young players. "I'm super surprised," she said. "I didn't know so many people were interested in the game. It's exciting."

Bress said he has enjoyed his time in Alaska despite the climate, which can be unfriendly at times. "The winters are brutal," he said. Two months during the winter, he said, feature daily temperatures of 30 to 50 degrees below zero.

Winter last year, he said, was the worst in McGrath in 30 years. "One day in January," he said, "it was 56 below, and I went online and found that we had the lowest recorded temperature in the world that day."

Bress worked in the Education Department at the ACBL from 1998 to 2005.



Harley Bress

## Tell Me More

**Name**  
David Metcalf

**City of residence**  
Newton MA

**Date of birth**  
1964

**Place of birth**  
Rhode Island

**What is your favorite color?**  
Green



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**What kind of food makes you happy?**  
Good chocolate

**And what drink?**  
Red wine

**What is your all time favorite movie?**  
*Fantasia*

**What kind of music do you listen to?**  
Classic rock

**Do you have a favorite painter or artist?**  
Hiroshige

**What do you do when you're not playing bridge?**  
Play board games, hike, spend time with my family

**What do you see as your best ever bridge result?**  
Beating the Nickell team in a three-way in the Spingold

**Who is your favorite bridge player?**  
My son Joel, who won his first masterpoints yesterday

**Is there a bridge book that had a significant influence on you?**  
Andrew Robson's *Partnership Bridge*

**What are bridge players good at besides playing bridge?**  
Finding the best places to eat

**What jobs/occupations (not bridge-related) have you had?**  
Science research, computer programming

**If you could invite any three people past or present to dinner, who would they be?**  
Richard Feinman, Thomas Jefferson, Immanuel Kant

**Is there something you'd love to learn?**  
Bridge, of course!



Zizhou Peng and Yuanzhe Shen were Flight B winners in the Thursday Morning Cardrök Pairs.

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# 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.

### 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.*

### YOUTH NABC THURSDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

10.0 Tables		A	B	C		
1.38	1				Kyra Reu - Jacqueline Reu, Beachwood OH	73.35%
1.04	2				Timothy Poirier, Moncton NB; Zackariah Gallant, Riverview NB	63.77%
0.93	3	1			Yuanzhe Shen - Zizhuo Peng,	62.52%
0.70	4	2			Yifan Cai - Jiahao Guo,	61.47%
0.69	5	3	1		Brant Guimond - Dru Guimond, Riverview NB	60.85%
0.29	6/7				Brandon Lin, Edison NJ; Daniel Luzzi, Altamonte Spring FL	54.80%
0.48	6/7				Bryan Goodwin - Madelyn Novak, McGrath AK	54.80%
0.39		4			Benjamin Randall, Riverview NB; Nathanael Mack, Lower Coverdale NB	53.97%
0.46		2			Yixuan Zhu - Yuxiang Jiao,	51.05%

### YOUTH NABC THURSDAY MORNING OPEN PAIRS

17.5 Tables / Based on 28 Tables		A	B	C		
6.89	1				Weixiang Wu - Shiyu Sun,	72.62%
5.17	2				Yichi Zhang, Pasadena CA; Bob Chen, Coralville IA	70.25%
3.88	3				Jiayi Chang - Yutong Shao,	66.09%
2.91	4	1			Randy Pan - Zhiyu Cheng, Beijing People's Republic of China	63.94%
2.18	5	2			Xiaotong Li - Xinyu Yang,	63.51%
1.64	6	3	2		Nisarg Shah - Caleb Colburn, Alpharetta GA	57.66%
1.20		4	3		Xi-Hao Wang - Baozhuo Jiang, Beijing China People's Republic of China	
						57.54%
1.46		5	4		Jiahe Shen - Yilun Sheng,	56.75%
0.86		6			Maximilian Ach, Bonn Germany; Jason Miller, Tampa FL	55.75%

### YOUTH NABC THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

6.0 Tables		A	B	C		
1.11	1	1			Kevin Rodriguez, Germantown TN; Alexander Sung, New York NY	66.05%
0.83	2	2			Bayden Carter, Riverview NB; Brandon Bernard, Moncton NB	61.05%
0.55	3/4	3/4	2		Joel Metcalf, Newton MA; Andrew Mcnamara, Greenwich CT	58.33%
0.55	3/4	3/4			Alyssa Wallen, Cocoa FL; Amanda Harper, Winter Park FL	58.33%

### YOUTH NABC THURSDAY AFTERNOON SWISS TEAMS

20 Tables / Based on 25 Tables		A	B	C		
6.35	1				Theo Allen, Armonk NY; Maximilian Ach, Bonn Germany; Amber Lin, Edison NJ; Karan Vohra, Alpharetta GA	46.00
4.17	2/3				Ryan Miller, Tampa FL; Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL; Kevin Rosenberg, Cupertino CA; Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA	42.00
4.17	2/3				Randy Pan, Beijing People's Republic of China; Tom Cheng, ; Shiyu Sun - Weixiang Wu,	42.00
2.68	4				John Altman, Mariemont OH; Raienne Heading, Ormond Beach FL; Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH; David Yoon, Bayside NY	38.00
2.01	5				TianLing Qin - Ming Ming Xu - Peng Yuan Chen - Zu Zheng Wang - Rui Zhang,	37.00
1.90	6	1			Jiahe Shen - Yilun Sheng, ; Zihan Wang - Dongke Fang,	34.00
1.43		2	1		Benjamin Randall - Brant Guimond - Dru Guimond, Riverview NB; Nathanael Mack, Lower Coverdale NB; Amanda Luzzi, Orlando FL	33.00
1.07		3			Xiao Yang Shu - Yi Tong Wang - Xinyu Yang, ; Tong Li Xiao,	31.00
0.94		4/5	2/3		Baozhuo Jiang - Xi-Hao Wang, Beijing China People's Republic of China; Yuanzhe Shen - Zizhuo Peng,	30.00
0.94		4/5	2/3		Kunal Vohra - Wilbert Liu, Alpharetta GA; Vincent Zhu - Raymond Zhu, Duluth GA	30.00

### YOUTH NABC THURSDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION DDD			EAST-WEST	
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			73.35%	1	1	Brant Guimond - Dru Guimond, Riverview NB
2			63.77%	2		Bryan Goodwin - Madelyn Novak, McGrath AK
3	1		62.52%	3	2	Benjamin Randall, Riverview NB; Nathanael Mack, Lower Coverdale NB
4	2		61.47%	4	2	Yixuan Zhu - Yuxiang Jiao,

### YOUTH NABC THURSDAY MORNING OPEN PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION EEE			EAST-WEST	
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1/2			56.75%	1		Weixiang Wu - Shiyu Sun,
1/2	1		56.75%	2	1	Xi-Hao Wang - Baozhuo Jiang, Beijing China People's Republic of China
3			63.77%	3		Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Kevin Rosenberg, Cupertino CA
4			51.59%	4/5		John Altman, Mariemont OH; Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH
	2		47.62%	4/5	2	Kunal Vohra, Alpharetta GA; Raymond Zhu, Duluth GA
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION FFF			EAST-WEST	
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1	1	1	63.94%	1		Yichi Zhang, Pasadena CA; Bob Chen, Coralville IA
2	2		63.51%	2		Jiayi Chang - Yutong Shao,
3	3		57.66%	3	1	Maximilian Ach, Bonn Germany; Jason Miller, Tampa FL
4			52.70%	4	2	Rui Zhang - Peng Yuan Chen,

### YOUTH NABC THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION DDD			EAST-WEST	
A	B	C	A	B	C	
1	1		61.05%	1	1	Kevin Rodriguez, Germantown TN; Alexander Sung, New York NY
2	2	1	58.33%	2	2	Alyssa Wallen, Cocoa FL; Amanda Harper, Winter Park FL

## Young player wants to teach



**Amber Lin**

About a week ago, one of the players at the 2012 Youth NABC earned her teaching certificate from the ACBL in the two-day Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP).

Amber Lin, 15, lives in Edison NJ, where she will be a sophomore in high school this fall. She plans to teach bridge at a school for Chinese in Edison that was started by her father, Howard, who took up the game while in college. The school offers a variety of subjects, including Chinese language classes, bridge and chess, plus cultural activities.

A lot of the younger students at the Chinese school are interested in bridge, she says.

Lin plays when she can but "not as much as I want to, mostly online." She says the game appeals to her because "it's not like other card games. It's focused on thinking and figuring things out."

Learning to teach bridge will help her game, Lin says. "There were a lot of really good players learning to be teachers."