



# Daily Bulletin

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District 9 sent a huge contingent of players to the Youth NABC – 32 in all. Most of them are in the photo.

## District 9 steps up to the plate

The 2013 Youth NABC in Atlanta has attracted players from all over North America. Thanks to Atlanta Junior Bridge, there is a huge contingent here from the metropolitan area to lead the way in numbers of players.

An easy second would have to be District 9 – Florida.

More than 30 players from the district showed up in Atlanta to see their friends and vie for matchpoints and IMPs.

Nancy Hagerty, the district's youth education representative, notes that any player who filled out the proper paperwork and plays four of the six sessions at the Youth NABC is entitled to a \$500 scholarship.

Hagerty says the money for the scholarships comes from a foundation established by the district. There are many generous sponsors, she says: "We have received gifts from various sources."

Most of the young players, Hagerty adds, are from Bear Lake Elementary School in Apopka, near Orlando. She says most of the young recruits to bridge can be credited to Jill Lundberg, who teaches gifted students at Bear Lake.

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## Hunt, Ladyzhensky win Baron Barclay Youth Pairs



Winners of the Baron Barclay Youth Pairs: Allison Hunt and Asya Ladyzhensky.



Ben Kristensen and Kevin Rosenberg were second in the Baron Barclay Youth Pairs.

For first time in the history of the Youth NABC, the Baron Barclay Youth Pairs has been won by a pair of young women. Allison Hunt and Asya Ladyzhensky had big games in both session to win by 7.02 matchpoints on a top of 11.

Second place went to Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN, and Kevin Rosenberg, Cupertino CA.

Hunt is from Charlotte NC, Ladyzhensky from Ellenton FL. In the qualifying session, they racked up 68.86%. They followed with 66.10% in the final to hold off their challengers.

Hunt and Ladyzhensky have been regulars at the Youth NABC from its inception in 2005. Ladyzhensky, daughter of two accomplished players from Russia – Irina and Alexander Ladyzhensky – has not missed one.

## China again represented at the Youth NABC

Last year in Philadelphia, more than 30 players from China showed up to compete in the 5th Youth NABC. Despite the added attraction of the World Youth Open Bridge Championships, which starts on Sunday at the Hyatt, the Chinese contingent is smaller. Smaller, however, does not mean less enthusiastic.

Five of the players come from Dalian, a seaport city of about 6 million people. The players attend the Dalian Gelin Primary School, where bridge has been taught for three years in a government-supported program.

The school principle, Chen Hongwei, accompanied the young players to Atlanta. With her daughter, Liu Xiaohe, interpreting, Chen says she heartily endorses bridge and all its benefits for the young players.

"Bridge is the best mind game in the world," she says. "It helps the students learn to communicate and, most important, to be responsible for themselves."

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Wang Yan, Zhou Zinan, Chen Hongwei, Zhao Ying and Liu Xiaohe of the Chinese contingent at the Youth NABC.



Youth NABC Co-Chair Bryan Delfs with three helpers he calls his "lunch ladies": Lisa Perkins, Barbara Clark and Pamela Venable of Orange NJ.



These eight players have competed in every Youth NABC since the first one in 2008: Andrew Jeng, Asya Ladyzhensky, Brandon Harper, Richard Jeng, Murphy Green, Piper Ziebarth, Burke Snowden and Eric Rodriguez.

**District 9**

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Says Hagerty, "She has generated a lot of new players."

On Friday, the District 9 players were sporting yellow shirts with the FJB (Florida Junior Bridge) logo on the front. They have shirts in other colors.

The Florida players have done well, with Asya Ladyzhensky of Ellenton earning first in the Baron Barclay Youth Pairs.

Hagerty and her husband, Paul, live in Oviedo, also nearly Orlando. She is a retired guidance counselor. Paul was Seminole County school superintendent for 12 years.

She has coordinated all the Youth NABC activity for the district and finds the job very rewarding.

"It's so much fun," she says, "and the parents have been wonderful."



**Nancy Hagerty.**



**Chinese players**

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**Jack Chang with daughter Sophia Chang.**

Chen said the school has about 80 students taking bridge lessons, taught by a coach hired from the local bridge club. "The students need to learn more," she says.

As for the decision to make the long trip from China to Atlanta, Chen says, "There is an old Chinese saying: 'It is more important to travel than to read a lot.'"

Greeting Chen and two of her associates was Jack Chang, who is in Atlanta with his daughter, Sophia, a competitor in the Youth NABC. Change lives in Los Angeles and work in information technology at the City of Hope Cancer Center.

A bridge player for 40 years, the native of Taiwan arrived in the U.S. 26 years ago. When his daughter and son, Nolan, were old enough, he started teaching them card games, eventually moving to bridge and bridge clubs. Nolan, Chang says, has done well in regional tournaments in Southern California.

Chang says he endorses bridge because it teaches young players logic and social skills and provides the opportunity to make new friends. "It's a game you can play for a lifetime," he says. "Even if you leave the game for a while, you can go back any time."

Sophia, playing with Lucy Zhang, says bridge is fun for her because "I like the thinking."

**YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

Events are being played in the International Ballroom, International Tower, L11

**Saturday, Aug. 3**

- 10 am & 2 pm National Swiss Teams (two sessions)
- 10 am Cardrook Pairs (single session)
- 2 pm Cardrook Pairs (single session)

*Cardrook Pairs are games designed for less experienced players.*

7:30-9 pm Youth NABC closing ceremony/  
World Open Youth Opening Reception, Embassy Hall, International Tower, L11.

**BARON BARCLAY BRIDGE SUPPLY**



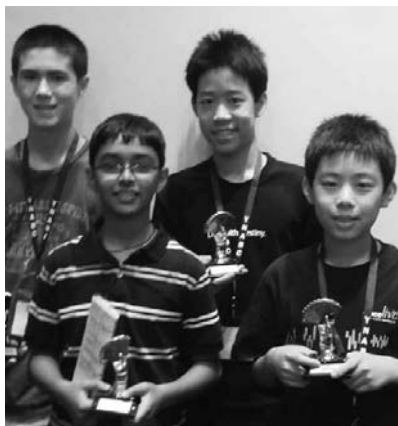
**Winners of the Youth Swiss Teams, Strat A: Jason Miller, Daniel Chai, Edward Cai and Victor Lamoureux. Chai and Cai also won the Friday afternoon Cardrook Pairs, Strat A.**



**Hailey Botkins and Bernadette Williams have won three times in the Cardrook Pairs so far: Thursday afternoon and Friday morning in Strat A and Friday afternoon in Strat C.**



**Winners of the Youth Swiss Teams: Brandon Flaschner, Steven Petocz, Todd Cardillo and Michael Fitzpatrick.**



**Caleb Colburn, Sidhesh Desai, Vicent Zhu and Raymond Zhu won the Youth Swiss Teams, Strat B.**



**Brendan Fong and Alexander Sung took first in the Thursday Afternoon Cardrook Pairs.**

# Virginia, Texas players endorse the 'brain game'

Hailey Botkins and Bernadette Williams are on a roll. In two days of play in the Card Rook Pairs at the Youth NABC, the 12-year-olds have won three times, twice in Strat A and once in Strat B. They are planning to play in the World Youth Open Bridge Championships, which start on Sunday.

Hailey and Bernadette – Bernie to friends – are part of a group of six young players from Williamsburg VA put together by Jim Davis, their teacher, mentor and one of the city's most active promoters of bridge.

Davis has been teaching and promoting bridge to young players since the fall of 2011, when his wife passed away. Shortly thereafter, he read an article about a man who was teaching bridge to elementary school students. He approached the teacher and asked if he could help, "and I liked it so much I wanted to do it on my own."

Davis is now teaching bridge at two schools. At the 2012 Spring NABC in Memphis, Davis took the Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP). At a sectional in Williamsburg this spring, he talked the organizers into letting him run a youth sectional.

He's is excited about the Youth NABC and the World Bridge Federation tournament that follows this weekend.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Davis says.

He notes that he is not surprised that Hailey and Bernadette have done so well at the tournament: "They have progressed so much faster." At home in Williamsburg, the girls go to "lots of tournaments." Says Hailey: "Bridge makes me smarter." Bernadette says her father told her he would buy her an iPhone5 if she came in first, second or third in an event. She's hoping the multiple first-place finishes will help her get a phone for her partner.

He says Chris Compton was helpful in arranging funding for the trip from Williamsburg to Atlanta, but the kids did some fundraising on their own, selling flower bulbs. Unit 110 in Williamsburg also pledged support.



**Jim Davis, a bridge teacher from Williamsburg VA, brought these players to compete in the Youth NABC. Front, Hailey Botkin and Emma Millikin, Bernadette Williams; rear, Helber Oliveira, Kristian Stephani and Matt La Rosée.**

Davis retired from his job as contract administrator for the U.S. Department of Defense. Ever since, he says, "it's been bridge, bridge, bridge."

Another enthusiastic group of players arrived in Atlanta from north central Texas, accompanied by their grandmother, Dorothy Moore, who lives in Keller TX, about 30 miles from Dallas, and teaches bridge in the Dallas suburb of Arlington.

Moore's foursome is made up of Laura Dunlap, 10, and Thomas Dunlap, 7, of Keller. Matt Pope, 9, and Katie Pope, 10, also came along. They live in Justin, about 40 miles from Dallas.

The three oldest, Moore says, attended a bridge camp last year put on by Donna Compton, and they went back for more this summer. Moore lets the children play in the 0-300 game she runs when they get a chance.

Bridge, Moore says, "is extra helpful for thinking, and the kids have learned a lot about cooperation."

Laura says bridge is fun for her because "it gets you thinking – and I get to spend more time with my brother." He agrees: "It gets your brain started."



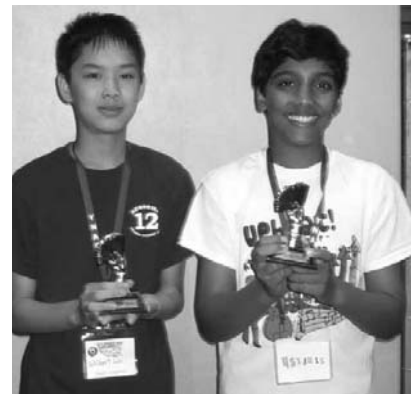
**Grace Stoker and Kendall Spalding.**



**Katherine and Krystal Wu won the Friday Afternoon Cardrook Pairs.**



**Second place in the Youth Consolation Pairs went to Eric Rodriguez and Piper Ziebarth.**



**Wilbert Liu and Sireesh Ramesh came in first in the Youth Consolation Pairs, Strat C.**



**These Texas players are attending their first Youth NABC: Laura Dunlap, Thomas Dunlap, Katie Pope and Matt Pope. With them is Dorothy Moore.**



# 2013 Youth NABC Schedule Atlanta GA

FRIDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS				
19.5 Tables				
	A	B	C	
1.40	1	1	Bernadette Williams - Hailey Botkins, Williamsburg VA	76.67%
1.05	2	2	Laura Dunlap, Keller TX; Katherine Pope, Justin TX	74.83%
0.79	3	3	Ryan Jones, Lower Coverdale NB; Jebosa Strong, Foley AL	72.20%
0.59	4		Avery Dyen - Mitchell Dyen, Maitland FL	70.33%
0.58	5	4	Samay Desai - Adithya Chimalakonda, Alpharetta GA	70.17%
0.33	6		Emalie Houk - Alex Houk, Mt Pleasant SC	65.00%
0.33	5		L'nai Bryant - Nayelis Fernandez, Orange NJ	64.83%
0.44	6	2	Thomas Dunlap, Keller TX; Matthew Pope, Justin TX	64.17%
0.33	3		Katherine Wu, Johns Creeks GA; Krystal Wu, Johns Creek GA	57.50%
0.25	4		Hannah Manhoff, Alpharetta GA; Aditya Kompella, Altomonte Sprin FL	55.50%

FRIDAY BARCLAY YOUTH PAIRS				
14.0 Tables / Based on 26 Tables				
12.24	1		Allison Hunt, Charlotte NC; Asya Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL	73.52%
9.18	2		Kevin Rosenberg, Cupertino CA; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN	70.86%
6.89	3		Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA	69.19%
5.16	4		Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Christian Jolly, Huntsville AL	68.37%
4.08	5		Evan Berman, Sarasota FL; Tyler Hart, Reno NV	63.24%
3.50	6		David Soukup, Arlington VA; Hakan Berk, Potomac MD	61.07%
3.06	7		Joseph Lieberman, Los Angeles CA; Christopher Welland, New York NY	58.59%
2.82	8		Raianne Heading, Ormond Beach FL; Christopher Forte, Palm Coast FL	58.32%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH CONSOLATION PAIRS				
11.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
3.19	1	1	Eric Rodriguez, Germantown TN; Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN	77.52%
2.39	2		J Alex Maloney, Mahomet IL; Karen Christian, Marietta GA	64.86%
1.79	3	2	1 Wilbert Liu - Sireesh Ramesh, Alpharetta GA	61.44%
1.35	4	3	2 Evan Jones, Lower Coverdale NB; Jake Rice, Riverview NB	58.34%
1.01	5	4	3 Rhea Mathew - Ridhi Choragudi, Alpharetta GA	57.50%
0.76	6	5	4 Todd Cardillo - Steven Petocz, Palm Coast FL	57.21%
0.56	6	5	5 Christian Kofod - Matthew Tracy, Raleigh NC	56.02%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS				
15.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
1.46	1		Daniel Chai, Marlboro NJ; Edward Cai, Morganville NJ	79.17%
1.10	2		Sterling Magnuson - Madelyn Novak, McGrath AK	74.50%
1.13	3	1	Hailey Botkins - Bernadette Williams, Williamsburg VA	73.33%
0.85	4	2	Emma Millikin - Matthew La Rosée, Williamsburg VA	64.00%
0.64	5	3	William Marriott, Cary NC; Jason Cobb, Apex NC	60.92%
0.48	6	4	Andrew Kukkapalli - Jenna Strickland, Cordova TN	60.33%
0.67	5	1	Krystal Wu, Johns Creek GA; Katherine Wu, Johns Creeks GA	60.17%
0.50	6	2	Pico Gilman - Kai Chang, San Francisco CA	55.67%
0.38	3		Hannah Manhoff, Alpharetta GA; Aditya Kompella, Altomonte Sprin FL	54.67%

NORTH-SOUTH				
1			Kevin Rosenberg, Cupertino CA; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN	
2			Ford Daniels, Raleigh NC; Julian Kurtzman, Cincinnati OH	
3			Evan Berman, Sarasota FL; Tyler Hart, Reno NV	
4			Brandon Flaschner, Palm Coast FL; Michael Fitzpatrick, Palm Court FL	
5			Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Theo Allen, Armonk NY	

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1			Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Christian Jolly, Huntsville AL	
2			Joseph Lieberman, Los Angeles CA; Christopher Welland, New York NY	
3			Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA	
4			Alec Zhan - Nisarg Shah, Alpharetta GA	
5			Caleb Colburn, Alpharetta GA; Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA	

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4			Alec Zhan - Nisarg Shah, Alpharetta GA	
5			Joseph Lieberman, Los Angeles CA; Christopher Welland, New York NY	
6			John Altman - Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH	

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1			J Alex Maloney, Mahomet IL; Karen Christian, Marietta GA	
2			1 Wilbert Liu - Sireesh Ramesh, Alpharetta GA	
3/4			2 Thomas Li, Morganville NJ; Hansen Horvath, Alpharetta GA	
3/4			3 Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL; Ryan Miller, Tampa FL	
			3 Hudson Cushing, Vancouver WA; James Marchant, Fairfax CA	
			4 Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL; Selef Berk, Potomac MD	

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1			Sterling Magnuson - Madelyn Novak, McGrath AK	
2			Kristofer Edstrom, Apopka FL; Amanda Harper, Winter Park FL	
3			Cutter Green, Falkville AL; Tanner Hess, Fairhope AL	
			1 Sachal Oberoi, Alpharetta GA; Abigail Roberts, Smoke Rise GA	

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2			1 Krystal Wu, Johns Creek GA; Katherine Wu, Johns Creeks GA	
3			2 Ryan Jones, Lower Coverdale NB; Jebosa Strong, Foley AL	

EAST-WEST				
1			Allison Hunt, Charlotte NC; Asya Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL	68.86%
2			Raianne Heading, Ormond Beach FL; Christopher Forte, Palm Coast FL	58.86%
3			David Soukup, Arlington VA; Hakan Berk, Potomac MD	58.64%
4			John Altman - Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH	57.73%
5			Burke Snowden, Fort Collins CO; Murphy Green, Alpharetta GA	56.36%

EAST-WEST				
1			Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL; Jackson Miller, Vienna VA	60.95%
2			Kunal Vohra - Anuj Das, Alpharetta GA	60.07%
3			Alexander Sung, New York NY; Mitchell Booth, Summit NJ	56.07%
4			Jake Olsen, Portland OR; Amber Lin, Edison NJ	55.73%
5			Sidhesh Desai, Alpharetta GA; Raymond Zhu, Duluth GA	53.68%

EAST-WEST				
1			Avery Dyen - Mitchell Dyen, Maitland FL	70.33%
2			Emalie Houk - Alex Houk, Mt Pleasant SC	65.00%
3			Cherish Andrews - Sarah Edwards, McGrath AK	56.17%
4			1 William Marriott, Cary NC; Jason Cobb, Apex NC	54.00%
			2 Andrew Kukkapalli - Jenna Strickland, Cordova TN	53.67%

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3			Evan Berman, Sarasota FL; Tyler Hart, Reno NV	59.66%
4			David Soukup, Arlington VA; Hakan Berk, Potomac MD	57.77%
5			Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA	55.11%
6			Ford Daniels, Raleigh NC; Julian Kurtzman, Cincinnati OH	51.52%

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Three of the 10 players attending the Youth NABC from Orange NJ: Nayelis Fernandez, L'Nai Bryant and Anahay Muldrow.



Samay Desai and Adithya Chimalakonda were first in the Friday Morning Cardrook Pairs, Strat C.