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Youth Co-Chair not kidding: 'I want to see you next year!'

Coming into the 6th Youth NABC, tournament Co-Chair Patty Tucker thought there was a good chance that the record for attendance – set at the first one in 2008 – would be broken.

It happened. There were 198 players at the first championship in Norcross GA five years ago. This year, the number was 202.

Rather than rest on her laurels, Tucker wants to see another record turnout at the 2014 Youth NABC in Las Vegas.

She has a message for the kids and their parents regarding next year's tournament: "I want to see everyone I saw this year – plus. I want no slacking off. You've got a year to save money."

Tucker, the brains and the energy behind the first Youth NABC, says the success of this year's tournament came down to the contributions of many, especially parents. "We had a wonderful group. Most of them don't play, but they come and do whatever needs doing to make sure the kids have fun. You can't ask any more than that."

Some of the non-bridge-playing parents, Tucker notes, have told her they plan to take her Learn to Play Bridge in a DAY? class today.

Tucker also gave high marks to Krista Wright-Thayer, who assisted at the Youth NABC. Wright-Thayer, Tucker says, contributed energy and a willingness to do any job that came along. "She did a great job."

Tucker says she was confident that a new mark for attendance would be set because "parents have recognized the event for what it is. They come expecting the kids to have a good time, and they do."

Tucker says that she felt a bit sad when she looked over the collages from the first Youth NABC. Some of the young players are now too old, or some have moved away or are otherwise occupied. "When you don't see them," she says, "you miss them."



Green, Jengs repeat as Youth Teams champs

Last year, the Youth Swiss Teams was won by Murphy Green, Andrew and Richard Jeng, plus Arjun Dhir and Zach Grossack. The latter two did not play this year, but Green and company still prevailed, winning by 5 victory points over a squad captained by Hakan Berk.

Burke Snowden, a member of the runner-up team last year, was the fourth on the winning team this year. The runners-up were Berk, Christian Jolly, Oren Kriegel and David Soukup.



Winners of the Saturday Youth Swiss Teams: Burke Snowden, Richard Jeng, Murphy Green and Andrew Jeng.



Second place in the Saturday Youth Swiss Teams were Christian Jolly, Oren Kriegel, David Soukup and Hanak Berk.

Thanks, volunteers

By Bryan Delfs, Co-Chair

It can't be said enough how important volunteers are to the success of an event, and our Youth NABC is certainly no exception.

I'd like to thank all of the parents who are helping to get their kids, and I'm sure many other kids, to the places they need to be. We appreciate your watching over each and every one of them.

I'd next like to thank our volunteers, who are working registrations, partnerships and other various roles. You are the ones ensuring that we know who has arrived and that they have what they need in order to play.

Finally, I'd like to thank Patty Tucker, who is the Youth NABC Chairman. Patty was the chair for the very first Youth NABC, and was the one who has set a tradition for other Youth NABCs to be held over the years.

Thanks to everyone for their continued volunteerism and support. We certainly appreciate it and I know the kids truly enjoy the experience!



There are lots of ways to have fun with cards. Just ask (top row), Jenna Strong, Vivian Lamoureux, Niresha Wanigasekara and (bottom row) Nia Everett and Cassie Varcoe.

Zhan takes Sportsmanship Award

Each year, players at the Youth NABC are asked to vote for the player they think best exemplifies sportsmanship during the competition. After two days of voting, three finalists were chosen for a final ballot: Alec Zhan, Tanner Hess and Victor Lamoureux.

Zhan came out on top, but only after a glitch that had Tournament Director Nancy Watkins as the leading vote getter. After players received more detailed instructions on voting parameters, Zhan won a close contest.



Finalists for the Sportsmanship Award: Tanner Hess, Alec Zhan and Victor Lamoureux. Zhan won.

BARON BARCLAY BRIDGE SUPPLY



Kendall Spalding and Grace Stoker were first in the Saturday Morning Cardrork Pairs, Strat C.



They were first in the Saturday Youth Consolation Swiss, Strat A: Jeremy Roberts, Sedef Berk, Eric Rodriguez and Piper Ziebarth.



Kevin Rodriguez and Niresha Wanigasekara won the Saturday Morning Cardrork Pairs, Strat B.

Winners of the Saturday Youth Consolation Swiss, Strat C, were Hudson Cushing, Catherine Fay and Amanda Harper. James Marchant was not available for the photo.



Hi! My name is...

Name
Vivian Lamoureux

Where do you live?
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

How old are you?
11

What is your favorite color?
Dark blue

What is your favorite class in school?
Math!

Do you have a favorite book?
Dr. Who

Favorite author?
Steven Moffat

Favorite recording artist?
Taylor Swift

What is your favorite movie?
Marmaduke

Your favorite actor/actress?
Arthur Darvell

When you're not playing bridge, what do you like to do?
I like to read, write comics and text.

What do you want to be when you grow up?
I want to be part of the British Broadcasting Corporation.




David Soukup, right, helps Cooper Smith with some aspects of the screens that will be in use in the World Youth Open Bridge Championships, starting today at the Hyatt. Many of the Youth NABC competitors will play in the world championship.

Hi! My name is...

Name
Jenna Strickland

Where do you live?
Memphis TN

How old are you?
11

What is your favorite color?
Orange

What is your favorite class in school?
Math

Do you have a favorite book?
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

Favorite author?
J.K. Rowling

Favorite recording artist?
The Beatles

What is your favorite movie?
Despicable Me

Your favorite actor/actress?
Matt Smith

When you're not playing bridge, what do you like to do?
Watch Dr. Who

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A petroleum engineer





They won the Saturday Youth Consolation Swiss, Strat B: Brandon Flaschner, Steven Petocz, Todd Cardillo and Michael Fitzpatrick.



Andrew Varcoe and Gabriel Chavez tied for first in the Saturday Morning Cardrook Pairs, Strat A, and took first by themselves in the afternoon session of the same event.



Kristofer and Olivia Edstrom tied for first in the Saturday Morning Cardrook Pairs, Strat A.

Hi! My name is...

Name
Piper Ziebarth

Where do you live?
Cordova TN
(Memphis)

How old are you?
15

What is your favorite color?
Blue

What is your favorite class in school?
Math

Do you have a favorite book?
Shadow and Bone Trilogy

Favorite author?
Ridley Pearson

Favorite recording artist?
Taylor Swift or Adele

What is your favorite movie?
Every Disney movie

Your favorite actor/actress?
Anne Hathaway

When you're not playing bridge, what do you like to do?
Play board games, watch Netflix and read

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A teacher



Hi! My name is...

Name
Bunmi Soremi

Where do you live?
Orlando FL

How old are you?
11

What is your favorite color?
Purple

What is your favorite class in school?
Math

Do you have a favorite book?
Legend

Favorite author?
Dan Gutman

Favorite recording artist?
Selena Gomez

What is your favorite movie?
Grown Ups

Your favorite actor/actress?
Chris Rock

When you're not playing bridge, what do you like to do?
Watching TV, reading books

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A doctor



Hi! My name is...

Name
Eric Rodriguez

Where do you live?
Memphis TN

How old are you?
15

What is your favorite color?
Blue

What is your favorite class in school?
Algebra

Do you have a favorite book?
And Then There Were None

Favorite author?
Agatha Christie

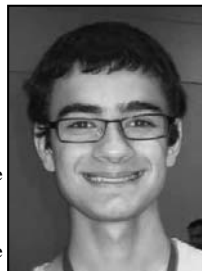
Favorite recording artist?
Elvis Presley

What is your favorite movie?
The Three Stooges

Your favorite actor/actress?
Adam Sandler

When you're not playing bridge, what do you like to do?
I like to play baseball, basketball and soccer

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A baseball player



Adithya Chimalakonda and Samay Desai.

Right place, right time

When the opponents make a mistake, it's important to take full advantage. In the Saturday Afternoon Cardrook Pairs, Adithya Chimalakonda and Samay Desai took that advice to heart – and then some. Samay was South.

Dlr: East ♠ A K 10 8 5 3

Vul: N-S ♥ 5

♦ A 7 5 4

♣ J 8

♠ 9 4

♥ J 6 3

♦ K 9 3 2

♣ K 9 5 3

♠ J 7 2

♥ 9 8 4 2

♦ 10

♣ A Q 10 7 4

♠ Q 6

♥ A K Q 10 7

♦ Q J 8 6

♣ 6 2

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

1♥

Pass

East pulled the 1♥ bid card by mistake, and North-South did well to pass it out. Samay astutely led the ♥A, playing three more rounds to pull trumps. He then played the ♦Q, which held. From there, it was easy to collect six spade tricks. Together with two diamond tricks and five trump tricks, Samay and Adithya took all 13 tricks – good for a cold top. They can make 11 tricks in spades, but in their section no one got to game.



2013 Youth NABC Schedule Atlanta GA

SATURDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

15.5 Tables		A	B	C		
1.06	1/2				Gabriel Chavez - Andrew Varcoe, Foley AL	75.60%
1.06	1/2				Olivia Edstrom - Kristofer Edstrom, Apopka FL	75.60%
0.68	3				Cherish Andrews - Sarah Edwards, McGrath AK	71.21%
0.51	4				Spencer Dyen, Maitland FL; Nicholas Laugen, Altamonte FL	70.60%
0.86	5	1			Niresha Wanigasekara, Cordova TN; Kevin Rodriguez, Germantown TN	63.83%
0.29	6				Caitlyn Brown - Madelyn Brown, Sarasota FL	60.14%
0.65		2			Ryan Jones, Lower Coverdale NB; Jeboa Strong, Foley AL	58.33%
0.61		3	1		Grace Stoker, Altamonte Spgs FL; Kendall Spalding, Versailles KY	57.14%
0.46		4	2		Jenna Strickland, Cordova TN; V J Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS	56.55%
0.34		5	3		Thomas Dunlap, Keller TX; Katherine Pope, Justin TX	54.76%
0.24		6			Amanda Luzzi, Altamonte Spgs FL; Bunmi Soremi, Apopka FL	53.57%
0.26			4		Laura Dunlap, Keller TX; Matthew Pope, Justin TX	48.21%

SATURDAY YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

16 Tables / Based on 26 Tables						
9.79	1				Murphy Green, Alpharetta GA; Burke Snowden, Fort Collins CO; Andrew Jeng - Richard Jeng, Johns Creek GA	74.00
7.34	2				Hakan Berk, Potomac MD; David Soukup, Arlington VA; Christian Jolly, Huntsville AL; Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL	69.00
5.51	3				Evan Jones, Lower Coverdale NB; Jake Rice - R Brant Guimond - Dru Guimond, Riverview NB	61.14
4.13	4				Joseph Lieberman, Los Angeles CA; Christopher Welland, New York NY; Jake Olsen, Portland OR; Amber Lin, Edison NJ	60.43
3.26	5				Evan Berman, Sarasota FL; Asya Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL; Allison Hunt, Charlotte NC; Tyler Hart, Reno NV	58.57
2.80	6				Christopher Forte, Palm Coast FL; Raienne Heading, Ormond Beach FL; Raymond Stopper - Mariah Stopper, Houston TX	53.57

2.45	7				Kevin Rosenberg, Cupertino CA; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN; Ryan Miller, Tampa FL; Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL	51.57
2.18	8				Daniel Chai, Marlboro NJ; Edward Cai - Timothy Lou, Morgantown NJ; Sharan Kumar, Holmdel NJ	50.43

SATURDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH CONSOLATION SWISS

12 Tables		A	B	C		
2.67	1				Sedef Berk, Potomac MD; Jeremy Roberts, Smoke Rise GA; Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN; Eric Rodriguez, Germantown TN	73.00
1.75	2/3	1/2			Brandon Flaschner - Steven Petocz - Todd Cardillo, Palm Coast FL; Michael Fitzpatrick, Palm Court FL	51.00
1.75	2/3	1/2			Sunidhi Ramesh - Hansen Horvath, Alpharetta GA; Pavan Bharadwaj, Suwanee GA; Jeff Zhan, Duluth GA	51.00
1.13	4	3	1		Hudson Cushing, Vancouver WA; James Marchant, Fairfax CA; Catherine Fay, Chapel Hill NC; Amanda Harper, Winter Park FL	43.00
0.60	4	2			Sterling Magnuson - Madelyn Novak - Bryan Goodwin - Jett Novak, McGrath AK	37.00

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

10.0 Tables		A	B	C		
0.93	1				Andrew Varcoe - Gabriel Chavez, Foley AL	74.17%
0.73	2	1			Konner Spalding - Kendall Spalding, Versailles KY	69.17%
0.55	3	2			Matthew Pope, Justin TX; Thomas Dunlap, Keller TX	61.67%
0.36	4/5	3/4			William Marriott, Cary NC; Jason Cobb, Apex NC	60.83%
0.36	4/5	3/4			Laura Dunlap, Keller TX; Katherine Pope, Justin TX	60.83%
0.24	6				Sarah Edwards - Cherish Andrews, McGrath AK	58.33%
0.23	5				Ryan Jones, Lower Coverdale NB; Jeboa Strong, Foley AL	55.00%

NORTH-SOUTH		A	B	C		
1					Spencer Dyen, Maitland FL; Nicholas Laugen, Altamonte FL	
2	1				Niresha Wanigasekara, Cordova TN; Kevin Rodriguez, Germantown TN	
3	2				Nayelis Fernandez - L'nei Bryant, Orange NJ	
		1			Pico Gilman - Kai Chang, San Francisco CA	
NORTH-SOUTH		A	B	C		
1					Gabriel Chavez - Andrew Varcoe, Foley AL	75.60%
2					Jackson Daniel, Foley AL; Jackson Finkley, Magnolia Spgs AL	60.12%
3	1				Ryan Jones, Lower Coverdale NB; Jeboa Strong, Foley AL	58.33%
		2			Amanda Luzzi, Altamonte Spgs FL; Bunmi Soremi, Apopka FL	53.57%
		1			Nickolas Edstrom, Apopka FL; Robert Browning, Altamonte Spg FL	47.62%
NORTH-SOUTH		A	B	C		
1					Andrew Varcoe - Gabriel Chavez, Foley AL	74.17%
2	1				Matthew Pope, Justin TX; Thomas Dunlap, Keller TX	61.67%
3/4	2/3				William Marriott, Cary NC; Jason Cobb, Apex NC	60.83%
3/4	2/3				Laura Dunlap, Keller TX; Katherine Pope, Justin TX	60.83%
	4				Adithya Chimalakonda - Samay Desai, Alpharetta GA	51.67%

SATURDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS SECTION MMM

A	B	C		
70.60%	1			
63.83%	2			
52.68%	3			
44.49%		1		

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS SECTION LLL

A	B	C		
74.17%	1	1		
61.67%	2			
60.83%	3			
60.83%	4	2		
51.67%				

EAST-WEST

Cherish Andrews - Sarah Edwards, McGrath AK	71.21%
Caitlyn Brown - Madelyn Brown, Sarasota FL	60.14%
Aditya Kompella, Altomonte Sprin FL; Hannah Manhoff, Alpharetta GA	58.35%
Shehal Oberai, Alpharetta GA; Andrew Kukkapalli, Cordova TN	42.86%
EAST-WEST	
Olivia Edstrom - Kristofer Edstrom, Apopka FL	75.60%
Grace Stoker, Altamonte Spgs FL; Kendall Spalding, Versailles KY	57.14%
Jenna Strickland, Cordova TN; V J Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS	56.55%
Thomas Dunlap, Keller TX; Katherine Pope, Justin TX	54.76%
EAST-WEST	
Konner Spalding - Kendall Spalding, Versailles KY	69.17%
Ranjitha Roberts - Phil Ina, Atlanta GA	60.00%
Sarah Edwards - Cherish Andrews, McGrath AK	58.33%
Ryan Jones, Lower Coverdale NB; Jeboa Strong, Foley AL	55.00%

Hi! My name is...

Name
Niresha Wanigasekara

Where do you live?
Memphis TN

How old are you?
11

What is your favorite color?
Lime green

What is your favorite class in school?
Math

Do you have a favorite book?
Famous Fire

Favorite author?
Enid Blyton

Favorite recording artist?
Taylor Swift

What is your favorite movie?
Chronicles of Namia

When you're not playing bridge, what do you like to do?
Read

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A doctor.



Konner and Kendall Spalding were tops in the Saturday Afternoon Cardrook Pairs, Strat B.

Hi! My name is...

Name
Amanda Harper

Where do you live?
Orlando FL

How old are you?
14

What is your favorite color?
Purple

What is your favorite class in school?
Math

Do you have a favorite book?
Percy Jackson

Favorite recording artist?
Parachute

What is your favorite movie?
The Call

Your favorite actor/actress?
Channing Tatum

When you're not playing bridge, what do you like to do?
Play music and softball

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A doctor

