

# Daily Bulletin

2014 Youth NABC

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## Welcome, players

Welcome to Las Vegas and to the 2014 Youth NABC! Las Vegas is a unique city and we hope you will enjoy all that it offers. Since 2008, the Youth NABC has been the event that has allowed young players to meet, play and make lifelong friendships.

Our team of ACBL staff and volunteers has everything set for you to begin today. It will be a fun-filled event: three days of food, friends, fun, BRIDGE and perhaps even a slam or two!

The YNABC schedule and information is on the facing page. You are the future of ACBL and I can't wait to meet each of you.

*Nancy Erickson  
Las Vegas Youth NABC Chair*



## We are glad you're here

*By Bryan Delfs*

As I look at faces in the crowd, none seem to age so fast as our youth and junior players. Juniors who first played in this event six years ago are now playing in the Collegiate Team Championships.

Others have grown, seemingly by several feet since we saw them last. Bridge is truly a game of all ages, and our Youth NABC is great celebration of that.

Welcome to Las Vegas. We have plenty of bridge to offer to our youth players, and we are looking forward to sharing the excitement of those who have been practicing all week.

A special welcome to our Chinese competitors, who have helped to show their support by participating in this event for multiple years.

Our competition this year is generously sponsored by Bridge Base Online, Masterpoint Press, Baron Barclay and Great Game Products.

We hope to have a great competition and look forward to seeing you in friendly competition.



## The most important trophy?

Each year, players at the Youth NABC are asked to vote for the player they believe best exemplifies sportsmanship: courtesy to partner and the opponents and friendliness even while competing. This trophy is awarded at the closing ceremony of the NABC.

Last year, Alec Zhan of Alpharetta GA was chosen by his peers for the coveted award, but the vote was close and could have easily gone to one of the other two finalists: Tanner Hess and Victor Lamoureux.



**Finalists for the 2013 Sportsmanship Award:**  
*Tanner Hess, Alec Zhan and Victor Lamoureux.*

## Sponsors play big role in Youth NABC success

Patty Tucker started the Youth NABC in 2008 and has watched it grow, in no small measure because of the loyalty of the sponsors.

Baron Barclay Bridge Supply sponsored the first Open Pairs in the competition limited to players 19 and younger with fewer than 5000 masterpoints. The event has always been the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs.

The company, based in Louisville KY, is the world's largest bridge supply house. Each member of the winning duo in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs receives a \$1000 scholarship from the company.

Another company highly involved with bridge books is Toronto-based Master Point Press, whose owners – Ray and Linda Lee – provide a \$1000 scholarship for the player chosen by his or her peers for the Sportsmanship Award. MPP is the world's largest publisher of bridge books.

"We sponsor all kinds of things," said Ray Lee, "and we have felt that we wanted to do something for junior bridge. The game has given us an awful lot and we try to put what we can back into it."



Great Game Products, represented at the Youth NABC by chief programmer Stephen Smith, donated 150 copies of Bridge Baron 23 and iTunes

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**The 7<sup>th</sup> Youth NABC is sponsored primarily by four sponsors, whose representatives are shown above: Stephen Smith, Great Game Products; Jim Maier, Baron Barclay Bridge Supply; Ray and Linda Lee, Master Point Press, and Fred Gitelman, Bridge Base Online.**

## Sponsors

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**Youth NABC Co-Chair Patty Tucker with the Bridge Base Online poster.**

gift cards for the tournament goodie bags.

The bridge-playing software is among the most popular of its kind and has competed regularly in the Computer-Bridge World Championships at World Bridge Federation tournaments. Great Game Products has been in business since 1985.

"We want to promote bridge among everyone," said Smith, "but especially among young players."

Bridge Baron 23 works with Windows and Mac operating systems.

This year's National Youth Swiss Teams is sponsored by Bridge Base Online, the dominant player in live, online bridge. Founder Fred Gitelman is well known for his philanthropy and contributions to the game, not the least of which was helping to get Microsoft Founder Bill Gates interested in the game.

Gitelman is an accomplished player with several North American championships to his credit, plus a world championship – the Rosenblum Cup at the World Bridge Series in Philadelphia in 2010.

BBO is providing four \$1000 scholarships to the winners of the Swiss teams on the final day of the Youth NABC.

## YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

All card play is in Pavilion 10 at the hotel (other activities in Pavilion 11)

Thursday, July 24		Saturday, July 26	
10 a.m.	Youth Pairs & Cardrout Pairs Single session	10 a.m. & 2 p.m.	National Youth Swiss Teams 2 sessions (one qualifying and one final session) Players must be available for both sessions
2 p.m.	Youth Teams & Cardrout Pairs Single session	10 a.m.	Cardrout Pairs Single session
10 a.m. & 2 p.m.	<b>Friday, July 25</b> Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs 2 sessions (one qualifying and one final session) Players must be available for both sessions	2 p.m.	Cardrout Pairs Single session
10 a.m.	Cardrout Pairs Single session	2 p.m.	Consolation Swiss Single session
2 p.m.	Cardrout Pairs Single session	5:30 p.m.	Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award Ceremony
2 p.m.	Consolation Open Pairs Single session		

(Cardrout pairs are games designed for less-experienced players)

### Bridge cryptoquote

Decipher the code in this message to uncover a familiar bridge maxim.  
Answer in tomorrow's edition.

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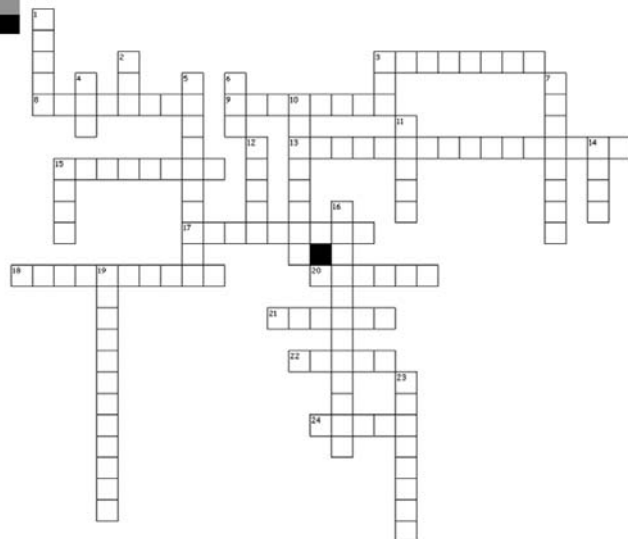
## VEGAS YOUTH FLARE!

### Across

- How many cards are there in a deck
- Each suit has how many cards
- The last bid after three passes
- Sponsor of the sportsmanship award
- A signal to tell your partner whether you like or don't like a suit
- I can take 13 tricks!
- Site of the second Youth NABC in 2009
- I don't think you can make your contract!
- Bidding the opponent's suit
- How many points does a king count
- It shows a fit

### Down

- A signal to tell your partner how many cards you hold in a suit
- When you don't make your contract you are \_\_\_\_\_
- What do you call eight cards between your two hands
- One spade is a \_\_\_\_\_
- A special double made by advancer
- Highest card in the deck
- A bid made by an opponent to the opening bidder
- He won the first sportsmanship trophy
- Four cards played by each player
- It counts as 2 high card points
- Bid that says you can take twelve tricks
- The organization that hosts the youth nabc
- They sponsor the youth pair championship
- What should you do if partner leads fourth from their longest and strongest
- Winner of last years sportsmanship trophy



Answer in tomorrow's edition.