

Daily Bulletin

2014 Youth NABC

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Youth bridge gets parents' seal of approval

While the young players at the Youth NABC have romped and stomped their way to fun during the 2014 edition of the tournament, their parents – most of whom don't play bridge – have observed with growing appreciation.

"I think it's fantastic," said Jennifer Burns, Riverview NB, attending her first Youth NABC with her son, William Lindsay. "I would take him to do this anywhere. It's really cool."

Many of the parents have attended several of the tournaments, first played in 2008. One of them is Anissa Dyen, who teaches at Bear Lake Elementary School in Apopka FL. She and two other parents showed up with a total of nine (six players).

Dyen's exposure to the game started in a gift program at her school. Since discovering the Youth NABC in New Orleans in 2010, she has not missed one.

"The kids love to play," Dyen said. "They love the strategy of the game and meeting new friends. The thrill of seeing new places is great for them."

Julie Mattison came from Germantown, in

the Memphis area, with several charges from the Lamplighter Montessori School. It's her third Youth NABC, and her daughter, 11-year-old Emily, has done well in the tournament so far.

"When she started she could hardly hold the cards, but she stuck with it," said Mattison, noting that her daughter made friends and keeps in touch despite living far from each other. One of Emily's best friends, Vivian Lamoureux, lives in Nova Scotia. Vivian makes the trip with her family in part, she said, because "I know I'll have good friends when I come here."

Anu Goodman waited as her daughter, Olivia Laufer, was playing in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs with Albena-Maria Vassileva. Goodman lives in Toronto, Albena in North Bay.

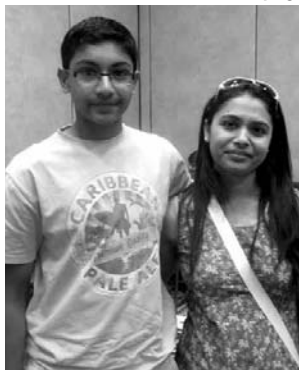
Goodman said her daughter "is a busy thinker, so she doesn't need the brain stimulation, but she enjoys it. They are connecting with friends and making new ones."

Olivia and Albena were in Atlanta for the Youth NABC last year and did not know that the

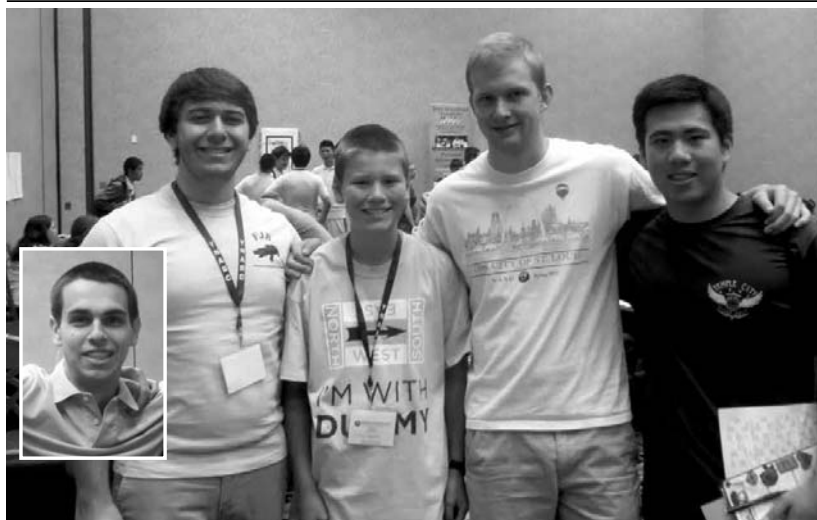
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A group from the Orlando FL area: front, Anissa Dyen, Natalie Youmans and Mitchell Dyen; rear, Spencer Dyen, Sue Laugen, Avery Dyen, Nick Laugen and Sara and Kathy Youmans.



Nisarg Shah with his mother, Hiran.



With a little help from his friends

On day one of the Youth NABC, Timothy McAllister, second from left, was without a partner. The players in the photo with him volunteered to take turns as his partner even though they had other plans to play. With Timothy are Brandon Harper, Cole Spencer and Nolan Chang. The fourth (inset) was Ryan Miller.



Sumayyah Borders and her father, Eric.

Young poet enjoys new experience

The bridge players attending the Youth NABC in Las Vegas have many achievements, in sports, academics and other arenas. It's probably safe to say that none of the players at the Youth NABC can match what Sumayyah Borders of Williamsburg VA has accomplished.

When she was 8, Sumayyah published a book of poetry called "Little Wisdom." Now 9, she is working on a second book and playing bridge in Las Vegas.

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Mikael Edstrom and children Nikolas, Olivia and Kristofer.

Well-traveled players are ready for bridge

On June 29, members of the Edstrom family left the Orlando area in an RV. They arrived in Las Vegas tired, hot and eager to play bridge.

Along the way the RV's air conditioning system went south, but they had an interesting odyssey, visiting Gatlinburg TN and continuing with stops in Illinois, Missouri – where they visited an alpaca farm – South Dakota (the Corn Palace) and Mount Rushmore. There was also touring in Utah and Arizona.

Mikael Edstrom, father to the bridge players, jumped off the RV and went home to work on July 3 – he runs a nursery – but rejoined the group in

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Chinese win Open Pairs

BiTeng Chen and Yuqiao Zhao scored 64.20% in the second session to win the Baron Barclay Youth Open Pairs by more than a board. Their score of 187.80 was well ahead of the 170.50 posted by the runners-up, Oren Kriegel and Christopher Huber. The prize-giving ceremony for the Youth NABC takes place today after the second session of the National Youth Swiss Teams.

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World Youth Open Bridge Championships were set for the last weekend of the Summer NABC. They signed up on the spot and played behind screens – all WBF events are played that way.

“It was pretty nice,” said Albena. “People didn’t talk much and it was easier to concentrate because you couldn’t see your partner’s face.”

Just being at the WBF tournament, Albena said, “was an experience. It gave me confidence knowing I could do that.”

Hiran Shah traveled from Atlanta with her son, Nisarg, 13, to play bridge. She likes the team-building aspect of the tournament. “It’s really good for the kids at this age to know other people and learn to interact.”

Nisarg likes the game because “the competition is fun and it challenges my mind.”

Jason Moncure, of Atlanta, traveled to Las Vegas with his son, Jackson, for his first Youth NABC. The 8-year-old dynamo hooked up with Atlanta Junior Bridge about a year ago and has taken to the game. Jason gives a thumbs-up to that event.

“It helps with math and analytical skills,” said Moncure, “and I want to expose him to things that would be beneficial to him. This is one of them.” Also, Moncure said, “it gets him away from what I call the Terrible Ts – television and the tablet.”

Jackson likes math and the challenges of bridge. “It’s not an easy game,” he said. “It makes you think a lot.”



Jackson Moncure and his dad, Jason.

YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

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

Piling up the points



Timothy McAllister and Jackson Moncure, section first, Strats A and B, Thursday Cardroom Pairs.



Pavan Bharadwaj and Jeff Zhan, section first, Strats B and C, Open Pairs.



Matt and Katie Pope, section first, Strat A, Friday morning Cardroom Pairs.



Michael Hu and Kevin Huang, section first, Strat C, Open Pairs.



Vivian Lamoureux and Emily Mattison, section first, Strats B and C, morning and afternoon Cardroom Pairs on Friday.



Lucy Zhang and Sophia Chang, section first, Strat A, Open Pairs.

NORTH-SOUTH		
A	B	C
1		Katherine Pope - Matthew Pope, Justin TX
2	1	Emily Mattison, Germantown TN; Vivian Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS
3		Nayelis Fernandez - L'nai Bryant, Orange NJ
4	2	2 Pico Gilman, San Francisco CA; Kai Chang, San Francisco CA
	3	V J Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Jemma Strickland, Cordova TN
	4	Sontee Jones - Sabrina Teal, Orange NJ

NORTH-SOUTH		
A	B	C
1		Nickolas Edstrom, Apopka FL; William Lindsay, Riverview NB
2	1	1 Vivian Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Emily Mattison, Germantown TN
3		Nayelis Fernandez - L'nai Bryant, Orange NJ
4		Katherine Pope - Matthew Pope, Justin TX
	2	Pico Gilman, San Francisco CA; Kai Chang, San Francisco CA

FRIDAY MORNING CARDROOM PAIRS		
SECTION D		
	A	B
	68.24%	1
	59.92%	2
	54.95%	3
	50.48%	4
	50.10%	3
	47.00%	2

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOM PAIRS		
SECTION D		
	A	B
	76.83%	1
	61.33%	2
	56.83%	3
	55.82%	4
	46.17%	2

EAST-WEST	
R.J. Fashingbauer - Andrew Burrows, Williamsburg VA	69.15%
Jordan Trautwein, Naples FL; Amanda Harper, Winter Park FL	67.65%
Jialin Hao - Qi Song,	64.01%
Anahay Muldrow - Reginald Smith, Orange NJ	59.93%
Yitlang Zhang - YuQi Wen,	56.95%

EAST-WEST	
Kristofer Edstrom - Olivia Edstrom, Apopka FL	68.33%
Eric Lou, Morgantown NJ; Eric Chai, Marlboro NJ	67.33%
Ashley Botkins - Mykala Mudaly, Williamsburg VA	54.33%
Chia Hung Tang, Cerritos CA; Andrew Zhang,	49.59%
Elijah Williams, Williamsburg VA; Elijah Webb-Harris, Orange NJ	45.63%



Timothy Lou and Sharan Kumar, section first, Strats B and C, Open Pairs.



Tian Yuan Lan and Zhi Zeng, section first, Strat A, Open Pairs.



William Lindsay and Niklas Estrom, first overall, Friday afternoon Cardrook Pairs.



Andrew Burrows and R.J. Fashingbauer, Friday morning Cardrook Pairs.



Eric Chai and Eric Lou, section first, Strat C, Friday morning Cardrook Pairs.



Ivan and James Marchant, section first, Strats B and C, Open Consolation.



Kunal Vohra and Anuj Das, section first, Strat B, Open Pairs.



Ellie Fashingbauer and Jackson Miller, section first, Strat C, Open Pairs.



Olivia and Kristofer Edstrom, section first, Strat A, Friday afternoon Cardrook Pairs.



Ren Fei Wang and Cheng Xu, section first, Strat A, Open Pairs.



Isabella Babb and Helena Hsieh, section first, Friday afternoon Cardrook Pairs.



Ashley Botkins and Mykala Mudahy, section first, Strat B, Friday afternoon Cardrook Pairs.



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BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS

13.0 Tables / Based on 24 Tables

A	B	C		
9.25	1		BiTeng Chen, Beijing, China; Yuqiao Zhao, Marlboro NJ	71.14%
6.94	2		Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Christopher Huber, Rockport MA	64.58%
5.20	3		Tian-Yuan Lan, Beijing Chad; Zhi Zeng,	63.33%
3.90	4		Evan Berman, Sarasota FL; Alexander Frieden, Brookline MA	62.09%
3.86	5	1	Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA	61.78%
2.90	6	2	YuTung Shao - Yuan Zhe Ding,	61.64%
2.31	7		Cole Spencer, Fayetteville AR; Nolan Chang, San Gabriel CA	59.90%
2.17		3	Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN; Hunter McClain, Fort Mill SC	54.29%
2.53	4	1	Kevin Huang, Palo Alto CA; Michael Hu, San Jose CA	49.89%
1.90	5	2	Sharan Kumar, Holmdel NJ; Timothy Lou, Morganville NJ	49.70%
1.54		6	Sophia Chang, San Gabriel CA; Lucy Zhang, Arcadia CA	48.39%
1.42		3	Jeff Zhan, Duluth GA; Pavan Bharadwaj, Suwanee GA	43.77%
1.07		4	Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON	43.14%
0.84		5	Rui Jie Shi - Di Wu,	39.99%
1.20		6	Jackson Miller, Vienna VA; Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL	39.63%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH CONSOLATION PAIRS

8.5 Tables

A	B	C		
2.31	1	1	Wendy Guangli Liu - Xinyi Luo,	69.44%
1.73	2		Jake Olsen, Portland OR; Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH	62.94%
1.30	3		Brandon Flaschner, Palm Coast FL; Michael Fitzpatrick, Palm Court FL	62.50%
0.97	4		Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA; Alec Zhan, Alpharetta GA	62.06%
1.01	5	2	Jonathan Baumel, Kennett Square PA; Tyler Hart, Reno NV	57.14%
0.75		3	Ivan Marchant - James Marchant, Fairfax CA	52.68%
0.58		4	Jonas Gedvila - Vytas Gedvila, Reno NV	51.98%

FRIDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

11.0 Tables

A	B	C		
1.45	1	1	R.J. Fashingbauer - Andrew Burrows, Williamsburg VA	69.15%
1.09	2		Katherine Pope - Matthew Pope, Justin TX	68.24%
0.82	3		Jordan Trautwein, Naples FL; Amanda Harper, Winter Park FL	67.65%
0.87	4	2	JiaLin Hao - Qi Song,	64.01%
0.46	5		Anahyah Muldrow - Reginald Smith, Orange NJ	59.93%
0.71	6	3	Emily Mattison, Germantown TN; Vivian Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS	59.92%
0.53		4	Yitlang Zhang - YuQi Wen,	56.95%
0.41		5	Pico Gilman, San Francisco CA; Kai Chang, San Francisco CA	50.48%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

9.0 Tables

A	B	C		
1.60	1		Nickolas Edstrom, Apopka FL; William Lindsay, Riverview NB	76.83%
1.20	2		Kristofer Edstrom - Olivia Edstrom, Apopka FL	68.33%
0.90	3		Eric Lou, Morganville NJ; Eric Chai, Marlboro NJ	67.33%
0.97	4	1	Vivian Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Emily Mattison, Germantown TN	61.33%
0.51	5		Nayelis Fernandez - L'nai Bryant, Orange NJ	56.83%
0.73		2	Ashley Botkins - Mykala Mudahy, Williamsburg VA	54.33%
0.58		3	Chia Hung Tang, Cerritos CA; Andrew Zhang,	49.50%
0.41		4	Pico Gilman, San Francisco CA; Kai Chang, San Francisco CA	46.17%

Free gifts for young players

Newcomers, Youth, Junior and Collegiate players are invited to visit the booksellers in the convention center, opposite where the regional events are played. On the 75% off bridge book desk, you may pick up to three gifts. There are specials as well.

Parents

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"I didn't know they had bridge for younger children," said Eric Borders, Sumayyah's father. "I thought it was an old people's game."

Borders approves of his daughter's new interest, one of many, including competitive horseback riding. "Anything you do that is different and expands your horizons is good. She is having fun, and that's the most important thing."

Sumayyah, a straight-A student, said she enjoys bridge because "I like to play with other people - and I like the bidding." Her book, by the way, is available at Amazon.com

Family

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Las Vegas.

Three Edstroms - Olivia, 15; Kristofer, 13 and Nikolas, 11 - are playing in the Youth NABC and doing well. In the Friday afternoon Cardrook Pairs, Nikolas and William Lindsay of Riverview NB were first overall. Kristofer and Olivia were second overall.

Olivia is playing in her sixth Youth NABC. "It's fun to see people but it's also fun to win," she said. "Bridge keeps you thinking. I like bridge better than TV."

One member of the family - 18-year-old Victoria - did not make the trip, but her siblings wanted it known that she is a bridge player, too. Olivia noted, "She learned bridge and she is valedictorian at her high school."



Youth NABC Tournament Directors Cathy Hildebrand and David Metcalf.

BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS FINAL SESSION												
NORTH-SOUTH						SECTION A						EAST-WEST
A	B	C		A	B	C	A	B	C			
1			Evan Berman, Sarasota FL; Alexander Frieden, Brookline MA	60.42%	1						BiTeng Chen, Beijing People's Republic of China; Yuqiao Zhao, Marlboro NJ	64.20%
2	1		YuTung Shao - Yuan Zhe Ding,	60.04%	2	1					Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA	60.23%
3			Tian-Yuan Lan, Beijing Chad; Zhi Zeng,	57.58%	3						Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Christopher Huber, Rockport MA	56.25%
4			Cole Spencer, Fayetteville AR; Nolan Chang, San Gabriel CA	57.20%	4						Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Jason Miller, Tampa FL	56.06%
5			Henry Trautwein, Naples FL; Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL	56.82%	5	2					Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN; Hunter McClain, Fort Mill SC	52.46%
	2	1	Kevin Huang, Palo Alto CA; Michael Hu, San Jose CA	48.48%					1		Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON	42.99%
	3	2	Sharan Kumar, Holmdel NJ; Timothy Lou, Morganville NJ	47.35%								
FRIDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH CONSOLATION PAIRS												
NORTH-SOUTH						SECTION C						EAST-WEST
A	B	C		A	B	C	A	B	C			
1			Jake Olsen, Portland OR; Isaac Stephani, Cincinnati OH	62.94%	1						Wendy Guangli Liu - Xinyi Luo,	69.44%
2			Brandon Flaschner, Palm Coast FL; Michael Fitzpatrick, Palm Court FL	62.50%	2						Jonathan Baumel, Kennett Square PA; Tyler Hart, Reno NV	57.14%
3			Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA; Alec Zhan, Alpharetta GA	62.06%	3				2		Jonas Gedvila - Vytas Gedvila, Reno NV	51.98%
4	1	1	Ivan Marchant - James Marchant, Fairfax CA	52.68%	4						Hansen Horvath - Wilbert Liu, Alpharetta GA	47.62%
	2		Bernadette Williams - Hailey Botkins, Williamsburg VA	50.90%								
BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS QUALIFYING SESSION												
NORTH-SOUTH						SECTION A						EAST-WEST
A	B	C		A	B	C	A	B	C			
1			BiTeng Chen, Beijing People's Republic of China; Yuqiao Zhao, Marlboro NJ	69.75%	1						Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA	65.83%
2			Joseph Lieberman, Los Angeles CA; Christopher Welland, New York NY	61.92%	2	1					Jackson Miller, Vienna VA; Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL	50.87%
3			Raiann Heading, Ormond Beach FL; Christopher Forte, Palm Coast FL	57.05%	3						Jonathan Baumel, Kennett Square PA; Tyler Hart, Reno NV	48.75%
4	1	1	Jeff Zhan, Duluth GA; Pavan Bharadwaj, Suwanee GA	56.65%	4	3					Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA; Alec Zhan, Alpharetta GA	47.50%
	2		Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN; Hunter McClain, Fort Mill SC	55.36%					2		Xinyi Liu - Wendy Guangli Liu,	43.39%
NORTH-SOUTH						SECTION B						EAST-WEST
A	B	C		A	B	C	A	B	C			
1			Renfei Wang - Cheng Xu, People's Republic of China	59.40%	1						Sophia Chang, San Gabriel CA; Lucy Zhang, Arcadia CA	60.60%
2			Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Jason Miller, Tampa FL	57.70%	2						Xiaotang Li - Hao Bo Fu, People's Republic of China	58.01%
3	1		Kunal Vohra - Anji Das, Alpharetta GA	50.36%	3				2	1	Kevin Huang, Palo Alto CA; Michael Hu, San Jose CA	54.16%
	2		Daniel Chai, Marlboro NJ; Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL	49.96%								
		1	Eric Chai, Marlboro NJ; Eric Lou, Morganville NJ	48.69%								
NORTH-SOUTH						SECTION C						EAST-WEST
A	B	C		A	B	C	A	B	C			
1			Oren Kriegel, Chicago IL; Christopher Huber, Rockport MA	73.71%	1						Tian-Yuan Lan, Beijing Chad; Zhi Zeng,	66.44%
2			Kevin Rosenberg, Cupertino CA; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN	59.11%	2						Cole Spencer, Fayetteville AR; Nolan Chang, San Gabriel CA	57.81%
3	1	1	Todd Cardillo - Steven Petocz, Palm Coast FL	41.55%	3	1					Sharan Kumar, Holmdel NJ; Timothy Lou, Morganville NJ	56.85%
	2	2	Wilbert Liu - Hansen Horvath, Alpharetta GA	40.92%					2		Rui Jie Shi - Di Wu,	56.70%