

# Daily Bulletin

2014 Youth NABC

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## The pride of the Youth NABC



**Tops in the National Youth Swiss Teams: Andrew Jeng, Richard Jeng, Brandon Harper and Nolan Chang.**



**Winners of the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs: BiTeng Chen and Yuqiao Zhao.**



**Runners-up in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs: Oren Kriegel and Christopher Huber.**



**National Youth Swiss Teams runners-up: Sophia Chang, Jonathan Baumel, Tyler Hart and Lucy Zhang.**



**The three finalists for the Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award: Catherine Fay, Brandon Harper and Nolan Chang. Harper won in a close vote.**

## Youth NABC celebrates its best

As is usual with the Youth NABC closing ceremonies, on Saturday the organizers saved the best for last – the announcement of the winner of the Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award. After all, friendly competition and friendship is what the tournament – Patty Tucker’s dream turned into reality – is all about.

At this year’s closing, bridge legend Bobby Wolff did the honors as presenter, noting how important sportsmanship and ethics are to the game of bridge.

The winner of the Sportsmanship Award is selected by vote of the Youth NABC players in the tournament. Brandon Harper won a close contest with other finalists Catherine Fay and Nolan Chang.

It was a double win for Harper, who was on the winning squad in the National Youth Swiss Teams, playing with Chang.

They and the Jeng brothers, Richard and Andrew, won the teams event handily, finishing with 74 victory points to 57.09 for the runners-up: Lucy Zhang, Sophia Chang, Jonathan Baumel and Tyler Hart.

The Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs trophies were handed out to BiTeng Chen and Yuqiao Zhao. Runners-up were Oren Kriegel and Christopher Huber.

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## Youth celebrates

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Before handing out the Sportsmanship Award, Wolff urged the young players and the adults on hand to take action to promote youth bridge.

Wolff was among the early proponents of organized bridge teaching and training for young players. "Thirty years ago," he said, "there was nothing resembling junior bridge."

Europe had taken the lead in the effort, but the U.S. and Canada caught up, finishing in three of the top four spots at the World Championships in Ann Arbor MI.

"It showed how quickly you can develop junior bridge," Wolff said. He noted that nearly a dozen countries in Europe now have bridge as part of the curriculum in elementary and high schools. The programs, he said, "are getting rave reviews." In China, he noted, "there are 200 million students learning bridge in schools."

Wolff urged the young players to spread the word about the "glories of bridge. Only you can describe it."

## More Youth NABC winners



**Andy Zhang and Eric C. Tang, section first, Strat C, Friday afternoon Cardrook Pairs; section first, Strats B and C, Saturday afternoon Cardrook Pairs.**



**Helena Hsieh and Isabella Babb, first overall, Saturday morning Cardrook Pairs.**



**Taylor Peart and Sayeed Bennett, section first, Strat B, Saturday morning Cardrook Pairs.**



**Sara Youmans and Avery Dyen, second overall, Strat A, Saturday morning Cardrook Pairs.**



**Ashley Botkins, Mykala Mudahy, first overall Strats A and B, Saturday morning Cardrook Pairs.**



**Timothy McAllister and Jackson Moncure, section first Strat C. Saturday morning Cardrook Pairs.**



**Niklas Edstrom and William Lindsay, second overall, Saturday afternoon Cardrook Pairs.**



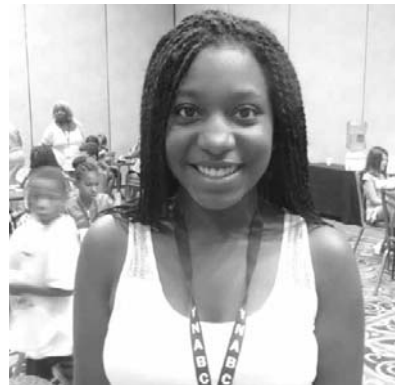
**V.J. Lamoureux and Emily Mattison, section first, Strat B, Saturday afternoon Cardrook Pairs.**



**Pico Gilman and Kai Chang, section first, Strat B, Saturday afternoon Cardrook Pairs.**



**Wendy Guangli Liu and Ling Hu, first overall, Saturday afternoon Cardrook Pairs.**



**Anayah Muldrow: "The tournament is irresistible."**

## A baker's dozen from the kids

A quick poll was taken on Saturday morning among the players at the 2014 Youth NABC. Here are the comments – mostly restricted to one sentence – from the competitors. The first to comment can be seen on the facing page, bottom left.



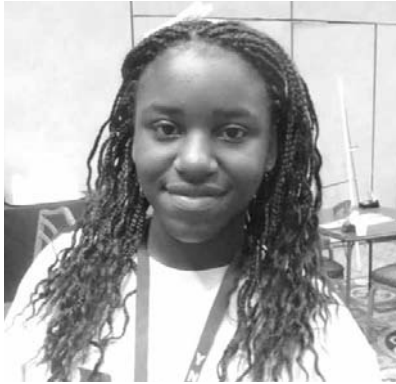
**Madison Rickard:** "It's exciting."



**Pico Gilman:** "Overall, I think it was very fun."



**Avery Dyen:** "Good games and good experiences."



**Sabrina Teal:** "It was fun, cooperative between partners, and we made a lot of new friends."



**Sara Youmans:** "It was very interesting and worth the experience."



**Reginald Smith:** "It's non-stop."



**Kai Chang:** "I didn't want to come this time, but I did and I had a lot of fun."



**V.J. Lamoureux:** "It's a really, really awesome tournament."



**Piper Ziebarth:** "It's a great opportunity to meet other kids who have the same interest as you."



**Emily Mattison:** "It's very fun to meet new people."



**Sontee Jones:** "It was actually fun."



**Ellie Fashingbauer (granted three extra sentences . . . just because):** "The tournament is amazing. I've gone to it the last five years. There is a lot to see in Las Vegas, but I'm here to play bridge. I love it."

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# 2014 Youth NABC Las Vegas NV

## SATURDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

10.0 Tables / Based on 9 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.31	1	1		Ashley Botkins - Mykala Mudahy, Williamsburg VA	67.86%
0.98	2			Avery Dyen, Maitland FL; Sarah Youmans, Apopka FL	63.19%
0.74	3			William Lindsay, Riverview NB; Nickolas Edstrom, Apopka FL	62.30%
0.83	4	2	1	Helena Hsieh, Naperville IL; Isabella Babb, Williamsbg VA	60.92%
0.41	5			Nayelis Fernandez - L'nai Bryant, Orange NJ	59.82%
0.60		3		Sayeed Bennett, ; Taylor Peart, Orange NJ	57.60%
0.62		4	2	Chia Hung Tang, Cerritos CA; Andrew Zhang,	57.54%
0.34		5		Pico Gilman, San Francisco CA; Kai Chang, San Francisco CA	56.45%
0.47		3		Emily Mattison, Germantown TN; V J Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS	52.29%

## NATIONAL YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

12 Tables / Based on 22 Tables

	A	B	C		
8.70	1			Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL; Nolan Chang, San Gabriel CA; Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA	74.00
6.53	2	1		Tyler Hart, Reno NV; Jonathan Baumel, Kennett Square PA; Sophia Chang, San Gabriel CA; Lucy Zhang, Arcadia CA	57.09
4.89	3			Allison Hunt, Charlotte NC; Burke Snowden, Fort Collins CO; Evan Berman, Sarasota FL; Alexander Frieden, Brookline MA	55.52
3.67	4			Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL; Daniel Chai, Marlboro NJ; Henry Trautwein, Naples FL; Jason Miller, Tampa FL; Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL	55.43
2.90	5			Yuqiao Zhao, Marlboro NJ; BiTeng Chen - Zhi Zeng - Tian-Yuan Lan, Beijing People's Republic of China	51.39
2.68	6	2		Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA; Timothy Lou, Morganville NJ; Sharan Kumar, Holmdel NJ	50.43
2.18	7			Cheng Xu - Renfei Wang - Hao Bo Fu - Xiaotang Li, People's Republic of China	48.78
2.01		3		Kunal Vohra - Caleb Colburn - Anuj Das - Alec Zhan - Nisarg Shah, Alpharetta GA; Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA	46.65
1.51		4		YuTung Shao - Yuan Zhe Ding - Yi Lun Song - Ruiqi Zhang,	37.61
1.19		5		Jordan Kuschner, Marina Del Rey CA; Hunter McClain, Fort Mill SC; Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN; Jeff Zhan, Duluth GA; Pavan Bharadwaj, Suwanee GA	31.00
2.04		1		Yitlang Zhang - YuQi Wen - Qi Song - JiaLin Hao,	25.91

## SATURDAY YOUTH CONSOLATION SWISS TEAMS

4 Tables

1.70	1			Wilbert Liu - Olivia Colburn - Hansen Horvath, Alpharetta GA; Alexander Sung, Mountainside NJ	52.00
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## SATURDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.45	1			Wendy Guangli Liu - Ling Hu, Beijing People's Republic of China	77.82%
1.09	2			Nickolas Edstrom, Apopka FL; William Lindsay, Riverview NB	72.35%
0.82	3			Elijah Webb-Harris, Orange NJ; Megan Silva,	62.63%
0.61	4			Eric Lou, Morganville NJ; Eric Chai, Marlboro NJ	61.44%
1.06	5	1		Pico Gilman, San Francisco CA; Kai Chang, San Francisco CA	61.33%
0.83	6	2	1	V J Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Emily Mattison, Germantown TN	60.51%
0.62		3	2	Helena Hsieh, Naperville IL; Isabella Babb, Williamsbg VA	57.39%
0.47		4	3	Lauryn Boone, Williamsburg VA; Elijah Williams, Williamsbg VA	51.86%
0.50		5		Andrew Zhang, ; Chia Hung Tang, Cerritos CA	50.83%



**When help is needed, NABC Tournament Chair Bonnie Bagley can be counted on to pitch in, as she did in the morning Cardrook Pairs on the opening day of the Youth NABC. She filled in so the game could go on. At left is Andy Zhang.**



**Matthew Tracy of Raleigh NC wore a tie every day at the Youth NABC. "I dress up every time I play bridge," he said.**

## Bryan says thanks

Bryan Delfs, education program manager at ACBL, was among the staff who assisted with the organization and execution of the 2014 Youth NABC, and he emceed the prize-giving ceremony at the end of the tournament.

He expressed thanks to all the workers, volunteers, parents and guardians of the 154 young people who came, played, renewed friendships and formed new ones.

Delfs had special thanks for Youth NABC Chair Nancy Erickson and Patty Tucker, who organized the first Youth NABC in 2008.

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION D			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1	1		67.86%	1		Avery Dyen, Maitland FL; Sarah Youmans, Apopka FL		63.19%
2	2	1	60.92%	2		William Lindsay, Riverview NB; Nickolas Edstrom, Apopka FL		62.30%
3	3	2	57.54%	3		Nayelis Fernandez - L'nai Bryant, Orange NJ		59.82%
4			56.45%	4	1	Sayeed Bennett, ; Taylor Peart, Orange NJ		57.60%
					2	Andrew Burrows, Williamsburg VA; R.J. Fashingbauer, Rockford IL		46.13%
						Jackson Monroe, Decatur GA; Timothy McAllister, Henderson NV		45.24%

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A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
1	1		72.35%	1		Wendy Guangli Liu - Ling Hu, Beijing People's Republic of China		77.82%
2	2		62.63%	2		Eric Lou, Morganville NJ; Eric Chai, Marlboro NJ		61.44%
3	1		61.33%	3		Spencer Dyen, Maitland FL; Nicholas Laugen, Altamonte FL		53.50%
4	2	1	60.51%	4	1	Andrew Zhang, ; Chia Hung Tang, Cerritos CA		50.83%
	3	2	57.39%		2	Natalie Youmans, Apopka FL; Mitchell Dyen, Maitland FL		50.38%



**District 9 (Florida) has sent large groups to the Youth NABC year after year and did not disappoint in 2014. Nancy Hagerty, District 9 Education chair, is at far left.**