

Daily Bulletin



2015 Youth NABC

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The contingent from Bermuda: bottom row, Gianluca Cacace, Tyler Irby, Liam Peniston and Ruskin Cave; standing Mike Viotti, John Burville and Ellen Davidson.

Youth NABC welcomes Bermuda players

Two years ago, when Mike Viotti showed up for his new job at the Saltus School in Bermuda, his boss – the school’s headmistress – had a question for him. “Do you play bridge?”

Viotti did not play, but he could tell where the conversation was going. As it happened, there was a Learn Bridge In A Day? class on the island. Viotti took the class plus some lessons at the local club and settled in to the unexpected duty. “I just played more and more,” says the transplanted New Yorker.

When bridge classes were offered to students at the school, about a dozen showed interest. It was a different story this year, says John Burville, who notes that it didn’t take a lot of convincing to get the headmistress interested in starting bridge classes.

This year, the response from students was much improved. “We started this year with 26,” Burville says. “They just poured in.”

With more of the students learning the game, it was natural for them and their families to consider attending this year’s Youth NABC. Burville, Viotti and chaperon Ellen Davidson made the trip to Chicago with four young players. It is the first appearance at the youth tournament by any player from Bermuda.

There would have been more, says Viotti, but the idea of traveling to the Youth NABC came up too late for families with vacation plans already set.

Ruskin Cave is one of the students attending the tournament. He designed the bright pink shirts the Bermuda contingent is wearing in Chicago. The four players played in the Youth Pairs and Youth Swiss Teams on Thursday and will compete today and on Saturday in the two main events.

Gianluca Cacace, another member of the Bermuda group, says he is pleased that his contemporaries have taken a liking to bridge. “It’s nice to see people our age playing,” he says.

Viotti says he has been selling the game partly on the basis that players might have a chance to represent their country in world competition one day. Indeed, Bermuda has sent teams to more than a few world championships.

Viotti is looking forward to a larger group next year, including a couple of young female players he says are potential stars.

Bermuda will be represented again at the 2016 Youth NABC in Washington DC, says Viotti. “Next year,” he adds, “we will have more players.”

Sachar book inspires young player



Ever since Kyle Rockoff read Louis Sachar’s best-seller, “The Card Turner,” his parents haven’t been able to keep him away from bridge.

“He eats, sleeps and thinks about bridge all day long,” says Kyle’s father, Larry.

After his son read the Sachar book, Larry says, “he kept bugging us to let him learn bridge.” The teenager now has a bridge teacher, Ryan Daniels, of Vernon Hills IL.

“Kyle is very bright,” says Daniels, who is in Chicago with his own gang of bridge players – four daughters.

The Rockoff family lives in Buffalo Grove, a Chicago suburb. Kyle, 18, will begin studies in math and economics at Northwestern University in the fall.

Larry and his wife, Lisa, don’t play bridge, but they accompanied their son to one of their son’s first lessons from Daniels.

The two understood nothing. “We were completely lost,” Larry says, “but Kyle instantly took to it. He has a photographic memory.”

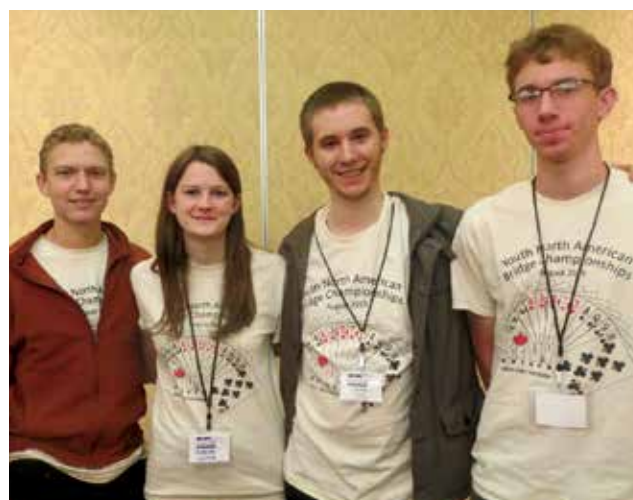
The Rockoffs are pleased to see their son so interested in a pursuit that tests his intellect. Says his mom, “It’s better than video games, don’t you think?”



Larry and Lisa Rockoff



Winners of the Thursday Afternoon Swiss Teams, Strat A: Luke Williams, Jake Williams, Rianne Heading and Christopher Forte.



Marcus Edholm, Charlotte Munger, Samuel Erickson and Daniel Sonner were tied for second in the Thursday Afternoon Youth Swiss Teams, Strat A, tied for first in Strat B and were first in Strat C.



Rory Xiao and Brent Xiao were first in Strats A and B in the Thursday Morning Youth Pairs.

Sayed Bennett and Giovanni Peterkin won the Thursday Morning Cardrork Pairs, Strat A.



Because of space limitations, some photos were left out today. Those photos will be published in the Saturday Youth NABC Daily Bulletin.

THURSDAY MORNING YOUTH PAIRS

20.0 Tables		A	B	C		
5.21	1	1			Brent Xiao - Rory Xiao, Fremont CA	64.59%
3.91	2				Kevin Huang, Palo Alto CA; Michael Hu, San Jose CA	62.79%
2.93	3				Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL; Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL	61.72%
2.20	4				Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL; Jason Miller, Tampa FL	61.59%
1.82	5	2	1		Ivan Marchant - James Marchant, Fairfax CA	61.23%
1.30	6				S Reese Koppel, Metairie LA; Harrison Luba, Hilton Head SC	60.21%
1.10		3			Kyle Rockoff, Buffalo Grove IL; Pace Isaac, Clarksville MD	57.47%
0.83		4			Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON; Rhea Mathew, Alpharetta GA	56.49%
0.94		5	2		Cutter Green, Falkville AL; Tanner Hess, Fairhope AL	55.42%
0.47		6			Todd Cardillo - Steven Petocz, Palm Coast FL	55.34%
0.70			3		William Peniston, St Georges Bermuda; Ruskin Cave, Hamilton HMEX Bermuda	55.00%
0.53			4		Olivia D'Arezzo - Max Krawczyk, Palo Alto CA	53.06%
0.40			5		Emma Miller - Sidney Inouye, Reno NV	50.95%

THURSDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

13.0 Tables		A	B	C		
1.66	1				Giovanni Peterkin - Sayeed Bennett, Orange NJ	70.00%
1.25	2				Anahyah Muldrow - Reginald Smith, Orange NJ	66.67%
1.29	3	1			Katelyn Ashley - Elise Bedell, Altamonte Spg FL	62.22%
0.97	4	2			Ibrahima Sacko - Tamyra Rumble, Orange NJ	61.11%
0.58	5				Nayelis Fernandez - L'nai Bryant, Orange NJ	59.44%
0.73	6	3			Mary Daniels - Josie Daniels, Vernon Hills IL	58.33%
0.92		4/5	1		Anna Dunlap, Keller TX; Katherine Pope, Justin TX	55.56%
0.48		4/5			Helena Hsieh, Naperville IL; Clarice Ong, Lisle IL	55.56%
0.69			2		Yolanda Ling, Markham ON; Katherine Yang, Scarborough ON	53.33%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

12.0 Tables		A	B	C		
1.39	1	1			Niklas Edstrom - Tessa Edstrom, Apopka FL	71.79%
1.04	2				Avery Dyen - Mitchell Dyen, Maitland FL	63.02%
0.81	3	2	1		Thomas Dunlap, Keller TX; Matthew Pope, Justin TX	62.47%
0.60	4	3			Pico Gilman - Kai Chang, San Francisco CA	61.79%
0.45	5	4			Elise Bedell - Katelyn Ashley, Altamonte Spg FL	56.54%
0.49	6				Salbrina Teal - Momo Sacko, Orange NJ	54.01%
0.61		5	2		Katherine Yang, Scarborough ON; Yolanda Ling, Markham ON	53.89%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

22 Tables		A	B	C		
4.44	1				Christopher Forte, Palm Coast FL; Raianne Heading, Ormond Beach FL; Luke Williams - Jake Williams, San Diego CA	64.00
2.92	2/3	1/2			Brandon Flaschner - Michael Fitzpatrick - Todd Cardillo - Steven Petocz, Palm Coast FL	54.00
2.92	2/3	1/2	1		Samuel Erickson - Daniel Sonner - Charlotte Munger - Marcus Edholm, Palo Alto CA	54.00
1.87	4	3			Emma Kolesnik, Ventura CA; Seung Hwan Lee, Riverview NB; Alexander Sung, New York NY; Brandon Fong, Mount Laurel NJ	50.00
1.08	5/7	4			Wilbert Liu - Ridhi Choragudi - Rhea Mathew - Olivia Colburn, Alpharetta GA	47.00
1.08	5/7				Jason Miller, Tampa FL; Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL; Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL; Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL	47.00
1.08	5/7				Alec Zhan - Caleb Colburn - Sidhesh Desai, Alpharetta GA; Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA	47.00
0.76		5	2		Arika Britt D'Arezzo - Olivia D'Arezzo - Max Krawczyk - Lucas Huang, Palo Alto CA	45.00
0.57			3		Tyler Irby, Smiths Bermuda; Gianluca Cacace, Pembroke Bermuda; Ruskin Cave, Hamilton HMEX Bermuda; William Peniston, St Georges Bermuda	40.00
0.43			4		Ivan Marchant - James Marchant, Fairfax CA; Pace Isaac, Clarksville MD; Kyle Rockoff, Buffalo Grove IL	39.00



Jonathan Baumel and Jack Gillispie.

Costly overtricks

Jonathan Baumel of Kennett Square PA and Jack Gillispie of Ringgold GA had some excitement at their table during the Youth Pairs on the first day of the 2015 Youth NABC. The result was a number rarely seen at any level.

Dlr: East	♠ K Q J 3		
Vul: N-S	♥ K Q 9		
	♦ K 10		
	♣ Q J 10 8		
	♠ 8 7 2		♠ A 10 9 5
	♥ J 10 6 5 3		♥ 8 7
	♦ A Q J 7		♦ 9 8 6 4
	♣ K		♣ A 9 5
		♠ 6 4	
		♥ A 4 2	
		♦ 5 3 2	
		♣ 7 6 4 3 2	
West	North	East	South
	Baumel		Gillispie
		Pass	Pass
1♥	1NT	Dbf	Redbl
All Pass			

The two were uncertain about the meaning of redouble, although it seems logical that Gillispie took the action in hopes his partner would view it as an effort to get out of playing 1NT doubled.

East led a low heart, taken by Baumel in dummy. He played a club to West's king, took the low diamond shift with the 10, then played another club. The suit was blocked, but Baumel still came up smelling like a rose.

East, in with the ♣A, played another heart, taken in hand by Baumel. When Baumel cashed his good clubs, East discarded a spade, which helped declarer to the overtricks.

When Baumel played the ♠K, East took the ace and played a low diamond. West did not, however, play the ace, so Baumel ended up with two diamonds, two clubs, three hearts and three spades for 10 tricks and the unusual score of plus 1960. It was the final board of the session, so the top helped the pair to a 54.46% game. Despite the result, their opponents managed a 55% game.

THURSDAY MORNING YOUTH PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS UUU XXX			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1		64.59%	1		Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL; Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL		61.72%
2			62.79%	2	1	Ivan Marchant - James Marchant, Fairfax CA		61.23%
3			61.59%	3		S Reese Koppel, Metairie LA; Harrison Luba, Hilton Head SC		60.21%
4			58.94%	4	2	Kyle Rockoff, Buffalo Grove IL; Pace Isaac, Clarksville MD		57.47%
5			58.38%	5	3	Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON; Rhea Mathew, Alpharetta GA		56.49%
6	2		55.28%	6	4	Cutter Green, Falkville AL; Tanner Hess, Fairhope AL		55.42%
7	3		54.77%	7	5	Todd Cardillo - Steven Petocz, Palm Coast FL		55.34%
8			54.46%	8	6	William Peniston, St Georges Bermuda; Ruskin Cave, Hamilton HMEX Bermuda		55.00%
	4	1	49.51%	7	4	Olivia D'Arezzo - Max Krawczyk, Palo Alto CA		53.06%
	2		45.92%					

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NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS VVV WWW			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1		62.22%	1		Giovanni Peterkin - Sayeed Bennett, Orange NJ		70.00%
2			59.44%	2		Anahyah Muldrow - Reginald Smith, Orange NJ		66.67%
3	2		58.33%	3	1	Ibrahima Sacko - Tamyra Rumble, Orange NJ		61.11%
4/5	3/4	1	55.56%	4	2	Yolanda Ling, Markham ON; Katherine Yang, Scarborough ON		53.33%
4/5	3/4		55.56%	5	3	Thomas Dunlap, Keller TX; Matthew Pope, Justin TX		52.22%

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS III JJJ			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C			
1	1		71.79%	1		Avery Dyen - Mitchell Dyen, Maitland FL		63.02%
2			54.01%	2	1	Thomas Dunlap, Keller TX; Matthew Pope, Justin TX		62.47%
3	2	1	53.89%	3	2	Pico Gilman - Kai Chang, San Francisco CA		61.79%
4	3		52.78%	4		Elise Bedell - Katelyn Ashley, Altamonte Spg FL		56.54%
5			52.16%	5		Mary Daniels - Josie Daniels, Vernon Hills IL		52.84%
	2		49.88%					