

# Daily Bulletin

2015 Youth NABC

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## Florida schoolteacher leads kids into bridge



Anissa Dyen

Since last September, 16 fourth- and fifth-grade students show up every Friday at Anissa Dyen's third-grade classroom at Bear Lake Elementary School in the Orlando suburb of Apopka FL.

The kids arrive at 7:45 a.m. for

an hour's worth of learning about bridge. The class is so popular that Dyen has a waiting list. Those lucky enough to get into the class are smitten with the game. "They never miss," says Dyen.

She and her husband, Scott, learned the game about three years ago – after their daughter and two sons discovered bridge in a class for gifted students. The children – Avery, 17, Spencer, 15, and Mitchell, 12 – are in Chicago for the Youth NABC.

The impetus for Dyen's bridge teaching was the

retirement of the gifted-class teacher. At that point, Dyen saw a need. Her children loved the game so much, she says, "I wanted to make sure the class continued."

Dyen approached the school's principal with the idea of starting a bridge class and received an immediate go-ahead.

Although she had no training as a bridge teacher, Dyen was not daunted by the task she undertook. She is supremely confident in her ability as an educator. "I can teach anything," she says.

Careful not to overcomplicate what can be an inscrutable game, Dyen put together a game plan for teaching youngsters bridge basics in simple terms and on a schedule that allows for slow absorption of the materials.

Dyen and her husband were not strangers to cards. Both say they grew up playing various card games, although bridge was not among them.

Dyen was pleased when a local magazine sent a writer and photographer to put together an article about her class. She and her students were featured on the cover of the glossy publication.

Buoyed by the success of the effort, Dyen is looking forward to the start of school next month, and she sees a major benefit to the children's interest in bridge. "The whole thing," she says, "is keeping their minds off of video games."



Andrew and Richard Jeng came from behind to win the Baron Barclay Youth Open Pairs.

## Jengs rally for narrow win in Baron Barclay Youth Open Pairs

Andrew and Richard Jeng, trailing late in the Baron Barclay Youth Open Pairs, came through at the end to win the event for the second time. Their margin of victory over the runners-up was 2.93 matchpoints on a top of seven.

Second place went to Joseph Lieberman of Los Angeles CA and Christopher Welland of New York City.

The win for the Jengs means more than masterpoints and glory. Baron Barclay's sponsorship provides a \$1000 scholarship for each player. That will come in handy for Andrew, who starts studies at Purdue University next month.

The brothers live in Johns Creek GA. In 2009, Richard became the ACBL's youngest Life Master at age nine years, six months and 12 days. That record has since been eclipsed.

The game started with 22 tables, half the field qualifying for the second-session final. The qualifying was dominated by three pairs. Lieberman-Welland scored 79.70% for a carryover of 14 matchpoints, the Jengs recorded 75.47% (12 carryover) and Jake and Luke Williams of San Diego CA came through with 69.02%, (8.96 carryover).

In the second session, the Jengs led the field with 59.74%, followed closely by the Williamses with 59%. Lieberman and Welland could not hold onto

their lead, scoring 56.8% in the second session.

Besides the win in the Baron Barclay Youth Open Pairs five years ago, the Jengs have also posted wins in the NAP 2011 Young (0-1500) Life Master Pairs and the 2015 Golder North American Pairs, Flight B.



It was hard not to notice Evan Berman of Sarasota FL at the Youth NABC on Friday.

## It's a family affair

The way Nola Lamoureux sees it, bridge provides more than just entertainment for her three children, all of whom are in Chicago to play in the Youth NABC.

"The kids," she says, "are learning social skills, sitting down and paying attention for three hours. These are things that can be useful in life."

The Lamoureux family lives in Halifax NS. Mom doesn't play, but Victor, 17, Vivian, 13, and VJ, 9, are already hooked. They have been regulars at Youth NABCs since 2010, the year after Victor attended the youth tournament by himself.

In Washington DC, Victor's mother says, he found something brand new. Although he played a lot in Halifax, Nola says, "he had never seen another kid play bridge." Victor started the game at age 5, inspired by his grandmother.

In Washington, Lamoureux says, Victor was so excited to be playing he kept on going even after the sessions were over. "He was so thrilled he played bridge on the floor with other kids," his mother says.

Victor is now a Life Master and a club director.

Once Victor started playing, Lamoureux says, Vivian and VJ could not be held back. Vivian is a big fan: "It's different," she says. "It's not like the same stuff my friends do. I like math a lot and I'm good at concentrating."

Vivian says bridge also gave her the opportunity



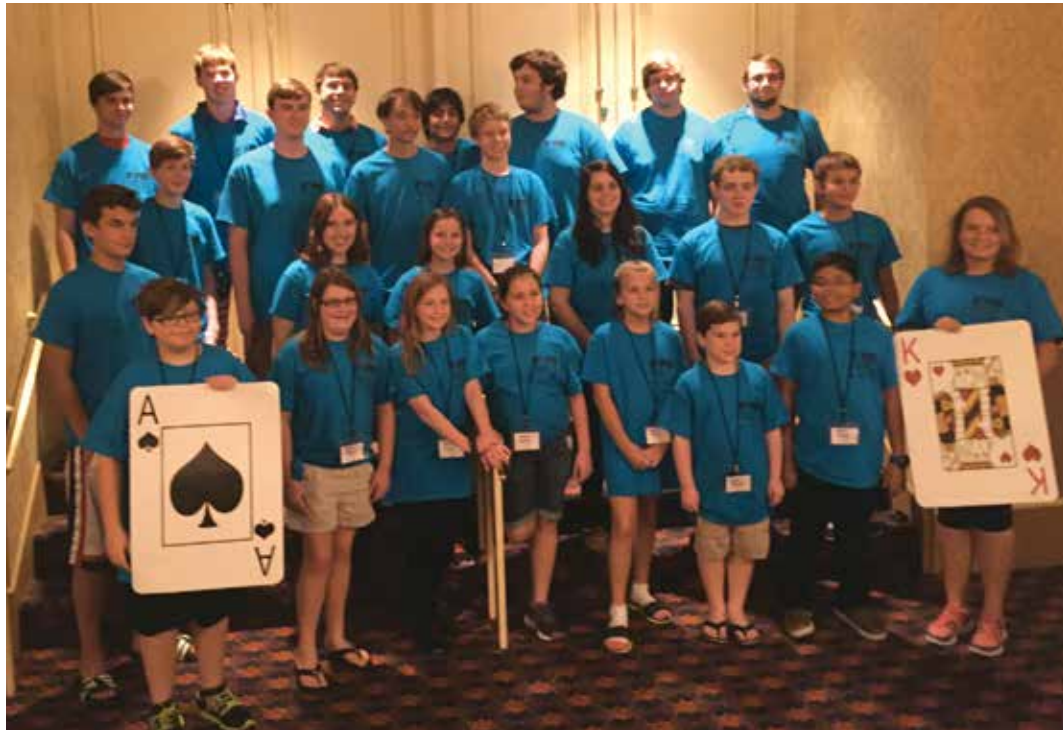
The Lamoureux family: Victor, Vivian, VJ and their mother, Nola.

for a rare thrill. At the 2012 Youth NABC in Philadelphia, Microsoft Founder Bill Gates made an appearance at the youth tournament. Vivian says she will never forget the occasion: "I got to ask Bill Gates a question."

Bob Lyon of Indianapolis is another parent who approves of bridge for his children. He and his son RJ are in Chicago for the youth tournament. RJ has been playing for two years, emulating his dad, an experienced player. Lyon was on the runner-up squad in last year's Grand National Teams, Flight A.

Lyon would love to play more with his son, but he says "I'm trying not to push it because I want him to do it on his own. I would like to play with him at some tournament."

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*Florida Junior Bridge in District 9 sends a large group of young players to the Youth NABC every year. This year's contingent numbers 28 players.*

## Friday trophy winners



*Elissa Luo and Sherry Shu tied for first in the Friday Afternoon Cardrork Pairs, Strat C.*



*Daniel Balof and Mary Elizabeth Balof tied for first in the Friday Afternoon Cardrork Pairs, Strat C.*

## Family affair

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*Dr. Ajit Hansalia, son Soor and wife Shefali.*

RJ's assessment is positive: "It's good for my brain, and you get to socialize a lot and have fun."

One of Anissa Dyen's students is 10-year-old Soor Hansalia, who lives with his family in Altamonte Springs FL in the Orlando area.

His parents, Dr. Ajit Hansalia and his wife, Shefali, are happy their son took to the thinking game about a year ago. Neither parent plays bridge, although Soor's mother says she is learning from her son.

Soor's father likes his son's interest in the game because "it enhances his logic, math skills and his memory. There are lots of benefits other than playing and keeping him out of trouble." Says the 10-year-old: "Bridge is fun and you learn new things."



*RJ Lyon with his dad, Bob.*

**Look for more interviews and photos of players in tomorrow's Youth NABC Daily Bulletin. There will be more Faces in the Crowd photos as well.**

## Thursday trophy winners



*Anna Dunlap and Katie Pope were tops in the Thursday Morning Cardrork Pairs, Strat C.*



*Katelyn Ashley and Elise Bedell won the Thursday Morning Cardrork Pairs, Strat B.*



*Winners of Strat C in the Thursday Morning Youth Pairs: Ivan Marchant and James Marchant.*



*Niklas Edstrom and Tessa Edstrom won Strats A and B in the Thursday Afternoon Cardrork Pairs.*

# Faces in the crowd

Players at the 2015 Youth NABC in Chicago come from a variety of places and have different views about their favorite game, as you can see by reading further.

**My name:** Ellie Fashingbauer  
**My home town:** Chicago  
**My age:** 16  
**Grade in school:** High school senior  
**Why I like bridge:** The people I meet are great  
**My favorite convention:** Jacoby 2NT



**My name:** Clarice Ong  
**My home town:** Lisle IL  
**My age:** 11  
**Grade in school:** Sixth  
**Why I like bridge:** It is fun  
**My favorite convention:** Stayman



**My name:** Helena Hsieh  
**My home town:** Naperville IL  
**My age:** 11  
**Grade in school:** Sixth  
**Why I like bridge:** There are interesting hands sometimes  
**My favorite convention:** Stayman



**My name:** Charlotte Munger  
**My home town:** Palo Alto CA  
**My age:** 19  
**Grade in school:** College sophomore  
**Why I like bridge:** Because all the cool kids play bridge on Friday nights  
**My favorite convention:** Doubling



**My name:** Daniel Sonner  
**My home town:** Palo Alto CA  
**My age:** 20  
**Grade in school:** College sophomore  
**Why I like bridge:** It's a strategic partner game  
**My favorite convention:** Bergen's puppet Stayman



**My name:** Marcus Edholm  
**My home town:** Palo Alto CA  
**My age:** 19  
**Grade in school:** College sophomore  
**Why I like bridge:** The feel of making a low 90 contract  
**My favorite convention:** Gambling 3NT

**My name:** Pace Isaac  
**My home town:** Clarksville MD  
**My age:** 14  
**Grade in school:** Tenth  
**Why I like bridge:** I find it challenging  
**My favorite convention:** Roman Key Card Blackwood



**My name:** Thomas Dunlap  
**My home town:** Fort Worth TX  
**My age:** 9  
**Grade in school:** Fourth  
**Why I like bridge:** Because my grandparents play  
**My favorite convention:** 4♥



**My name:** Emma Kolesnik  
**My home town:** Ventura CA  
**My age:** 16  
**Grade in school:** High school junior  
**Why I like bridge:** It's a game where I always learn new things  
**My favorite convention:** Roman Key Card Blackwood



## BARON-BARCLAY YOUTH OPEN PAIRS QUALIFYING SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTIONS GGG HHH			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			79.70%	1					Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA 75.47%
2	1		65.51%	2	1				Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA 69.02%
3	2		63.33%	3					Evan Berman, Sarasota FL; Jake Olsen, Portland OR 60.75%
4	3		61.85%	4					Raianne Heading, Ormond Beach FL; Christopher Forte, Palm Coast FL 58.01%
5	4	1	61.02%	5	2	1			Daniel Sonner - Marcus Edholm, Palo Alto CA 56.11%
6			58.38%	6	3				Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA; Caleb Colburn, Alpharetta GA 54.58%
7			57.51%	7					Henry Trautwein, Naples FL; Cooper Smith, Marquette MI 53.70%
8	5	2	57.31%	8	4				Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON; Connor Havens, Riverview NB 51.55%
9	6		55.97%	9	5				Kevin Huang, Palo Alto CA; Michael Hu, San Jose CA 51.13%
	7		52.13%		6				Alexander Sung, New York NY; Brandon Fong, Mount Laurel NJ 50.65%
	8		49.63%		7	2			Samuel Erickson - Charlotte Munger, Palo Alto CA 50.14%
	5		48.00%		8	3			Kyle Rockoff, Buffalo Grove IL; Pace Isaac, Clarksville MD 50.05%
					9	4			Arika Britt D'Arezzo - Lucas Huang, Palo Alto CA 45.42%

## FRIDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION III			EAST-WEST			
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	
1			73.31%	1					Abby Daniels, Vernon Hills IL; Spencer Dyen, Maitland FL 62.34%
2	1		56.53%	2	1	1			V J Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Ella Gundrum, Williamsburg VA 59.11%
3	2		54.12%	3	2	2			Matthew Pope, Justin TX; Thomas Dunlap, Keller TX 58.86%
					3				Mary Daniels - Josie Daniels, Vernon Hills IL 53.62%
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## FRIDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

16.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.62	1			Neo Ling, Markham ON; Andrew Li, Milton ON	73.31%
1.24	2	1	1	Pico Gilman - Kai Chang, San Francisco CA	71.70%
0.91	3			Austin Rossignol - William Lindsay, Riverview NB	70.18%
0.68	4			Paige Skinner - Faith Skinner, La Crosse WI	69.06%
0.56	5			Abby Daniels, Vernon Hills IL; Spencer Dyen, Maitland FL	62.34%
0.93	6	2	2	V J Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Ella Gundrum, Williamsburg VA	59.11%
0.70	3	3	3	Matthew Pope, Justin TX; Thomas Dunlap, Keller TX	58.86%
0.52	4			Helena Hsieh, Naperville IL; Clarice Ong, Lisle IL	56.53%
0.39	5			Niklas Edstrom - Tessa Edstrom, Apopka FL	54.12%
0.29	6			Mary Daniels - Josie Daniels, Vernon Hills IL	53.62%
0.43		4		Yolanda Ling, Markham ON; Katherine Yang, Scarborough ON	53.57%



**Winners of Strat C in the Thursday Afternoon Cardrook Pairs, Strat C: Matthew Pope and Thomas Dunlap.**

## Youth NABC Saturday schedule

Play in the Youth NABC begins at 10 a.m. with the first of two sessions in the BridgeBase Online National Youth Swiss Teams. The second session is scheduled for 2 p.m.

The Saturday Cardrook Pairs will be played in single sessions at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**For more game results, please see page 17.**

## BBO sponsors National Youth Swiss Teams

Each year, the Youth NABC features a two-session Swiss teams. This year's edition has a new sponsor and is now the BridgeBase Online National Youth Swiss Teams. The event takes place today, starting at 10 a.m.

BBO's sponsorship includes scholarship awards as follows:

First place: \$1000	Fourth: \$500
Second: \$900	Fifth: \$400
Third: \$700	Sixth-10th: \$300

## Faces in the crowd



**My name:** Mary Elizabeth Balof  
**My home town:** Walla Walla WA  
**My age:** 11  
**Grade in school:** Sixth  
**Why I like bridge:** I like the strategy  
**My favorite convention:** Stayman



**My name:** Tamyra Rumble  
**My home town:** Orange NJ  
**My age:** 10  
**Grade in school:** Fifth  
**Why I like bridge:** It's fun to play bridge  
**My favorite convention:** ?



**My name:** Yolanda Ling  
**My home town:** Markham ON  
**My age:** 9  
**Grade in school:** Fourth  
**Why I like bridge:** It's fun  
**My favorite convention:** 4NT

**My name:** Olivia d'Arezzo  
**My home town:** Palo Alto CA  
**My age:** 15  
**Grade in school:** High school sophomore  
**Why I like bridge:** It's fun  
**My favorite convention:** New-minor forcing



**My name:** Rhea Mathew  
**My home town:** Alpharetta GA  
**My age:** 14  
**Grade in school:** Ninth  
**Why I like bridge:** It's fun  
**My favorite convention:** Puppet Stayman



**My name:** Piper Ziebarth  
**My home town:** Cordova TN  
**My age:** 17  
**Grade in school:** College freshman  
**Why I like bridge:** I like the challenges than different hands present  
**My favorite convention:** No favorite – I like Standard American



## Friday trophy winners



**Andrew Li and Neo Ling won the Friday Morning and Friday Afternoon CardrOOK Pairs, Strat A.**



**Kai Chang and Pico Gilman came in first in the Friday Morning CardrOOK Pairs, Strat C**



**Winners of the Friday Youth Consolation Pairs, Strat A: Alec Zhan and Sidesh Desai.**



**First in the Friday Youth Consolation Pairs, Strat B: Rhea Mathew and Wilbert Liu.**



**Lisa Liao and Marisa Li came in first in the Friday Youth Consolation Pairs, Strat C.**



**Four-time World Series champion pitcher John Martin made an appearance at the Youth NABC on Friday, addressing the young players and answering questions. Martin is married to ACBL Tournament Director Diane Martin. In this photo, he displays his St. Louis Cardinals jersey from the Cardinals' 1982 championship season .**