## Bulletin Daily

2016 Youth NABC **Editor: Brent Manley** 

## YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE **CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

All card play is in the Thurgood Marshall Ballroom

Thursday, July 28

Youth Pairs & Cardrook Pairs 10 a.m.

Single Session

2 p.m. Youth Teams & Cardrook Pairs Single Session

Cardrook Pairs are for less-experienced players.

Friday, July 29

10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs

Two Sessions

(One qualifying and one final session) Players must be available

for both sessions.

Cardrook Pairs 10 a.m.

Single Session Cardrook Pairs 2 p.m.

Single Session

Consolation Open Pairs 2 p.m.

teams

Single Session

Saturday, July 30

10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Bridge Base Online National Youth Swiss

(One qualifying and one final session) Players must be available

for both sessions.

10 a.m. Cardrook Pairs Single Session 2 p.m. Cardrook Pairs

Single Session

2 p.m. Consolation Swiss Teams Single Session

Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award 5:30 p.m.



China is well represented at this year's Youth NABC. These six players and their coach stopped for a quick photo at the Marriott on Wednesday. Play takes place in the Thurgood Marshall Ballroom on the mezzanine level.



Conor Patel of Longwood FL attended his first Youth NABC in Chicago and made such an impression that he was selected by the other players for the Sportsmanship Award.



This family, the Balofs, traveled from Walla Walla WA to Chicago last year for the 2015 Youth NABC. They are Barry Balof and his wife, Claire Valente, with daughter Mary Elizabeth and son Daniel.

## **Washington welcomes** the 9th Youth NABC

Welcome to the Youth NABC! This is our second time in Washington DC, and it's a monumental time to be in the nation's capital. In addition to this wonderful event, you can explore historic places you have only read about.

Bridge is truly a game of all ages, and our Youth NABC is great celebration of that.

We're glad to have you here. Our competition this year is generously sponsored by Bridge Base Online, Masterpoint Press and Baron Barclay.

The first Youth NABC, the brainchild of Patty Tucker, took place in 2008 in Norcross GA (Atlanta area) alongside Atlanta's Uncle Sam SuperSectional. The Youth NABC has been played at the summer NABC every year since.

Players come from all over North America to play with friends they have made through the years, including players from as far away as China. There is a large contingent of Chinese players at this year's tournament.

It is encouraging to note how many school officials and parents have been so supportive of the Youth NABC participants in their pursuit of friendship and fun at this tournament. Some of the players have been to every Youth NABC. In interview after interview, the youngsters talk about reuniting with friends they made playing bridge. The energy in the playing areas is amazing.

It bodes well for the future of our game.

Good luck to all!

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