

2016 Youth NABC

# Parents, teachers all in on youth bridge



Students and teachers from two Orange NJ schools with youth bridge programs – Park Avenue School and Oakwood Avenue Community School.

Barbara and Larry Steiner live in Altamonte Springs FL, in the Orlando area. They both have fulltime jobs, but Barbara can be found on any Sunday working most of the day to create boards for students in the bridge class she teaches at Teague Middle School every Tuesday morning. She wouldn't dream of failing to prepare for the class. "I don't want to disappoint anyone," she says.

The Steiners and other parents and teachers attending the 2016 Youth NABC in Washington are devoted to the promotion of bridge for young players. "I love it and they love it," says Barbara. "The parents say their kinds focus better in school because of learning to play."

Barbara got the idea for teaching at Teague when her granddaughter started bridge lessons at another school in the area. When Barbara found a sponsor for the bridge lessons at Teague, she jumped right in.

"It's amazing how bridge draws these kids in," she says. When she works on the 60 boards she takes to the classes - students show up an hour before classes start – Barbara takes care to be sure the deals match up with the experience level of the students.

Some her students' parents have started taking lessons because of the enthusiasm of their children. "The kids are speaking another language," she says. "The kids have really come so far."

The routine for keeping up with the classes is exhausting, so Barbara is looking for help or at least some ideas for reducing her hours. Anyone with ideas Her daughters Delaney 12 and Paige, 9, love the game. She now attends Barbara Steiner's class. "I like it because I can play with friends," she says.

Rosenblatt says that although fun is the main benefit of the bridge lessons, her daughters have gained social skills and improved memories. Delaney now occasionally plays with adults at a club in Orlando.

One of the most faithful supporters of the Youth NABC is Jim Davis, of Williamsburg VA. Davis has brought groups of parents and their children for years. Two of the parents, Jeremy and Melissa Smith, of Williamsburg, were happy to bring their two children, Kaiden McKeoun, 10, and Kendal, 7. "Jim is phenomenal with the kids," says Jeremy. Melissa adds that both of her children have shown improvements in their math studies since starting to learn bridge. "Kendal likes to meet new people."

Stephanie Leek, also of Williamsburg, brought her 12-year-old daughter, Caitlin, to Washington. Caitlin started playing only a year ago, but is already hooked. "She just jumped into it and really enjoys it," says Leek. "She is a logical thinker. Bridge is something she excels in and enjoys."

Orange NJ has been a source of players for the Youth NABC for years, and they're back for the Washington DC edition. Two schools are represented this year. Denise Harlem, who teaches elementary studies, has been involved with the bridge club at the Park Avenue School since she took bridge

Editor: Brent Manley

### Looking ahead to No. 10

Eight years ago, 10-year-old Piper Ziebarth was enjoying her bridge class at the Lamplighter Montessori School in Memphis, when her teacher made an announcement about a new possibility for bridge play. It was the inaugural Youth NABC in Norcross GA, a suburb of Atlanta. The tournament was played alongside a sectional.

Ziebarth went with three Montessori classmates. She had such a good time that she has missed none of the tournaments in the past eight years. She is attending her ninth Youth NABC in Washington and hopes to talk her parents into letting her go to next year's edition in Toronto.



**Piper Ziebarth** 

She made the trip to Georgia in 2008 without knowing what to expect. "There we a lot more kids than I thought there would be," she says. One vivid memory was a group of young players from Hawaii. "I thought that was really cool."

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### Mom approves of bridge a thinking game

When he was a seventh-grader, Suchit Shrestha surprised his mother, Sunita, by showing interest in an after-school bridge program at the middle school he attends in Seattle. The family moved to that city from Nepal about four years ago.

"Suchit was never interested in cards," his mom says.

When the bridge class put on a tournament for the students, Suchit and his partner won. Says mom, "He was very excited."

The two came to Washington for the Youth NABC after visiting family in Boston.

Sunita likes the fact that bridge is a game for thinking. "I'm very happy that he likes it because it has helped his concentration," she says. "He is doing better in his studies."

should email her at barbsteine@aol.com. Another Altamonte Springs resident and enthusiastic bridge supporter is Jessica Rosenblatt.

lessons seven years ago. "The club is getting bigger and bigger," she notes. There are now close to 30 continued on page 4

Suchit, who will enter eighth grade this fall, said he decided to try bridge because "it was something I could do to get away from TV - and you have to use your mind."

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

All card play is in the Thurgood Marshall Ballroom

	Friday, July 29	1	Saturday, July 30
10 a.m. & 2 p.m.	Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs	10 a.m. & 2 p.m.	Bridge Base Online National Youth Swiss
	Two Sessions		Teams
(One qualifying a	nd one final session) Players must be available		Two Sessions
for both sessions.		(One qualifying an	nd one final session) Players must be available
10 a.m.	Cardrook Pairs	for both sessions.	
	Single Session	10 a.m.	Cardrook Pairs
2 p.m.	Cardrook Pairs		Single Session
	Single Session	2 p.m.	Cardrook Pairs
2 p.m.	Consolation Open Pairs		Single Session
	Single Session	2 p.m.	Consolation Swiss Teams
			Single Session
		5:30 p.m.	Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award
			Ceremony



Suchit Shresta with his mother, Sunita Shrestha.

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Martha Johnson and Ibrahima Sacko, first North-South, Strat B, afternoon Cardrook Pairs.

# **Trophy winners**



Sam Swaggerty and Hallie Presley, first North-South, Strat A, afternoon Cardrook Pairs.



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Helena Hsieh and Lauren Liu, first North-South, Strat A (80.63% game), afternoon Cardrook Pairs.



Samuel Li and Michelle Yang, first East-West, Strat B, afternoon Cardrook Pairs.





Nathan Bedell and Grace Stoker, first North-South, Strat B, afternoon Cardrook Pairs.





Kendal Smith and Kaiden McKeoun, first North-South, Strat A, morning Cardrook Pairs.



Anjani Hansalia, first-third, North-South, Strat C, afternoon Cardrook Pairs with Madelyn Bedell (not pictured).

Zihan Liu and Wu Jingyan, first North-South, Strat A, morning Cardrook Pairs.

Colin Fair and Katelyn Ashley, first East-West, Strat A, afternoon Cardrook Pairs.

## Ziebarth

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Ziebarth has played with Montessori classmate Eric Rodriguez at all but one of the Youth NABCs and has enjoyed every tournament. "It's just good to see people from around the country who are your age, and it's great to go to all the different places. I have had a lot of fun along the way."

Ziebarth graduated from high school at age 17 and is now a sophomore at Christian Brothers University in Memphis. She is studying math.

If she makes it to Toronto next year, it will be her last Youth NABC as a player. By the time the 2018 Youth NABC rolls around, she will be too old. The cutoff is age 19. Although she won't be able to play at the tournaments, she might still show up. "When my nieces and nephews get older," she says, "I want to teach them bridge; then I can take them."

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Owen Burns and Jolie Hartley, first North-South, Strat A, afternoon Cardrook Pairs.



Yiming Liu and Hao Yi Pang, first East-West, Strat A, morning Cardrook Pairs.



Yili Yao, Yiyang Xu, Haoyu Cheng and Jia Rui Luo, first overall, Thursday afternoon Youth Teams.

Eric Lou, Eric Chai, Justin Wang and Kyle Lui, first, Strat B, Thursday afternoon Youth Teams.

# Bad hand?

Tournament Director Carolyn Pinto of Fort Worth TX was working the Cardrook Pairs at the Youth NABC on Thursday when she heard a call for her services. When she arrived at the table and asked how she could help, one of the players told her, "There's something wrong with my hand." Pinto asked about the problem and the young lady showed her 13 cards and said, "I don't have any spades."

round activity, but it's worth it. Bridge, she says, has given her daughter confidence. "I saw a great difference in her just from





Yimin Yang and Zhefan Yang, first North-South, Strat A, morning Cardrook Pairs.





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Parents, teachers

### students.

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Harlem says she has seen improvements in her students' classroom achievements since they started learning bridge. "I have noticed they are becoming more analytical in their thinking and in applying it to

reading and math.'

Cynthia Jackson works as a secretary at Oakwood Avenue Community School. Her daughter, Anahyah Muldrow, is a student there and a member of the bridge club. Jackson and other parents and friends of bridge in Orange help raise funds for the annual trip to the Youth NABC. There are bake sales, candy sales, car washes and donations from local churches. The fundraising, says Jackson, is a year-

bridge," says Jackson. The young players come with parents or chaperones, all of them donating their time. "They



Cynthia Jackson

are here on a completely volunteer basis," she says.

Maia Walzer and Kayleen Iguban, first North-South, Strat C, morning Cardrook Pairs.

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Owen Burns, Altamonte Spg FL; Jolie Hartley, Longwood FL

Ibrahima Sacko - Martha Johnson, Orange NJ Nathan Bedell, Apopka FL; Grace Stoker, Altamonte Spg FL Hallie Presley, Altamonte Spg FL; Sam Swaggerty, Altamonte Sprgs FL

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		Zihang Fan - Yincong He - Rui Hao - Yuankai Gao, Beijing China	61.00
		Arthur Zhou - David Zheng - Jonathan Yue - Michael Hu, San Jose CA	59.00
		Tingrui Zhang, Beijing China; Chengwei Li -	
		Moxuan Liu - Changlan Wang, Beijing China	57.00
		Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA; Albena-Maria	
		Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON	56.00
		Jonathan Baumel, Kennett Square PA; Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL;	
		Nathan Finkle, New York NY; Jack Gillispie, Ringgold GA	53.00
1	1	Eric Chai, Marlboro NJ; Eric Lou - Kyle Lui - Justin Wang,	
		Morganville NJ	52.00
2/3		Matthew Shi - Jonathan Shi - Lucas Huang, Palo Alto CA; Samuel	
		Perlow, Mill Valley CA	50.00
2/3		Jackson Miller, Discovery Bay CA; Nathan Gennaro, San Carlos CA;	
		Jonathon Youngquist, Palo Alto CA; Ezra Mowbray, Menlo Park CA	50.00
4	2	Yuxuan Zhang - Chuwei Xie - Guangfu Liu, Beijing People's	
		Republic of China; Wendy Liu, Haidian Distric People's Republic	
		of China	49.00
5		Cutter Green, Falkville AL; Tanner Hess, Fairhope AL; David	
		Schnatter, Cary NC; Samay Desai, Alpharetta GA	48.00
6		Arika Britt D'Arezzo - Olivia D'Arezzo - Sarah Youngquist -	
		Cornelius Duffie, Palo Alto CA	47.00
	3	V J Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Mary Eliza Balof - Daniel Balof,	
		Walla Walla WA; Kayleen Iguban, Virginia Beach VA; Maia Walzer,	
		Tenafly NJ	35.00
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		Michael Zheng, San Jose CA; Miranda Schuyler, Discovery Bay CA	34.00
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Yidi Liu - Jingfan Chen, Beijing People's Republic of China Sihan Zou - Xichen Song, Beijing People's Republic of China Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL Xinyi Chen - Mengqi Hao, Beijing People's Republic of China Courtney Jones - Bronwyn Dixon, Riverview NB NORTH-SOLITH 1 2 1 2 3 NORTH-SOUTH С A 1 2 В Zhefan Zhang - Yimin Yang, MY People's Republic of China Zihang Fan - Yincong He, Beijing People's Republic of China Nathan Finkle, New York NY; Jack Gillispie, Ringgold GA 1 3 4 2 1

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2	Xuefeng Chen - Songyi Wang, Beijing People's Republic of China	63.24%
	Justin Wang - Kyle Lui, Morganville NJ	62.19%
	Xiang Gao - Jiasen Liu, Beijing People's Republic of China	54.96%
	Matthew Donovan - Noah Dominie, Riverview NB	53.69%
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	Tianxing Huang - Kangbo Lyu, Beijing People's Republic of China	67.24%
	Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA	62.67%
1	Zimu Chen, Beijing People's Republic of China; Garry Li, Palo Alto CA	58.61%
	Pengxiao Zeng - Yike Xie, MY People's Republic of China	58.37%
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1	1		Zi Yang Wang - Wen Zhuo Gao, Tian Jin People's Republic of China	70.83%	1	
2	2		Katelyn Ashley, Altamonte Spg FL; Colin Fair, Longwood FL	64.58%		
3/4			Reginald Smith - Anahyah Muldrow, Orange NJ	52.08%	2/3	2
3/4			Kara Lui - Ashley Wang, Morganville NJ	52.08%	2/3	2
	3	1	Kayleen Iguban, Virginia Beach VA; Maia Walzer, Tenafly NJ	50.00%	4	
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3			Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON	63.35%	3	
4	1		Lucas Huang, Palo Alto CA; Samuel Perlow, Mill Valley CA	58.99%	4	
	2	1	Changlan Wang - Moxuan Liu, Beijing Congo	56.09%		
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1			Lauren Liu, Cranbury NJ; Helena Hsieh, Naperville IL	80.63%	1	
2	1	1	Nathan Bedell, Apopka FL; Grace Stoker, Altamonte Spg FL	54.70%	2	
3			Sam Shroyer, Seattle WA; Suchit Shrestha, Seatlle WA	51.88%	3	
	2		Kendal Smith, Williamsburg VA; Jacob Rouette, Lanexa VA	47.23%		

Zi Han Liu - Jong Yan Wu, Tian Jin People's Republic of China	86.25%
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Ronald C Paxton-Turner - Michael Shelly, Williamsburg VA	59.08%
Lauren Wilson, Lower Coverdale NB; Snehal Oberai, Fairfax VA	55.00%
Erin Bayless - Caitlin Leek, Williamsburg VA	54.70%
Abigail Dominica, Apopka FL; Anjani Hansalia, Altamonte Spg FL	48.75%
EAST-WEST	
Yiming Liu, TianJin, China; Hao Yi Pang, TianJin, China	68.75%
Delaney Rosenblatt - Darian Ramella, Altamonte Spg FL	64.58%
Wesley Dominica - Evan DeVaney, Apopka FL	64.58%
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Xiang Liu - Zhengwen Li, MY People's Republic of China	59.29%
Rory Xiao, Fremont CA; Suzanne Campbell, Marina CA	55.75%
Chengwei Li, Beijing Congo; Tingrui Zhang, Beijing People's Republic of China	52.95%
Lauren Liu, Cranbury NJ; Helena Hsieh, Naperville IL	47.53%
Miranda Schuyler, Discovery Bay CA; Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA	42.04%

#### EAST-WEST

Katelyn Ashley, Altamonte Spg FL; Colin Fair, Longwood FL	67.50%
Elise Bedell, Apopka FL; Kyra Martin, Altamonte Spg FL	60.00%
Hallie Presley, Altamonte Spg FL; Sam Swaggerty, Altamonte Sprgs FL	52.50%

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Samuel Li, North York ON; Michelle Yang, Scarborough ON	70.63%
Anahyah Muldrow - Reginald Smith, Orange NJ	66.88%
RJ Lyon - Brady Lyon, Indianapolis IN	44.45%