Dail Summer North American Bridge Championships

2016 Youth NABC Editor: Brent Manley

New Brunswick group excited by Youth NABC



Shane Savage, far left, with his group of eight math students from Riverview NB attending the 2016 Youth NABC.

Since its inception in 2008, the Youth NABC has welcomed many Canadians. This year the tournament is fortunate to have eight young players from Riverview NB. Six girls and two boys, all from the Riverview Middle School math enrichment program, were accompanied by Shane Savage, their teacher, and his wife, Rose.

Asked why they like bridge, the girls had lots to say. "You can play it for a lifetime," said Emily Steeves, who may have plans for just that after posting a 75% game with Amelia Thompson in the Friday Morning Cardrook Pairs. Amelia added, "It's a game where you're constantly learning and challenged."

"It's a game of strategy and patience, said Courtney Jones.

"I enjoy bridge because it is fun," said Laura LeBlanc. "And I have a quarter of a masterpoint."

Savage, who retired from IT work for Blue Cross five years ago, was recruited to teach bridge to the school group by New Brunswick bridge legend Marilyn McDermott. "She pushed participation in the Youth NABC," Savage said.

According to Savage, the eight players who traveled to Washington are the ones from the 40-student math enrichment class "who talked their parents into letting them make the trip."

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Brent Xiao and Kevin Huang, winners of the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs.

Californians win Youth Open Pairs

Two California players put together two solid games in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs to win the event in comfort. The two games posted by Brent Xiao and Kevin Huang in the qualifying and final rounds produced a final score of 66.42%. Xiao is from Fremont. Huang lives in Palo Alto.

Second place went to Jonathan Baumel, Kennett Square PA, and Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL. They finished the day with 62.04%. In third were two players from China – Rue Hao and Tianxing Huang.

The winners had to overcome several big games posted by other pairs in the qualifying session, including a 72.05% effort by a pair of Canadians, Bo Han Zhu of Oakville ON and Jacob Freeman of Toronto.









Teenagers still working hard for bridge

Olivia Laufer and Albena Vassileva were introduced to the bridge world on the front page of the Spring NABC Daily Bulletin last year in New Orleans. The 12-year-olds created a blog to recruit their friends to bridge and had started a fundraising campaign to help Canadian players their age get to the World Youth Teams Championships in Salsomaggiore, Italy, this year.

Sixteen months later, the two are making plans to participate in the bridge play in Salsomaggiore, having qualified as the anchor pair for Team Canada in the under-16 teams event.

Far from being satisfied with the achievement, they are also making plans to start bridge clubs

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Albena Vassileva and Olivia Laufer.

ACBL President Ken Monzingo poses with three fellow Californians playing in the Youth NABC at the Marriott. With Monzingo are Pico Gilman and Kai Chang, both of San Francisco, and Emma Kolesnik of Ventura. She lives in District 22, which Monzingo represents on the ACBL Board of Directors.



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Faces in the crowd

My name:

Mitchell Dyen

Maitland FL

My age: 13

every year.

My home town:

Why I like bridge:

It get to go on a trip



My name: Avery Dyen My home town: Maitland FL **My age:** 18 My grade in school: Going into college Why I like bridge:

It allows us to travel!







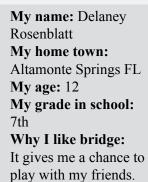
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My name: Spencer Dyen My home town: Maitland FL My age: 16 My grade in school: 11th Why I like bridge: It is fun.

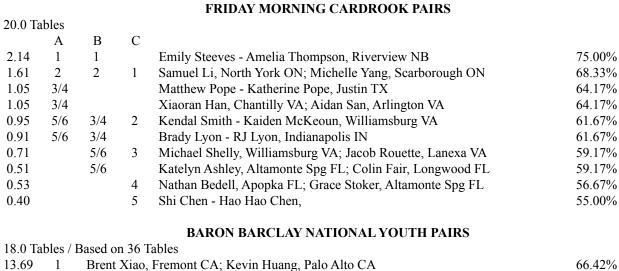






Delaney Rosenblatt and Darian Ramella, first North-South, Strat A, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs.





		BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH PAIRS	
18.0 Ta	bles /	Based on 36 Tables	
13.69	1	Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Kevin Huang, Palo Alto CA	66.42%
10.27	2	Jonathan Baumel, Kennett Square PA; Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL	62.04%
7.70	3	Rui Hao - Tianxing Huang, Beijing People's Republic of China	60.15%
5.78	4	Zhongtian Wang - Zhenhao Cai, Beijing People's Republic of China	59.75%
4.56	5	Matthew Shi - Jonathan Shi, Palo Alto CA	59.54%
3.91	6	Jingfan Chen - Yidi Liu, Beijing People's Republic of China	59.46%
3.42	7	Michael Hu - Arthur Zhou, San Jose CA	59.25%
3.04	8	Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON	59.03%
2.74	9	Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA; Caleb Colburn, Alpharetta GA	58.00%
2.49	10	Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA	57.26%
2.64	11	Harrison Luba, Hilton Head SC; S Reese Koppel, Metairie LA	56.71%
2.11	12	Evan Berman, Sarasota FL; Jake Olsen, Portland OR	56.62%
2.18	13	Yili Yao - Yiyang Xu, Beijing People's Republic of China	55.55%
1.83	14	Yuankai Gao - Kangbo Lyu, Beijing People's Republic of China	55.46%
1.71	15	Guangfu Liu, Beijing, China; Wendy Liu, Haidian District, China	54.88%
1.61	16	Xinyi Chen - Mengqi Hao, Beijing People's Republic of China	54.53%
1.52	17	Zhefan Zhang - Pengxiao Zeng, MY People's Republic of China	54.17%



Robert Dixon, Edwin Thomas, first North-South Strat A, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs.



Jason Miller, Tampa FL; Henry Trautwein, Naples FL

Abigail Dominica and Anjani Hansalia, first North-South, Strat C, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs.



53.38%

Kevin Rodriguez and Maxwell Burns, first North-South, Strat A, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs.

Faces in the crowd



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Why I like bridge:

It has cards and

My home town:

Douglas

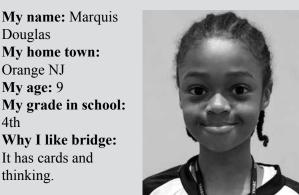
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My name: Kyra Martin My home town: Altamonte Springs FL My age: 12 My grade in school: Why I like bridge: Because it is a challenging game that involves strategy and I love to play cards.



My age: 12 My grade in school: 7th Why I like bridge: Because it is interesting.

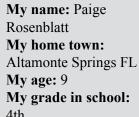
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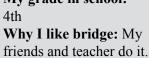
My home town:

Longwood FL



My name: Prince Antwi My home town: Orange NJ **My age:** 10 My grade in school: Why I like bridge: I LOVE strategy.







Botkins My home town: Williamsburg VA My age: 15 My grade in school: 10th Why I like bridge: I enjoy making new friends and winning! My favorite convention: All slam conventions.





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



Brady Lyon and RJ Lyon, first East-West, Strat B, morning Cardrook Pairs.



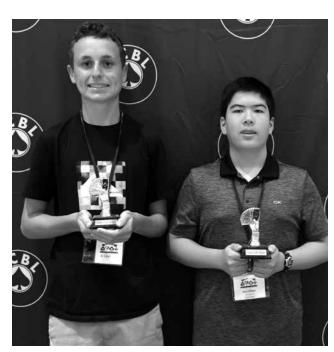
Katherine Pope and Matthew Pope, first East-West, Strat A, morning Cardrook Pairs.



Emily Steeves and Amelia Thompson, first East-West (75%), Strat A, morning Cardrook Pairs.



Vytas Gedvila, first East-West, Strat A, Youth Consolation Pairs with Ruth Lynam (not pictured).



Ezra Mowbray and Jonathon Youngquist, first East-West, Strat C, morning Cardrook Pairs.



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Albena and Olivia

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in their respective schools in Toronto and North Bay ON. They came to Washington for two main reasons - to play in the Youth NABC, but also to take ACBL's Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP).

The young women have been playing together for nearly four years, both of them learning the game at about age 7, thanks in part to their parents' interest in the game.

Olivia recalls that her mother, Anu Goodman, taught her to play bridge in half an hour at the 2010 Youth NABC in New Orleans. She played with a pickup partner in the Cardrook Pairs. Albena learned bridge at home.

Both say they learned a lot in the TAP on their way to becoming ACBL-accredited bridge teachers. Olivia plans to start a bridge club at Northern Senior Public School in Toronto, Albena at the Chippewa Secondary School in North Bay.

Olivia's father, John Laufer, says he wasn't surprised that his daughter, who starts high school



Jacob Rouette, first North-South. Strat A. Morning C (not pictur

YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE **CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

All card play is in the Thurgood Marshall Ballroom

Saturday, July 30

Bridge Base Online National Youth Swiss Teams

Two Sessions

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

for both sessions.

10 a.m.

10 a.m. & 2 p.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.

Ceremony

next year, would want to learn more about teaching bridge. "She taught a friend to play in one day," he says. "She is a very bright young lady."

Both have interests away from bridge. Albena likes to play soccer and lacrosse. Olivia wants to get into acting and has already performed in a couple of plays.

They are excited about a chance at a world championship in Italy. "We will play a lot of bridge," says Albena. Adds Olivia, "And maybe a tiny bit of shopping."

New Brunswick Kids

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The group is already making plans for the 2017 Youth NABC in Toronto. "Our goal is a bigger turnout," Savage said.

If next year's trip becomes a reality, Bronwyn Dixon will certainly be among those clamoring to go. "There are so many different possibilities," she said, "and I like how bridge brings people together. You can't play alone."

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2.15	3	2		Vytas Gedvila - Ruth Lynam, Reno NV	59.76%
1.51	4			Olivia D'Arezzo - Arika Britt D'Arezzo, Palo Alto CA	59.49%
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