

Daily Bulletin

A Monumental Event

Summer North American Bridge Championships

2016 Youth NABC

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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: Ashley O'Dowd
My home town: Orlando FL
My age: 12
My grade in school: 7th
Why I like bridge: I get to see my friends.



My name: Mitchell Dyen
My home town: Maitland FL
My age: 13
My grade in school: 8th
Why I like bridge: It get to go on a trip every year.



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

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!



My name: Munachimso Iherobiem
My home town: Orange NJ
My age: 9
My grade in school: 5th
Why I like bridge: I like the strategies.
My favorite convention: ?



My name: Delaney Rosenblatt
My home town: Altamonte Springs FL
My age: 12
My grade in school: 7th
Why I like bridge: It gives me a chance to play with my friends.



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



FRIDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

20.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
2.14	1	1		Emily Steeves - Amelia Thompson, Riverview NB	75.00%
1.61	2	2	1	Samuel Li, North York ON; Michelle Yang, Scarborough ON	68.33%
1.05	3/4			Matthew Pope - Katherine Pope, Justin TX	64.17%
1.05	3/4			Xiaoran Han, Chantilly VA; Aidan San, Arlington VA	64.17%
0.95	5/6	3/4	2	Kendal Smith - Kaiden McKeoun, Williamsburg VA	61.67%
0.91	5/6	3/4		Brady Lyon - RJ Lyon, Indianapolis IN	61.67%
0.71		5/6	3	Michael Shelly, Williamsburg VA; Jacob Rouette, Lanexa VA	59.17%
0.51		5/6		Katelyn Ashley, Altamonte Spg FL; Colin Fair, Longwood FL	59.17%
0.53			4	Nathan Bedell, Apopka FL; Grace Stoker, Altamonte Spg FL	56.67%
0.40			5	Shi Chen - Hao Hao Chen,	55.00%

BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH PAIRS

18.0 Tables / 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%
1.44	18			Jason Miller, Tampa FL; Henry Trautwein, Naples FL	53.38%



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



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



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

Faces in the crowd



My name: Kyra Martin
My home town: Altamonte Springs FL
My age: 12
My grade in school: 7th
Why I like bridge: Because it is a challenging game that involves strategy and I love to play cards.



My name: Colin Fair
My home town: Longwood FL
My age: 12
My grade in school: 7th
Why I like bridge: Because it is interesting.



My name: Prince Antwi
My home town: Orange NJ
My age: 10
My grade in school: 4th
Why I like bridge: I LOVE strategy.

My name: Marquis Douglas
My home town: Orange NJ
My age: 9
My grade in school: 4th
Why I like bridge: It has cards and thinking.



My name: Paige Rosenblatt
My home town: Altamonte Springs FL
My age: 9
My grade in school: 4th
Why I like bridge: My friends and teacher do it.



My name: Hailey 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.



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 Cardrook Pairs, with Michael Shelly (not pictured).

NORTH-SOUTH				
1	Harrison Luba, Hilton Head SC; S Reese Koppel, Metairie LA			
2	Yike Xie - Yimin Yang, MY People's Republic of China			
3	Zhongtian Wang - Zhenhao Cai, Beijing People's Republic of China			
4	Jiarui Luo - Haoyu Cheng, Beijing People's Republic of China			
5	Jason Miller, Tampa FL; Henry Trautwein, Naples FL			
NORTH-SOUTH				
1	Yuxuan Zhang - Chuwei Xie, Beijing People's Republic of China			
2	Yiming Liu, Tian Jin People's Republic of China; Hao Yi Pang, TianJin, China			
3	Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN; Eric Rodriguez, Germantown TN			
4	Zhefan Zhang - Pengxiao Zeng, MY People's Republic of China			
5	Xinyi Chen - Mengqi Hao, Beijing People's Republic of China			
NORTH-SOUTH				
1	Bo Han Zhu, Oakville ON; Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON			
2	Rui Hao - Tianxing Huang, Beijing People's Republic of China			
3	Michael Hu - Arthur Zhou, San Jose CA			
4	Jonathan Baumel, Kennett Square PA; Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL			
5	Eric Chai, Marlboro NJ; Eric Lou, Morganville NJ			

NORTH-SOUTH			
A	B	C	
1	1	1	Michael Shelly, Williamsburg VA; Jacob Rouette, Lanexa VA
2/3	2		Sam Shroyer - Suchit Shrestha, Seattle WA
2/3			Elise Bedell, Apopka FL; Kyra Martin, Altamonte Spg FL
4	3	2	Nathan Bedell, Apopka FL; Grace Stoker, Altamonte Spg FL

NORTH-SOUTH			
A	B	C	
1	1	1	Samuel Li, North York ON; Michelle Yang, Scarborough ON
2	2	2	Kendal Smith - Kaiden McKeoun, Williamsburg VA
3/4	3/4		Anjani Hansalia, Altamonte Spg FL; Abigail Dominica, Apopka FL
3/4	3/4		Ariana Black, Orange NJ; Iyahna Barrett, South Orange NJ

NORTH-SOUTH				
1	Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Kevin Huang, Palo Alto CA			
2	Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON			
3	Jingfan Chen - Yidi Liu, Beijing People's Republic of China			
4	Matthew Shi - Jonathan Shi, Palo Alto CA			
5	Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA; Caleb Colburn, Alpharetta GA			
6	Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA			
7	Guangfu Liu, Beijing, China; Wendy Liu, Haidian Distric People's Republic of China			

NORTH-SOUTH			
A	B	C	
1	1	1	Jiasen Liu - Xiang Gao, Beijing People's Republic of China
2			Cornelius Duffie - Sarah Youngquist, Palo Alto CA
3			Lucas Huang, Palo Alto CA; Samuel Perlow, Mill Valley CA
4	2	2	Justin Wang - Kyle Lui, Morganville NJ
5			Alexander Sung, New York NY; Brandon Fong, Mount Laurel NJ
	3		Emma Miller - Matt Oakley, Reno NV

NORTH-SOUTH			
A	B	C	
1	1		Darian Ramella - Delaney Rosenblatt, Altamonte Spg FL
2	2	1	Samuel Li, North York ON; Michelle Yang, Scarborough ON
3	3	2	Logan Burns, Altamonte Spg FL; Sam Swaggerty, Altamonte Sprgs FL
4/5	4/5		Bronwyn Dixon - Courtney Jones, Riverview NB
4/5	4/5		Matthew Donovan - Noah Dominie, Riverview NB

NORTH-SOUTH			
A	B	C	
1	1	1	Kevin Rodriguez, Germantown TN; Maxwell Burns, Washington DC
2	2		Isabella Babb, Williamsburg VA; Lauren Wilson, Lower Coverdale NB
3			Katherine Pope - Matthew Pope, Justin TX
4	3	2	Soor Hansalia, Altamonte Spg FL; Andy Do, Altamonte Sprs FL

YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

All card play is in the Thurgood Marshall Ballroom

Saturday, July 30			
10 a.m. & 2 p.m.	Bridge Base Online National Youth Swiss Teams Two Sessions	2 p.m.	Cardrook Pairs Single Session
<i>(One qualifying and one final session) Players must be available for both sessions.</i>			
10 a.m.	Cardrook Pairs Single Session	2 p.m.	Consolation Swiss Teams Single Session
		5:30 p.m.	Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award 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.”

FRIDAY YOUTH CONSOLATION PAIRS				
12.5 Tables	A	B	C	
3.49	1	1	1	Jiasen Liu - Xiang Gao, Beijing People's Republic of China
2.62	2			Cornelius Duffie - Sarah Youngquist, Palo Alto CA
2.15	3	2		Vytas Gedvila - Ruth Lynam, Reno NV
1.51	4			Olivia D’Arezzo - Arika Britt D’Arezzo, Palo Alto CA
1.10	5			Lucas Huang, Palo Alto CA; Samuel Perlow, Mill Valley CA
0.83	6	3	2	Justin Wang - Kyle Lui, Morganville NJ
1.08		4	3	Jonathon Youngquist, Palo Alto CA; Ezra Mowbray, Menlo Park CA
0.75		5	4	Aidan San, Arlington VA; Xiaoran Han, Chantilly VA

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS				
20.0 Tables	A	B	C	
3.06	1	1	1	Kevin Rodriguez, Germantown TN; Maxwell Burns, Washington DC
2.30	2	2	2	Kendal Smith - Kaiden McKeoun, Williamsburg VA
1.72	3	3		Darian Ramella - Delaney Rosenblatt, Altamonte Spg FL
1.29	4	4		Robert Dixon-Jackson - Edwin Thomas, Orange NJ
0.97	5	5		Emily Steeves - Amelia Thompson, Riverview NB
0.73	6	6		Isabella Babb, Williamsburg VA; Lauren Wilson, Lower Coverdale NB
0.87			3	Samuel Li, North York ON; Michelle Yang, Scarborough ON
0.65			4	Logan Burns, Altamonte Spg FL; Sam Swaggerty, Altamonte Sprgs FL
0.49			5	Soor Hansalia, Altamonte Spg FL; Andy Do, Altamonte Sprs FL

BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH PAIRS QUALIFYING SESSION				
SECTION G		EAST-WEST		
61.84%	1	Yili Yao - Yiyang Xu, Beijing People's Republic of China		69.79%
60.97%	2	Yuankai Gao - Kangbo Lyu, Beijing People's Republic of China		65.31%
58.65%	3	Chengwei Li, Beijing Congo; Tingrui Zhang, Beijing People's Republic of China		61.61%
57.54%	4	Guangfu Liu, Beijing, China; Wendy Liu, Haidian Distric People's Republic of China		61.03%
51.97%	5	Jingfan Chen - Yidi Liu, Beijing People's Republic of China		60.66%
SECTION H		EAST-WEST		
68.58%	1	Matthew Shi - Jonathan Shi, Palo Alto CA		63.67%
62.06%	2	Reid Busse - Kurt Hu, Westfield NJ		50.71%
59.14%	3	V J Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Michael Moschella, Winter Springs FL		50.68%
53.50%	4	Changlan Wang - Moxuan Liu, Beijing China		50.64%
51.97%	5	Xiang Gao - Jiasen Liu, Beijing People's Republic of China		49.31%
SECTION J		EAST-WEST		
72.05%	1	Brent Xiao, Fremont CA; Kevin Huang, Palo Alto CA		63.70%
62.24%	2	Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA; Caleb Colburn, Alpharetta GA		62.37%
58.75%	3	Jack Gillispie, Ringgold GA; Nathan Finkle, New York NY		58.86%
57.99%	4	Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON		56.49%
55.59%	5	Zi Yang Wang - Wen Zhuo Gao, Tian Jin People's Republic of China		51.15%

FRIDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS				
SECTION O		EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		
59.17%	1	1	Emily Steeves - Amelia Thompson, Riverview NB	75.00%
57.50%	2	2	Katelyn Ashley, Altamonte Spg FL; Colin Fair, Longwood FL	59.17%
57.50%	3	3	Caleb Thompson - Ronald C Paxton-Turner, Williamsburg VA	52.50%
56.67%	4	4	Ibrahima Sacko - Martha Johnson, Orange NJ	51.67%
		1/2	Andy Do, Altamonte Sprs FL; Soor Hansalia, Altamonte Spg FL	47.50%
		1/2	Momo Sacko - Justin Dapoah, Orange NJ	47.50%
SECTION P		EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		
68.33%	1/2		Matthew Pope - Katherine Pope, Justin TX	64.17%
61.67%	1/2		Xiaoran Han, Chantilly VA; Aidan San, Arlington VA	64.17%
52.50%	3	1	Brady Lyon - RJ Lyon, Indianapolis IN	61.67%
52.50%	4		Reginald Smith - Anayah Muldrow, Orange NJ	50.00%
		2	Chidumebi Iherobiem, Orange NJ; Kevin Rodriguez, Germantown TN	47.50%

BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH PAIRS FINAL SESSION				
SECTION G		EAST-WEST		
63.87%	1	Jonathan Baumel, Kennett Square PA; Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL		60.59%
57.87%	2	Zhongtian Wang - Zhenhao Cai, Beijing People's Republic of China		58.17%
57.49%	3	Rui Hao - Tianxing Huang, Beijing People's Republic of China		57.88%
56.99%	4	Michael Hu - Arthur Zhou, San Jose CA		57.65%
55.70%	5	Evan Berman, Sarasota FL; Jake Olsen, Portland OR		56.17%
55.68%	6	Harrison Luba, Hilton Head SC; S Reese Koppel, Metairie LA		54.52%
52.84%	7	Xinyi Chen - Mengqi Hao, Beijing People's Republic of China		54.25%

FRIDAY YOUTH CONSOLATION PAIRS				
SECTION J		EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		
65.66%	1	1	Vytas Gedvila - Ruth Lynam, Reno NV	59.76%
63.88%	2		Olivia D’Arezzo - Arika Britt D’Arezzo, Palo Alto CA	59.49%
58.26%	3	2	1	Jonathon Youngquist, Palo Alto CA; Ezra Mowbray, Menlo Park CA
57.11%	4	3	2	Aidan San, Arlington VA; Xiaoran Han, Chantilly VA
55.91%	5	4		Simon Li - Andrew Li, Milton ON
51.35%				

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS				
SECTION O		EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		
67.50%	1	1	Robert Dixon-Jackson - Edwin Thomas, Orange NJ	64.17%
58.33%	2	2	Sam Shroyer - Suchit Shrestha, Seattle WA	62.50%
56.67%	3		Elise Bedell, Apopka FL; Kyra Martin, Altamonte Spg FL	56.67%
52.50%	4		Emily Mattison, Dallas GA; Vivian Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS	53.33%
52.50%		3	1	Anjani Hansalia, Altamonte Spg FL; Abigail Dominica, Apopka FL
SECTION P		EAST-WEST		
A	B	C		
80.00%	1	1	1	Kendal Smith - Kaiden McKeoun, Williamsburg VA
62.67%	2	2		Emily Steeves - Amelia Thompson, Riverview NB
57.33%	3	3		Michael Shelly, Williamsburg VA; Jacob Rouette, Lanexa VA
54.17%	4			Gabriella Morano, Satellite Beach FL; Chidumebi Iherobiem, Orange NJ