

# Daily Bulletin

A Monumental Event

Summer North American Bridge Championships

2016 Youth NABC

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## Record turnout one of many Youth NABC highlights

They came in droves to the 2016 Youth NABC in Washington DC, with a record 233 different players over the three days of the tournament. Stephanie Threlkeld, ACBL's manager of education and communication, said the venue had a lot to do with the attendance. "There are so many things for families to do in Washington," she said, "and there are some really well-organized groups around the country supporting the tournament."

Threlkeld said she is grateful for the help provided by two ACBL employees, Shaneka Cunningham and Bryan Delfs, both of whom have lots of experience at the youth tournaments.

Delfs, marketing analytics manager, said the effort to attract young players is gaining momentum thanks to bridge teachers around the country and word of mouth among the young players.

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**Florida Junior Bridge**  
ACBL President Ken Monzingo (at right) with the youth bridge players from District 9 (Florida). The district, longtime supporters of the Youth NABC, sent 32 players to Washington for the tournament.

**Toronto Youth Bridge**  
Ten players from Toronto came to Washington to compete and to make new friends and renew acquaintances with old friends. The group (below) was led by Michael Yang. Three members of Toronto Youth Bridge will play for Team Canada in the World Youth Teams Championships in Salsomaggiore, Italy, next month.



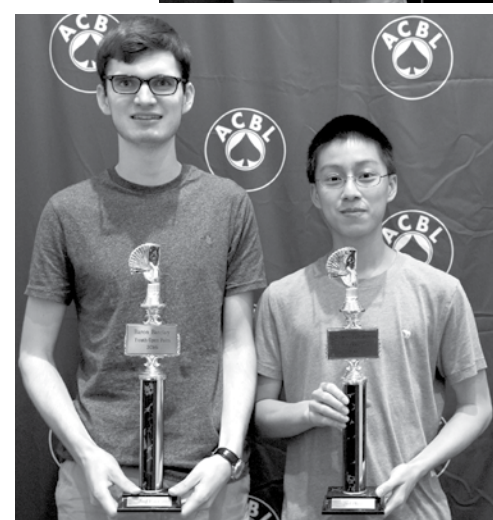
**Silicon Valley Youth Bridge**

Twenty-four players from Silicon Valley Youth Bridge, started by Debbie Rosenberg three years ago, participated in the 2016 Youth NABC. The players prepared for the competition with extensive training and mentoring.

## Open Pairs



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



**Jonathan Baumel and Gianni Hsieh**, runners-up in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs.

## Swiss Teams



They were first in the Bridge Base Online National Youth Swiss Teams: rear, Xiang Liu, Zhengwen Li, Coach Min Liang and Yimin Yang; front, Zhefan Zhang, Penxiao Zeng and Yike Xie.



Second place in the Bridge Base Online National Youth Swiss Teams went to Evan Berman, Luke Williams, Jake Williams and Jake Olsen.

## Sportsmanship Award

Avery Dyen of Maitland FL (Orlando) was selected by the other players to receive the Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award. Dyen, 18, will soon enroll in the University of South Florida. "I try to be nice and friendly," she said. "The best experience is meeting people."





Faces in the crowd



**My name:** Ellie Fashingbauer  
**My home town:** Chicago IL  
**My age:** 17  
**My grade in school:** Now in college  
**Why I like bridge:** It's fun.  
**My favorite convention:** The Overcall Structure



**My name:** Jason Miller  
**My home town:** Tampa FL  
**My age:** 18  
**My grade in school:** Now in college  
**Why I like bridge:** I don't know.  
**My favorite convention:** ?



**My name:** Victor Lamoureux  
**My home town:** Halifax NS  
**My age:** 18  
**My grade in school:** N/A  
**Why I like bridge:** Why not?  
**My favorite convention:** Weak 1NT

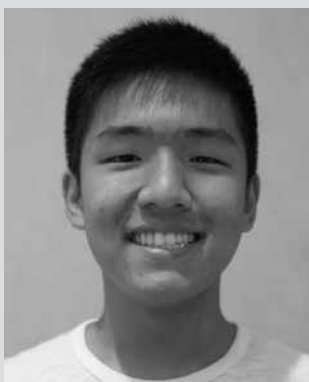
**My name:** Kyle Rockoff  
**My home town:** Buffalo Grove IL  
**My age:** 19  
**My grade in school:** Sophomore in college  
**Why I like bridge:** It keeps the brain healthy.  
**My favorite convention:** Every hand an adventure (EHAA) bids



**My name:** Chris Welland  
**My home town:** New York City  
**My age:** 19  
**My grade in school:** College sophomore  
**Why I like bridge:** ?  
**My favorite convention:** ?



**My name:** Alex Zhan  
**My home town:** Alpharetta GA  
**My age:** 12  
**My grade in school:** 12th  
**Why I like bridge:** It's fun, addictive and it trains the brain.  
**My favorite convention:** Suction.



*Erin Bayless and Jacob Rouette, first N-S, Strat A, Morning Cardrook Pairs; 1st N-S, Strat C, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs.*



*Marquis Douglas and Monica Harmon, first N-S, Strat C, Morning Cardrook Pairs.*



*Michael Moschella and Elise Bedell, first N-S, Strat A, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs.*



*Isabella Babb and Lauren Wilson, first East-West Strat B, Morning Cardrook Pairs.*



*Munachimso Iherobiem and Prince Antwi, first North-South, Strat A, Morning Cardrook Pairs.*



*Sayeed Bennett and Giovanni Peterkin, first N-S, Strat A, Afternoon Cardrook Pairs.*

See you in Toronto  
July 27-29, 2017



Faces in the crowd

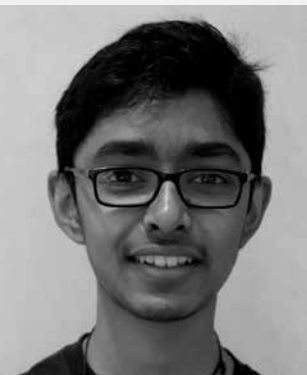


**My name:** Vincent Zhu  
**My home town:** Atlanta GA  
**My age:** 14  
**My grade in school:** 9th  
**Why I like bridge:** It's a fun game.  
**My favorite convention:** Mathe

**My name:** Caleb Colburn  
**My home town:** Alpharetta GA  
**My age:** 16  
**My grade in school:** High school junior  
**Why I like bridge:** It's a fun game that requires a lot of thinking.  
**My favorite convention:** Suction



**My name:** Sidhesh Desai  
**My home town:** Atlanta GA  
**My age:** 15  
**My grade in school:** 10th  
**Why I like bridge:** It is fun.  
**My favorite convention:** Puppet Stayman



**My name:** Maia Walzer  
**My home town:** Tenafly NJ  
**My age:** 11  
**My grade in school:** 6th  
**Why I like bridge:** It's never the same. There are so many possibilities.  
**My favorite convention:** 2/1



**My name:** David Zheng  
**My home town:** San Jose CA  
**My age:** 14  
**My grade in school:** 9th  
**Why I like bridge:** Because I'm good.  
**My favorite convention:** Puppet Stayman



**My name:** Kayleen Iguban  
**My home town:** Virginia Beach VA  
**My age:** 10  
**My grade in school:** 5th  
**Why I like bridge:** I get to be partners with different people.  
**My favorite convention:** ?



*Hao Hao Chen and Shi Chen, first N-S, Strat B, Afternoon Cardrork Pairs.*



*Sam Shroyer and Suchit Shrestha, first E-W, Strat A, Afternoon Cardrork Pairs.*



*Samuel Li and Michelle Yang, first E-W, Strat A, Morning Cardrork Pairs and Afternoon Cardrork Pairs.*



*Hallie Presley and Abbey Lavelle, first N-S, Strat B, Afternoon Cardrork Pairs.*



*Xiang Gao, Xichen Song, Jiasen Liu and Sihan Zou, first in Strats A, B and C in the Bridge Base Online National Youth Swiss Teams Consolation.*



*Chidumebi Iherobiem and Gabriella Morano, first E-W, Strat C*





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Turnout

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From the beginning of the tournament, parents talked about the benefits of bridge for the children they brought to Washington. Anissa Dyen, who lives in the Orlando FL area, came with three of her children. They were among 32 players from District 9 who “have made friends and memories that will last a lifetime.”

Another group came from Toronto, host of next year’s Youth NABC, scheduled for July 27-29. Michael Yang founded Toronto Youth Bridge in 2013 and runs a bridge club to sustain his teaching activities. His organization now has about 50 members. Ten Toronto Youth Bridge players competed in Washington.

Another boost in attendance came from Silicon Valley Youth Bridge, 24 of whose members came to Washington to compete. Two schools in Orange NJ brought a total of 18 students. One teacher said students who joined bridge clubs at the schools were considered “nerdy” until other students saw how much fun they bridge players were having.

Barbara Clark – tireless promoter of youth bridge

One of the most energetic supporters of the Youth NABC and bridge in general, especially for young people, is Barbara Clark of Orange NJ. She is education liaison for ACBL Unit 140 and she has tapped into numerous sources for donations to her program, including the estate of a wealthy man.

Clark, former director of special services in the Orange school system, started the school bridge program in Orange in 2003. It is now operating in two schools, Oakwood Avenue Community School and the Park Avenue School.

When school administrators took a favorable view of bridge teaching, Clark found a teacher on the staff who is a player. They developed a lesson plan. They soon found that the students took to bridge with enthusiasm. “We realized that the kids really like bridge,” Clark says.

Some of the students like bridge so much that they come back to Park Avenue for the bridge even after they finish the elementary grades and go off to high school, where there are no bridge classes.

The young bridge players of Orange NJ experienced their first Youth NABC in Atlanta in 2013. Clark paid for nine players to attend the tournament. Some of the players experienced their first airplane rides. Others were away from home for the first time.

This year, Orange NJ sent 18 young players to the Youth NABC. Back home, some of them have



Barbara Clark

SATURDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

17.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
1.92	1	1		Erin Bayless, Williamsburg VA; Jacob Rouette, Lanexa VA	65.83%
1.44	2	2		Shi Chen - Hao Hao Chen,	63.33%
1.08	3	3		Grace Stoker, Altamonte Spg FL; Jolie Hartley, Longwood FL	62.33%
0.81	4	4		Samuel Li, North York ON; Michelle Yang, Scarborough ON	62.00%
1.05	5	5	1	Munachimso Iherobiem - Prince Antwi, Orange NJ	60.83%
0.64	6/8			Elise Bedell, Apopka FL; Michael Moschella, Winter Springs FL	60.00%
0.48	6/8	6		Ashley Wang - Kara Lui, Morganville NJ	60.00%
0.48	6/8			Giovanni Peterkin - Sayeed Bennett, Orange NJ	60.00%
0.79			2	Matthew O’Dowd - Logan Burns, Altamonte Spg FL	51.08%
0.59			3	Chidumebi Iherobiem, Orange NJ; Gabriella Morano, Satellite Beach FL	51.00%
0.46			4	Marquis Douglas - Monica Harmon, Orange NJ	46.37%

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

13.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
1.64	1	1		Samuel Li, North York ON; Michelle Yang, Scarborough ON	70.83%
1.23	2	2		Sam Shroyer - Suchit Shrestha, Seattle WA	65.67%
0.92	3			Sayeed Bennett - Giovanni Peterkin, Orange NJ	65.00%
0.69	4			Michael Moschella, Winter Springs FL; Elise Bedell, Apopka FL	63.83%
0.52	5			Spencer Dyen, Maitland FL; Natalie Youmans, Apopka FL	60.22%
0.98	6	3	1	Shi Chen - Hao Hao Chen,	59.67%
0.50		4/5		Abbey Lavelle, Williamsburg VA; Hallie Presley, Altamonte Spg FL	54.17%
0.50		4/5		Robert Dixon-Jackson - Edwin Thomas, Orange NJ	54.17%
0.74			2	Erin Bayless, Williamsburg VA; Jacob Rouette, Lanexa VA	49.17%
0.55			3	Chidumebi Iherobiem, Orange NJ; Gabriella Morano, Satellite Beach FL	42.23%

BRIDGE BASE ONLINE NATIONAL YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

20 Tables / Based on 35 Tables					
10.71	1	Xiang Liu - Zhengwen Li - Yimin Yang - Zhefan Zhang - Pengxiao Zeng - Yike Xie, MY People’s Republic of China			69.29
8.03	2	Evan Berman, Sarasota FL; Jake Olsen, Portland OR; Jake Williams - Luke Williams, San Diego CA			64.14
6.02	3	Rory Xiao, Fremont CA; Arthur Zhou - Michael Hu, San Jose CA; Suzanne Campbell, Marina CA			62.14
4.52	4	Eric Chai, Marlboro NJ; Eric Lou - Kyle Lui - Justin Wang, Morganville NJ			61.21
3.57	5	Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer - Jacob Freeman, Toronto ON; Bo Han Zhu, Oakville ON			57.86
3.06	6	Victor Lamoureux, Dartmouth NS; Eleanor Fashingbauer, Belvidere IL; Henry Trautwein, Naples FL; Jason Miller, Tampa FL; Christopher Welland, New York NY; Kyle Rockoff, Buffalo Grove IL			56.50
2.68	7	Sarah Youngquist - Jonathon Youngquist - Olivia D’Arezzo - Arika Britt D’Arezzo, Palo Alto CA			56.36
2.38	8	Haoyu Cheng - Jiarui Luo - Yili Yao - Yiyang Xu, Beijing People’s Republic of China			49.07
2.14	9	Caleb Colburn - Alec Zhan - Sidhesh Desai, Alpharetta GA; Vincent Zhu, Duluth GA			48.71

YOUTH CONSOLATION SWISS TEAMS

10 Tables					
	A	B	C		
2.43	1	1	1	Xichen Song - Sihan Zou - Jiasen Liu - Xiang Gao, Beijing People’s Republic of China	68.00
1.82	2			Reid Busse - Kurt Hu, Westfield NJ; Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN; Eric Rodriguez, Germantown TN	53.00
1.37	3	2		Matt Oakley - Emma Miller - Vytas Gedvila - Ruth Lynam, Reno NV	43.00
1.03	4	3		Zi Yang Wang - Yiming Liu - Zi Han Liu - Jong Yan Wu - Wen Zhuo Gao, Tian Jin People’s Republic of China; Hao Yi Pang, TianJin People’s Republic of China	42.00

started teaching bridge to other students. “We are thinking about starting a bridge academy,” Clark says.

The principal of the Park Avenue School recently took the Learn Bridge In A Day? course and is looking for ways to expand the bridge program at the school.

The Orange players don’t have to wait a year to play in a tournament. Thanks to Clark, District

3 youth coordinator, the students regularly attend sectionals and regionals in the district.

Clark helps organize fundraisers and knows she can depend on a large group of friends for donations. She has also approached Bridge Base Online for support.

Denise Harlem, a teacher at Park Avenue, says the thriving bridge program just keeps growing. “Success,” she says, “breeds success.”

SATURDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION O		
A	B	C	A	B	C
1	1		1		
2	2		2		
3	3		3	1	
		1		2	1
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION P		
A	B	C	A	B	C
1	1	1	1	1	
2	2		2		
3			3	2	
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NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION O		
A	B	C	A	B	C
1			1	1	
2			2		
3	1		3	2	
	2				
		1			
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION P		
A	B	C	A	B	C
1			1	1	
2			2		
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SATURDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS					
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION O		
A	B	C	A	B	C
1			1	1	
2			2		
3			3	2	
		1			
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION P		
A	B	C	A	B	C
1			1	1	
2			2		
	1	1			
	2				