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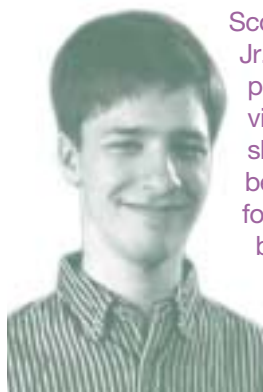


The Official Newsletter of the American Contract Bridge League Junior Players (age 25 and under)

## Waldron Wins!

by Jody Latham

SCOTT WALDRON JR. IS THE 2003 KING OF BRIDGE.



Scott Waldron Jr. has been playing the violin since shortly before his fourth birthday and he's been playing bridge since

he was 9. Now 18, he has juggled the two so successfully that he's won a music scholarship and has been named the 2003 *King of Bridge*.

The bridge award is presented to an ACBL member who is a graduating high school senior. The title originally went to the senior who had won the most masterpoints. Recent winners, however, have been cited for outstanding tournament performances plus recreational, administrative and promotional activities related to bridge.

The award is presented by the ACBL Educational Foundation, which administers the International Palace of Sports Foundation and includes the \$1000 Homer Shoop/International Palace of Sports Scholarship.

Waldron recalls his early interest in bridge. "Dad started playing when I was 9," he says. "We have always been a team in everything we do, so I asked

him to teach me to play. We started out with some basic books, moved on to using bridge programs and began playing duplicate at local clubs. My first experience playing with four people at the table was in my first duplicate event.

"When I first started playing, I was nearly the only kid in our area playing. My dad's friends — Allan and Ruthanne Mazer, Tom Appel and Len Gutkoska — were very supportive. I found the competition exciting and always played to win. I not only enjoyed the sessions we played but also the gathering afterward for food and discussions of hands and strategies."

In the last few years, he's begun playing "with some of the Junior players I have met through Internet bridge. My main Junior partner is Josh Donn. In addition to the time Josh and I play online, we have played together at recent nationals (Houston and Washington DC).

"The Junior players I have met have similar interests and I have been making many friends through bridge."

Waldron has lots of bridge memories but one does stand out. "Playing at the Hunt Valley regional in the Open Swiss Teams when I was around 12, my team played the top seed that included

(Paul) Soloway, (Jeff) Meckstroth, (Eric) Rodwell and (Paul) Lewis.

"My dad and I played against Mr. Soloway, and we had some very interesting hands. Our team edged them out by 3 IMPs to win the match. While I was very excited, one of my teammates (Appel) could not control his excitement and went running down the hall, jumping up and down and cheering. We went on to place third in the event."

He's had equal — or greater — success as a violinist. "I've been playing the violin since just before my fourth birthday. I entered the studio of Herbert Greenberg at the age of 13," says Waldron. "Highlights of my accomplishments include being named a Maryland Distinguished Scholar in the Arts and winning a \$12,000 scholarship, being selected to perform at an international music festival in Graz, Austria — both as a soloist and in an ensemble with Eduard Melkus — and being selected as the guest soloist for the 75th anniversary of the Baltimore Music Clubs.

"I have served as concertmaster of both Baltimore's F.A.M.E. orchestra and Dulaney's high school orchestra for many years and was a frequent soloist. Other ensembles I've played with include County Honors Orchestra and All State Orchestra (every year since

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# DOUBLES

One of the ways to enter the auction after the opponents have bid is by using a double. A double can and often does have lots of different meanings in bridge. Two of the most prevalent meanings are for

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“takeout” and for “penalty.”

Sometimes the opponents have opened the bidding and we have a hand with which we would like to compete but do not know exactly where. In such a case we would like our partner to decide. One way to do this is by making a double. In a case such as this, our double asks partner to bid his best suit other than the one(s) the opponents have bid. We tell our partner that we have good support for the other suits. This type of double is called a “takeout” double. We do not say “takeout,” however. Partner must be able to tell that it is takeout on his or her own. The following example shows a hand with which you might make a “takeout” double:

Your RHO opens the bidding 1♥. This is your hand:

- ♠ K Q 8 6
- ♥ 7
- ♦ J 10 9 7
- ♣ A Q J 2

Sometimes the opponents have bid to a contract which you do not think they can make. In this case, you may use the double to increase the penalty that the opponents will receive for not making the contract and increase the bonuses they will receive for making the contract. When used in this manner, the double is for “penalty.” The following example shows a hand with which you might make a “penalty” double:

Your opponents have bid to 4♥ and this is your hand:

- ♠ 8 7
- ♥ Q J 10 9 8
- ♦ A K
- ♣ J 10 7 6

Since we now have two different meanings for “double” in bridge, we must have agreements with our partners about what they should do. One way to make this agreement is to decide that a double is for takeout if neither member of your side has made any call other than pass, and the opponents are still in a partscore contract. Otherwise, it would be a penalty double.

In the following hands, decide what call you would make after the given auction:

1) Your RHO opens the bidding 1♣:

- ♠ K Q J 2
- ♥ Q 10 7 2
- ♦ A Q J
- ♣ 7 3

2) Your RHO opens the bidding 1♥:

- ♠ K Q J 2
- ♥ A Q J 8 6
- ♦ 6 5
- ♣ J 4

3) Your LHO opens the bidding 1♣ and your RHO responds 1♠:

- ♠ 4 2
- ♥ K Q J 6
- ♦ A K 6 5 4
- ♣ K 7

4) Your LHO opens the bidding 1♣ and your RHO responds 3NT:

- ♠ K Q J 10 9 8
- ♥ 5
- ♦ Q J 10
- ♣ A J 2

In the following hands, decide whether partner’s double is for penalty or takeout:

	NORTH	EAST (you)	SOUTH	WEST (partner)
1)	Pass	Pass	1♠	Double
2)	1♣	Pass	1♠	Double
3)	1♣	1♥	1♠	Double
4)	Pass	1♥	1♠	Double
5)	Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
	2♥	Pass	4♥	Double



# GO CAMPING!

There’s still time to make plans — and receive an ACBL subsidy — for the 2003 World Junior Pairs and

World Junior Bridge Camp, scheduled July 4–14 in Hungary.

The ACBL will subsidize tuition, rooms, meals and entries for the first 40 ACBL Junior players (ages 17–25) who apply and are accepted. The World

Junior Pairs is scheduled July 4–6 in Tata, Hungary, while the World Junior Bridge Camp is scheduled July 7–14 in Vargesztes, Hungary.

Juniors are responsible for their own transportation to Hungary. Transportation from the airport to the playing venue will be provided by the organizers.

**To apply**, contact Charlotte Blaiss at 901–332–5586, Ext. 214 or e-mail [Charlotte.Blaiss@acbl.org](mailto:Charlotte.Blaiss@acbl.org).

**M**ore than 600 players throughout North America competed in the eighth annual School Bridge Lesson Series Instant Matchpoint Game.

Ahmed Abdi and Tariq Sattar, sixth-grade students at Pinecrest Public School in Ottawa ON, took top honors North-South with a score of 845 instant matchpoints — a 70.4% game. Their bridge teacher is Stan Marshall.

Todd Trabue and James Garton of Columbia MO were first East-West with a score of 1003 instant matchpoints — an 83.6% game. Their bridge teacher is Pam Spencer.

Average for the game was 600 instant matchpoints.

All four students will receive \$500 scholarships from the ACBL Educational Foundation.

**Abdi**, 13, started playing bridge in the fall of 2002. This year's IMG was his first tournament. Abdi says his favorite subjects are art, gym and math. His hobbies are riding his bike, collecting pennies and playing basketball, chess and checkers.

As for bridge: "It's like when you open a present, it's fun," he said. "It's interesting, it's intriguing. It has lots of rules. It makes you feel stronger. I like outwitting them (opponents)."

**Sattar**, 12, also began playing bridge in the fall of 2002 and the IMG was his first tournament. His favorite subjects are gym, art, math and social sciences. His hobbies are computer, Play Station, riding his bike, collecting and trading Yu-Gi-Oh cards and playing chess and checkers.

He enjoys bridge because "of the bidding, making a contract that you bid. It's challenging — thinking of strategies. You get to control your partner's cards."

**Trabue**, 16 and a sophomore at Rock Bridge High School in Columbia, learned to play bridge in the fifth grade EEE class (a class for gifted students). He's taken a few more bridge lessons through the Summer School and Gifted Programs of the Columbia Public Schools.

"I enjoy bridge because it is a game in which



thinking will give you the edge over your opponents and one trick can decide whether you get game or go down several tricks," he said. "If you pay attention, you can almost know after the first couple of tricks how the play will most likely go. It is a game that is like riding a bike: once you learn how

to play, you can do it forever.

"It is not like athletics where if you don't stay in shape the entire year, you won't be able to make the team. It's a game that is not affected by weather — unless the humidity makes your cards too soft to shuffle.

"Bridge is a challenge of both logic and daring in which one does not know the probable outcome until he looks at his cards and has bid a couple of rounds. There is a thrill in coming out of

the dark and into a strategy that will win you the game."

Trabue also enjoys sailing and music. "I hope to go on to a technical college and receive a degree in engineering. I hope to one day combine engineering with my enjoyment of history."

**Garton**, 14, is an eighth grade student at West Junior High in Columbia. He began learning bridge in third grade EEE class. "I taught my dad to play, along with my brother. We

occasionally deal out hands and play. I will also deal hands out by myself and analyze what would happen on each."

Garton enjoys bridge. "It is a game that makes you think. It keeps you alert because if you miss something, you'll get burned. If you think about what will happen if such-and-such happens and then come up with a way around that, you'll have an edge on your opponents.

"You always have to think ahead and think

of the big picture. Something that is good for you now might not be good for you later. You don't have to be an expert or really smart to play bridge; it can be played by anyone



▲ Garton and Trabue



Abdi and Sattar ►

who wants to and at a non-competitive level.

"But the main reason I like bridge is because it gives your brain a good workout."

Garton also enjoys chess, science fiction, bike riding and other sports. He's looking ahead to high school and college. "I am thinking about going to an engineering school such as Purdue, Missouri or Duke. I want to be an engineer when I grow up and hopefully get a job at NASA, as I have always wanted to know what else is out there besides us."

## FINAL STANDINGS

### North-South

1. Ahmed Abdi – Tariq Sattar	845
2. Daniel Ni – Alan Ni	731
3. Allan Jiang – Herman Wong	722
4. Joel Medore – Justin Tulloch	659
5. Trevor Houston – Mickey Creech	656
6. Laura Couillard – Robin Cairns	653
7. Matthew Corriveau – Nathan Levert	641
8. Eric Voss – Nathan Fender	637
9. Andrew Dzikiewicz – Kevin Bryant	635
10. Paul Rolfe – Kevin Zhang	633

### East-West

1. Todd Trabue – James Garton	1003
2. Ira Gel – Jonathan Mendonca	985
3. Michael Yohns – David McAllister	968
4. Yusuke Hayakawa – Isaac Spencer	958
5. James Heaphey – Tyler Deman	932
6. Nahielly Fernandez – Jenna Menzies	930
7. Danny Hamilton – Mathew Kaminski	920
8. Chantelle Torelloto – Liz Rosenszain	914
9. Robert Goodberry – Jamie Buck	905
10. Estell DeOliveiro – Anthony Geldart	887

# World Youth Team Championship



**USA Team 1:** From left, Joon Pakh, Meredith Beck, Robert Glickman, Lindsay Pearlman, Xing Yuan and Lisa Burton



**USA Team 2:** From left, Joel Wooldridge, Joe Grue, John Kranyak, John Hurd, Kent Mignocchi and Kevin Bathurst

Saint Cloud, a picturesque and historic town on the western outskirts of Paris, will be the setting Aug. 18–28 for the 9th World Youth Bridge Team Championship.

The championship will consist of a qualifying stage, semifinals, a final and a playoff for third place. The winners of the final will be the new World Youth Team Champions and will receive the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy. Silver replicas will be presented to each player and the non-playing



captain.

Zone 2 (North America) will have three teams competing: USA Team 1, USA Team 2, as well as Canada: David Grainger, Daniel Lavee, Vincent Demuy, Gavin Wolpert, Charles Halasi and Ian Boyd, with Martin Hunter as npc.

The Mignocchi squad (with Brad Campbell instead of Bathurst) won the 8th championship, played in Brazil in 2001, and are the reigning world champions.

## SIX USA JUNIORS TO ATTEND CARROUSEL CUP

USA Juniors Xing Yuan, Rob Glickman, Marc Glickman, Josh Donn, Kent Mignocchi, Kevin Bathurst and npc GS Jade Barrett will be traveling to Den Bosch, Netherlands to attend the 6th annual Carrousel Cup. The event will be held June 29– July 2, 2003.

Last year's USA Junior Team of Kent Mignocchi, Brad Campbell, John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge, Kevin Bathurst and Chris Davis won the event.

The format is slightly different in the Carrousel Cup with all six members of each team playing simultaneously. The anchor pair sits in one direction while the other two pairs sit the other way. The anchor pair's results will then be compared twice, once with each of the other two. In order to succeed, the anchor pair will need to play consistently well, since their results are essentially doubled. Each match has three segments and each pair will anchor once.

## WALDRON WINS! *(Continued from page 1)*

seventh grade), All Eastern Orchestra in Rhode Island this year and the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, side-by-side groups where I had the opportunity to perform in concert with professional musicians."

Violin lessons and practice plus school work don't leave much time for bridge during the school year. "The convenience of the Internet allows me to play consistently throughout the year," says Waldron. "Tournaments do

have to be limited; this has been a very busy year for me. I fit tournaments in as I can."

He fit in ACBL's Junior Bridge Camp last year and "my plans this summer are focused around bridge, with travel to Europe for the World Junior Pairs and the Junior Bridge Camp in Hungary. I also plan to play in the Hunt Valley regional (Aug. 18–24) with Dad."

After that, he'll head for Johns Hopkins University. "I am leaning toward a study of computer science or

computer engineering, but really I am a bit undecided and will explore the other engineering disciplines as well. Since the Peabody Conservatory is affiliated with Hopkins, I will have the opportunity to study music there as well."

Waldron expressed his thanks for the KOB award and promised, "I will do my best as an ambassador for bridge. I certainly plan to seek out others at JHU with similar bridge interests."

# OKBRIDGE

## JUNIOR TEAMS ALL TIED UP



**T**bilisi State University, last year's winner, and Stanford University, a previous winner, finished in a 20-20 tie at the 2003 Junior Collegiate Team Championship.

Since the conditions of contest made no provision for a tie, the 20-board match was deemed a tie and the teams were declared co-champions.

The annual championship was sponsored by ACBL, OKbridge and the Fifth Chair Foundation, a non-profit organization that fosters online bridge education.

Thirteen teams from four continents entered this year's contest, played on OKbridge for the seventh year. Competing were Cambridge University, Cambridge, England; Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA; Columbia University, New York NY; Dartmouth University, Hanover NH; Harvard University (two teams), Cambridge MA; Indian Institute of Management, Madras, India; Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey; Middle East Technical University, Turkey; North Carolina State University, Raleigh NC; National University of Singapore, Republic of Singapore; Stanford University, Stanford CA, and Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia.

The teams played a 30-board IMP Pairs tournament with four teams qualifying for the semifinal round. TSU defeated Carnegie Mellon while Stanford eliminated NC State.

Playing for Stanford were Ho-lin Chen, Ari Greenberg, Samuel leong and Joon Pahk. TSU players were Irakli Garishvili, Irakli Odisharia, Archil Garishvili and Shota Meladze — all

members of last year's winning team — plus Lasha Koplastadze and Kartlos Giorgadze.

Stanford jumped out to a 41-IMP lead in the first 10-board segment but gave it all back in the second segment. The final sparked a bit of controversy when a Stanford player, after going down in a 3NT contract, requested an "undo" (or take-back). The undo was allowed by OKbridge Chief Director Tony Reus but TSU appealed the ruling.

John R. Mayne, OKbridge Appeals Chair, announced the committee's decision to overrule the director. "It appears that the undo was requested untimely," he said. "While the director's ruling was a reasonable interpretation of the rules, given the unfamiliarity of many with the software, the undo (request) was still not timely made."

That led to the tie and the co-championship. Stanford's leong termed the match "a very good one. TSU is a great team."

Dir: North ♠ A K 8  
 Vul: E-W ♥ Q 9 6 4  
 ♦ K J 9 7  
 ♣ K 5

♠ 7 5		♠ Q 10 6
♥ K 7 3 2	<i>N</i>	♥ J
♦ Q 6 3	<i>W E</i>	♦ A 8 5 4 2
♣ 9 8 6 2	<i>S</i>	♣ A 10 4 3
		♠ J 9 4 3 2
		♥ A 10 8 5
		♦ 10
		♣ Q J 7

**WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH**

	1♦	Pass	2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

(1) Reverse Flannery, five or more spades, four hearts, 6 to 9 high-card points.

West led the ♣8: king, ace, 7. A club was returned and declarer won his queen.

Declarer led a low heart, ducked by West, and won by dummy's queen as East followed with the ♥J. Declarer cashed dummy's ♠K and exited with a low diamond.

West won the ♦Q and returned the ♠7. Declarer won dummy's ace and ruffed a diamond. He led the ♣J and pitched dummy's ♠8. This was the five-card ending:

♠ —		♠ Q
♥ 9 6 4		♥ —
♦ K J		♦ A 8 5
♣ —		♣ 10
♠ —	<i>N</i>	♠ Q
♥ K 7 3	<i>W E</i>	♥ —
♦ 6	<i>S</i>	♦ A 8 5
♣ 9		♣ 10
		♠ J 9 4
		♥ A 10
		♦ —
		♣ —

Declarer led a low spade. West pitched his last diamond as declarer ruffed with the ♥4 and East's queen dropped.

"Now to make the contract," noted leong, "declarer will have to ruff the ♦J with the ♥A, then lead a spade toward dummy. Regardless of what West plays, the contract is now secure." (If West ruffs with the king, declarer will make the ♥9 and ♥10 separately; if West ruffs low, declarer overruffs for trick number nine and can promote the ♥9 by ruffing a diamond with the 10.)

At the table, declarer misplayed at trick 10 and ruffed with the ♥10. West overruffed with the ♥K and returned a trump to sink the contract.

At the other table:

<b>WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH</b>		
1NT	Pass	2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass

(1) Transfer to spades.

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# NEW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNIORS



A new scholarship program is available for ACBL Juniors. The program, which owes its funding to some very generous external donations, is available to college and high

school bridge players under 26 who teach bridge in schools. \$50,000 has already been contributed to the foundation of this program.

The program will award \$500 scholarships to those who teach the equivalent of the ACBL *Bidding Series (Club Series)* or an eight-week program (16 hours of lessons to a class of six to eight students who are under 26 years of age).

In addition, the ACBL Educational Foundation and the ACBL Education Department will provide books, tee-shirts and a stipend of \$270 for teaching the courses.

The \$500 scholarship is payable to the school of choice for the Junior bridge instructor. The scholarship will be paid to an accredited college, university or trade school for high school graduates.

Contacts for this program are Jayne Thomas <jtacbl1289@aol.com> or Charlotte Blaiss <charlotte.blaiss@acbl.org> .

Scholarships are available for every group taught starting January 1, 2003.

## Okbridge *(Continued from page 5)*

This West led the ♥2 to the 4, jack and ace. Declarer played the ♣7 to dummy's king and East's ace. A club came back and declarer won his jack. He cashed the ♣Q, pitching dummy's ♠8, and cashed the ♠A K. Now he played the ♥6 (East pitching a diamond) to his 8 and West's king. A heart came back and declarer won dummy's ♥9. He played the ♦7, ducked around to West's queen. West returned a heart, clearing the suit.

When declarer played the ♦9, East won his ace and cashed the ♠Q and ♣10 for down three and 3 IMPs for Stanford.

## College Students to Compete for \$500 Scholarship

The Education Foundation Junior Scholarship Fund is providing a \$500 scholarship to each member of the winning team.

Six college teams have qualified to compete in the final of the North American College Bridge Team Championship, scheduled for the first weekend of the Summer NABC in Long Beach CA.

A two-session round-robin is scheduled Friday, July 18, with semifinal and final sessions on Saturday, July 19. The competition, reinstated last year, is sponsored by the ACBL Educational Foundation.

Zonal qualifying sessions were held at ACBL's online site earlier this year. Fourteen teams entered and six qualified for an expense-paid trip.

Qualifying were the University of Chicago: Melissa Chester, Victor Chubukov, Kevin Choi and Paul Johnson; University of Michigan: Jeremy Vosko, Jonathon Zimble, Ilya Podolyako and Jeremy Iskin; Ohio Wesleyan University: Thomas O'Reilly-Pol, Liz Dale, Matt Bernardina and Svetovar Plalankov; Stanford University: Joon Pakh, Ho-Lin Chen, Samuel leong and Eric Mayefsky; University of Victoria: Chris Malcolm, Roy Sadd, John Naber and Mike Werener; Yale University: Marc Glickman, Christina Craige, David Stewart and Juan Ramirez.

## PLAY Contest

*Test your bridge IQ!*

Test your mettle with this double dummy problem. Win free entries to the NABC of your choice (Long Beach, New Orleans, or Reno only) by correctly solving the problem and submitting your detailed response to **Juniors@acbl.org** (Free entries do not include Charity Day).

Contestants submitting answers must be Juniors (under 26) and ACBL members. All submissions must have been received by July 2, 2003. The drawing will take place on July 3. Answers will be posted on the Junior Web Pages at <http://www.acbl.org/Details.asp?id=1833&PID=9709> by July 15th.



♠ 6 4 3	♠ Q 10 8 7
♥ —	♥ A 9 8 7
♦ 10 6 5 4 3 2	♦ 9 8 7
♣ 8 4 3 2	♣ 10 9
♠ —	♠ A K J 9 5 2
♥ K Q J 10 6 5 4 3 2	♥ —
♦ Q J	♦ A K
♣ K Q	♣ A J 7 6 5

Contract is 6♠. West leads the ♥K. South must win 12 tricks against any defense.



## NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Make plans to attend one of the three NABCs held each year. Meet bridge players from across the world! Play bridge or watch some of the best players play! The first Saturday of each NABC is designated **JUNIOR DAY**.

The United States Playing Card Company (USPC) is proud to sponsor the ACBL Junior Reception at the 2003 Summer NABC in Long Beach. USPC is the leader in the production and distribution of premier brands of playing cards, including BEE, BICYCLE, AVIATOR, and HOYLE playing cards. Additionally, USPC supplies leading licensed brands of playing cards including: Coke, Disney, NASCAR, Marvel Comics, Scooby Doo and Peanuts.

A meal will be served and a special program will be presented. During the Spring and Fall NABCs an informal Junior Reception will be held. Come and meet some of your fellow Junior players!

### NOTICE: JUNIOR COUPONS AT NABCs HAVE BEEN CHANGED!

Student coupons will be given to those who have not had their 22nd birthday or those who have offered proof that they are full-time students and have not reached their 26th birthday. The cost of entries purchased using student coupons will be \$6/session for any event. The coupons are **only** for residents of North America and **must** have the Junior's name, event,

and ACBL number on it. The coupon must be legible before it will be accepted at the selling station.

### JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP A GREAT DEAL

Students under the age of 26 **who are currently enrolled and are attending school** may renew their membership for \$12.75 U.S. In addition the ACBL is now offering a special \$5 membership for Juniors under the age of 19 who are currently taking an ACBL School Bridge Lesson Series course. \$12.75 and \$5 memberships cannot be processed without the **name of the school** and **date of birth** on the application or renewal form. \$5 memberships also require the name of the bridge teacher in whose course the student is participating.

### THE GREAT BRIDGE SOFTWARE GIVEAWAY

*Sponsored by the ACBL's Educational Foundation with the cooperation of this year's contestants*

In recognition that bridge is a wonderful game for young people, helping them to develop logical and analytical mental skills, discipline, ethics and cooperation, that will help

them do better in school and in life, the ACBL will give away many of the best bridge-playing software programs as well as the acclaimed Bridge Master 2000 to 150 young players from around the world. To be eligible you must be under 26 years old and belong to a recognized bridge organization.

150 qualified entrants will receive... FREE... one of the following software programs: Blue Chip Bridge, Version 3, Bridge Baron 13, JACK 2.01, Micro Bridge 10, Oxford Bridge 6, Q-Plus Bridge 7.1. For more information please go to: <<http://www.ny-bridge.com/allevy/Menton/>>

### JUNIOR MONTH

February is designated as Junior Month — but Junior Fund Games may be held every month!! The ACBL permits clubs to run up to four Junior Fund Games for each sanctioned session in every month throughout the year! Any time during the year, clubs are authorized to hold sectionally rated black point games designated as Junior Fund Games for its members (this means players can win more masterpoints for playing!). An additional fee of \$1 per player per session above the regular fee is charged by the ACBL with the monies going to the Junior programs. Encourage your club to hold Junior Fund Games to support Junior programs!



### Ask Anything!

Pose your bridge questions to an expert courtesy of The Fifth Chair Foundation's free Ask Anything service!

E-Mail questions to: [AskAnything@fifthchair.org](mailto:AskAnything@fifthchair.org)

Or, visit our free website loaded with great information for learners at [www.fifthchair.org](http://www.fifthchair.org)

Fifth chair is a non-profit organization.

### ANSWERS:

#### PART 1:

- (1) Double for takeout. Asks your partner to bid one of the other three suits, diamonds, hearts, or spades.
  - (2) Pass. The opponents are bidding your suit. Maybe you can double them for penalty later.
  - (3) Double for takeout. Asks your partner to bid one of the other two suits, hearts or spades. Note that you could also overcall 1♦, but then you might not be able to tell your partner about your hearts. Double shows both suits and you are always trying to find a fit in a major suit.
  - (4) Double for penalty. You are on opening lead and can start with the ♥K. You may take six tricks.
- #### PART 2:
- (1) Takeout. The contract is a partscore and neither you nor your partner has made a bid until now.
  - (2) Takeout just like the first one.
  - (3) Penalty because you have made an overcall earlier in the auction.
  - (4) Penalty because you opened the bidding.
  - (5) Penalty because the opponents have bid a game.

# YOUTH RACES

Rank	Player, Location	Points
1.	Vincent Demuy, Thornhill ON	366
2.	Brad Campbell, Smyrna GA	217
3.	Justin Lall, San Antonio TX	157
4.	Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	143
5.	John Kranyak, New York NY	134
6.	Jason Chiu, Cambridge MA	72
7.	Jeremy Koegel, Los Angeles CA	65
8.	Jonathan Ohliger, Ridgewood NJ	56
9.	Mather Fisher, Ben Lomond CA	46
10.	James Dulmage, Regina SK	40
11.	Jared Fournier, Knoxville TN	39
12.	Meredith Beck, Riverton NJ	39
13.	Jeremy Fournier, Knoxville TN	38
14.	Lindsay Pearlman, Trumbull CT	38
15.	George Mann III, Kinnelon NJ	37
16.	Daniel Hollingshead, Birmingham AL	36
17.	Lisa Burton, Austin TX	34
18.	Prahalad Rajkumar, Arlington VA	33
19.	Andrew Quinton, Moody ME	31
20.	Alex Phillips, North Little Rock AR	31
21.	Owen Lien, Hickory NC	29
22.	Matthew Cavanaugh, Ripon CA	26
23.	Marc Glickman, Woodland Hills CA	25
24.	Michael Gentry, Charleston SC	25
25.	Joshua Bailey, Burton OH	25
26.	Matt Meckstroth, Gainesville FL	24
27.	Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL	23
28.	Patrick Beard, Metairie LA	20
29.	Nicholas Flores, Portland OR	19
30.	Christina Dinwoodie, Pittsburgh PA	18

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1.	Joe Grue, Bronx NY	372
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3.	Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	343
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5.	John Hurd, Charleston SC	272
6.	Brad Campbell, Smyrna GA	217
7.	Tim Crank, Wheaton MD	213
8.	Ian Boyd, Calgary AB	207
9.	Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	195
10.	Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON	161
11.	Justin Lall, San Antonio TX	157
12.	Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	143
13.	John Kranyak, New York NY	134
14.	John Gropp, New Orleans LA	108
15.	Kevin Bathurst, Thousand Oaks CA	105
16.	Jacob Morgan, Madison WI	104
17.	Jennifer Chalfan, South Pasadena CA	95
18.	Chris Moore, South Pasadena CA	94
19.	Jonathan Weinstein, Cambridge MA	87
20.	Daniel Neill, Lexington KY	85
21.	Susan Harbour, Waterloo ON	81
22.	McKenzie Myers, Eugene OR	80
23.	Matthew Mason, Kingston ON	75
24.	Henry Wong, Cambridge MA	73
25.	Noble Shore, Pittsburgh PA	72
26.	Jay Helekar, Laguna Hills CA	72
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