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Fast learners

Students excel in annual School Bridge Instant Matchpoint Game



Nicole Williams and Ashley Kelly

A pair of young women from Ontario and a pair of young men from New York topped their respective directions to each claim \$500 scholarships in the ACBL's annual instant matchpoint game for students.

Ashley Kelly and Nicole Williams attend Holy Family Catholic School in Kingston ON. The duo took up the game in seventh grade and continued to play as eighth graders. Paul Proderick and Jim Reilly, their seventh- and eighth-grade teachers, tapped Kingston resident — and ACBL accredited teacher — Ed O'Reilly to teach bridge to their students.

Ashley and Nicole entered the ACBL-wide School Bridge Instant Matchpoint Game held on April 20 and finished first North-South with a huge 84% game.

The winners scored 1008 out of a possible 1200 (12 boards, 100 top each), edging out the second-place pair of Peter Johnson and Nicholas Smith from W.H. Morden Middle School in Oakville ON. Peter and Nicholas posted a 1006 total.

O'Reilly, writing for the Kingston Whig Standard, said, "Getting along is one of the principles emphasized in school bridge. When interviewing the girls, it is easy to see why they get along so well at the bridge table. One would think that one was talking to identical twins. Both are keenly interested in sports — especially basketball — and both play on the school team. The two said they enjoy bridge because they have fun while playing. Both would also like to become either a teacher or a lawyer."



Jason Yao and Kokoro Ryono

Bridge has been a high-profile activity at Holy Family School for several years. Principal Guy White "couldn't be prouder" of the bridge achievements of his school's pupils over the years and what the game has done for the self-esteem of many of the participants.

The champs in the East-West direction were Jason Yao and Kokoro Ryono, eighth-grade students at Marie Curie Middle School No. 158 in Bayside NY. Their teacher was Sandra Jones.

Jason and Kokoro scored 855 matchpoints out of 1200 maximum (71.25%).

In second with a score of 827 were Jared Bajkowski and Thomas Gardner of Cedar Creek School in Lee's Summit MO.

Jason believes "Bridge is really fun, mostly because of our teacher, Ms. Jones, and my great partner, Kokoro. It really helps me mentally to build my memory, logic sequencing skills and thinking skills. Bridge has helped me in my other classes, too, including math, social studies and English. I find I remember a little more of what my teachers are saying. It is really cool when you actually understand what people are saying in 'bridge lingo.' "

Kokoro believes that "Bridge is an exciting game and it is really fun when playing with

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friends. I can beat my friends and no one gets angry. They'll say 'Hey ... how did you do that?' It has helped my thinking abilities and my creativity. It has also inspired me to help others."

Kokoro and Jason are avid

basketball players and fans. Jason enjoys other card games, swimming and chorus. Kokoro is involved in break dancing, Junior Honors Society and a number of other clubs. Of their teacher, Ms. Jones, the pair said, "She will always be remembered as the teacher

who taught us how to think things out before responding."

More than two dozen schools (elementary, middle and high schools) participated. The contest attracted more than 135 tables.

Overall North-South

Names	Teacher	School	Score
1. Nicole Williams – Ashley Kelly, Ontario	Ed O'Reilly	Holy Family Catholic Middle School	1008
2. Peter Johnson – Nicholas Smith, Ontario	Joanne Ingram, Jack Stark	W.H. Morden Middle School	1006
3. Vandra Kapil – Christina Whyte, Ontario	Ed Hills	Williams Parkway High School	935
4. Dione Lee – Frances Dinger, Ontario	Peter Pagoni	Bloordale Middle School	918
5. Henry Fung – Aakshay Joshi, Ontario	Andrew Mellary	Camilla Road Senior Public School	912
6. Jake Schnesler – Chris Heywood, Maryland	David Brown	St. Andrews Episcopal School	897
7. Suissan Rajasekaram – Brandon Hibbert, Ontario	Joanne Ingram, Jack Stark	W.H. Morden Middle School	892
8. Arun Kumaraswamy – Krishna Kumaraswamy, Ontario	Andrew Mellary	Camilla Road Senior Public School	880
9-10. Christopher Gibson – Jason Winter, Ontario	Thérèse Shields	Katimavik Elementary School	877
9-10. Elaine Saso – Max Schuman, Florida	Bernice Ronske, Jill Lundberg	Bear Lake Elementary School	877

Overall East-West

1. Jason Yao – Kokoro Ryono, New York	Saundra Jones	Marie Curie Middle School No. 158	855
2. Jared Bajkowski – Thomas Gardner, Missouri	Kathy Rolfe	Cedar Creek Elementary School	827
3. Nina Sakolovic – Jeremiah Witt, Ontario	Joanne Ingram, Jack Stark	W.H. Morden Middle School	763
4. Dominic Antonacci – Mike Antonacci, Missouri	Kathy Rolfe	Trail Ridge Elem./Lee's Summit West High School	732
5. Bruce Lauritch – Yanni Reclitis, Ontario	Carole Berry	Parkwood Hills Elementary School	731
6. Brad Demacio – Cody Williams, Ontario	Stan Marshall	Joyceville Elementary School	725
7. Megan Mackay – Samuel Yuan, Ontario	Lester Gagnon	William Berczy Public School	720
8. Iryna Gel – Rachele Benjamin, Ontario	Joanne Ingram, Jack Stark	W.H. Morden Middle School	717
9-10. Hunter Assaly – Kyle Hope, Ontario	Stan Marshall	Holy Cross Elementary School	715
9-10. Vivian Xu – Angel Jim, New York	Saundra Jones	Marie Curie Middle School #158	715

USA School Team Trials

(U.S. citizens born in 1985 or later)

Get your favorite partner and JOIN the FUN!

Win a trip to represent the United States in the 2006 World Schools Team Championship.

The USA Schools Team Trials will be held during the Summer North American Bridge Championships July 30 and 31 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta GA.

The trials will be a two-day, four-session IMP Pairs starting at 10 a.m., Saturday July 30. There will be no entry fee or pre-registration.

Six pairs will qualify to play in the 2006 World Schools Team Championship next summer. The WBF intends to announce the location of the championship by the end of the summer. Check its web site for more details www.worldbridge.org.

2006 USA Youth Team Trials

(U.S. citizens born in 1980 or later)

Join us for the 2006 World Youth Team Trials in Denver CO. Win a trip to represent the United States!

The team trials for the 2006 World Youth Bridge Team Championship will be held during the 2005 Fall NABC in Denver. Dates and times will be announced after the Summer NABC in Atlanta.

Two teams will qualify to participate in the event. Juniors will be required to play as four-person teams.

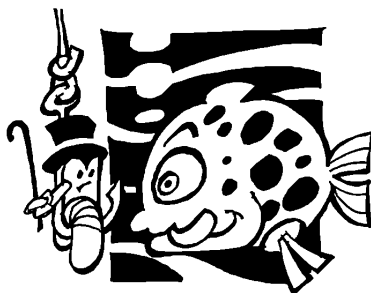
The WBF has not announced the location of the event.

Stay tuned to the ACBL web site at www.acbl.org, the WBF site at www.worldbridge.org and the USBF site at www.usbf.org for details.

Did you catch this?

Bridge on TV

On the June 10 episode of *Jeopardy!* "Contract Bridge" was a featured category during the Double Jeopardy round. The contestants made quick work of the first three answers provided below. We will not insult you by providing the questions.



Contract Bridge for \$400:

The Answer: Bidding for tricks goes around the table until three players in a row do this after a bid.

Contract Bridge for \$800:

The Answer: A final bid that does not include a wild card would be, for example, "four no" this.

Contract Bridge for \$1200:

The Answer: An opponent who thinks you cannot make your bid may double. If you think you can, do this to your efforts in return.

Contract Bridge for \$1600:

The Answer: The two main types of bridge are duplicate and the one named this, awarded to the first team to win two games. (A contestant incorrectly asked, "What is *Partner Bridge*?")

Contract Bridge for \$2000:

The Answer: The dummy's partner has this opposite name implying that he or she does talk. (None of the contestants attempted this one.)

2005 CANADIAN JUNIOR TRIALS

Interested in international competition?

If you were born in 1980 or later and are a Canadian citizen and a paid member of the Canadian Bridge Federation, you can compete to qualify for two exciting Junior events that will be sponsored in 2006 by the WBF (World Bridge Federation).

The Junior Trials competition Sept. 3-5, 2005 will be held at the Holiday Inn on King in Toronto ON. It will qualify one four-person team for the 2006 World Youth Teams Championship and, based on performance, will put other eligible teams (players must be born in 1980 or later) in position to be selected to represent Canada in the 2006 World Schools Team Championship. The exact location of these events has not yet been named, we understand the WBF is in negotiation with Thailand as the 2006 site.

Pre-registration for this event is required by August 20. For details on registration, fees, conditions of contest and team augmentation regulations, go to www.cbf.ca.

BEGINNER'S CORNER



How do you play this hand to take 12 tricks?

North

♠ 5 4 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ K Q 10 6
♣ A K 4

South

♠ A K
♥ A K 4 3
♦ A J 4 2
♣ Q 6 5

The contract is 6NT and West leads the ♠Q. What line offers you the best chance to make your contract? (Hint: There are three chances with the best line.)

Answer: Declarer needs 12 tricks to make the contract. There are two tricks in spades, two tricks in hearts, four tricks in diamonds and three tricks in clubs for a total of 11. There are three possibilities for a 12th trick. Do you see how to cater to all the chances? First, lead the ♠A or ♠K on the off chance that the ♠Q is singleton. If this does not work, lead a small heart to the dummy hoping for the ♠Q to be on side with West. If East shows up with the ♠Q, win the return and play the last high heart from your hand. If hearts split 3-3, you come to 12 tricks.



What's happening in ACBL



School bridge is booming across North America. If your school doesn't have a program, contact Education@acbl.org for more information. Help your classmates learn that "Bridge is Cool and Bridge is Fun." Watch for our new web site www.bridgeiscool.com coming in September.

Kansas City MO: Kathy Rolfe first began teaching school bridge in the Spring of 2002 with four different classes at four different schools in the Kansas City MO area. Now ten schools are playing in math and gifted and talented programs.

Rolfe is a fun teacher who has created a bidding guide, word search puzzles, crossword puzzles and fill-in-the-blank puzzles to help her students learn and remember bridge terms. She uses duplicate boards to save time and introduces her students to bidding boxes at their fourth lesson. Rolfe also offers "Kids Bridge" at her home a few times during the school year and on a regular basis during the summers to give the kids an opportunity to practice and speed up their game.

Her students have participated in the Instant Matchpoint Scholarship Competition every spring since 2002. This event is open to all school students across North America who have participated in school bridge lessons. In 2004 Rolfe had 22 tables of Juniors playing in this competition — and she always has finishers in the top 10!

Milton ON: Flo Belford is the teacher who makes school bridge happen in Milton. She has helped other teachers get classes. Each year, all of the area bridge teachers bring their students to the Toronto Regional tournament where they compete in a fun, Junior event, organized just for this group. The game time is arranged to fit the school day so that the students arrive back at school in time for the busses home.

The students really look forward to this event which provides a strong incentive for working hard to develop their bridge skills to get ready to compete.

This year there were 47 tables of student players who participated in the

game. "It is really wonderful to see," says Belford, "the students are so excited and enthusiastic, the bridge teachers are so proud of their students and the volunteers, tournament organizers and directors make it run very



smoothly. The other participants at the tournament are always very impressed when they see this event or read about it later in the Daily Bulletin."

During the school year, the bridge clubs at the various schools meet at lunch time from October to April. This year a pilot project was started in one school where bridge was taught each week during a math class. Because of the success of this program and interest in it, the area hopes to get even more schools involved next year.



's School Bridge Program



Norfolk VA: "Bridge really rocks," is the opinion of one fifth grader in Norfolk. Another student was asked if he lived to be 100 would he know all about bridge? He thought for a while and said, "Well, I should."

Lee Miller is the teacher who has introduced bridge to these young players in six different Norfolk schools. She has been teaching there for two years and her classes range from elementary through high school levels. Miller uses transparencies, a beach ball, bridge bingo, bidding boxes and other techniques to motivate her students. Quick decision making, vocabulary, math skills, being able to work with a partner, making and going down in a contract and the history of bridge are some of the things learned by these beginning players. The students have a chance to win a trophy at the end-of-classes tournament and love wearing their T-shirts that they all receive for completing the course.

Miller introduces her students to online bridge and encourages them to continue learning the game by playing on the internet. She has found that some of the students are teaching their parents, so they can have a game at home. The word is spreading in Norfolk and teachers, parents and spouses are all starting to join the fun.



Orleans ON: Carole Berry and John Gillespie have developed a big school bridge program in Orleans. They have 23 classes in 14 different schools and most are a regular part of the math curriculum. This means they have nearly 500 students ranging in age from 9 to 14 playing bridge.

Every April, this group competes in the School Bridge Instant Matchpoint Game. The students love it so much that the local bridge unit now runs special kids-only sections at its sectional tournaments and annual regional tournament in October. The students are able to win trophies and prizes and find new bridge partners as they meet players from other schools at these events. Once again it seems the students are bringing their knowledge

home. Parent-child bridge partnerships are starting to filter into the local club scene.

Berry and Gillespie make bridge fun in the classroom. The Kitty Cooper lesson plans, the Teach Me to Play fun exercises created by Jude Goodwin, Harry Lampert's cartoons and a generous dash of Easybridge! lessons are all part of their repertoire. Added entertainment comes from games such as a celebrity guessing game, bridge Jeopardy!, Bridge Bingo and the use of the James Bond hand from Moonraker to demonstrate the finesse technique. Occasionally, they hit the jackpot when students discover that they are "card sharks" resulting in a major boost to their self-esteem. Math students also find that the game of bridge helps take the boredom out of math class while they are learning skills such as teamwork, improving their memories and their ability to concentrate.



Spokane WA:

Two Juniors in the Spokane area have taken on the challenge of teaching bridge to their schoolmates. In 2004 Junior bridge player and

instructor Adrienne Creer spent the summer presenting two classes of beginning bridge at Lewis and Clark High School. That earned her a teacher fee and two \$500 scholarships to the college of her choice. (Go to "Junior Bridge" at www.acbl.org for more information on ACBL's scholarship program for Junior bridge teachers.)

After seeing Adrienne's success, her brother, Collin, taught two classes at City School in Spokane Valley and also collected a teacher fee and two \$500 college scholarships.

Adrienne and Collin are grateful to Kris Motoyoshi, an area school bridge teacher, who was willing to work with them on their lesson plans and their teaching skills. Kris was also able to help by recruiting volunteers from the local bridge community to join the project as helpers and fill in players when needed.

Maybe you have a local teacher who would work with you to teach bridge and earn money towards your college tuition. We'd love to add you to our growing list of Junior teachers.



What Are You Doing this Summer?

The ACBL is pleased to announce that a new bridge camp program has been started for bridge players who are age 20 and under.

The ACBL Bridge Camp program is designed to help teachers bring the joy of bridge to young people in a less formal format during the summer. Currently more than 5,000 youngsters participate each year in the school bridge program. There has always been a significant drop-off in the months when school is not in session. The ACBL hopes that this program will "bridge" the gap.

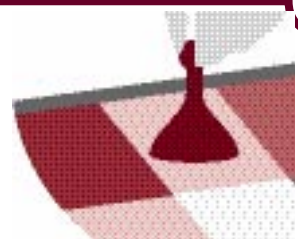
The ACBL Bridge Camp program is completely subsidized and will provide free ACBL *Bidding* and *Play* textbooks for all the campers, E-Z Deal cards, T-shirts for all the camp graduates, a trophy for tournament play, certificates and newsletters. Bridge camp graduates also will be entitled to join the ACBL for a special \$5 membership price. In addition, the teacher of the program may be eligible for monetary reimbursement.

There is a broad range of formats possible for a summer bridge camp. You may choose to have a completely autonomous camp with only bridge activities. You may choose to have bridge as just one part of a more universal type of camp. Camps may be held daily or weekly, for a full day, half day or even just a few hours. There are no requirements from the ACBL about how to run your camp, but we do have suggestions.

If you are interested in running a camp but are unsure of a suitable location, good places to begin your search include day-care centers, summer school programs, libraries and recreation centers such as the YMCA. Bridge camps could be added as a part of an existing program at such facilities. You might also be interested in renting space to hold your own camp at these facilities.

For more information about starting a bridge camp in your area, please contact Harley Bress at harley.bress@acbl.org in the ACBL Education Department and ask for your free camp promotional packet, which includes valuable information about running the program.

Play Contest



Contract : 4♠
Opening Lead: ♣A

♠ Q 6 5
♥ 8 7 6 2
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 8 6 4

♠ J 9 8
♥ A Q 10 9 3
♦ Q 4
♣ A 5 2



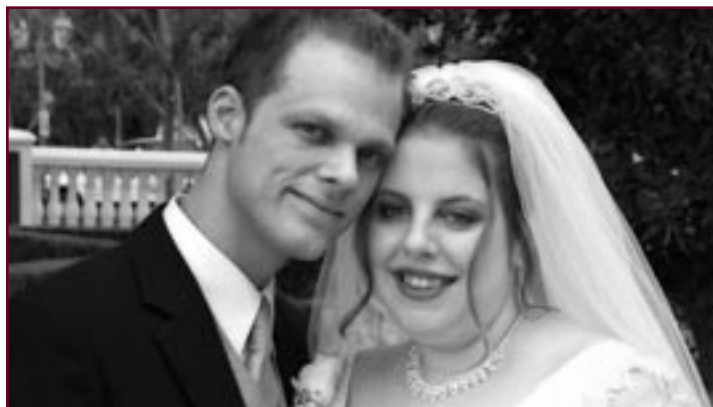
♠ 10 2
♥ J 5
♦ 10 9 7 3
♣ K J 9 7 3

♠ A K 7 4 3
♥ K 4
♦ A K J 6 5
♣ Q

West leads the ♣A and continues with the ♣5.

The Challenge: Continue from here with the best line of play for making your contract.

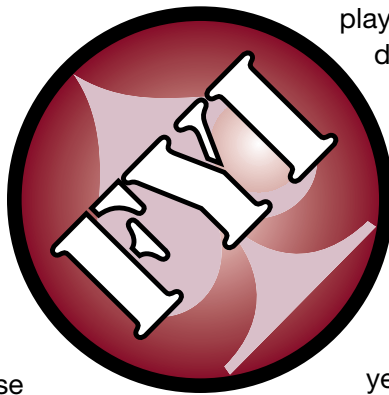
The Reward: Win free entries to all events at the Denver NABC in November 2005 by submitting a correct detailed play analysis to Juniors@acbl.org. All submissions must be made by July 29. All contestants must be ACBL Junior members (under 26). A drawing from correct submissions will take place on August 1 to determine the one winner.



Congratulations go to Junior members Daniel Korbel and Susie Harbour on their recent nuptials! They were married March 8 at the Monte Carlo Hotel in Las Vegas.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP RATES CHANGED TO \$14

Junior membership is now \$14 per year. School memberships for those who have completed a school bridge class and are under 20 years of age is \$5. School memberships may not 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 or participated. Please note that school memberships do not include the Bridge Bulletin.



players play! The first Saturday of each NABC is designated Junior Day. On July 23 during the Summer NABC in Atlanta, a special luncheon will be held from 1:30-3 p.m. Come and meet some of your fellow Junior players!

JUNIOR ENTRY FEE PLAYER POLICY

The ACBL policy for entry fees for Junior players at the NABCs remains a great deal! The entry fee for all players who have not yet reached their 16th birthday will be \$1 per session, except in NABC-surcharged events. At all NABCs, the entry fee for paid ACBL members in good standing who have not reached their 26th birthday will be no more than 50% of the regional-rated event entry fee. The ACBL encourages all districts, units and bridge clubs to consider similar policies for its regional tournaments, sectional tournaments and club games.

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

WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Three Junior teams will represent North America in the 10th World Youth Bridge Team Championship which will be held in Sydney, Australia August 7-17, 2005. The venue, Sydney Showground Members Pavilion, is in Sydney Olympic Park where the Olympic Games were held in 2000.

The championship consists of a qualifying stage, semifinals, a final and a playoff for third place. The winners of the final will be the new World Junior Champions. They will receive the Ortiz-Patiño Trophy and silver replicas for each player and the non-playing captain. Those failing to qualify will be able to participate in a Swiss Pairs contest to be arranged exclusively for young people.

This is the 10th event of the series that was inaugurated in 1987 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. As a biennial competition, it has been held in Nottingham, Great Britain; Ann Arbor MI; Århus, Denmark; Bali, Indonesia; Hamilton ON; Fort Lauderdale FL; Mangaratiba, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and St.Cloud-Paris, France. The host country won the championship on the first three occasions, but this tradition was broken in 1993 by Germany. In 1995, Great Britain became the first country to win the title twice. Denmark won the

title in 1997, Italy in 1999. In 2001, USA became champions for the second time, and Italy followed suit in 2003. Two teams from the United States and one team from Canada will be representing Zone 2 in the championship:



USA JUNIOR TEAM 1

John Hurd
Joel Wooldridge
Joe Grue
John Kranyak
Justin Lall
Ari Greenberg
NPC Bob Rosen

USA JUNIOR TEAM 2

Tim Crank
Andrew Hurd
Noble Shore
Charlie Garrod
Jon Rice
Mike Rice
NPC Steve Robinson

CANADA JUNIOR TEAM

Tim Capes
Vincent Demuy
David Grainger
Charles Halasi
Daniel Lavee
Gavin Wolpert
NPC Jonathan Steinberg
Coach Eric Kokish

YOUTH RACES

1. Justin Lall, Plano TX	328
2. Jeremy Fournier, Knoxville TN	89
3. Owen Lien, Hickory NC	79
4. Andrew Dubay, Voorheesville NY	73
5. Gregory Vance, San Leandro CA	60
6. David Banh, Annandale VA	59
7. James Berglund, Pasadena CA	56
8. Matthew Stahlman, Portland OR	54
9. Adam Grossack, Newton MA	50
10. Jason Chiu, Cambridge MA	47
11. Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL	46
12. Robert Brady, McLean VA	46
13. Andre Asbury, Atlanta GA	42
14. Nicholas Flores, Portland OR	38
15. Michal Dajwowski, Joliet IL	38
16. Keith Veale, Ottawa ON	37
17. Ben Englert, Edwardsville IL	34
18. James Sundstrom, Wyckoff NJ	33
19. Rachna Goyal, Cincinnati OH	31
20. Robert Glickman, Woodland Hills CA	30
21. Scott Waldron Jr., Cockeysville MD	27
22. Patrick Beard, Metairie LA	27
23. Daniel Hollingshead, Birmingham AL	26
24. Raghavendra Rajkumar, Arlington VA	26
25. George Mansour, Scranton PA	23
26. Daniel Goldfein, Lincolnwood IL	22
27. Belinda Gu, Stanford CA	20
28. Alex Phillips, North Little Rock AR	20
29. Mitchell Marcello, Williamsport PA	19
30. Tony Stack, Phoenix AZ	19
31. Zachary Brescoll, Mansfield TX	18
32. Angela Collura, Elizabeth PA	18
33. Kevin Fay, Ann Arbor MI	17

JUNIOR RACES

1. Joe Grue, New York NY	700
2. Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	440
3. John Kranyak, Bay Village OH	426
4. Will Engel, Freeport IL	399
5. Vincent Demuy, Montreal QC	384
6. John Hurd, Charleston SC	359
7. Justin Lall, Plano TX	328
8. Joel Wooldridge, Buffalo NY	320
9. McKenzie Myers, Eugene OR	307
10. David Grainger, Etobicoke ON	258
11. Jon Rice, Winston-Salem NC	237
12. Mike Rice, Winston-Salem NC	221
13. Leo LaSota, College Park MD	215
14. Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON	199
15. Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON	189
16. Prahalad Rajkumar, Arlington VA	165
17. Tim Crank, Wheaton MD	163
18. Travis Crump, Wyomissing PA	161
19. Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL	159
20. Andrew Hurd, Charleston SC	136
21. Jason Rosenfeld, Potomac MD	127
22. Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	126
23. John Barth, Santa Cruz CA	114
24. Susan Korbel, Waterloo ON	114
25. Andrew Hoskins, Redmond WA	109
26. Anton (Tony) Haddad, Houston TX	107
27. Eric Mayefsky, Stanford CA	96
28. Hao Ge, Cleveland OH	94
29. Isabelle Smith, Ottawa ON	90
30. Jeremy Fournier, Knoxville TN	89
31. Jared Fournier, Knoxville TN	84
32. Michael Gill, College Park MD	81
33. Joon Pahk, Stanford CA	80

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