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Poland Triumphs

It appears that Michal Nowosadzki of Poland has a brilliant bridge future ahead of him. The 21-year-old youngster won two world championships in New York.

Nowosadzki won the first World Junior Individual and he was a member of the Polish team that took first place in the World School Championship.

His teammates in the school competition were Marcin Malesa, Piotr Nawrocki, Filip Niziol, Prezmyslaw Piotrowoski and Jan Sikora, with Leszek Nowak as non-playing captain. Nowosadzki stood second after the first two sessions of the four-session Individual, but he climbed into the lead during the third session.

The highest ranking female was Meike Wortel of the Netherlands, who finished third. America's top finisher was Robert Glickman, who placed fourth.

Nowosadzki has been playing bridge a long time — 15 years — even though he is only 21 years old. His father is an avid bridge player and started his son on his way at just about the time Michal could hold 13 cards. Michal is now studying economics at the university level.



Michal Nowosadzki



The Polish School Bridge Team

Donn & Pahk Win Scholarship

Josh Donn and Joon Pahk were winners of the Stratified Junior Scholarship at the New York City Summer NABC. They each will receive \$500 scholarships as winners of Strat A. The Strat B winners, Gregory Ingolia and Jason Chiu of Cambridge MA, will receive \$375 each.

Pahk is a student at Stanford University. Donn just graduated from Rochester University in New York and plans to move to Los Angeles. They had played only once previously in person, although they do have experience as online partners. They play a strong club system with relays.



Donn and Pahk

Never too young – Seventh graders enjoy summer NABC

Sandra Jones, a science teacher at a middle school in Queens, likes bridge so much that she talks about it all the time. It was no surprise, of course, that her students eventually wanted to know more about the game she loves so much. They, too, are now smitten, and Jones has an after-school bridge class of 32 students. She brought eight of them to the 2004 Summer NABC for their first exposure to tournament play – and they had a blast.

The seventh graders played in a couple of Bridge Plus+ games and couldn't wait to do it again. Says Sophia Liu, 12: "It's fun to beat people." Vivian Xu, 13, was also enjoying herself, noting that bridge "helps me with my math, and it's fun when I don't have anything to do." Jones has been playing bridge about seven years. She learned the game at a public library in New York, moving into duplicate practically right away.

"I'm still a baby bridge player," she says, "but I love the game." All her talk about bridge made her students at Middle School 158 take notice. She now conducts bridge classes for them after school for four hours a week in her regular classroom. "They're having a great time," Jones says. The youngsters back her up on that.

"I like bridge because it's like a hobby, and it helps me in logic," says Julie Kim, 13. Angel Yim, 12, shows wisdom beyond her years in pronouncing: "It's mostly about partnership, and it's fun to work together – plus, it's cool to win." Michael Zhang, 13, adds: "It helps my memory and it's really fun." Zhang, attending his first tournament, noted: "It's really exciting."

Besides teaching bridge, Jones is also involved in bridge administration. She is a member of the Nassau Suffolk Bridge Association board of directors. She sells bridge whenever she can. "The game," she says, "allows you to be in control. When you are bidding and playing, your mind can't be anywhere else." In her bridge classes, she notes, "all of life's lessons are learned there."



Sandra Jones (back center), surrounded by students from MS158 in New York.

MIT Wins College Championship

A young squad from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology took a big lead at the halfway point and fought off a determined foursome from Stanford to win the Collegiate Team Championship (held during the New York NABC) 123–82.

The winners are Ljudmila Kamenova, Jason Chiu, John Hopkinson, all of Cambridge MA, and Kevin Chu of Somerville MA.

Chu is studying financial economics at MIT. The others are studying math.

Kamenova, 25, came to the U.S. three years ago from Bulgaria. She was on a fellowship and had a lot of free time, so she gravitated to bridge. She has been playing with Chu for about two months.

Chiu takes credit for assembling the team, doing so in a week after finding out about the event at the last minute. In the college

championship, he and Hopkinson played together for only the third time.

The MIT squad opened a 69–13 lead at the break against Stanford, represented by Samuel Leong of Menlo Park, Ho-Lin Chen and Joon Pakh of Stanford and Eric Mayefsky of Chappaqua NY.

Semifinal

Stanford	54	42	96
Dartmouth	24	8	32

UCLA	24	42	66
MIT	54	41	95

Final

Stanford	13	69	82
MIT	69	54	123

During the Board of Governors' meeting on the first Sunday of the New York NABC, Jim Mahaffey



These are the College Team champions of MIT: Ljudmila Kamenova, Kevin Chu, Jason Chiu and John Hopkinson.

presented the \$500 scholarship checks to the MIT college team. A record of 18 teams participated in the qualifying stages for the tournament online. Mahaffey promised to double the \$500 scholarship awards for next year if the number of total teams entering the online qualifying stage could be doubled. That's a great incentive to start forming your team now.

USBF Junior Team Trials



Winners of the USBF Junior Team Trials in New York, Tim Crank and Andrew Hurd.

The complicated process of selecting two U.S. teams for the World Junior Team Championship next year in Australia advanced a step when Andrew Hurd–Tim Crank and Noble Shore–Charlie Garrod finished first and second, respectively, in the USBF

Junior Team Trials held during the New York NABC.

The finish guarantees that they will be on one of the two U.S. teams, but one of the pairs could be selected to play with the first team – John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge, Joe Grue and John Kranyak. If so, the second team will be the top two remaining pairs from the trials. In third place were Brad Campbell of Smyrna GA and Jason Feldman of Champaign IL.

Should the first team select a pair not in the top three of the trials, Hurd–Crank and Shore–Garrod will be the second team. They will select a captain and choose a third pair from among the other competitors in the event.

Hurd of Charleston SC is 22 and has just graduated from the College of Charleston with a degree in business administration. Crank of

Wheaton MD is 23 and is a part-time tournament director.

Shore, 23, lives in Charlottesville VA and is a grad student in computer science at the University of Virginia. Garrod, 25, is also a grad student in computer science. He attends Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.



Second in the Junior Trials were Noble Shore and Charlie Garrod.

Once every two years, Juniors from the United States, Canada and across the world congregate in North America for bridge camp. On July 17, 2004, the camp opened at Nyack College on the Hudson River just north of New York City. This time 94 Juniors from 17 countries traveled to Nyack for the 6th World Junior Bridge Camp just after the Summer NABC in New York City.

The Juniors enjoyed a program full of bridge tournaments, bridge lectures, physical sports and outings. There was plenty of free time for unofficial games, too, and indeed many were organized here and there. Three meals a day were provided in the dining hall and a fourth "snack" was provided at midnight in the recreation room of the dorm. In addition, participants enjoyed meeting a number of top players including, George Jacobs, Dave Berkowitz, Chris Willenken and Mike and Shannon Cappelletti, who provided bridge lectures and showed their support for Junior bridge.

There was certainly a surfeit of interesting deals during the 11 sessions of bridge during the camp. Of course, this being a Junior event, not all the bidding was what one might normally expect. Here is an example from the week of play:

During the Sunday afternoon IMP pairs, Simone Pisano of Italy brought home this redoubled contract, much to his partner's delight:

Board 24. Dealer South. All vul.

<p>♠ A K 7 5 ♥ K J 10 5 2 ♦ A 4 ♣ J 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 8 4 3 ♥ 8 ♦ J 6 ♣ K Q 10 7 5</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ 9 7 3 ♦ Q 10 7 5 3 2 ♣ A 9 4</p>
<p>♠ 10 6 2 ♥ A Q 6 4 ♦ K 9 8 ♣ 8 6 3</p>		

West	North	East	South
<i>Pisano</i>	<i>Ferrari</i>	<i>de Donder</i>	<i>Schonfeldt</i>
1♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbf
Rdb	All Pass		

World Camp Arrives In Nyack, NY

Francesco Ferrari of Italy led the ♣K to dummy's ace. Simone Pisano then let the ♥9 run and continued with another heart. South hopped up with the ace to play back a club. North's ♣Q took the trick and he played a third club. Now declarer played the ♦A and a diamond to the jack, queen and king. Thomas Schonfeldt switched to a spade, but West won, ruffed a spade and played high diamonds through South to justify his redouble.

Still, there had been a chance to beat this contract. After South had won the ♦K he should have led a heart. West will have to win this trick in his hand, can't get to dummy to enjoy his diamonds and therefore will have to lose two spades in the end.

The camp outing was a full day in New York City. The first stop was Battery Park, where everyone boarded the ferry to take a tour around Ellis and Liberty Islands to see the Statue of Liberty. Blue skies prevailed and a cool breeze over the Hudson waters helped to mitigate the one hot day during the camp. The campers had the luck to receive the heat on the only day they would not be inside



playing bridge. From Battery Park it was on to midtown Manhattan where campers were given some time to shop at such stores as the NBA Store. Then it was on to Yankee Stadium to see the Yankees prevail yet again.

On Friday, staff member Kevin Wilson organized a very intricate treasure hunt for the campers. The weather provided a wet defense to the event. But many Juniors decided that they would not melt and braved the rain.

Saturday marked the final event - the Crazy Pairs. This is a truly unique event in which the rules of bridge are perverted, sometimes cruelly but almost always amusingly. Here are some of the interesting rules that went with particular boards:

Board 8: There will be only one round of bidding

Board 12: Partner's Lead! The partner of the player winning each trick will lead to the next trick. Leads

out of turn may not be accepted.

Board 16: No passing below game. No player may pass unless the current bid is a game contract. You may pass a double of 2♥ or higher or a redouble of 1♥ or higher, since these are game contracts.



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World Junior Bridge Camp 2004



World Camp Arrives In Nyack, NY *continued*

The WBF Youth Awards were presented at the Closing Dinner Saturday evening. The awards aim at rewarding aptitude, diligence and international spirit shown by participants at the Junior Camps. The winners do not receive any material prize, but earn the honor of enabling their countries to have a free and ex quota place in the next Junior Camp. This year the four awards were presented to:



Sunisa Chodchoy (Thailand)

Though this was her first camp, Chodchoy fit in immediately. She was always smiling and happy. She left everybody with a positive impression and not just because she passed on to so many of us those little presents from her native country.

She was always charming and polite, she thanked the organizers, had a pleasant word for everybody, she played with partners of different abilities and became one of the most popular and sought after partners.

Josh Donn (USA)

This camper has been a regular attendee at bridge camp, during which time his bridge has improved and he has remained a cheerful entertainer. Though Donn has become a good player, he plays bridge and socializes with everyone and is always outgoing and friendly. His ability to laugh at himself makes him popular with everyone – whether they are laughing at him or with him.



Catalin Lazar (Romania)

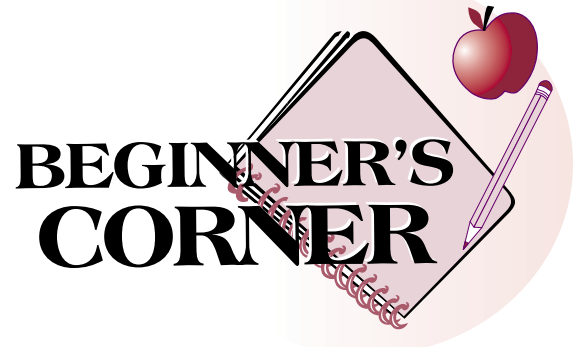
This may have been Lazar's first camp, but it was clear that this player fit into the ideals of the camp spirit as if he had been an old hand. This player was successful at the table and an avid participant in the bridge activities, but more to the point though this player had a quiet manner he was friendly and cooperative, demonstrating the right camp spirit.



Bjorn Sorling (Sweden)

Although Sorling might have appeared on the surface to be a quieter influence, he was equally influential at every level. He appeared always to be in a good mood at the table, polite and smiling to everyone. He participated in all the sporting activities, the treasure hunt and the late games, and encouraged everyone else to do the same. He was also a good player but did not emphasize his own ability.

Sunday morning marked the departure of the buses back to New York City. Phone numbers, e-mails and hugs were exchanged as campers promised to stay in touch and were already anxiously awaiting the next camp which will be held in Europe in 2006.



The Dangerous Opponent

Quite often while playing in notrump, making your contract comes down to setting up your long suit for the extra tricks that you need. In order to set up the suit you will often need to lose the lead to the opponents. Sometimes, you have a choice about which opponent you want to put in the lead. Take the following example:

♦ A J 9 6

♦ K 10 8 3

You have the option of finessing either your left- or right-hand opponent for the queen in this suit. If you examine this suit in isolation, it is a complete guess about which way to finesse. But bridge is not about single suits. Let's look at the deal:

♠ A Q 2

♥ 5 4

♦ A J 9 6

♣ K 8 7 3

♥ K

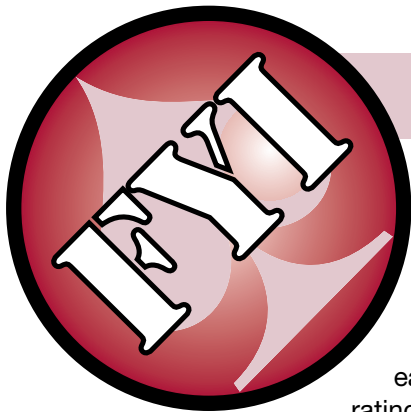
♠ K 4 3

♥ A 6 3

♦ K 10 8 3

♣ A 10 2

The opening lead is the ♥K against your 3NT contract. You hold up and do not take the ace until the third trick. East follows all three times. As declarer you should still be concerned that the opponents hearts are splitting 5-3. If this is the case, then if the opponent with the long hearts gets the lead before you set up your diamonds, he will be able to take enough hearts along with the ♦Q to set you. Given the opening lead, if anyone has 5 hearts, it is probably West since he is most likely leading from length. Since you don't want West to get the lead, finesse him for the ♦Q by playing the ♦K and then the ♦10. If East wins this trick with the ♦Q, he will most likely be out of hearts, but even if he has another, it is likely that they are split 4-4 and you will still make your contract. If the finesse succeeds, you make an overtrick ... a fitting reward for playing the hand correctly!



JUNIOR MONTH

February is ACBL Junior Month. Clubs across North America are encouraged to hold special games that allow players to earn masterpoints at sectional rating for an increased fee of

\$1 per player. This year, a total of 10,095 tables raised \$40,380 for Junior programs in the U.S. and Canada. For seven consecutive years, District 7 (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and East Tennessee) led all other ACBL districts by hosting 221 Junior Fund games that attracted 1746 tables. Remember – Junior Fund Games may be held every month except April and September. Encourage your club to hold Junior Fund Games to support Junior Programs!

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP RATES CHANGE

Junior membership will go from \$12.75 to \$14 starting January 1, 2005. School memberships for those who have completed a school bridge class and are under 20 years of age will remain at \$5. School memberships may not be processed without the name of the school and the applicant's date of birth on the membership renewal form. \$5 memberships also require the name of the bridge teacher in whose course the student is participating or has participated. Please note that school memberships do not include a subscription to *The Bridge Bulletin*.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS! WIN A TRIP TO ATLANTA

Qualifying college teams will win an expense paid trip to play in the final of the North American College Bridge Team Championship during the Atlanta Summer North American Bridge Championships July 22-23, 2005. The zonal qualifying stage will be held on BridgeBase.com February 19, 2005. To register teams contact Charlotte Blaiss at charlotte.blaiss@acbl.org before February 12.

Teams must consist of four players born in 1979 or later. Players must attend the same school and must be currently taking at least seven semester hours of credit. Members of the winning team will receive \$500 scholarships paid directly to their school. Teams placing first and second will receive 80% regional-rated gold points. For more information, check the 2005 North American College Bridge Team Championship Conditions of Contest on the ACBL web site. In 2004 18 different schools signed up and six of them qualified to play in the finals. Those six teams all received free trips to the Summer NABC New York City. Next year, the scholarships could be doubled to \$1000 per member of the winning team if total team participation reaches 36 or more.



The ACBL Junior Corps inducted three new members during the New York NABC: Dan Recht of Mount Kisco NY; Charles Halasi and Tim Capes of Toronto, pictured with ACBL Goodwill Chairman Aileen Osofsky.

NEW JUNIOR CORP MEMBERS

The two Canadians are students at the University of Toronto. Recht attends Princeton University, where he has started a bridge club and teaches the game. The Junior Corps acknowledges Junior players who promote bridge to other young people.

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 as JUNIOR DAY. During the Fall NABC in Orlando, a special reception will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, 5-7 p.m. Come and meet some of your fellow Junior players!

JUNIOR ENTRY FEE PLAYER POLICY

The ACBL Board of Directors has revised the ACBL policy for entry fees for Junior Players at the NABCs. Starting at the Fall NABC in Orlando, 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 up 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.

CANADIAN JUNIOR SQUAD

Tim Capes and Charles Halasi were added to the Canadian Junior Team of Gavin Wolpert, David Grainger, Daniel Lavee, Vincent Demuy. These six players will represent Canada next summer at the World Youth Team Championship in Australia. District 2 Director Jonathan Steinberg will be the non-playing captain.

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1.	Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON	534
2.	Justin Lall, Plano TX	456
3.	Robert Glickman, Woodland Hills CA	307
4.	Kevin Dwyer, Lehigh Acres FL	225
5.	Jared Fournier, Knoxville TN	212
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3.	Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	849
4.	Joe Grue, New York NY	764
5.	Kevin Bathurst, Mesa AZ	752
6.	Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	711
7.	John Hurd, Charleston SC	620
8.	Will Engel, Freeport IL	617
9.	Leo LaSota, College Park MD	605
10.	Daniel Lavee, Thornhill ON	534
11.	Noble Shore, Charlottesville VA	459
12.	Justin Lall, Plano TX	456
13.	Joel Wooldridge, Buffalo NY	431
14.	John Kranyak, New York NY	423
15.	Andrew Hurd, Charleston SC	375
16.	McKenzie Myers, Eugene OR	365
17.	Jon Rice, Winston Salem NC	322
18.	Robert Glickman, Woodland Hills CA	307
19.	Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON	282
20.	Mike Rice, Winston Salem NC	281
21.	Tim Crank, Wheaton MD	268
22.	Daniel Wilderman, New York NY	254
23.	Hao Ge, Cleveland OH	238
24.	Matthew Mason, Toronto ON	232
25.	Jason Feldman, New York NY	230
26.	Kevin Dwyer, Lehigh Acres FL	225
27.	Jared Fournier, Knoxville TN	212
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29.	David Grainger, Etobicoke ON	201
30.	Charlie Garrod, Pittsburgh PA	195

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