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## JUNIOR EXTRAVAGANZA NEW YORK CITY, 2004

**T**he Summer 2004 NABC is going to be full of exciting Junior events including one brand new World Championship event! Juniors from across North America and the world will be converging on New York to play bridge.

**Friday and Saturday, July 9 and 10:** North American College Bridge Team Championship final.

**Sunday, July 11:** Stratified Junior Scholarship Game (open to Juniors born 1979 or later; scholarship awards for ACBL members only). Scholarships are \$500 for the highest ranking player, \$300 for the 2nd highest, and \$200 for the 3rd.

**Tuesday and Wednesday, July 13 and 14 (three sessions):** Europe vs. North America Youth Team Challenge Cup, sponsored in part by ACBL (for youths born Jan. 1, 1983 or later).

**Wednesday, July 14:** Opening ceremony for Individual championship.

**Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 14, 15 and 16 (four sessions):** World Junior Individual Championship, sponsored by the World Bridge Federation (open to Juniors born in 1979 or later).

**Friday evening, July 16:** Prize-giving ceremony.

**Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18:** USA Junior Team Trials (for Juniors born in 1979 or later).

**Saturday — Saturday, July 17–24:** World Junior Bridge Camp — Nyack, NY.



## ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS! WIN A TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

Qualifying teams will win an expense paid trip to play in the final of the North American College Bridge Team Championship during the New York City Summer North American Bridge Championships July 9–10, 2004. The zonal qualifying stage will be held at ACBL's online site February 28, 2004. To register teams, contact Charlotte Blaiss [charlotte.blaiss@acbl.org](mailto:charlotte.blaiss@acbl.org) before February 20, 2004.

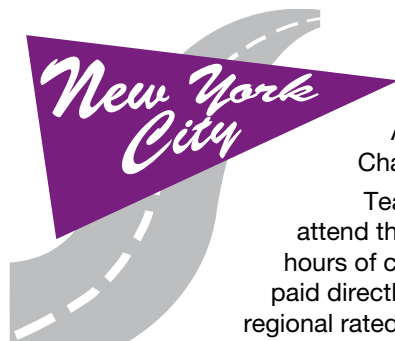
Teams must consist of four players born in 1978 or later. Players must attend the same school and must be currently taking at least 7 semester hours of credit. Members of the winning team will receive \$500 scholarships paid directly to their school. Teams placing first and second will receive 80% regional rated gold points. For more information, check the 2004 North American College Bridge Team Championship Conditions of Contest on the web: [www.acbl.org/details.asp?id=1833&PID=10442&RID=10117](http://www.acbl.org/details.asp?id=1833&PID=10442&RID=10117).

In 2003 14 different schools signed up and six of them made it past the qualification round on ACBL Online in May. Those six teams all received FREE trips to the Summer NABC in Long Beach.

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Junior Players  
(age 25 and under)



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# World Junior Bridge Camp 2004

ACBL invites youth bridge players to apply to attend the 6th World Junior Bridge Camp, which will be held July 17–24, 2004 in Nyack, New York. Tuition for ACBL members who are residents of North America will be \$225.

The camp will be held at Nyack College located on a hillside overlooking the broad Hudson River and the Tappan Zee Bridge, only 23 miles from New York City. The campus neighbors the Village of Nyack, a charming and secluded community known for its restaurants, antique and specialty shops. The campus consists of 64 acres and 25 college-owned buildings including three major residence halls.

Nyack has many services, programs and facilities to offer to its students and summer program attendants including a fitness center, the Bowman Gymnasium with attached Field House and athletic fields.

All camp participants will be housed in double rooms in one of the dormitories on the Nyack campus. Rooms will include linens. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served at the dining hall on campus.

The 6th World Junior Bridge Camp will kick off with the Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, July 17 at 5 p.m. Closing ceremonies will be held on the evening of July 24. Participants will be returned to New York City Sunday morning.

The camp's daily program will include lectures, lessons, sporting events and numerous bridge tournaments. In addition

there will be an full-day outing to a nearby area of interest.

There will be plenty of free time as well to spend enjoying the many activities available on campus and in the surrounding area.

Transportation will be provided to the camp on Saturday, July 17 from the New York Hilton, site of the New York City Summer NABC, and from JFK, LaGuardia, and Newark airports. On July 25 transportation will be provided back to all three airports. Buses will arrive at the airports by noon. *NOTE: The Junior Bridge Camp is not a function of Nyack College.*

Junior Bridge Camp, Sponsored by American Contract Bridge League's Junior Fund Games and Educational Foundation

**DATE:** July 17–July 24, 2004

**PLACE:** Nyack College – Nyack, New York

**COST:** \$425 per person

The ACBL Educational Foundation will subsidize the first seventy-five North American Juniors \$200 towards the tuition of the camp.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Juniors – 16–25 years of age (Born 1979 or later)

To apply contact Charlotte Blaiss: Charlotte.Blaiss@ACBL.org Send written request to:

Junior Bridge Camp • 2990 Airways Blvd.  
Memphis, TN 38116-3847

## 2004 JUNIOR TEAM TRIALS

### Grue, Kranyak, Hurd, Wooldridge Named USA 1 Swiss Pairs to Determine USA 2

The United States Bridge Federation has named 2003 Bronze Medalists Joe Grue, John Hurd, John Kranyak and Joel Wooldridge as USA Team 1. Team 1 will augment a pair from the 2004 Junior Swiss Pairs to round out the team. Bob Rosen will be the non-playing captain.



USA Team 2 will be determined by a Swiss Pairs event July 17 and 18, 2004 during the New York City Summer North American Bridge Championships. The pairs placing first and second will become USA 2 (provided they are not

one of the pairs selected by USA 1). If either the first or second place pair is augmented by USA 1, then the pair placing third will be offered a place on USA Team 2. The team will then select an NPC, and after consultation with the NPC, the team will augment another pair from any pair participating in the Swiss Pairs event.

Participants must be born in 1979 or later, citizens of the United States, and ACBL members of good standing. Both teams will represent the United States in the 2005 World Youth Team Championship.

To register for the event, contact Charlotte Blaiss charlotte.blaiss@acbl.org before July 1, 2004.

## 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 who actively seek others to teach them bridge. It is open to any or all Juniors still involved in the educational system!

The initial program will award \$500 scholarships to those who teach a class of at least six students under 25 years of age the equivalent of the ACBL Bidding Series (Club Series) or 16 hours of lessons.

ACBL Educational Foundation and the ACBL Education Department will provide books, t-shirts, and an additional stipend of \$350 for teaching the course.

The Scholarship is payable only to an accredited college, university, or trade school for high school graduates. Contact Charlotte Blaiss charlotte.blaiss@acbl.org to register classes.



# OKbridge Tournament

The 8th Annual Worldwide Junior Collegiate Bridge Team Championship will be held on OKbridge via the Internet on April 3–4, 2004. The event starting time is set tentatively for 10 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (OKbridge Time).

**Eligibility:** The team event is open to all Juniors (under 26) who are currently enrolled in a college or university. A team must consist of four, five, or six players, with at least two of its members attending the same school. All team members must agree to play under the name of one college or university. Participants will be supplied with a complimentary, temporary OKbridge membership two days prior to the event.

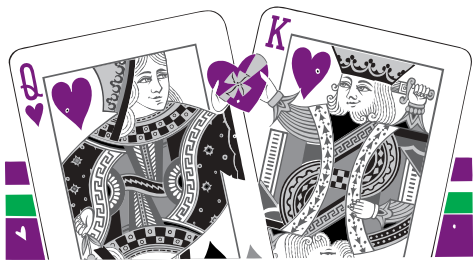
**Conditions of Contest:** Teams will enter two or three pairs into a 30-board tourney. If teammates happen to be paired against each other for a round, they will just sit out the two boards of that round. Teammates'

average IMPs per board scores will be added together to establish first, second, third and fourth-place teams. The first-place team will pick the team they choose to play against in the 20-board semifinal, which will be played after a short intermission. The final will be held on April 4 at the convenience of the participants.

The contest will be conducted in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge and the rules and regulations of tournament bridge of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). ACBL masterpoints will be awarded to the top teams.

**How to enter:** To enter a team, register via e-mail [tuna@okbridge.com](mailto:tuna@okbridge.com) and include the name of the college you will represent, the names and e-mail addresses of all team members (designating one team member as Captain). Please include team members' OKbridge names (if they are already OKbridge members).

**For more information:** Please see the Fifth Chair Foundation's Website [www.fifthchair.org/news/12052003.htm](http://www.fifthchair.org/news/12052003.htm) or e-mail Dawn at: [info@fifthchair.org](mailto:info@fifthchair.org).



## King/Queen of Bridge

There's no guarantee that you'll win a world or North American championship if you become the next *King* or *Queen of Bridge*, but consider this: the previous 31 monarchs own seven world championships, four Junior world championships and more than 67 North American titles.

If you are a graduating high school senior and an ACBL member who plays and promotes bridge, apply now to become the 2004 *King* or *Queen of Bridge*.

The contest was established in 1973 by the late Homer Shoop and the International Palace of Sports, which he founded. The *King* or *Queen of Bridge* and other youth scholarships are funded by the International Palace of Sports Foundation.

The ACBL Educational Foundation, funded by a grant from the foundation, presents a \$1000 scholarship to the winner. Previous winners include Jeff Meckstroth, Robert Levin, Steve Weinstein, Brad Moss, Eric Greco, Kent Mignocchi, Joel Wooldridge and John Kranyak.

To enter, contact Charlotte Blaiss at [charlotte.blaiss@acbl.org](mailto:charlotte.blaiss@acbl.org)

## 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.

## JUNIOR MONTH

February is designated as Junior Month, but Junior Fund Games may be held every month!!! 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 you 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!**

## 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**. During the Spring NABC in Reno NV, an informal Junior dinner will be held from 5–6 pm. During the Summer NABC in New York City, a special Junior Dinner and Reception will be held. Come and meet some of your fellow Junior players!



## NOTE: JUNIOR COUPONS AT NABC HAVE BEEN CHANGED!

Student coupons will be given to those who have not had their 22nd birthday or those that 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.

# YOUTH RACES

1.	Vincent Demuy, Laval QC	1190
2.	Justin Lall, San Antonio TX	672
3.	John Kranyak, New York NY	515
4.	Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	378
5.	Brad Campbell, Smyrna GA	288
6.	Jared Fournier, Knoxville TN	260
7.	Jeremy Fournier, Knoxville TN	256
8.	Jason Chiu, Cambridge MA	216
9.	Matt Meckstroth, Gainesville FL	204
10.	Michael Gentry, Charleston SC	194
11.	Jonathan Ohliger, Ridgewood NJ	149
12.	Andrew Carver, Edwardsville IL	148
13.	Owen Lien, Hickory NC	145
14.	Mather Fisher, Ben Lomond CA	115
15.	Daniel Hollingshead, Birmingham AL	110
16.	Kevin Dwyer, Lehigh Acres FL	104
17.	David Sabourin, Ottawa ON	99
18.	Prahalad Rajkumar, Arlington VA	98
19.	Alex Phillips, N. Little Rock AR	96
20.	James Dulmage, Regina SK	88
21.	Jeremy Koegel, Los Angeles CA	85
22.	Joshua Bailey, Burton OH	85
23.	Sam Katz, Hinsdale IL	84
24.	George Mann III, Kinnelon NJ	84
25.	Robert Glickman, Woodland Hills CA	77
26.	Eric Mayefsky, Chappaqua NY	77
27.	Andrew Dubay, Voorheesville NY	76
28.	Andrew Quinton, Moody ME	73
29.	Lisa Burton, Austin TX	73
30.	Ben Englert, Edwardsville IL	72

# JUNIOR RACES

1.	Gavin Wolpert, Thornhill ON	1201
2.	Vincent Demuy, Laval QC	1190
3.	Joe Grue, New York NY	953
4.	Leo LaSota, College Park MD	861
5.	Kent Mignocchi, Bronx NY	745
6.	John Hurd, Charleston SC	744
7.	Justin Lall, San Antonio TX	672
8.	John Kranyak, New York NY	515
9.	Ian Boyd, Calgary AB	510
10.	Kevin Bathurst, Columbia SC	507
11.	Jacob Morgan, Madison WI	470
12.	Tim Crank, Wheaton MD	452
13.	Will Engel, Freeport IL	420
14.	Samantha Nystrom, Burnaby BC	378
15.	Joel Wooldridge, Buffalo NY	377
16.	Noble Shore, Rockville MD	329
17.	Jon Rice, Raleigh NC	319
18.	Daniel Korbel, Waterloo ON	313
19.	Mike Rice, Winston-Salem NC	306
20.	Jay Helekar, Newport Beach CA	292
21.	Brad Campbell, Smyrna GA	288
22.	McKenzie Myers, Eugene OR	287
23.	Henry Wong, Cambridge MA	273
24.	Joshua Donn, Chestnut Ridge NY	271
25.	Andrew Hurd, Charleston SC	265
26.	Michael Ventura, Raleigh NC	265
27.	Jared Fournier, Knoxville TN	260
28.	John Gropp, Poughkeepsie NY	259
29.	Charlie Garrod, Pittsburgh PA	256
30.	Jeremy Fournier, Knoxville TN	256

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