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Final-round rally propels winners to victory and scholarship checks

With one round to go in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs, Burke Snowden and Ben Kristensen trailed by 2.09 matchpoints on a 12 top. All afternoon in the second session, they had been in a seesaw battle with Murphy Green and Arjun Dhir for first place.

Green and Dhir had cause for optimism after their final two boards, on which they scored 73.8%. Unfortunately for them, Snowden and Kristensen did much better, claiming 23.61 of 24 matchpoints, enough to boost the 13-year-olds into first place by 3.8 matchpoints.

Green could only lament that the event had gone on one round too long. He and his partner are from Alpharetta GA.

Snowden, 13, lives in Fort Collins CO. Kristensen is a resident of Duluth MN.

They were teammates on the National Youth Swiss Teams at the Youth NABC in Washington DC two years ago and formed a partnership shortly thereafter. On Thursday, the two won the regional Gold Rush Pairs in their tuneup for the main Youth NABC event, and earlier in the week Snowden and another partner made it to the final of the Wernher Open Pairs.

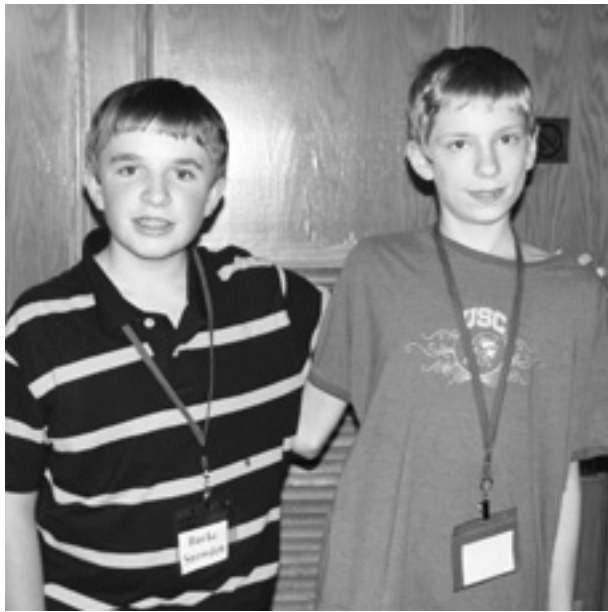
Along with the masterpoints and glory they earned for winning, Snowden and Kristensen each receive a \$1000 scholarship provided by Baron Barclay Bridge Supply, the largest business of its kind in the world.

They will join Hakan Berk and David Soukup today to play in the Aileen Osofsky Swiss Teams.

Snowden and Kristensen play 2/1 game force "with lots of gadgets."

Said Kristensen, "We just try to play consistently and not make mistakes." He added that he really likes bridge "because it takes math and logical reasoning, stuff that I'm good at."

Snowden added that he enjoys bridge because "you pick up a new hand every time, and there's always something new."



Burke Snowden and Ben Kristensen came in first in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs.



Runners-up in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs: Murphy Green and Arjun Dhir.



Juggler and magician Edik helps 9-year-old Vivian Lamoureux keep spinning balls aloft, part of the entertainment at the Youth NABC on Friday.



Victor Lamoureux, Canada's youngest Life Master, and Richard Jeng, youngest ACBL Life Master.

District 9 backs youth talk with serious action

These days, there is a lot of talk about recruiting more young people to the game of bridge – and in many locations there is lots of action, too.

That is especially true in District 9 (Florida).



Carla Burke

Carla Burke, the district's education chair, is in Toronto for the Youth NABC and was proud to report that the district subsidized the appearance of 26 young players from the state.

Besides a \$500 stipend per player, the district is also picking up the entry fees for all the players.

Burke, who lives in Pensacola, said every member of each of the five units in the district pays an extra \$1 per year to fund the youth program, which has helped to send players to the Youth NABC each year since 2009.

"I can't tell you how fabulous our district board is," Burke said. "They could not be more youth oriented. They really love our kids and they want them to learn and grow."

In Sarasota, she said, local volunteers "have been the leaders in getting bridge in the schools." In Burke's home town, three schools offer bridge. "Everyone is really excited about it," she said.

Two of the young players at the Youth NABC in Toronto belong to Alice Harper of Orlando. She is a serious supporter of the youth-recruitment effort.



Alice Harper

Harper believes her children – 15-year-old Brandon and 12-year-old Amanda – have done better in school since they took up bridge. "They have to keep track of so many things," she noted.

"There's a lot to the game, and it helps them with math and science."

Two of her nephews, Ryan and Jason Miller, are also playing in the Youth NABC.

Jason, she said, met a Chinese player online and played with him at the Youth NABCs in Washington DC and New Orleans.

Burke said she has been gratified to note that many of the young players who benefited from the Youth NABC are still helping promote it even after becoming too old to play.

The best, she said, have been Adam Kaplan, Jesse Stern, Jourdain Patchett, Kevin Dwyer, Josh Sablan and Drew Cavalier. "They have all been willing to help as volunteers and in the youth programs," she said.

Burke said the key to the success of the program is the support of the district board. "When you have the district behind you like we do," she said, "it makes it fun."



2011 Youth NABC Schedule Toronto Canada

Youth NABC events are open to any player 19 years of age or younger with fewer than 5000 masterpoints (or the equivalent) as of July 1, 2011.

Entry fees

The entry fees for the 2011 Youth NABC are \$10 per session. (Complimentary access to the Youth Lounge, opportunities to compete for prizes and scholarships and admission to the Winner's Reception on Saturday).

Saturday, July 30

- 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. AILEEN OSOFSKY NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS
Two sessions. Teams must be available for both sessions. All members of the winning team will share a \$4000 scholarship.
- 10 a.m. CardrOOK Pairs
Single session
- 2 p.m. CardrOOK Pairs
Single session
(CardrOOK Pairs are games designed for less-experienced players.)

Bridge Classes Just for Parents

Saturday, July 30

10 a.m. to noon. Conference Rooms D and E on the Mezzanine Level at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

Bridge for Parents – Start to Play I

This class is designed for new players or players who haven't played in many years and want to learn something about the "new" bridge. Learn the basic concepts of the game, ranks of the suits and basic hand evaluation. You will learn how an auction proceeds, what a "trump" contract is, as well as

notrump. You will also learn what to bid and how high to bid. The instructor is Wanda Pearce of Ontario.

Bridge for Parents – Advance Your Game I

These lessons are for parents who know the basics of the game and want to improve their skills. The focus will be on planning the play, the play of the hand in notrump and in suit contracts, and hand evaluation after each bid. Drawing trumps and when to delay drawing trumps will be covered as well.

The instructor is Viktoria Renaud, also of Ontario.



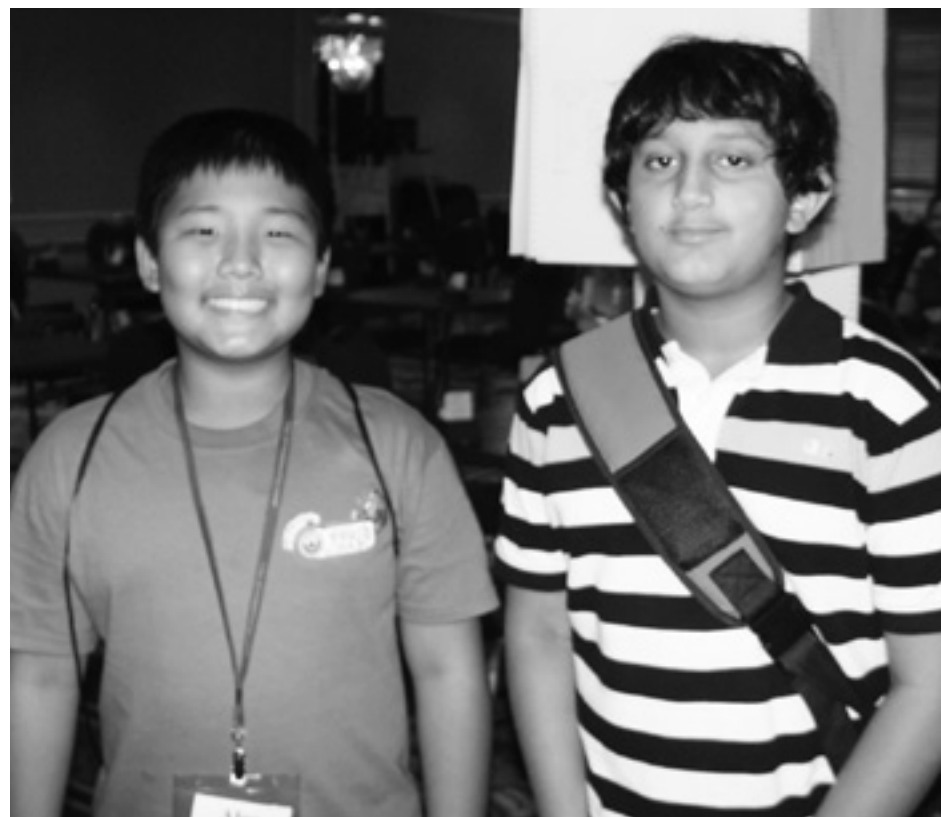
Emily Zhang and Gianni Hsieh were first East-West in the Morning Card Rook Pairs.



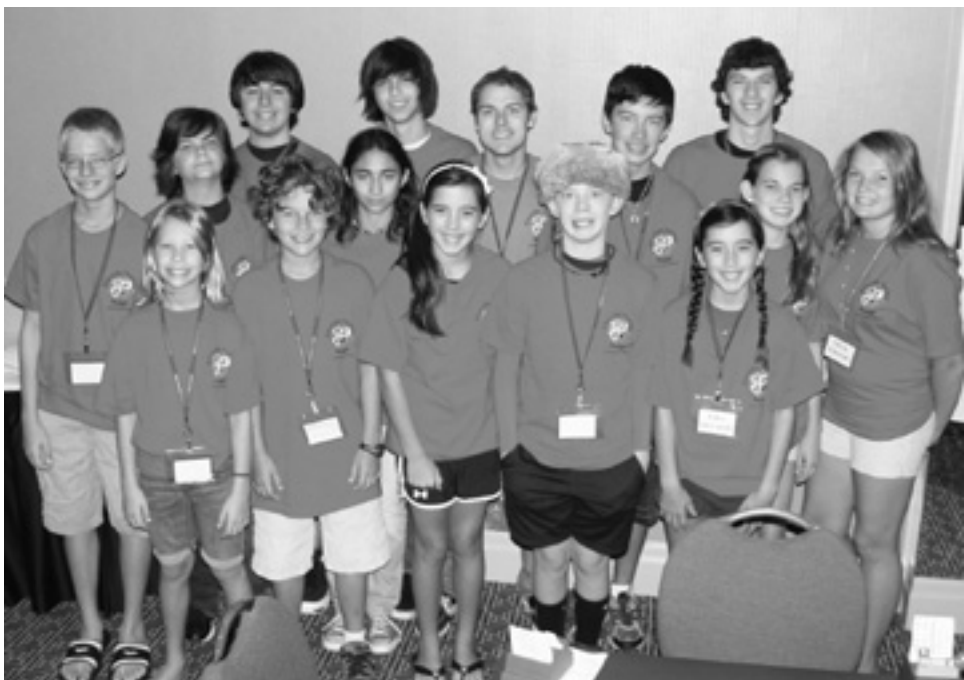
Veronica and Nicholas Zalewski were first East-West in the Afternoon Card Rook Pairs.



Jessica Green and MacKenzie Curry were first North-South in both Card Rook Pairs games on Friday.



Alec Zhan and Anuj Das were first East-West in the Baron Barclay Open Pairs Consolation.



Some of the 26 young players from Florida (District 9).



These young players came all the way from Moncton NB to play in the Youth NABC.

Hi! My name is. . .

Brandon Harper

What city do you live in?

Orlando FL

How old are you?

15

What is your favorite color?

Purple

What is your favorite class in school?

Math

Do you have a favorite book or author?

N/A

Who is your favorite musical artist?

Eminem

Do you like to dance?

Yeah

What is your favorite movie?

The Longest Yard

Who is your favorite actor?

N/A

Who is your favorite actress?

N/A

When you're not playing bridge, what do you like to do?

Sports

What do you want to do when you grow up?

Pharmacist



Eric Rodriguez and Sutton Hewitt were first North-South in the Baron Barclay Open Pairs Consolation.

Young volunteer eager to assist

In Canada, high school students are required to log at least 40 hours as volunteers in the community. Without the service, they cannot graduate.

Riley Sims is recording some of his hours by volunteering at the Youth NABC in Toronto.

The 14-year-old is a student at Sir William Mulock High School in New Market ON.

His grandparents, Pat and Gary Morris, just became Life Masters. His sister Sarah, 12, is also a player. Riley also knows how to play, but he hasn't tried a tournament yet.

At the Youth NABC, he has helped set up, has checked table cards to make sure they are in order, and has sorted cards into suits to facilitate duplication.

"He has done an excellent job," said Joan Renzoni, another volunteer at the tournament. "He is a very charming young gentleman."

Riley said he plans to put in more than 40 volunteer hours before graduating from high school. At the tournament, he said, "I'm having fun just helping."



Hi! My name is. . .

Mili Raina

What city do you live in?

Alpharetta GA

How old are you?

15

What is your favorite color?

Blue

What is your favorite class in school?

Social studies (World History)

Do you have a favorite book or author?

J.K. Rowling

Who is your favorite musical artist?

Jack Johnson

Do you like to dance?

Yes

What is your favorite movie?

Inception

Why do you like playing bridge?

Using my mind, playing strategies

When you're not playing bridge, what do you like to do?

Tennis, debate, friends

What do you want to do when you grow up?

Political science analyst or journalist



Youth NABC notes

There have been changes in the schedule for the World Youth Teams Championships in 2012. More details can be found on the front page of this issue of the Daily Bulletin.

In yesterday's Youth NABC Daily Bulletin captions with the photograph of Emily Zhang and Anson Ton and with the photo of Emily Kim and Nayoung Ko incorrectly stated their finish in their respective events. Both pairs were first in their sections.

Laurie Wexel, who brought six of her 14 children to Toronto for the Youth NABC, folds flyers for Atlanta Junior Bridge. The Wexel family lives in suburban Lilburn GA.



FRIDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

10.0 Tables					
1.45	1		Gianni Hsieh - Emily Zhang, Naperville IL	73.81%	
1.09	2		Mackenzie Curry - Jessica Green, Riverview NB	60.02%	
0.82	3		Brody McCurdy - Veronica McCurdy, Sarasota FL	57.74%	
0.61	4		Nicholas Laugen, Altamonte FL; Spencer Dyen, Apopka FL	56.85%	
0.46	5		Olivia Edstrom - Kristofer Edstrom, Apopka FL	55.13%	
0.34	6		Sarah Carl, Orange Beach AL; Kathryn Manning, Pensacola FL	54.76%	

BARON BARCLAY YOUTH CONSOLATION PAIRS

9.0 Tables					
	A	B	C		
2.88	1	1		Alec Zhan - Anuj Das, Alpharetta GA	65.48%
2.16	2	2	1	Sarah Chen, Fresh Meadows NY; Linda Cai, Bayside NY	62.30%
1.62	3	3		Eric Rodriguez - Sutton Hewitt, Germantown TN	59.92%
1.22	4	4	2	Yeram Jessi Kim, Moncton NB; Alexandra Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL	58.73%
0.91	5	5		Nassem Yousef, Rossville TN; Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN	53.17%
0.50			3	Emily Zhang - Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL	52.38%
0.33			4/5	Rhyanna Melanson - Rhys Melanson, Ottawa ON	48.41%
0.33			4/5	Amanda Harper, Winter Park FL; Alexander Hammond, Marietta GA	48.41%

BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS

13.0 Tables / Based on 21 Tables					
13.55	1		Burke Snowden, Fort Collins CO; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN	72.60%	
10.16	2		Arjun Dhir - Murphy Green, Alpharetta GA	71.70%	
7.62	3		Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL; Geoffrey Webb, Kelowna BC	69.43%	
5.72	4		Hakan Berk, Potomac MD; David Soukup, Arlington VA	69.30%	
4.29	5		Ryan Miller, Tampa FL; Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL	65.89%	
3.22	6		Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA	64.16%	

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

8.0 Tables					
1.30	1		Nicholas Zalewski - Veronica Zalewski, Toronto ON	67.50%	
0.86	2/3		Jessica Green - Mackenzie Curry, Riverview NB	65.83%	
0.86	2/3		Nayoung Ko - Emily Kim, Moncton NB	65.83%	
0.55	4		Olivia Edstrom - Kristofer Edstrom, Apopka FL	60.00%	
0.46	5		Kathryn Manning, Pensacola FL; Sarah Carl, Orange Beach AL	55.83%	



Hi! My name is. . .

Rhyanna Melanson

What city do you live in?
Ottawa ON

How old are you?
13

What is your favorite color?
Blue

What is your favorite class in school?
Drama and science

Do you have a favorite book or author?
J.K. Rowling

Who is your favorite musical artist?
Pink

Do you like to dance?
Yes

What is your favorite movie?
Harry Potter

Who is your favorite actor?
Daniel Radcliffe

Who is your favorite actress?
Emma Watson

Why do you like playing bridge?
Because it stimulates my brain

When you're not playing bridge, what do you like to do?
Sing, dance and act

What do you want to do when you grow up?
A teacher

Astronaut Greg Johnson poses with some of the young players in front of the Wall of Fame at the Sheraton Centre Hotel. He answered questions from the young players on Friday morning.

BARON BARCLAY OPEN PAIRS FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTIONS LLL MMM		EAST-WEST	
1	Burke Snowden, Fort Collins CO; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN	70.14%	1/2	Raianne Heading, Ormond Beach FL; Sarah Sims, Newmarket ON	67.78%
2	Arjun Dhir - Murphy Green, Alpharetta GA	63.47%	1/2	Ricoh Das, Alpharetta GA; Oren Kriegel, Skandia MI	67.78%
3	Asya Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL; Blake Sanders, Jonesboro AR	62.78%	3	Laura Green - Mili Raina, Alpharetta GA	64.17%
4	Jacob Wexel - Peter Wexel, Lilburn GA	62.22%	4	Edward Li - David Yoon, Bayside NY	64.03%
5	Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL; Geoffrey Webb, Kelowna BC	61.25%	5	Evan Berman, Sarasota FL; Nikita Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL	63.19%
6	Hakan Berk, Potomac MD; David Soukup, Arlington VA	60.83%	6/7	Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Kevin Rosenberg, Cupertino CA	62.36%
7	Xinyu Feng - John Maguire, Moncton NB	57.22%	6/7	William Zhu - Chris Chen, San Francisco CA	62.36%
8	Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA	57.08%	8	Ryan Miller, Tampa FL; Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL	57.50%

FRIDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION PPP		EAST-WEST	
1	Mackenzie Curry - Jessica Green, Riverview NB	60.02%	1	Gianni Hsieh - Emily Zhang, Naperville IL	73.81%
2	Brody McCurdy - Veronica McCurdy, Sarasota FL	57.74%	2	Nicholas Laugen, Altamonte FL; Spencer Dyen, Apopka FL	56.85%
3	Olivia Edstrom - Kristofer Edstrom, Apopka FL	55.13%	3	Pierce Melanson, Ottawa ON; Brandon Yu Lin, Edison NJ	51.88%
4	Sarah Carl, Orange Beach AL; Kathryn Manning, Pensacola FL	54.76%	4	Kevin Rodriguez, Germantown TN; Nasser Yousef, Rossville TN	50.00%

BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH CONSOLATION PAIRS FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION LLL			EAST-WEST		
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1	1			59.92%	1		Alec Zhan - Anuj Das, Alpharetta GA	65.48%
2	2	1		58.73%	2	1	Sarah Chen, Fresh Meadows NY; Linda Cai, Bayside NY	62.30%
3	3			51.19%	3		Nassem Yousef, Rossville TN; Piper Ziebarth, Cordova TN	53.17%
4	4			49.60%	4	2	Emily Zhang - Gianni Hsieh, Naperville IL	52.38%
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NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION PPP		EAST-WEST	
1	Arjun Dhir - Murphy Green, Alpharetta GA	66.03%	1	Burke Snowden, Fort Collins CO; Ben Kristensen, Duluth MN	64.90%
2	Matthew Weingarten, Safety Harbor FL; Geoffrey Webb, Kelowna BC	64.42%	2	Hakan Berk, Potomac MD; David Soukup, Arlington VA	64.42%
3	Ryan Miller, Tampa FL; Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL	62.02%	3	Richard Jeng - Andrew Jeng, Johns Creek GA	60.42%
4	Asya Ladyzhensky, Ellenton FL; Blake Sanders, Jonesboro AR	57.21%	4	Jeffrey Schwartz, Fairfax VA; Kevin Rosenberg, Cupertino CA	55.93%
5	William Zhu - Chris Chen, San Francisco CA	51.28%	5	Edward Li - David Yoon, Bayside NY	55.29%

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1	Jessica Green - Mackenzie Curry, Riverview NB	65.83%	1	Nicholas Zalewski - Veronica Zalewski, Toronto ON	67.50%
2	Kathryn Manning, Pensacola FL; Sarah Carl, Orange Beach AL	55.83%	2	Nayoung Ko - Emily Kim, Moncton NB	65.83%
3	Pierce Melanson, Ottawa ON; Brandon Yu Lin, Edison NJ	51.67%	3	Olivia Edstrom - Kristofer Edstrom, Apopka FL	60.00%