



# SCHOOL **BRIDGE LEAGUE**

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the Martin Luther King Holiday, the King Day Tournament **deadline will be extended through February 1st** (the original deadline was January 25th). We hope that this gives everyone more time to play the hands. Good Luck!

## REMINDER!!!!

### School Bridge LEAGUE TOP PAIR Overall Awards

School Bridge LEAGUE will be awarding the top pair, with the highest overall cumulative score, for three out of our six tournaments, a trip to NYC (or Washington, DC) in June 2010 for The LEAGUE National Awards and Recognition Luncheon. **The pair MUST also participate in a service event**, counted as a LEAGUE wildcard, for the 2009-2010 school year, in addition to the ranking requirements.



Welcome To The New Members of the School Bridge  
LEAGUE Family

School Bridge LEAGUE would like to welcome our new AmeriCorps VISTA, **Erica Grier** and our new blogger, **Shavaughn Morris!**

**Erica Grier** is a 24 year old native of Manhattan, NYC. She studied Visual Arts at SUNY New Paltz, before switching to a major in Geography at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, where she is currently a student. She is taking time off working on her degree to work as an AmeriCorps VISTA at The LEAGUE. She also loves to travel, and has visited places like Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama- volunteering and experiencing the different cultures, and is planning to do more in the future. She has worked with AmeriCorps twice before- once, doing Gulf Coast recovery and rebuilding houses in Mississippi and New Orleans, and the second time working to build a community service program for kids with City Year Louisiana in New Orleans. Both times were extremely rewarding, and she is looking forward to another great year of service with AmeriCorps and The LEAGUE / School Bridge LEAGUE.

**ShaVaughn L. Morris** is a Marketing Assistant for Pearson Education in New York, NY. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communication from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, GA and her experience includes working with adults ages 18-55 as an employment literacy trainer, with youth ages 14-17 as an after school coordinator, event coordinator, production, grant writing and workshop facilitator.

In her spare time, she volunteers with *V-Force*, a group of young professionals who promote volunteerism, judges Forensic debates with the New Jersey district of the National Forensics League and is the Editor-in-Chief of *Da Stage* - an upcoming magazine that features musicians and other underground/independent artists in the Tri-State area.

Currently she is pursuing her Masters in Strategic Communication at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. She comes to School Bridge LEAGUE with a two year background in blogging.

Please visit the School Bridge LEAGUE blog at:

<http://theschoolbridgeleagueblog.wordpress.com>

## Winners of SBL Holiday Tournament

School Bridge LEAGUE hosts six tournaments per year for Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Mini Bridge players throughout the US and Canada. CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the Holiday Tournament!



*The top three pairs in the Beginner Category, those with less than six months of experience playing bridge are:*

**First Place:** PAIGE O'LEARY AND IOANA LIPAN from KANATA ACADEMY in Ottawa, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry.

**Second Place:** LOUIS JANNONE AND MATTHEW MORRIS from RIVER DELL MIDDLE/ PEARL RIVER HIGH in Bergen County, New Jersey. Coached by Susan Koster.

**Third Place:** ETHAN SHEN AND RYAN POLK from ADBC in Atlanta, Georgia. Coached by Patty Tucker.

*The top three pairs in the Intermediate Category, those with more than six months of experience playing bridge are:*

**First Place:** DEREK ELLIS AND MAGNUS CRONIN from VINCENT MASSEY in Ottawa, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry.

**Second Place:** CLARA DEVEY AND ERICA HEIBER ROCHE CARRIER in Orleans, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry

**Third Place:** DANNY KABIR AND VINCE MCDONALD from MASSEY in Ottawa, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry.

*The top three pairs in the Advanced Category, those with more than one year of experience playing bridge are:*

**First Place:** SANJAY DHAWAN AND JONATHAN HAMILTON from VINCENT MASSEY in Ottawa, Canada.

Coached by Carole Berry.

**Second Place:** RHYANNA MELANSON AND RHYS MELANSON from THOMAS STEPHEN LEACOCK in Ottawa, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry.

**Third Place:** ELLEN WANG AND MILLY WANG from MGCI in Toronto, Canada. Coached by Joel Shapiro.

*There were no participants in the Mini Bridge Category*

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