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Dear School Bridge LEAGUE Community,

Thank you for your support and being a champion for SBL throughout the year. Please visit us at www.schoolbridgeleague.org, where you can register in our program, visit the online shop, view the scores of our latest tournament as well as information and news from the Bridge community.

REMINDER



Earth Day Tournament, April 18th - 27th

If you are interested in participating in the last tournament for our season, and have not yet registered with School Bridge LEAGUE, you still have time! **REGISTER NOW**



School Bridge LEAGUE NEW DVD



School Bridge League will release its first DVD showcasing School Bridge LEAGUE students and their bridge playing abilities. This DVD will be a great visual tool for teachers in their classrooms, as well as a presentation to students that the game of bridge is not only educational, but cool!

Mila Antonova, a new addition to the School Bridge LEAGUE family, taped students at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Teaneck, NJ for the School Bridge LEAGUE Winter Tournament.

This DVD will be available in May, on our Online Shop. We know that this will be a great resource for both students as well as adults, in understanding and learning the game of bridge. If you have any questions about the DVD or would like for us to tape your School Bridge LEAGUE students in NY, NJ or CT in our upcoming Earth Day Tournament, please contact paula@schoolbridgeleague.org

Effingham County Bridge League

From the Desk of Debra Owens, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Effingham Community Unit #40:

Four years ago, the Effingham County Schools wrote a grant to start Bridge. This grant was through the Bill Gates Foundation. Four public school districts and one parochial school came together to form the Effingham County Bridge League. Each school has teachers who practice Bridge at least once a week with the students. Then starting in November 2008, each of the five school districts started hosting a tournament once a month, so that the students could participate competitively.

The focus is on junior high students, but high school students are also welcomed. Twice during the year, the students who want to play outside the local level are given the opportunity. The school districts take turns providing a bus to the competitions outside Effingham County. Last year, the

students traveled to St. Louis (2 hours away) to play with other students from other schools. The local school boards of education have been very supportive and the parents are very thankful that this kind of opportunity has been extended to their children.

Congratulations to Debra Owens and all those at Effingham Community # 40!!!!

Welcome School Bridge LEAGUE New Tournament Director

I'm John Gillespie, a diamond life master and along with my partner in crime, Carole Berry, ACBL accredited as a Bridge teacher and club Director we are thrilled to be a part of the School Bridge LEAGUE family.



Together, Carole and I have been active in youth Bridge since 2002 and have taught over 3,000 Elementary School students in Ottawa, Canada over that time.

Each time we think we have made every possible mistake, (never run a kids tournament on the day after Halloween. NEVER!), we discover more. But what a fun adventure it is.

Details on our local efforts can be found at our never-quite-up-to-date website at www.bridgexperts.com. If you care to share any insights into how to improve the SBL tournament experience, drop us a line. I.e. How do you select 6 hands for tournament play that will appeal to our player's two distinct bidding styles? Always and never.

Yours in bridge,

John Gillespie

School Bridge LEAGUE welcomes John Gillespie as our new Tournament Director!!

Winners Of The School Bridge LEAGUE Winter Tournament

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

First Place: MICHAEL LAKNER AND PHIL PROPST from WOODLAND ELEMENTARY in Lee's Summit, Missouri.
Coached by Wanda Hartter

Second Place: JACI HERRON AND NOLA TRAN from WOODLAND ELEMENTARY in Lee's Summit, Missouri.
Coached by Wanda Hartter

Third Place: RHIANNA MELANSON AND RHYS MELANSON from STEPHEN LEACOCK in Orleans, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry

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

First Place: MICHAEL LAKNER AND PHIL PROPST from WOODLAND ELEMENTARY in Lee's Summit, Missouri.
Coached by Wanda Hartter

Second Place: JACI HERRON AND NOLA TRAN from WOODLAND ELEMENTARY in Lee's Summit, Missouri.
Coached by Wanda Hartter

Third Place: JIMMY CHEN TONY LEI from BALBOA HIGH SCHOOL in San Francisco, CA. Coached by Richard Bellrose

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

First Place: LULU WANG AND SARAH BUDNICK from ROCHE CARRIERE in Orleans, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry

Second Place: MICHAEL LAKNER AND PHIL PROPST from WOODLAND ELEMENTARY in Lee's Summit, Missouri.
Coached by Wanda Hartter

Third Place: JACI HERRON AND NOLA TRAN from WOODLAND ELEMENTARY in Lee's Summit, Missouri.
Coached by Wanda Hartter

The top three pairs in the MiniBridge Category are:

First Place: RIHANNA CASSISTA AND EMILY EDWARDS
from ASTRAL DRIVE ELEMENTARY in Dartmouth, Canada.
Coached by Nola Lamoureux

Second Place: RYAN DAVIS AND WILL HUMBLEY from
ASTRAL DRIVE ELEMENTARY in Dartmouth, Canada.
Coached by Nola Lamoureux

Third Place: TIGER CHINAKSORN, SEAN HADDOCK AND IAN
LOCHEAD from ELMDALE SCHOOL in Ottawa, Canada.
Coached by Carole Berry

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This month the item of the month is the SBL Ball Cap.



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