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It's been an amazing year for School Bridge LEAGUE and all of the many participants!! This year we reached record numbers with over **400 participants in our Earth Day Tournament!** These participants represented students from 19 schools, from GA, NY, TX, MO, MD, NJ and Canada. Additionally, after completing this year's Earth Day Tournament, all of our SBL students graduated from the Beginners to the Intermediate category and from Intermediate to the Advanced category. Everyone, take a bow! CONGRATULATIONS!!

### School Bridge LEAGUE Administrator of The Year Award 2008-2009



Each year, School Bridge LEAGUE recognizes the school administrator who has supported and championed this program and has been instrumental in the growth of the game of bridge with young people in schools.

This year, School Bridge LEAGUE is honored to recognize Karen Hughes of Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Teaneck, NJ for her hard work and efforts in the School Bridge League program. She dedicates long hours recruiting students and hosting tournaments for her group of 24+ students.

Karen has been with SBL for one year and her students have ranked quite well in SBL tournaments averaging percentages over 60. Thank you Karen for all that you do for the game of bridge and championing bridge among young people!

## School Bridge LEAGUE Tournament Calendar 2009-2010

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Date</u>
Fall Kick Off	September 14th-21st
Halloween	October 26th - November 2nd
Holiday	November 30th - December 7th
King Day	January 18th - 25th
Winter	February 22nd- March 1st
Earth Day	April 19th - 26th

## School Bridge LEAGUE Earth Day Tournament Winners

School Bridge LEAGUE 2009 Earth Day Tournament Division Winners

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 Earth Day Tournament!



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

First Place: SABRINA ZHU AND SALLY LI from MARC GARNEAU SCHOOL in Toronto, Canada. Coached by Joel Shapiro.

Second Place: SHANNON HUGH AND THAO DOA from ROCHE CARRIER in Orleans, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry

Third Place: NICOLETTE BERTSCH AND MISIA ROBINS from MARC GARNEAU SCHOOL in Toronto, Canada. Coached by Joel

Shapiro

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

First Place: SABRINA ZHU AND SALLY LI from MARC GARNEAU SCHOOL in Toronto, Canada. Coached by Joel Shapiro.

Second Place: RHYANNA MELANSON AND RHYS MELANSON from STEPHEN LEACOCK. Coached by John Gillepsie

Third Place: MARK WURZEL AND GUO MING YANG from TILDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL in Potomac, Maryland. Coached by Mark Rosen

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

First Place: MONICA LUNG AND JESSICA COOPER from ROCHE CARRIER in Orleans, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry

Second Place: SABRINA ZHU AND SALLY LI from MARC GARNEAU SCHOOL in Toronto, Canada. Coached by Joel Shapiro.

Third Place: RHYANNA MELANSON AND RHYS MELANSON from STEPHEN LEACOCK. Coached by John Gillepsie

***The top three pairs in the Mini Bridge Category are:***

First Place: RACHEAL CRANSTON AND TALLULAH LAWSON from ELMSDALE in Orleans, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry

Second Place: VIVIAN LAMOUREUX AND MACKENZIE WADDEN from Astral Drive Elementary in Dartmouth, Canada. Coached by Nola Lamoureux

Third Place: WILL HAMBLEY AND COLIN GILLIS from Astral Drive Elementary in Dartmouth, Canada. Coached by Nola Lamoureux

Each of the winners will receive a School Bridge LEAGUE trophy! Congratulations again to each of the winners and coaches of the School Bridge LEAGUE Earth Day Tournament.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that School Bridge LEAGUE will be awarding the top pair, with the highest overall cumulative score, for three out of six tournaments, a trip to NYC to attend and be recognized at the June 5th LEAGUE National Awards & Recognition Breakfast. The pair must also have participated in a service project for the 2008-2009 school year, in addition to the ranking requirements.

School Bridge LEAGUE would like to recognize and acknowledge young people who are playing the game of bridge, so please share with us by emailing pictures and stories to [paula@schoolbridgeleague.org](mailto:paula@schoolbridgeleague.org) (Attn: Newsletter). Selected stories will be considered for The School Bridge LEAGUE e-Newsletter, "What's The Deal". The School Bridge LEAGUE newsletter will release its next issue in September 2009. For more information about School Bridge LEAGUE please visit our website at [www.schoolbridgeleague.org](http://www.schoolbridgeleague.org).

Don't forget to visit our Online Shop, where you can purchase great School Bridge LEAGUE products. From the School Bridge LEAGUE website homepage, click "Online Shop". You will be prompted to enter your username and password, which gives you access to the Online Shop. If you have not yet registered, you will be able to do it on this page! Enjoy!!

### Youth NABC Washington, DC July 29th - August 1st

School Bridge LEAGUE is honored to be a co-sponsor for the second year for the Youth NABC tournament. Again, we will be awarding the top 2 SBL pairs, in each of our categories with the highest overall cumulative score with a trip to Washington, DC for the Youth NABC, to be held July 29th- August 1st.

Join us in congratulating this year's winners!



**Advanced Category**

1st place Richard and Andrew, ADBC coached by Patty Tucker  
2nd place Derek and Alex, Stephen Leacock, coached by Carole Berry

**Intermediate Category**

1st place Rhyanna and Rhys, Stephon Leacock, coached by Carole Berry

2nd place Michael and Phil, Woodland Elementary, coached by Wanda Hartter

\*\*Please be advised that upon the completion of the Earth Day Tournament, we have no students in the Beginner Level

**Inaugural School Bridge LEAGUE Interscholastic Tournament**

School Bridge League is excited to announce our 1st Annual School Bridge LEAGUE Tri- State Interscholastic (NY, NJ and CT) Tournament, which will take place this summer! We are inviting all of you to participate! If you're interested in having your students participate, please contact paula@schoolbridgeleague.com ASAP for additional information

**Save 10%**

The School Bridge LEAGUE item of the month is the Youth Tee. Go to [www.schoolbridgeleague.org](http://www.schoolbridgeleague.org) Online Shop and you will receive 10% off this item!

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