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Want To Know What's New This Fall?

BRIDGE

By Patty Tucker



Big town or small town? Elementary or High School? Like sports more than academics? It doesn't matter. Bridge is a game of reasoning, logic, math skill, competition and card sense that can be played and enjoyed by everyone. Last July, the first Youth North American Bridge Championship (NABC) was held in Atlanta Georgia. 198 children, from 21 States and 3 Canadian Provinces, turned out to compete in this exciting event. The players ranged in age from 6 to 19 and learned about people from other places. They also made some new friends and competed for trophies, prizes and scholarships.

The next Youth NABC is going to be held in Washington DC in July 2009. The players are already making plans to attend and try again to put their names in the winner's circle and on the trophies. We hope to see you there too!

This year more opportunities are being started all over the country in many schools and communities so that you can also learn the game of bridge. Talk to your teacher or principal about starting a bridge program in your school so that you, too, can reap the benefits of this growing community. Visit www.schoolbridgeleague.org for more information.

Play bridge and open up a new world for your enjoyment!

New School Bridge LEAGUE Poster



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Keep track of School Bridge LEAGUE information such as the tournament schedule and registration steps with our new School Bridge LEAGUE Poster. You can decorate your classrooms with this informative poster, while keeping a handy reminder of all the SBL activities.

School Bridge LEAGUE Posters will be sent out, FREE of charge, to all registered SBL coaches. They will also be available by the end of September, in our online shop.

Welcome New Tournament Director, Alvin Daigle

School Bridge LEAGUE is thrilled to announce that Alvin Daigle will be joining the School Bridge LEAGUE team as our new Tournament Director. Alvin is a certified ACBL Director and, until recently, co-owned and operated one of the most successful bridge clubs in Atlanta, the Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Center. He brings with him 10+ years of experience in the game of bridge.

Join us in welcoming Alvin to the School Bridge LEAGUE family!

Youth NABC In Atlanta, July 2008



The Top 2 pairs of students from each of the four School Bridge LEAGUE tournaments that were held in the 2007-2008 school year, were awarded, courtesy of SBL, to attend the Youth NABC in Atlanta, Georgia this past July.

We would like to acknowledge and again congratulate these students!!

Halloween Tournament

1st Place- Ali and Philip, MGCI Toronto, coached by Joel Shapiro, Intermediates, 79.61%

2nd Place- Puthiran and Stephanie, Jack Donohue School, coached by Carole Berry/John Gillespie, Beginners, 79.19%

Winter Holiday Tournament

1st Place- Shaun and William, Roch Carriere School, coached by Carole Berry/John Gillespie, Intermediates, 84.47%

2nd Place- Peter and Jonathan, MGCI Toronto, coached by Joel Shapiro, Intermediates, 79.71%

Valentine's Day Tournament

1st Place- Brian W. and Gabriel W., Jack Donahue School, coached by Carole Berry/John Gillespie, Intermediates, 79.00%

2nd Place- Logan S. and Nick C., Carlinville Middle School, coached by Mary Beth Lattan, Beginners, 76.33%

End of Year Tournament

1st Place- Jayanth P. and Jonathan L., MGCI Toronto, coached by Joel Shapiro, Intermediates, 81%

2nd Place- Andrew J. and Richard J., Atlanta DBC, coached by Patty Tucker, Intermediates, 80%

**Next Year's Youth NABC will take place in Washington, DC.
See you there!**

ACBL Masterpoints

School Bridge League's tournaments are now a sanctioned ACBL event. As such, masterpoints will be awarded at the end of the year to the overall winners of our tournament series.

School Bridge LEAGUE 2008-2009 Tournament Schedule

Take a look at School Bridge LEAGUE's new and improved tournament schedule. Due to the success of the program in the 2007-2008 school year, two additional tournaments have been added to the tournament schedule.

Participation in the School Bridge LEAGUE tournaments is easy.

Go to www.schoolbridgeleague.org and register your class or group/club. Once you are registered, hands will automatically be sent to you for each tournament. Email your hands to paula@schoolbridgeleague.org on or before the deadline (you will be alerted of deadlines when the hands are distributed). Scores, in order of rank, will be posted to the School Bridge LEAGUE website within one week. It's that easy!

2008

Fall Kick Off Tournament September 13th -September 22nd

Halloween Tournament October 25th - November 3rd

Holiday Tournament November 29th- December 8th

2009

King Day Tournament January 17th- January 26th

Winter Tournament February 28th- March 8th

Earth Day Tournament April 18th- April 27th

Note: Please remember to register your class for School Bridge LEAGUE tournaments and register your school at www.schoolbridgeleague.org. In order to become eligible for awards you MUST register with The School Bridge LEAGUE.