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To The SBL Teachers,

We experienced a delay in sending out the Fall Kickoff Hands and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. ***We have extended the tournament deadline to Friday, September 25th.***

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### Youth NABC Trip to Washington, DC

The 2009 Youth NABC Tournament in Washington, DC was exciting and refreshing. Youth from all over the world, including China and Canada, came together to compete against one another in this National Tournament.

One of the most exciting occurrences during the tournament was watching the students' reaction to Bill Gates surprise visit. All of the young people stood to their feet to surround him and listen to him congratulate them on their participation in the Youth NABC 2009 tournament.



An article was written in the Kanata Kourier in Ontario, by Natalie Gallimore, about our School Bridge LEAGUE students from Stephen Leacock School. In the article, Bill Gates was quoted as saying, "I love to see schools involved in these things...we need a lot more young players in this game."

Derek Smith, SBL player and tournament participant, said "the highlights were to see the attractions of Washington and play bridge at a higher level than at school".

The Youth NABC 2009 was a great experience for all of the School Bridge LEAGUE students and we were thrilled to once again be a sponsor for the event.

### School Bridge LEAGUE Summer Interscholastic Tournament

The first annual School Bridge LEAGUE Summer Interscholastic Tournament took place on August 15, 2009 at the Manhattan Bridge Club in New York City. While the turnout was smaller than targeted, the experience was enriching! Students from Central NJ and New Rochelle, New York participated for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies.

1st place, Peter Ku and Kevin Rosenberg  
2nd place, Joseph Lieberman and Christopher Welland  
3rd place, Nicholas Lieberman and William Weelland

Congrats to the winners!

We will host our 2nd Annual School Bridge LEAGUE Summer Interscholastic Tournament in 2010 and look forward to even greater participation.

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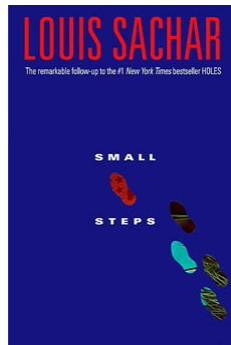
## Instructor To Come To Your Classroom?



School Bridge LEAGUE is rolling out a new program where we will provide an instructor to teach you how to play the game of bridge and administer SBL lessons and tournaments you're your students. Now, your students can play in our tournaments even if you only have a beginning knowledge of the game of bridge!

If you would like more information about SBL instructors in your area and/or to sign up to become an instructor, please contact [paula@schoolbridgeleague.org](mailto:paula@schoolbridgeleague.org)

## SBL Added BONUS For Fall Kickoff Tournament!



As an added bonus for the School Bridge LEAGUE Fall Kickoff Tournament, in addition to our trophies which are awarded to the top three winners in our four divisions and tournament pins which are awarded to all participants, the first place winning team in each of our four divisions (Beginner, Intermediate, Advance and Mini-Bridge) will receive an autographed copy of Louis Sachar book Small Steps!

Louis Sachar is the author of the New York Times #1 bestseller HOLES; and has written a soon to be released book on a young person's adventures with the game of bridge

School Bridge LEAGUE would like to thank our partner Random House for this very generous donation.

Happy reading from SBL and Random House!

## Tips From The School Bridge LEAGUE Tournament Director

*John Gillespie*

Some of you use ACBL Score and send me the gamefile which is great, but the scoring sheets sent out with the tournament hands are for those that don't and we want everyone involved!

I fill in two lines as examples of how to enter the scores, one with the contract plus the actual score and one with the contract and just the number of tricks won by each side. The latter is the one I suggest, especially for any larger classes. It's no difference to me when I enter the scores as the board number, vulnerability etc. are all on my computer screen.



The bottom line is, I don't trust the little devils. The instant scoring chart is a maze and after a successful contract, some are inclined to go in search of some really large numbers.

Even then, I spend a good deal of energy keeping an eye on them and that's tough enough. Such as the little guy that ran up to, "MR. G. WHAT'S the score for 4 hearts REDOUBLED?" I asked who doubled. "I DID. My partner redoubled and then I MADE IT!"

As suggested, this year, the Sign up form now includes City and State or Province for the interest of the players that might like to see how far flung the competition is. For the Halloween tournament, I'll be adding a sheet of optional movements for between 2 and 6 tables. Suggestions like these are most appreciated

## Have Your Story Published In Our Newsletter

We love hearing stories about our SBL students and their achievements, funny encounters, community service and bridge experiences. If you have a story or pictures that you would like to share with us, we would love to publish your story in our next newsletter.

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