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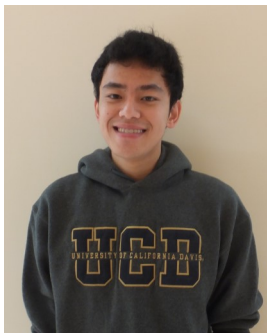
CBE Grads Win GNT C

CBE grads Samuel Kuang and Kendrick Chow, along with teammates Tsao-Tung Tsai and Luen-Jyh Luo, won the GNT flight C at the Las Vegas NABC. Both Kuang and Chow learned bridge at the Galileo High School bridge club.

Their bidding prowess is demonstrated by this hand. Kendrick held:

xx
AQx
KJTxxx
AQ

Samuel opened 1NT (14-16). Many would jump to game in 3NT now. But Kendrick had the ability to learn more about Samuel's hand and he did so by bidding 2S. Samuel showed he would accept a game invite in NT by bidding 3C. (2N would deny). Now you know that you are in slam range as Samuel was non-minimum. Kendrick had a cool tool available to him next. He bid 3H! showing 6+D without shortness.



Samuel now made a cue bid of 3S and Kendrick cooperated with 4C. 4D now was RKC and 4H showed 0 or 3. 5C by Samuel asked for the queen of diamonds and showed a lack of interest in either the C king or in playing 4N. 5D denied the queen. Samuel asked for kings now with 5H and Kendrick denied any by bidding 6D.

Samuel's hand was:

Ax
Kx
Axx
KT9xxx

Amazingly enough, the other table didn't even get to game settling in a minor suit part score.

Lest you think these two can do no wrong with their fancy bids, Samuel admitted that there was an auction that went

1C p 1D p
1H p 2D p
p p

Two diamonds was an artificial game force (XYZ where 2C relays to 2D if responder wished to stop in diamonds).

Samuel is now a student at UC Davis and Kendrick graduated from the University of Pennsylvania last spring.

Success at the YNABC

Kai Chang and Pico Gilman attended their second successive Youth NABC in Las Vegas last July. They demonstrated their improved skills by winning three different Cardrout Pairs events. Cardrout Pairs are for newer players.

Both Kai and Pico are students at CAIS and have been taught by Eric Groves. Pico is 9 years old and Kai is 11.

They found two hands particularly interesting. The first captured their attention because east had a Yarborough and E-W was in 3NT and went down 3 for a total of 150 points. That board was a 70% board.

How many of us even knew what a squeeze is at age 9? Pico does. While the hand isn't really a squeeze, the mere fact that he would attempt one is amazing.

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President's Letter

It was an eventful summer for bridge students from CBE. Two of our graduates, Edmund Wu and William Zhu, represented the U.S. in the World Junior Bridge Championships in Istanbul, Turkey in August. While they didn't earn the chance to play in the final knockout rounds, they brought home memories that will last them a lifetime. They played

bridge with young people from around the world and also found time to tour Istanbul. Two of our younger players, Pico Gilman and Kai Chang, of Chinese-American International School, competed in July at the Youth NABC held in Las Vegas. They turned in a great performance by finishing 1st overall in the Cardrout Pairs on three separate occasions. They competed against youngsters from all over the U.S.



We are talking to a delegation of young bridge players in Beijing, Chi-

na who hope to visit San Francisco in summer 2015 before they head to compete in the Summer NABC in Chicago. We've assembled a committee of four members to start planning a reception for this group that will include bridge competition and education as well as touring San Francisco. Stay tuned for details.

The ACBL noted 3 cities that are leading the way in youth bridge education—Atlanta, Reno and San Francisco. We are proud of the role CBE has played in putting S.F. on this list. Soon however, the list will have to be expanded to include Palo Alto/Silicon Valley, because our sister organization Silicon Valley Youth Bridge is going gangbusters in bringing bridge to the young people of the Silicon Valley region.

As year-end approaches, many people look for ways to make charitable contributions they can use as eligible income tax deductions. You can help them by letting them know that CBE is a fully eligible 501(c)3 organization. Their contributions will be totally tax deductible. Suggest to your friends and relatives that they become members of CBE today.

Success

Pico:

AQJ965
AK
A73
A9

Kai:

10742
96432
Q98
8

P p p 1S
p 2S p 3S
p 4S p 6S
p p p

While this was not the perfect sequence, the slam does have play. And, in fact, as the cards lie, the slam will make as both the diamond and club finesses are on. But Pico did not know that. He won the club king lead and then played the ace of spades. The king did not fall. Now,



not realizing that the slam was doomed, he tried for a club heart squeeze. So he played the A of hearts, but they divided 6-0 and he went down 1.

The session with the Yarborough, they had a 77% game and got 1.62 MP. They now have 6 MP.

Both boys enjoyed their time at the YNABC and continue to practice their bridge. They particularly liked receiving copies of The Cardturner and Bridge Baron software. Both Kai and his young brother Lucas have been practicing playing on Bridge Baron.

Istanbul High and Lows

Kevin Rosenberg and teammates on USA 1 took second in the under 21 division of the 14th World Youth Bridge Team Championships in Istanbul. Kevin has been working with SiVY Bridge teaching other young players the game. He lives in Cupertino and is a senior at Monta Vista high school this year where he has started a bridge club. He is also an accomplished chess player, tournament scrabble player, and a straight A student. His mother is SiVY Bridge president Debbie Rosenberg and his dad is Michael Rosenberg.

Isha Thapa along with her teammates tied for fifth through eighth in the women's division. She is a junior at UC Berkeley, studying statistics, and was on the UC team that won the national collegiate championship this year. Her dad is SiVY treasurer, Mukund Thapa. She also has been active with SiVY Bridge teaching other young people the game. Isha officially founded the UC Berkeley bridge club and due to her efforts had a record number of 30 students show up on the first day. Prior to this, for many years there was an informal group that met off-campus and had minimal attendance. She is teaching a one-unit course at UC on bridge and has had to turn prospective students away due to space limitations. She previously played in the Rona Cup in 2012.

Last winter, Edmund Wu and William Zhu won the right to represent the United States in Istanbul. As members of the USA2 junior team, they came in 12th in the round robin (out of 22) but did not make the quarter finals. This hand shows their skill and helped them defeat the Netherlands. The Netherlands finished second to Norway.

Dealer West. None Vulnerable.

K Q 8 5	-
6 5 2	A T 8 7
Q 9 8	J T 6 4 2
9 6 3	A Q T 5
T 7 6 2	-
K J 9 4	A J 9 4 3
A	Q 3
K 8 7 4	K 7 5 3
	J 2

Edmund was south and William north. The auction was

1C P 1H 1S
2H 2S 3S P
4D P 4H P
4NT P 5NT P

6H P P P

Edmund lead a small spade! Looking at the two hands together slam is not great but incredibly has play for an 8 card fit and 22 highs. Declarer thought for a few minutes playing small from dummy. William, aware that declarer showed a spade void, played the K to conceal the spade position and to play along with Edmund's deceptive lead. Declarer ruffed and cashed the Ace of hearts. Edmund smoothly dropped the queen of hearts!

Declarer is clearly surprised and he tanked again. Eventually he played a diamond, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade and tried to cash three rounds of clubs which Edmund ruffed and cashed his last spade and then tapped dummy one more time for down two. On the layout 6H is cold by simply playing for Qx of hearts. Ruff the spade lead, cash the A of hearts, diamond to the stiff A, ruff a spade, ruff a diamond, ruff a spade, club to the K, cash the K of hearts dropping the Q, J of hearts pulling trump, and give up a spade in the end.

After the Q of hearts false card there isn't another line. Declarer played William to have exactly 3-4-2-4 distribution which meant Edmund had the stiff Q of hearts and a stiff club, or 6-1-5-1, extremely unlikely from the bidding. The Qx false card is also not completely farfetched looking at such a menacing trump holding in dummy. Edmund played the card he was known to hold, or in this case will be known to hold, an element of good card play technique.

The false card should not have worked but it did to spectacular effect. It saved a board that they otherwise would have unluckily lost imps on.

William learned bridge at the CBE-sponsored club at Lowell High School and is a student at Vassar. Edmund learned at the club at Galileo High School and graduated from UC Berkeley.

Don't think that these young people are one dimensional. Both William and Kevin are excellent tennis players. Rumor has it that there was a 3am tennis game in which Kevin gave Edmund an advantage by playing barefoot.

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