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REMINDERS

School Bridge LEAGUE will be awarding the top pair, with the highest overall cumulative score, for three out of our six tournaments, a trip to Washington, DC in June 2010 for The LEAGUE National Awards and Recognition Event. **The pair MUST also participate in a service event,** counted as a LEAGUE wildcard, for the 2009-2010 school year, in addition to the ranking requirements.



Please remember that we've extended the date of the Earth Day Tournament from April 26th to May 3rd!!!!!!

Winners of The King Day and Winter Tournaments

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 King Day and Winter Tournament!

KING DAY TOURNAMENT

The top three pairs in the Beginner



Category, those with less than six months of experience playing bridge are:

First Place: KIAN MANSOUR AND ROBERT CHINEZON from KANATA ACADEMY in Ottawa, Canada. Coached Jean Higgins

Second Place: ADAM WEI AND VINH TO from KANATA ACADEMY in Ottawa, Canada. Coached by Jean Higgins

Third Place: DEREK ELLIS AND MAGNUS CRONIN from VINCENT MASSEY in Ottawa, Canada. Coached Carole Berry

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

First Place: CHRIS JOURDEUIL AND KENYA MOORE from VINCENT MASSEY in Ottawa, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry.

Second Place: CHRIS LANNING AND STEVEN SUTIN from VINCENT MASSEY in Ottawa, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry.

Third Place: EVAN JETSY AND KEVIN GENG from ROCHE CARRIERE in Ottawa, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry.

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

First Place: SAM MITCHELL AND MATTHEW SCOTT from ROCHE CARRIERE in Ottawa, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry.

Second Place: OLIVIA PERRYMAN AND ALEX BRUNE from KANATA ACADEMY in Ottawa, Canada. Coached Jean Higgins.

Third Place: NASSEM YOUSEF AND PIPER ZIEBARTH from LAMPLIGHTER MONTESSORI in Cordova, TX. Coached by Carolyn Bredosky.

There were no participants in the Mini Bridge Category

WINTER TOURNAMENT

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

First Place: CONNER AND TAYLOR from THE BRIDGE ACADEMY in Dallas, Texas. Coached by Donna Compton

Second Place: JEREMY SUTTON AND SAM WILLETT from SURFSIDE ELEMENTARY in Satellite Beach, FL. Coached by Tina Pomeroy.

Third Place: DAVID FRANICS AND SAMUEL JONES from STEPHEN LEACOCK in Ottawa, 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 ROBBIE JONES AND AMIRA MEYERS from HENRY MONROE in Ottawa, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry.

Second Place: EVAN JESTY AND KEVIN GENG from ROCHE CARRIERE in Orleans, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry

Third Place: CHRIS LANNING AND EVAN CLARKE from VINCENT MASSEY in Ottawa, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry.

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

First Place: DEREK SMITH AND ALEX XIAO from STEPHEN LEACOCK in Kanata, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry.

Second Place: ANDREW ZHANG AND PETER LEE from VINCENT MASSEY in Ottawa, Canada. Coached by Carole Berry.

Third Place: DAVID ERICKSON AND BRENDAN BYRNE from ST. ANTHONY in St. Paul, Minnesota. Coached by Evan Sachs

There were no participants in the Mini Bridge Category

Welcome Dayton Street School in Newark, NJ under the
SBL Pilot Training Program



We would like to welcome Mr. Tyrone Brooks and his supporting staff as they enter The SBL Pilot Training Program. Their school, the Dayton Street School in Newark, NJ, is amongst the first under this new program. We look forward to adding additional schools in the Newark, NJ area! If you are interested in bringing this exciting program to your after school program and/or organization, please contact Mickie@schoolbridgeleague.org

Are you a teacher interested in the game of bridge, but don't know how to play well enough to teach your students? Would you like to have a **School Bridge LEAGUE** instructor come into your classroom and introduce your students to a unique way to use critical and strategic thinking skills?

We have **School Bridge LEAGUE** instructors in selected areas, who will introduce you and your students to the game of bridge. Start today and have your students gain the benefits!

Take The Leap Blog Article: Bridge To
Entrepreneurship

Warren Buffett once said he wouldn't mind being in prison as

long as he had 3 decent bridge partners as cellmates.

When Mila Antonova arrived in the U.S. 3 ½ years ago, she didn't know anyone or speak any English. Today she is teaching bridge to students in afterschool programs in Harlem. Inspired by her own background and by Buffett (who along with Bill Gates donated \$1 million to the School Bridge League) Mila runs BridgeUnion, an online and offline resource for bridge players.

Mila spoke with us about her journey:

Growing up in Russia, my parents always dreamed of a better life. My father fantasized about inventing things but never had time because he had to work hard to make a living. I knew I wanted to be my own boss and take control of my life, but I knew of entrepreneurship only from the movies.

I didn't like school much, mostly because I had to memorize facts and dates that didn't mean anything to me. Teachers tell you what to do and students must listen and follow. I finished high school with decent grades but felt unsatisfied with my education.

I took my first bridge class at college, and I was fascinated by the strategy and concentration required to become a good player. It was like a gym for my mind, a great way to exercise my skills. Since most other students were also novices, I didn't feel as if I had to catch up as with my academic classes.

When I came to the U.S., I tried to find bridge partners, but people usually laughed at me and said, "my grandmother plays that!" I looked further and found there are avid bridge players out there, but not many resources for beginners who want to learn and experts who want to teach. I created BridgeUnion to fill this gap and to share my love of bridge with others.

While she works on her goal of become the world bridge champion, Mila is planning a new venture. As with BridgeUnion, she plans to combine technology and community- building to create a social tool that will to help others achieve their goals and dreams.

Mila is a member of the School Bridge LEAGUE Advisory Board and collaborates with School Bridge LEAGUE to promote and increase student awareness and participation in the game of bridge.

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