

#### **Center for Bridge Education Newsletter**

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# Journey to Providence!



The CBE kids gather outside the steps of Most Holy Redeemer church before QuickTricks.

In preparation for the youth NABC in Providence, CBE ran a summer junior program where we invited local juniors, Providence bound or not, to play with CBE mentors and each other at QuickTricks club games. We saw huge success, bringing ten or more kids each weekly session to play with the many mentors that came to support the kids.

The kids made vast strides in their game and had some stellar results during the summer. Andrew Eidelhoch and Joey Qi placed second in one QuickTricks team event after being barely edged out from first place. Near the end of the summer Gary Zeng showed he had learned a lot over the Summer when he easily took home first place in one of the QuickTricks pairs games with a 67% score in the open section.

After the game you could find us at the local restaurant Gyro Express, where we would order garlic fries and falafel while mentors went over the hands with the students. And if we had time we let the kids talk about whatever they wanted, to decompress away from their parents and enjoy each others' company.

Special thanks to mentors **Chris Chen, Anant Rathi, William Zhu, Kevin Rosenberg**, and **Amber Lin**. These mentors graciously volunteered their time to play with and coach kids. This program could not have succeeded without their time and effort.

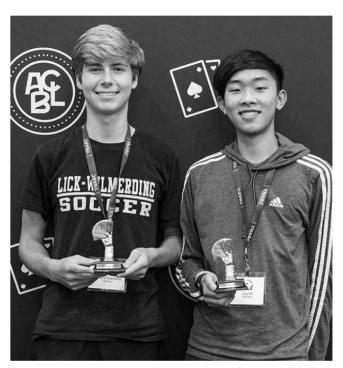


Standing: Joey Qi, Keith Lin, Andrew Eidelhoch, Nathan Chow, and Kyle Lin Sitting: Eddy Qi, Helen Chow, Chloe Chow, and Gary Zeng



Winners of the Saturday Consolation Swiss Teams:

Joey Qi, Andrew Eidelhoch, Helen Chow, and Nathan Chow



First in B: Andrew Eidelhoch and Joey Qi

## Kids Represent CBE Well with Strong Showings in Providence

CBE sent nine kids to Providence, and every single one of our kids performed admirably against competition from all around the country.

Joey Qi, Andrew Eidelhoch, Nathan Chow, and Helen Chow just missed qualifying for the final sessions of the Youth Open Swiss, but they redeemed themselves with a solid win in the consolation swiss.

Gary Zeng and his partner Maxwell Burns (a friend he made through CBE) had a scorching 73% to take the lead in the opening session of the National Youth Open Pairs. Not to be outdone, Andrew and Joey had a stellar performance in the Youth National Open Pairs event, placing first in B.

While not pictured above, we also want to acknowledge Kyle Lin, Keith Lin, and Gary Zeng for qualifying to the Youth Open Swiss teams final! The three of them (along with honorary CBE junior Maxwell Burns) beat half the field to make it to the final session, where they competed against some of the best juniors in the country.

We're very proud of all our CBE juniors for representing us in Providence so well at and away from the table.



## Andrew Eidelhoch wins Youth NABC Sportsmanship Award!

Congratulations to Andrew for winning the youth NABC sportsmanship award! All of us are extremely proud of his outstanding character.

#### Founding CBE Board Members Retire

Original, founding board members Richard Bellerose, Lauren Friedman and Jim Leuker retired from the CBE board this summer, after many years of service. CBE would not be what it is today without their hard work and dedication.

Richard's, Lauren's, and Jim's contributions to CBE are very much appreciated by the current Board. We thank them for their contributions to CBE and welcome the opportunity to continue the legacy they started and to pursue CBE's mission to teach bridge to kids into the future.



Thank you Unit 506 for sponsoring the dinner pictured above! Left to right: Eddy Qi, Joey Qi, Andrew Eidelhoch, Kyle Lin, Keith Lin, Nathan Chow, Gary Zeng, Chloe Chow, and Helen Chow



Left to right: Kyle Lin, Andrew Eidelhoch, William Zhu, Chris Chen, Chloe Chow, Nathan Chow, and Keith Lin

# Casual Bridge Meetup

Each month the CBE mentors try to organize a get together with interested kids for casual bridge and chit chat. Pictured above is our last meet up in November at Street Taco. We order some food and then lounge and play bridge for a couple hours. It sure beats paying rent in SF!

#### **CBE Thanks You**

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