

Bridge Scene

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Youth Tournament



Unit 241 sponsored the first youth tournament for participating middle and high school students at the Omaha Bridge Studio on Saturday May 9th, 2009. Twenty-three kids and two stand-in adults joined together for an afternoon of bridge, pizza, pop (donated by Unit 241), and cookies (donated by Diane Zipay). Don't worry, the hands played against the adults did not count toward the kid's scores. In addition to a regular twenty-seven board game for the majority of the players, there was also a section just for mini-bridge players, directed by Elise Parish.

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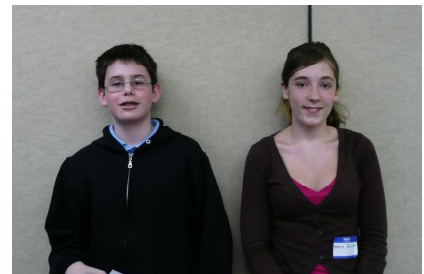
After four rounds of bridge, the game broke for lunch, and played another five rounds. Justin Graver, Unit 241's president, gave a quick lesson on how to read the bridge results that were printed out for each pair. Jeff Buckwalter, the director, then announced the winning pairs. First through fourth place finishers received cash prizes. Each player also received a free goody bag prepared by Darlene Rischling who suggested the idea of a youth tournament.

Big thanks to all the volunteers who made the youth tournament possible!

The tournament was a raving success. Survey results from the participants indicated that they enjoyed the tournament, although the time could be shorter and the game played faster. With the success of this first tournament, there are high hopes that we will have another one next year as well.



1st Place: Zachary Bram & Tim McNary



2nd Place: Walker Bryan & Katie Butler



Mini-Bridge



Deep in Thought



Lunch Time