



Unit 354 Celebrates First Youth Bridge Summer Camp *continued ...*



During the rigorous process of learning such a rich and complicated game, our youth took breaks for bridge-related scavenger hunts, game-show quizzes, and two art projects that yielded fantastic results and life lessons.

For the first art project, campers drew their interpretation of the king of spades or the queen of hearts. The art will be framed, displayed and can be viewed in the teaching room of In Tempo Bridge Club, Scottsdale.



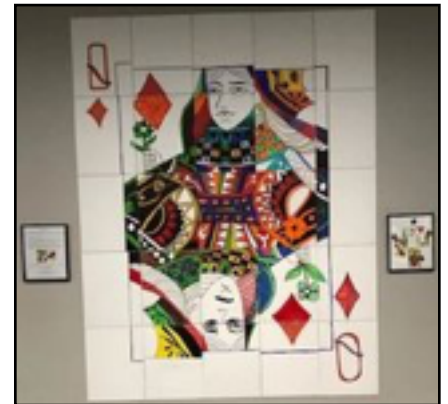
A quote from Coach Richard Jacobson (center) hangs next to the art the youth created:

“Playing the game of bridge is about -- among many other concepts -- learning to evaluate points, understanding when to take a finesse, and how to ‘transfer’ to a different suit. But adding the game of bridge to your life is also about appreciating the value of working with a partner and sometimes a team.”

For the second art project, each camper was asked to choose a small, abstract rectangular design and then transfer it to a canvas board five times its size. The young “artists” did not know (at least at first) that the small pieces of the puzzle would reveal an image of the queen of diamonds.

When assembled our campers got was what most of us receive from bridge:

Amazing new friends, a strong sense of community, an activity to enjoy for a lifetime, and an appreciation that something imperfect – like this queen (like bidding, declaring and defending) can still be wonderful.



One of our campers played at the In Tempo Bridge Club with her father and they had a 57 percent game.
Dad said, “She played most of the hands!”

