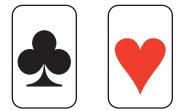


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THE EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BRIDGE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2015

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TOURNAMENT TRAIL

Summer Regional

June 23 - 28
Nashua, NH

EMBA Summer Sectional

July 31 - August 2
47 Nichols Ave - Watertown, MA

Fiesta Regional

Sept. 1 - 6
Warwick, RI

STaC Games June 29 - July 5

North American Pairs qualifying
At clubs - June, July & August



Kudos to EMBA's Champions!

CONGRATULATIONS to PAUL FIREMAN of Chestnut Hill, and his TEAM - USA 2 for the Bermuda Bowl
Paul Fireman-Gavin Wolpert, John Hurd-Joel Wooldridge, John Kranyak-Vince Demuy ran away with the 2015 USBC in the final three segments, to defeat Diamond (John Diamond - Brian Platnick, Kevin Bathurst-Justin Lall, Eric Greco-Geoff Hampson) in the Finals of the 2015 USBC. Fireman will be USA 2 for the 2015 Bermuda Bowl in Chennai, India in October, joining USA1 Nickell (Nick Nickell-Ralph Katz, Bobby Levin-Steve Weinstein, Jeff Meckstroth-Eric Rodwell), who won the 2014 USBC.

At the 2015 Spring Nationals in New Orleans

MARK AQUINO of Jamaica Plain and **SHOME MUKHERJEE** of Randolph won the Flight A North American Pairs Championship.

YIJI STARR of Wayland won the Women's Pairs Championship with Pamela Granovetter.

EMBA Nominating Committee Selects Candidates

The EMBA Nominating Committee, chaired by Carole Weinstein, has selected the following slate of candidates for officers and directors of the 2016 EMBA Board. An asterisk denotes an incumbent.

Get more information on candidates and your official ballot in the Fall issue of Quick Trick - or - Vote online at www.acblemba.org.

Officers: (one year term)

- President Dave Aronson*
- Vice President Bob Bertoni*
- Secretary Carolyn Weiser*
- Treasurer Linda Robinson

Board of Directors: (three year term)

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Frederick Brown | Zach Grossack |
| Valerie Fleisher* | Paul Harris* |
| Lew Gamerman | Edward Jou |
| Luke Gillespie* | Lisa Procter* |

Further nominations may be made by petition signed by 25 EMBA members in good standing received by September 1, 2015.

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EMBA officers

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| President | David Aronson |
| Vice President | Bob Bertoni |
| Secretary | Carolyn Weiser |
| Treasurer | Stanley Richmond |



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

REACHING



NEW HEIGHTS

Junior Master

Elizabeth Berkery, Osterville
 Susan Bethel, Marstons Mills
 Jim Buiel, Randolph
 Rima Burroughs, Wayland
 Daniel Candee, Lincoln
 Janet Cerella, Wellesley
 Carol Christensen, Nantucket
 Rosalie Cohen, Wayland
 Barbara Conway, Centerville
 Nancy Dowd, Norfolk
 Adrienne Dubois, Hingham
 Paul Durda, Needham
 Patricia Engel, Wayland
 Frank Falvey, Franklin
 Barry Freedman, No. Weymouth
 Cassandra Gordon, Boston
 Sally Gould, Marblehead
 Charles Hanes, Andover
 Debra Hogan, Boxford
 Dick Johnson, Lincoln
 Donna Johnson, Lincoln
 Kate King, Dorchester
 Barbara Langley, Acton
 Sandra Lemieux, Wrentham
 Barbara Liskov, Waltham
 Moses Liskov, Lexington
 Karen Mactavish, Dover
 Barbara McManus, Marion
 Joyce Mills, Woburn
 Katalin Mitchell, Framingham
 Betty Moylan, West Yarmouth
 Nancy Norris, Methuen
 Jane Nugent, Wellesley
 Betsy Nurczynski, Newtonville
 Sandra Owen, Westwood
 Eileen Riendeau, Seekonk
 Mary Ann Rob, Fairhaven
 Marcia Rosenberg, Wayland
 Donna Sherry, Winchester
 Linda Stikeleather, Canton
 David Temple, Medfield
 Jacob Teszler, Newton
 Amit Vallabh, Newton
 Carol Wall, Scituate
 Maureen Westgate, Plymouth

Club Master

Prudence Barker, Andover
 Bernard Bendiksen, New Bedford
 Mitchell Blaustein, Sharon
 Deborah Burwick, Boston
 Jerald Burwick, Boston
 Rodney Chandler, Reading
 Eileen Connors, Brookline
 Maureen Cullen, Braintree
 Nancy Hebard, Westwood
 Sheila Hill, Manchester
 Ellen Kaplan, Belmont
 Arthur Keefe, Randolph
 Mark Lee, Boston
 George Loomis, Medfield
 Susan Marlenga, Concord
 Madalyn Mattoon, Oak Bluffs
 Donald McDonough, Middleboro
 Louise McGinnes, Wellesley
 Herb Miller, Sharon
 Paul Natale, Reading
 Kathy Ordonez, Dedham
 Ruth Parr, Newton
 Arlene Saperstein, Boston
 Ruth Scheer, Brookline
 Judee Shupe, Boston
 David Wilson, Lexington
 Sonja Yates, Boston

Sectional Master

David Bolognia, North Andover
 Alex Bresler, Osterville
 Tom Breur, Cambridge
 Barbara Brink, Mashpee
 Louise Brown, Plymouth
 Michele Dangelo, Boston
 Peggy Gibson, Lexington
 Gay Godfrey, Lexington

Jordan Goldberg, Yarmouth Port
 Frederick Hayes, Bellingham
 Yumiko Hough, Barnstable
 Beth Jenkins, Sherborn
 Dorothy Jensen-French, Cambridge
 Jean Kofol, Boston
 Martha Nestor, Concord
 Deborah Notman, Chestnut Hill
 Joel Rankin, Weston
 Janet Remien, Brookline
 Patricia Salem, Boston
 Sandy Smith, Watertown
 Venky Venkataramani, Andover
 Ariela Verter, Somerville

Regional Master

Martha Bett, Winchester
 Brian Fisk, Boxborough
 Saul Franklin, Needham
 David Gardner, Sudbury
 Madara Gunewardane, Boston
 Jonathan Hauke, Lexington
 Marilyn Howard, Burlington
 Bruce Hutchins, Onset
 Frank Jenkins, Sherborn
 Paul Kelly, West Newbury
 Dianne Koch, Billerica
 Donald Latus, West Barnstable
 Kathy Lloyd, Cambridge
 Robert Magher, Eastham
 Anne Matlin, Burlington
 Linda McCabe, Weston
 Sabrina Miles, Mansfield
 Helen Moriyama, Wellesley
 Alicia Munnell, Boston
 James O'Mara, Onset
 Patricia Palmer, Weston
 Lucy Sachs, Lincoln
 Nancy Sklar, Chestnut Hill
 Janice Wexler, Beverly

NABC Master

Jim Bradley, Yarmouth Port
 Ralph Desmond, Jamaica Plain
 Jacqueline Eby, Wellesley

Allan Ganem, Jamaica Plain
 Dave Hogan, Marlborough
 Richard Katz, Sharon
 David Levin, Belmont
 Marguerite Levin, Belmont
 Carolyn McNaught, Falmouth
 Allen Nitschelm, Acton
 Harold Nordstrom, Reading
 Betsy Stegeman, Falmouth
 Lloyd Steger, Watertown

Adv NABC Master

Marsha Girouard, Medway
 Charles Young, Medway

Life Master

David Cancian, Lincoln
 Patricia Cotta, Plymouth
 Paul Hattis, Newton
 Benson Ho, North Andover
 Raymond Mathieu, Norton
 Ann Swaim, Marstons Mills
 Rosemary Tator, Waltham

Bronze Life Master

Ann Jacobs, Stow
 Bea Karger, Peabody
 Edward Russell, West Tisbury

Silver Life Master

Elizabeth Hann, Harwich
 Lisa Procter, Dover
 Lois Resnick, Brookline
 Stanley Richmond, Needham
 Arkadiusz Sitek, Ashland
 Robert Stubbs, Framingham

Gold Life Master

Jeff Lehman, Newton Center
 Douglas McCormac, No Dartmouth

Emerald Life Master

Lew Gamerman, Randolph

Dear EMBA members,

It appears that the warm weather that we have been wishing for has finally arrived. With it came our Memorial tournament, which was a great success. I want to encourage you to go to our District 25 Regionals held June 23 - 28 in Nashua, NH and September 1 - 6 held in Warwick, RI. They promise lots of fun games for players of all skill levels. Also, I want to remind you that we have our EMBA Summer Sectional in Watertown July 31 - August 1. These games should make for a great summer!

David M. Aronson,
 President EMBA

... MOVING FORWARD ...

Your Board of Directors thought it helpful to list EMBA's tournament dates a year in advance. Here's what we know so far.

2015

July 31 - August 2
 October 3-4
 December 1-3

2016

February 26-28
 May 27-29
 August 5-7
 October 8-9
 December 9-11

The October sectionals are at the Barnstable Intermediate School on Cape Cod. All of the others are in Watertown.



EXTRA POINTS GAMES ♠♦ **SPECIAL CLUB GAMES** ♣♥ EXTRA Fee May Apply

July

WED 1 Harriett Leavitt* STaC
Newton@Reyim* STaC
Puritan* STaC ST
Brewster-MidCape STaC
Hamilton STaC
Winchester STaC

THU 2 Newton@Reyim* STaC
Puritan* STaC
W. Yarmouth-D-Y* STaC
Newton@Reyim STaC

FRI 3 Brewster-Seaside* STaC
Harriett Leavitt* STaC
Newton@Reyim* STaC
Puritan* STaC

SAT 4 Puritan* STaC

MON 6 Newton@Reyim* NAP
Puritan* NAP 749er
Newton@Reyim NAP
Puritan NAP

TUE 7 Newton@Reyim* Ch ST
Orleans-Rock Harbor* NAP
Puritan* Ch ACBL
Newton@Reyim Ch

WED 8 Newton@Reyim* NAP
Puritan* NAP

THU 9 Newton@Reyim* Ch
Newton@Reyim NAP

FRI 10 Newton@Reyim* NAP
Puritan* NAP
Dennis-Cape Cod ChC

SAT 11 Puritan* NAP

MON 13 Harriett Leavitt* NAP
Newton@Reyim* ICC

TUE 14 Newton@Reyim* NAP
Orleans-Rock Harbor* ST
Puritan* NAP
MIT NAP
Newton@Reyim NAP

WED 15 Brewster-MidCape ChC
Hamilton ACBL IF #2
Winchester ACBL IF #2

THU 16 Newton@Reyim* NAP
Puritan* NAP
Newton@Reyim Ch

FRI 17 Harriett Leavitt* NAP
Newton@Reyim* Ch

SAT 18 Puritan* NAP

MON 20 Newton@Reyim* NAP
Puritan* NAP 749er
W. Yarmouth-D-Y* NAP
Newton@Reyim NAP
Puritan NAP

TUE 21 Newton@Reyim CC

WED 22 Newton@Reyim* NAP
Puritan* NAP

THU 23 Newton@Reyim* CC
W. Yarmouth-D-Y* NAP
Newton@Reyim NAP

FRI 24 Brewster-Seaside* NAP
Newton@Reyim* NAP
Puritan* NAP

SAT 25 Puritan* Ch Mark/Henry
Fund

MON 27 Harwich-Oak Street* NAP
Newton@Reyim* Ch
Newton@Reyim Ch

TUE 28 Puritan* NAP
MIT NAP
Newton@Reyim NAP

WED 29 Newton@Reyim* Ch IMP
Puritan* CC
Hamilton NAP
Winchester NAP

THU 30 Newton@Reyim* NAP
Puritan* NAP
Newton@Reyim CC

**EMBA
SUMMER SECTIONAL
JULY 31 - AUGUST 2**

* Day Game **CA** - Club Appreciation **CC** - Club Championship **CC(U)** - Club Champ upgraded **Ch** - Charity game
ChC - Charity Club Championship **EF** - Educational Fund **GRF** - Grass Roots Fund **ICC** - Inter-Club Championship
IF - International Fund game **IM** - ACBL Instant Matchpoint game **IMP** - IMP Pairs **JF** - Junior Fund game
MG - membership game **NAP** - North American Pairs qualifier **STaC** - Sectional Tournament at Clubs **ST** - Swiss Teams
WBF - World Bridge Federation to benefit youth bridge - **Se749er** - Limited to players with fewer than 750 MP's

EXTRA POINTS GAMES  **SPECIAL CLUB GAMES**  EXTRA Fee May Apply

August

<p>Sat 1 Puritan* NAP</p> <p>MON 3 Harwich-Oak Street* NAP Newton@Reyim* CC Puritan* NAP 749er Newton@Reyim Ch Puritan NAP</p> <p>TUE 4 Newton@Reyim* Ch Orleans-Rock Harbor* CC MIT NAP Newton@Reyim ICC</p> <p>WED 5 Newton@Reyim* NAP Puritan* NAP</p> <p>THU 6 Newton@Reyim* NAP Puritan* NAP Newton@Reyim NAP</p> <p>FRI 7 Newton@Reyim* CC</p> <p>MON 10 Harriett Leavitt* NAP Puritan* CC</p>	<p>TUE 11 Newton@Reyim* NAP Puritan* NAP Newton@Reyim NAP</p> <p>WED 12 Newton@Reyim* CC</p> <p>THU 13 Newton@Reyim* Ch</p> <p>FRI 14 Brewster-Seaside* ST Newton@Reyim* NAP Puritan* NAP</p> <p>SAT 15 Puritan* CC</p> <p>MON 17 Harwich-Oak Street* CC Newton@Reyim* NAP Puritan* NAP 749er Newton@Reyim NAP Puritan NAP</p> <p>TUE 18 Newton@Reyim* CC Orleans-Rock Harbor* NAP MIT NAP Newton@Reyim Ch</p> <p>WED 19 Newton@Reyim* Ch Puritan* NAP Brewster-MidCape CC(U) Hamilton ChC Winchester NAP</p> <p>THU 20 Newton@Reyim* NAP Puritan* NAP Newton@Reyim Ch</p>	<p>FRI 21 Brewster-Seaside* NAP Newton@Reyim* Ch</p> <p>SAT 22 Puritan* NAP</p> <p>MON 24 Newton@Reyim* Ch W. Yarmouth-D-Y* NAP Newton@Reyim CC</p> <p>TUE 25 Newton@Reyim* NAP Puritan* NAP Newton@Reyim NAP</p> <p>WED 26 Newton@Reyim* NAP Hamilton NAP Winchester NAP</p> <p>THU 27 Newton@Reyim* ICC Puritan* ICC W. Yarmouth-D-Y* NAP Newton@Reyim NAP</p> <p>FRI 28 Brewster-Seaside* CC Harriett Leavitt* NAP Newton@Reyim* NAP Puritan* NAP</p> <p>MON 31 Newton@Reyim* NAP Newton@Reyim NAP Provincetown CC</p>
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Club News



**PLEASE NOTE: STaC Week at Clubs
June 29th to July 5th, 2015!**

1 The Puritan Bridge Club will continue to hold its Newcomer Teaching game on Monday morning at 10:15 am during July and August. This game is limited to those with fewer than 20 master points. The 749er game will continue at the same time.

2 On July 25th, The Puritan Club will hold a **Charity Game and Barbecue** in honor of Henry Daley and Mark Batchelder. The barbecue will start at 12 Noon with the game to follow. There's a \$5.00 charge for the barbecue in addition to the game fee.

For more Puritan Bridge Club info, please go to www.puritanbridge.org



EXTRA POINTS GAMES ♠♦ **SPECIAL CLUB GAMES** ♣♥ EXTRA Fee May Apply

September

TUE 1 Newton@Reyim* IF
Puritan* IF
Harriett Leavitt CC
Newton@Reyim IF

WED 2 Newton@Reyim* IF

THU 3 Newton@Reyim* IF
Newton@Reyim No game

FRI 4 Newton@Reyim* IF

MON 7 Harriett Leavitt* CC
Harwich-Oak St* No game
Newton@Reyim* IF
Puritan* IF 749er
W. Yarmouth-D-Y* CC HP
Newton@Reyim IF

TUE 8 Newton@Reyim* IF
MIT CC
Newton@Reyim IF ST

WED 9 Newton@Reyim* IF
Puritan* IF
Hamilton ICC
Winchester ICC

THU 10 Newton@Reyim* IF
Puritan* CC
W. Yarmouth-D-Y* CC
Newton@Reyim IF

FRI 11 Newton@Reyim* IF IMP
Puritan* IF

SAT 12 Puritan* IF

MON 14 Newton@Reyim* No game
Newton@Reyim No game

TUE 15 Newton@Reyim* No game
Orleans-Rock Harbor* ST
Puritan* CC
Newton@Reyim No game

WED 16 Harriett Leavitt* CC
Newton@Reyim* IF
Brewster-MidCape CC

THU 17 Puritan* NAP
MIT NAP
Newton@Reyim NAP

FRI 18 Newton@Reyim* IF
Puritan* CC

SAT 19 Puritan* IF

MON 21 Newton@Reyim* IF
Puritan* IF 749er
Newton@Reyim IF
Puritan IF

TUE 22 Newton@Reyim* IF
Puritan* IF
Newton@Reyim No game

WED 23 Newton@Reyim* No game
Hamilton CC ST

THU 24 Newton@Reyim* IF
Puritan* IF
Newton@Reyim IF

FRI 25 Harriett Leavitt* CC
Newton@Reyim* IF
Puritan* IF

MON 28 Newton@Reyim* No game
Newton@Reyim No game
Puritan CC

TUE 29 Newton@Reyim* No game
Puritan* IF
MIT IF
Newton@Reyim No game

WED 30 Newton@Reyim* IF
Puritan* IF
Winchester CC #3 of 4

Tuesday, October 13
MIT CC CA



Bridge Party (?)

Stephen McDevitt and Gloria Tsoi were married in Boston on April 25th, 2015. Twenty nine of the guests were bridge players, including the groom's cousin, Pat McDevitt.

EMBA Memorial Sectional May 29 - 31, Watertown, MA

Fri Eve 8 is Enough SWISS

A -B-C Three teams tied for first place

1/3 Eric Throop - Mark Throop, Framingham MA; Erick Knight, Saint Peter MN; Christiane Corcelle, Belmont MA

1/3 Paul Simon, Arlington MA; Greg Chang - Ronald Briggs, Lexington MA; Ashok Rao, Cambridge MA

1/3 Peter Clay, Wellesley MA; Franklyn Caine, Weston MA; David Aronson, Brookline MA; Steven Diamond, Shrewsbury MA

Saturday Morn 49er PAIRS

Ronald Williams - Charles McWilliams, Wellesley MA

Saturday Morn 299er PAIRS

AB Fiorella Triaca, Natick MA; Samuel Hunt, Wellesley MA

C Ronald Williams - Charles McWilliams, Wellesley MA

Saturday Morn OPEN PAIRS

A Natalie Bassil - Marina Polestra, Boston MA

B Daniel Jablonski, Stoneham MA; Albert Votolato, Attleboro MA



C Charles Rossi, Northborough MA; Scott Nyman, Shrewsbury MA

Sat. Afternoon OPEN PAIRS

A Zachary Grossack, Newton MA; Lewis Gamerman, Randolph MA

B Alix Taylor, Lincoln MA; Cecilla Borrás, Waltham MA

C Bert Chang, Westford MA; William Griffin, Acton MA

Sat. Afternoon 299er PAIRS

A Todd Kerekes - Patricia Kerekes, Manchester NH

B Sally Raymond, Arlington MA; Hardin Matthews, Belmont MA

Sunday STRATIFIED SWISS

A Lewis Gamerman, Randolph MA; Sheila Gabay - Zachary Grossack - Adam Grossack, Newton MA

X Vincent Messina, Wolfeboro NH; Barry Black, Brookline MA; Leonard Aberbach, Wayland MA; Jeffrey Lehman, Newton Center MA

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams

B Larry Hanerfeld, Leominster MA; Anita Taylor, Natick MA; Donald Deamer, West Boylston MA; John Pararas, Needham MA

C Barry Herring, Wellesley MA; Joseph Foster, Framingham MA; Maria Kawka - Marek Kawka, Bolton

D Leonid Tkach, Swampscott MA; Alexander Odulo, North Adams MA; Valentin Levin - Armen Martirosyan, Lynn MA

Sunday 299er Swiss Teams

A B-1/2 C Alan Maltz - Roger Loyer, Arlington MA; Charles Parker III, Carlisle MA; Sandy Smith, Watertown

A B-1/2 David Gardner - Nicole Gardner, Sudbury MA; Glenn Muir - Lisa Muir, Lexington MA



In Memoriam 2015

Irving Bloom
Susan Benevento
Murray Beer
Robert Brisson
Richard Burns
Daniel Colatosti
Kathleen Collins
Nadine Crespeigne
Audrey Dole
Judith Forker
John Galaris
Charles Halbfinger
Herbert Hauser
Norman Humer

Norman Jepsky
Barbara Kendrick
Edward Keneke
William King
Nona Lehmkuhle
Frank Lewy
Leslie Lundberg
Kathleen Lynch
Dennis McMahon
Adelaide Muhlfelder
Catherine Nicolazzo
Ginny O'Connor
Vincent Riccardi

John Rockart
Elizabeth Rosman
Joe Sangrey
Sidney Strome
Richard Theberge
Rose Shaylor
Hilda Silberman
Bernhart Snyder
Morris Spector
Doris Suojanen
John Valentine, Jr.
Martin Wolf
Irving Weisman



SHARK'S POINTERS

by Mark ("the Shark") Aquino

It was an incredible thrill to win the Flight A North American Pairs Championship in New Orleans this past spring with Shome Mukherjee. One of the hands that factored heavily in our win occurred in the final round against one of the most accomplished partnerships in the world – Lew and JoAnna Stansby. Artificial bids frequently run the risk of allowing the opponents to enter an auction by doubling for a killing lead or a possible good sacrifice, and this can be quite costly. On the diagrammed deal, however, doubling an artificial bid completely backfired, after some resourceful maneuvering by N-S.

Be Careful What You Wish For!

	Mark Aquino North		
	♠ K Q 10 9 2		
	♥ A K 7		
	♦ Q 6 3		
	♣ 5 2		
JoAnna Stansby West		Lew Stansby East	
♠ 5		♠ A 8 6	
♥ 6 4 2		♥ J 10 9 3	
♦ K 8 7 2		♦ J 9 5 4	
♣ A Q 8 6 2		♣ 10 4	
	Shome Mukherjee South		
	♠ J 7 4 3		
	♥ Q 8 5		
	♦ A 10		
	♣ K J 9 7		

Bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	3♣*	Double
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Contract: 3 NT by South **Opening Lead** ♦ 2

The auction requires some explanation. 3♣ was alerted as an artificial bid, showing nothing about clubs and indicating a good 4-piece limit raise in spades with 10-12 high card points. JoAnna's double was speculative, as she didn't know where the ♣K was, or if a diamond lead might be more desirable.

On the other hand, holding a singleton spade, her side might have had a good sacrifice in clubs, and the only way she could safely get into the auction was by doubling at this juncture.

The beauty of this great game of bridge is that there are no absolutes, and on a different lie of the cards, her bid might have struck paydirt.

As it was, North was alerted to the fact that a club lead would be coming through his partner, and looking at potentially 5 spade tricks and 2 heart tricks, it looked like 3NT might be the winning action – if his partner had clubs stopped and the contract was played from his partner's side. North's other concern was that his diamonds were not terribly robust, and he would also need some help in that suit for 3N to be right. His 3♥ bid got the message across and South had the perfect hand with which to bid 3NT – he had a diamond stopper and he had clubs extremely well stopped.

There was no defense that could set 3NT from the South side on this hand. As it was, a low diamond lead was ducked in dummy so as to guarantee 2 diamond tricks* for N-S, in addition to the 3 heart winners, and the 4 spade tricks, once the ace was knocked out. (*If West plays low, the 10 wins along with the A. If West plays the K, the Ace and dummy's Q are both winners, and if West should produce the J, as occurred on this deal, declarer would win the Ace and with the 10 in his hand opposite Q and one in dummy, a second trick is guaranteed.) Playing 3NT with a 5-4 spade fit and making nine tricks was worth 10 out of 13 matchpoints! 4 spades went down most of the time it was played, as the defense scored up 2 clubs, 1 diamond and 1 spade.

Today's Shark's Pointers:

1 Be careful what you wish for! On the defensive side, don't be too quick to bid or double for a lead if you are not certain that the lead will be helpful to your side, it might be more helpful to the opponents. West couldn't know where the ♣K was, for example. She also had a logical alternative lead that might have been more helpful (partner might have had 3 small clubs and QJx of diamonds and the diamond lead might have been the killer.

2 An artificial bid can often be quite effectively doubled for a lead. If you can see that a double of an artificial bid might be a problem for your side, think if there might be another way to bid your hand.

3 Don't be overly rigid in your bidding and try to be resourceful. Get in the habit of listening aggressively to not only your partner's bidding, but also your opponents' and adjust your bidding accordingly. On this deal, without interference, NS would most certainly have ended up playing in their 9 card spade fit. As it turned out, 3NT by South seemed to be the superior and obvious choice of contracts.

4 Finally, be aware that even the best players in the world aren't perfect. Don't get rattled and lose your confidence when playing against players with great resumes like the Stansbys'. Play steady, listen to the bidding, concentrate, and you'll do well, on any day, against ANY opponents. On this day, Shome and I proved this to be true – and on a different day, you and your partner can, too!

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THE EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BRIDGE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2015

EMBA Summer Sectional

July 31 - August 2

47 Nichols Ave., Watertown, MA



Friday July 31

7:30 PM

Single-Session STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

Strats by partnership average:
A: open / B: < 2000 / C: < 750.

Single-Session STRATIFIED 0-299er PAIRS

Limited to players with < 300 points.
Stratified by partnership average at
game time

Saturday August 1

10:30 AM & 3:00 PM

Two Session Championship FLIGHTED PAIRS

A, B, C Flights play separately
A: open / B: < 2500 / C: < 500
New: Flights stratified by avg. MPs.
Single session entries allowed.

Short break between sessions,
buy lunch or BYO

2 Single-Session 0-299er PAIRS
play separately, strats TBA
Single-Session 0-49er PAIRS
play separately - 10:30 AM only

Sunday August 2

10:30 AM

STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS

Flights play separately. Strats by
team average masterpoints.
A/X Flight: A: open / X: 0-3000
B/C/D Flight: No player > 2500
B: < 2500, C: < 1000 ; D: < 500

Playthrough with short lunch break:
Pizza included in entry fee.

**Single Session 299er
SWISS TEAMS** 4 matches