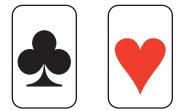


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THE EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BRIDGE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Fall 2015

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TOURNAMENT TRAIL

EMBA Cape Cod Sectional

October 3 & 4
Barnstable Intermediate School
895 Falmouth Rd. – Barnstable MA

Masters Regional

November 4 - 8
Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA

EMBA Holiday Sectional & Meeting

December 11 - 13
Watertown, MA



Important NEW Quick Trick Options!

Make sure you receive future Quick Trick issues in a timely manner! The Board has decided to **email** enhanced, color versions of future Quick Tricks directly to every EMBA member.

For uninterrupted service, be sure to complete the form at the back of this issue and mail it in OR - Opt-In online at www.acblemba.org

A Message from our president...

Dear EMBA Members,

I hope you all had a good summer. I am pleased to report that EMBA had two good tournaments: the Memorial and the Summer tournaments. I want to congratulate the Tournament Committee members and the hosts for doing a wonderful job.

I don't know if you have heard the news, but EMBA did very well at the Chicago Nationals. We want to congratulate the team of John Hrones, Rena Lieberman, Bill Irvine, Bob Lurie, Mel Marcus, and Haven Sharaf for winning the Senior Swiss Teams event. And there were other good showings by EMBA members. Congratulations to all.

As we welcome fall, EMBA is looking forward to our October tournament on the Cape -- October 3 and 4 at the Barnstable Intermediate School. We are happy to be returning to the Cape and we hope that you all will attend. Also, I want to remind you that we have a District 25 tournament coming up -- the Master's Regional from November 4 - 8 at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield Massachusetts.

I hope that you have a good autumn.

David M. Aronson

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President	David Aronson
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Secretary	Carolyn Weiser
Treasurer	Stanley Richmond



REMEMBER TO VOTE!

It's time to elect new board members and officers! Officers serve a one year term, board members three years, starting in January, 2016. See page 2-3 for information about the candidates and pages 9-10 for a mail-in ballot - OR - instructions on how to vote online.

DAVID ARONSON

I am presently President of EMBA. I have been an EMBA member since 1998. I ran for the Board because I wanted to help expand the range of options that we offer to our members and because I want to encourage more players to join EMBA.



I teach bridge to players of all levels and, especially with beginners, I encourage them to find the enjoyment that I do of playing this exciting game. EMBA does have some issues facing us; namely expanding our membership, having more people volunteer to help run tournaments and, most importantly, having players enjoy their time playing bridge.

I believe that we need to encourage more people to join EMBA and I am pleased to see the progress that we are making in encouraging young people to learn and play bridge. I ask for your vote for me in the upcoming election.

BOB BERTONI

I ask for your vote to remain vice president. I've been involved in bridge for 10 years and have done my best to serve the game. I am a Gold Life Master and ACBL Director. I operate the Amesbury DBC. I have worked to bring the game into the modern era while retaining its integrity.



I have:

- Developed EMBA and provnabc.org websites and serve as webmaster for both
- Chaired Quick Trick and Bill Hunter Cup committees
- Been on the EMBA Board for 6 yrs and a member of the Tournament committee
- Chaired website and scheduling committees for D25
- A D25 delegate of EMBA (6 years)
- Spearheaded the "EMBA Winner" mugs for Sectional winners and suggested "Free play for juniors."

I would like to improve our tournaments, promote newcomers and the zero tolerance policy and work to make the game interesting to youth. Thank you for your vote and please feel free to contact me with your suggestions and ideas.

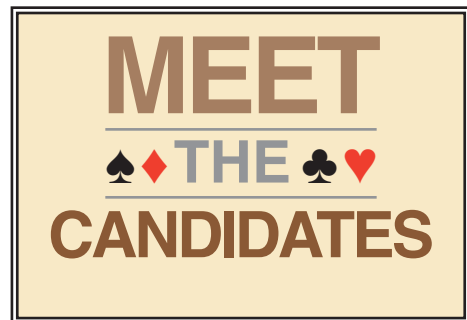
VALERIE FLEISCHER

I began playing duplicate bridge about 4 years ago. I am hooked. Yet why are there not a lot of people like me, new players, new to the game, willing to get involved in duplicate bridge?



When I was asked if I would consider a spot on the EMBA board, I thought maybe I could make a difference. We need to get the next generation of bridge players more involved and active in duplicate bridge.

I have enjoyed my year on the board and I have learned a lot. I would like the opportunity for another term to continue to learn and take an active role in encouraging new players to take the next step. I remember how intimidating it was when I first started. We need to make the game more inviting. I will listen to the concerns of new players and be a voice for those too intimidated to take the plunge. Please vote for me and I will work to help make EMBA even better.



LEW GAMERMAN

I became interested in bridge when I was 8 years old from watching my mother's bridge club and then developed my game by watching "Goren on Bridge" on Saturday mornings. I was an avid rubber bridge player until 2003 when Bob McCaw introduced me to the joys of duplicate bridge. Since then I have retired and devoted my life to playing and teaching bridge. I have been the co-coach of the Brandeis bridge team, with Adam Grossack, for the last 5 years and I have been helping Jeff Lehman with developing young peoples' interest in the game. I always stress to clients and students; BRIDGE IS A GAME, first and foremost, and should be fun as well as it should satisfy the competitive spirit.



FREDERICK BROWN

Please consider my candidacy to the Board of EMBA. I am an ACBL member in a small new club. I retired this past summer. I have served on many boards and would like to contribute to EMBA. I have been playing bridge since my days in the army in the early 1950s. I have found it to be a worthwhile way to meet people. Since I have enjoyed the fellowship of bridge players all these years, I have decided to volunteer my time to this organization. I have been impressed by the quality of leadership and the objectives of EMBA.



Justice Brown didn't send what follows, but we found this online:

Frederick L. Brown was born in Chicago, Illinois. He received a B.A., cum laude, from Harvard College in 1954. After serving in the United States Army for ten years, he entered Harvard Law School, where he received his LL.B. in 1967. From 1967 to 1969 he served as chief law clerk to the justices of the Superior Court. Justice Brown then engaged in private practice in Boston. After serving as regional counsel for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, he joined the faculty of Northeastern University School of Law in 1973.

**Associate Justice 1976-2003
Recall Justice 2003**

In 1976, Gov. Michael Dukakis appointed Judge Brown to the Appeals Court, making him the Commonwealth's first African-American appellate judge. Throughout his career Justice Brown has been involved in many educational and philanthropic activities, including service as a member of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern University since 1977 and as a trustee of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute since 1995. He was affiliated with the Lena Park Community Development Corporation for many years as a director, Housing Division chairman, and chairman of the board. Justice Brown was an Alvin Brown Fellow at the Aspen Institute in 1977 and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from New England School of Law in 1989.

EDWARD JOU

Two years ago, I joined the MIT bridge club beginner lessons. The teachers' depth of knowledge and enthusiasm for the game was contagious, and I soon found myself consumed by



the game. Through the novice classes, I made friends with other newbies and learned from masters. I began going to sectionals and met many friendly faces who loved the game as much as I did. Having lived in Boston for a decade, I am shocked at how much more I have learned about the people of Boston through bridge. I want to share that experience with as many people as possible. If elected, my priority will be to increase new membership as much as possible so that others I would also spend time getting to know as many members of the bridge community as possible in order to figure out what the community truly desires. Please support me by lending me your vote.

STANLEY RICHMOND

I was honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy in 1963. I graduated with honors from Northeastern with a B. S. in Economics. I was an Enrolled Actuary and member of the American Academy of Actuaries. I spent 44 years working on corporate retirement plans; 5 years with John Hancock Insurance Company performing actuarial valuations of defined benefit retirement plans and 16 years as a consultant and actuary in retirement plans for two of the original Big Eight Accounting firms. I became president and co-owner of QPSI in 1988 and retired in 2007. I served as treasurer for the Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood of Needham for 8 years and for 2 years for the Jewish Big Brother/Big Sister Association of Boston. I was a Big Brother to 4 little brothers over a 24 year period. My main interests are visiting our grandchildren, reading books, sun bathing at the ocean and of course duplicate bridge. I am the Treasurer of EMBA this year. As a board member, I would look forward to continuing my work on financial planning and investments and to making our tournaments and club games more warm, friendly and fun.



LISA PROCTER

I started playing bridge eight years ago. My father in-law was a great bridge player and I only regret not learning sooner.



I became serious by taking lessons and working on my game. I really enjoy bridge and the friendships that I have made. My professional career started at Peat Marwick and Mitchell, a biotech venture capital firm. I worked until the funds were fully invested and we completed our major exits. Then my volunteer career started. I have been a member of the EMBA board for three years. I chaired the audit committee, participated on the tournament, members and newcomers committees. I chair the membership committee. I hope to continue to bring my organizational and financial skills to the board. Having achieved my silver life master, I hope to look for new ways to encourage beginners to get involved, play in tournaments and improve as players.

LUKE GILLESPIE

I started playing bridge as a pre-teen when I was drafted to fill out a game with my grandmother and my aunts who lived with us. From there I progressed to Al Oszy's game in Needham, the Boston Chess Club (R.I.P). EMBA sectionals, New England regionals and the occasional NABC. I was especially fond of the Chess Club where I spent quite a bit of time during my twenties. The game was very tough, and I won my first sectional pair event before I won a BCC duplicate. I took a hiatus from bridge while my three children were growing up, when I volunteered with the Wayland Baseball Assn and was president of the Wayland Swim and Tennis Club. I resumed regular tournament play about twelve years ago. Today I am semi-retired from a career in computer programming. During my first three years on the board I participated on the tournament committee and ran one of our Watertown sectionals. I serve as EMBA's Unit Tournament Coordinator, manage the ACBL's TourneyTRAX database, enter and update sectional and STaC games, email blasts, etc. I am also the District Tournament Coordinator for ACBL District 25 (New England).



ZACH GROSSACK

Hi, I'm Zach Grossack, and I really love the game of bridge. I am currently a freshman at Tufts University, where I will be hoping to start a bridge club.



I started playing when I was nine years old, and it's been all uphill from there. I became a life master at 12, won my first junior world championship in Atlanta in 2013, and won my first open national event last year with my brother Adam. I've seen, first hand, on countless occasions, how kids react to my telling them I play bridge; mostly, "what is that?" "Is that a card game?" And occasionally, "oh, my grandparents play that!" My goal is to help change that reaction, and I think EMBA is taking great strides to making that happen and I want to be a part of that effort.

PAUL HARRIS

I have lived and worked in Waltham all my life, both as an apartment manager and enthusiastic bridge player. I have been on EMBA's Board for three years now and have enjoyed helping out my fellow Board members, but most importantly, helping you the best that I can. You may have seen me at the Watertown tournaments, I'm there doing what I can to make everyone's experience a happy one. I pride myself in listening to what people have to say and then doing my best to make it happen, and I hope you'll allow me to continue to do so for another term.



REMEMBER
TO 
VOTE!

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

REACHING



NEW HEIGHTS

Achievements obtained between May 1 and July 31, 2015

Junior Master

Hope Barkan, Boston
 Daryl Bladen, Brewster
 Margy Charles, Cohasset
 Diana Chirita, Lincoln
 Deborah Clark, Chatham
 Nancy Clough, East Orleans
 Evelyn Crocker, Marion
 Judith Crosby, N Marshfield
 Sally Fallon, Marion
 Rikki Farber, Salem
 Karen Faulkner, W Roxbury
 Paul Garstka, Plymouth
 Jeff Goldberg, Lexington
 Robert Gordon, Lexington
 Helen Jones, Boston
 Edward Langley, Acton
 Margaret Lilly, Boston
 Joshua Lindner, Billerica
 Tianren Liu, Cambridge
 Richard Lourie, Jamaica Plain
 Gail Marcinkiewicz, Wakefield
 Melvyn Menezes, Westwood
 Frances Milotte, N Dartmouth
 Cathy Minkiewicz, W Tisbury
 Francis Murphy, Lexington
 Jeanellen Newell, Brewster
 Charles Parker III, Carlisle
 Anne Rahilly, Teaticket
 Ellen Reardon, Lexington
 Rob Russell, Middleton
 Frances Sajewicz, Plainville
 Mary Ann Sirois, Newburyport
 Margaret Smith, Harwich
 Susan Boehm Smith, Belmont
 Lester Starr Jr, Medfield
 Richard Steinberg, Brookline
 Lyn Taylor, Chestnut Hill
 Samuel Thorne, Bedford
 Zhing Tian, New Bedford
 Martin Traywick, W Hyannisport
 Jane Wall, Salem
 William Wieners, Yarmouth Port
 Mary Alice Wistman, Belmont

Club Master

Lynley Baker, Manchester
 Gatewood Colvin, Cambridge
 Barbara Durham, Plymouth
 Mary Fowler, Boston
 Shari Goldman, Natick
 Trudy Hanes, Andover
 Michael Helman, N Andover
 Aldrich Humphrey, N Dartmouth
 Janet King, Wayland
 Barbara Langley, Acton
 Roger Loyer, Arlington
 Armen Martirosyan, Lynn
 Georgia McGuire, Winchester
 Susan Miller, Sharon
 Susanne Osberg, Sharon
 Mary Reilly, Andover
 Muggsie Rocco, Carlisle
 Mary Sheldon, Lincoln
 Deb Silverstein, Waban
 Scott Taylor, Weston

Sectional Master

Barbara Blauer, Newton
 Ellen Brown, Newton
 Deborah Burwick, Boston
 Judith Campbell, Burlington
 Tom Caragliano, Medfield
 Richard Daly, Newburyport
 Sumner Feldberg, Brookline
 Kristen Frederick, W Yarmouth
 Marcy Glanz, Lincoln
 Sheila Goldberg, Waltham
 Sandra Jackson, Nantucket

Ann Kaye, Boston
 Mark Lee, Boston
 M Mark, Reading
 Hardin Matthews, Belmont
 Nancy Mullen, Braintree
 Linda Saperstein, Chestnut Hill
 Christine Skentzos, N Reading
 Marilyn Tapper, Newton Center
 Ellen Thurmond, Westwood

Regional Master

Jane Brown, Mashpee
 Henry Cook, Manchester
 Janet Dodge, Gloucester
 Linda Dukatz, Marblehead
 Donald Everett, Harwich
 Nicole Gardner, Sudbury
 Beverly Keats, Framingham
 William Kondrath, Sharon
 Brigitte Kuperwasser, Newton
 Diane Malkoski, S Dartmouth
 Edward Oakes, Foxboro
 Verna Rankin, Weston
 Carol Reymos, Norwood
 Robert Salomon, Waltham
 Nancy Taicher, Sharon
 Lee Anne Thurman, Marblehead
 Venky Venkataramani, Andover

NABC Master

John Flynn, Haverhill
 Roberta Francis, Wellesley
 Kathy Gatewood, N Chatham
 Bob Gervis, W Newton
 Carmine Greco, Brewster
 Art Layton, Mattapoisett
 Valentin Levin, Lynn
 Richard Meyer, Marion
 Sabrina Miles, Mansfield
 Shirley Samansky, Chestnut Hill
 Bruce Sauter, Brewster
 Sharon Stanfill, Lincoln
 Elizabeth Wood, Arlington

Adv NABC Master

Allan Ganem, Jamaica Plain
 Ashok Rao, Cambridge
 Roger Zessis, Westwood

Life Master

Patricia Bailer, Brewster
 Marianne Bechet, Chestnut Hill
 Diane Carr Staton, Medway
 Joanna Gleason, Chestnut Hill
 Avrum Goldstein, Mashpee
 Selen Hotamisligil, Wellesley
 Simon Zimmerman, Hopkinton

Bronze Life Master

Linda Holmes, Westport
 Carolyn Johansson, S Weymouth
 Deirdre Ling, W Tisbury
 Yanyan Liu, Wilmington

Silver Life Master

Marianne Bechet, Chestnut Hill
 David Gross, Sudbury
 James Kaplan, Oak Bluffs
 RoseAnne Levinson, Marblehead
 Uresh Vahalia, Newton
 Judith Williams, Eastham

Gold Life Master

Jori Grossack, Waban
 Richard Saval, Wayland
 Barbara Tarlin, Wellesley

Diamond Life Master

James Rasmussen, Cambridge



Cape Cod Sectional

Oct 3 & 4, 2015

Barnstable Intermediate School
 895 Falmouth Rd. - Barnstable MA



Saturday, October 3

10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Two-Session **STRATIFIED PAIRS**

Strats by partnership average:

A: open / B: < 2000 / C: < 750

2 Single Session **299er PAIRS**

Stratification by partnership avg.

Strats to be determined

Short break between sessions.

Order sandwich or BYO lunch.

Will be done by 6:00

** NEW LOCATION **

Directions from Off-Cape: Rt.3 to Rt.6 East. Take Exit 6 Rt. 132 towards Hyannis. • After 1.7 mi. slight right onto Bearses Way • then another slight right onto Pitcher's Way. • After .9 mi. turn right onto Falmouth Rd.- Rt. 28 • In .6 mi., Barnstable Intermediate School, 895 Falmouth Rd., is on the left.

Special Bridge Hotel Rate:
 Hyannis Travel Inn, 18 North St.
 508-775-8202 \$99 per night

Sunday, October 4

10:00 AM

A/X SWISS TEAMS

Strats: A: Unlimited X: < 3000 MPs by team average

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS

Limited to players w. < 2500 MPs. Brackets and Masterpoint limits TBD

Short break for lunch.

Entry fee includes pizza slices.

Will be done by 6:00



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

October

THU 1 Newton@Reyim* CA
Puritan* ACBL Ch
Newton@Reyim CA ST
Westwood* CA

FRI 2 Brewster-Seaside* CA ST
Newton@Reyim* CA
Puritan* CA
Westwood* CA ST

EMBA CAPE COD SECTIONAL
Barnstable, MA October 3 & 4

SUN 4 Westwood* ChC

MON 5 Harriett Leavitt* CA
Harwich-Oak Street* CA
Newton@Reyim* No game
Newton@Reyim No game
Puritan CA
Westwood EF

TUE 6 Newton@Reyim* No game
Orleans-Rock Harbor* CA
Westwood* CA ST

WED 7 Newton@Reyim* Ch
Westwood* CA Bday Party

FRI 9 Westwood* GRF

SAT 10 Westwood* CA ST

SUN 11 Westwood* CA

MON 12 Barnstable-Upper Cape* CA
Harwich-Oak Street* No game
Newton@Reyim* CA
Puritan* CA Open
W. Yarmouth-D-Y* CA HP
Newton@Reyim CA ST
Provincetown HP
Westwood* CA ST

TUE 13 Newton@Reyim* Ch
Puritan* CA
Harriett Leavitt CA
MIT CA
Newton@Reyim CA
Westwood* CA

WED 14 Newton@Reyim* CA ST
Puritan* CA ST
Hamilton CA
Westwood CA

THU 15 Newton@Reyim* Ch
W. Yarmouth-D-Y* CA
Newton@Reyim CA
Westwood* CA ST

FRI 16 Brewster-Seaside* CC
Harriett Leavitt* CA
Newton@Reyim* ACBL Ch IM
Puritan* CC
Westwood* IM

MON 19 Harwich-Oak Street* CC
Newton@Reyim* CA ST
Newton@Reyim Ch
Westwood* ChC
Westwood CA

TUE 20 Newton@Reyim* CA
Orleans-Rock Harbor* CC
Puritan* ICC
MIT CA ST
Newton@Reyim CA ST
Westwood* ICC

WED 21 Barnstable-Upper Cape* CA
Harriett Leavitt* CA
Westwood* IF
Winchester CA

THU 22 Puritan* CA

FRI 23 Barnstable-Upper Cape* CA
Newton@Reyim* CA ST
Westwood* CA

SAT 24 Westwood* JR

SUN 25 Westwood* CA ST

MON 26 Newton@Reyim* Ch
Puritan* CA 749er ST
Newton@Reyim CA
Puritan CC
Westwood* CA

TUE 27 Newton@Reyim* CA ST
Orleans-Rock Harbor* CA ST
Newton@Reyim Ch
Westwood* ChC

WED 28 Newton@Reyim* CA
Puritan* CA
Hamilton CC
Winchester CA
Westwood* CA ST
Westwood EF

THU 29 Newton@Reyim* CA ST
Newton@Reyim Ch Fast Pairs
Westwood* GRF

FRI 30 Brewster-Seaside* CA
Newton@Reyim* Ch

SAT 31 Mashpee-Upper Cape* CA
Pot luck - Costume party
Puritan* CC(U)
Westwood* CA

* 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 - **749er** - Limited to players with fewer than 750 MP's

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

November

MON 2 Puritan* MG 749er
Puritan MG
Westwood* CC

TUE 3 Puritan* ACBL Ch

Masters Regional

Mansfield, MA November 4 - 8

WED 4 Westwood* Bday Party

FRI 6 Puritan* MG

MON 9 Barnstable-Upper Cape* CC
Newton@Reyim* Ch
Newton@Reyim ICC
Westwood* ICC

TUE 10 MIT Ch
Newton@Reyim Ch
Westwood* MG

WED 11 Harriett Leavitt* MG
Newton@Reyim* Ch
Hamilton ChC
Westwood* Veteran's Day
game at 1:00
Winchester CC

THU 12 Newton@Reyim* Ch
Puritan* CC
Newton@Reyim CC
Westwood* ChC

FRI 13 Westwood* CC

SAT 14 Puritan* Ch
Westwood* IF

SUN 15 Westwood* MG

MON 16 Puritan* CC 749er
Newton@Reyim Ch
Westwood* JF

TUE 17 Newton@Reyim* Ch
MIT CC

WED 18 Barnstable-Upper Cape* CC
Newton@Reyim* ICC
Puritan* MG
Westwood* ICC
Westwood ChC
Winchester MG

THU 19 Newton@Reyim Ch
Westwood* CC

FRI 20 Newton@Reyim* Ch
Westwood* EF

SAT 21 Puritan* CC
Westwood* CC

SUN 22 Westwood* GRF

MON 23 Newton@Reyim* CC
Westwood ChC

TUE 24 Puritan* CC
Newton@Reyim CC
Westwood* IF

WED 25 Westwood* JF

THU 26 Newton@Reyim* No game
Puritan* No game
W. Yarmouth-D-Y* No game
Newton@Reyim No game
Westwood* no game

FRI 27 Brewster-Seaside* No game

MON 30 Newton@Reyim ACBL Ch
Westwood ACBL Ch



Club News



Carleton Hall BC - Dennis DBC (Fri. evenings) & Midcape BC (Wed. evenings) will both close for the season Oct 31, 2015 and reopen May 1, 2016.

Leavitt DBC - No Game Sept. 14 - rosh Hashanah - No Game Tues. eve. Sept. 22nd & Wed. day 23rd.

PuritanBridge.org - Special Memorial Game was held September 15th to honor Charlie Halbfinger, a long time Puritan supporter.

Holiday Parties: Tues, Dec. 15 - catered & Sat., Dec. 19 - Pot Luck. Starting Oct. supervised Social Game added - Fridays 10:30 am.

Provincetown BC - will hold its annual pot-luck party Oct. 12. That is also the last game of the season.

Upper Cape BC - Saturday October 31 - Noon at Mashpee COA Halloween Potluck/Championship Game Costume Party! Prizes for game winners and best single and pair costumes! Saturday December 12 Christmas Potluck/Championship game. Noon at Mashpee COA

Westwood Bridge Club - From November through February, Sunday games will start at 1:00 PM.



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

December

TUE 1 Puritan* ACBL Ch
Harriett Leavitt CC

WED 2 Harriett Leavitt* CC
Puritan* CC
Westwood* Bday Party

FRI 4 Barnstable-Upper Cape* CC
Harriett Leavitt* CC
Newton@Reyim* CC

SAT 5 Puritan* Ch

MON 7 Harriett Leavitt* CC
Newton@Reyim* Ch
W. Yarmouth-D-Y* CC
Newton@Reyim CC
Westwood* MG
Westwood CC

TUE 8 Newton@Reyim* CC
MIT MG Ind
Westwood* CC

WED 9 Newton@Reyim* Ch
Westwood* MG
Westwood CC
Winchester ST HP C

THU 10 Puritan* MG
W. Yarmouth-D-Y* CC
Newton@Reyim Ch ST
Westwood* Holiday Party

**EMBA
HOLIDAY SECTIONAL
Watertown, MA December 11 - 13**

FRI 11 Westwood* MG

SAT 12 Mashpee-Upper Cape* CC
Pot luck
Westwood* no game

SUN 13 Westwood* no game

MON 14 Westwood* MG

TUE 15 Puritan* MG Holiday Party
Catered Lunch
Newton@Reyim Ch

WED 16 Hamilton MG HP
Westwood* ChC

THU 17 Newton@Reyim* CC
Newton@Reyim ICC
Westwood* MG

FRI 18 Newton@Reyim* Ch
Westwood* ChC **Individual**
Simpson Memorial

SAT 19 Puritan* MG Holiday Party
Pot Luck
Westwood* ChC - **2-Sessions**
10 am & 2 pm Simpson Memorial

SUN 20 Westwood* ChC ST - 10 & 2
2-sessions - Simpson Memorial

MON 21 Harwich-Oak Street* No game
Newton@Reyim* ACBL Ch
Newton@Reyim Ch
Westwood* EF

TUE 22 Newton@Reyim* Ch
Orleans-Rock Harbor* No game
MIT EF IMP
Westwood* Holiday Party

WED 23 Newton@Reyim* CC
Westwood* CC
Westwood GRF

THU 24 W. Yarmouth-D-Y* No game
Newton@Reyim No game

FRI 25 Brewster-Seaside* No game
Newton@Reyim* No game
Puritan* No game
Westwood* No game

SAT 26 Westwood* MG

SUN 27 Westwood CC

MON 28 Harwich-Oak Street* No game
Westwood ChC

TUE 29 Orleans-Rock Harbor* No game
Westwood* IF

THU 31 Newton@Reyim* Ch
Newton@Reyim No game
Westwood* JF



GREAT NEWS FROM THE CHICAGO NATIONALS!

Congratulations to the National Senior Swiss Team Winners:

Standing, L to R: **John Hrones, Haven Sharaf, Bill Irvine**
Seated: **Mel Marcus, Rena Lieberman and Robert Lurie**

**And Kudos to New Grand Life Masters:
Bill Irvine and Mel Marcus**

EMBA Summer Sectional July 31 - August 2, Watertown, MA

Fri Eve Open Pairs

- A** Haven Sharaf, Danvers MA;
Tom Seder, Belmont MA
- B** Arkady Shifrin, Natick MA;
George Gardos, Sharon MA
- C** Itai Lourie - Richard Lourie,
Jamaica Plain MA

Saturday Flight A PAIRS

- Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA;
Shome Mukherjee, Randolph MA
- X** Adam Grossack, Newton MA;
Steven Diamond, Shrewsbury MA

Saturday Flight B PAIRS

- Sabrina Miles, Mansfield MA;
Lynda Edson, South Easton MA
- Y** Catherine Cooper, Woburn MA;
Richard Willey, Natick MA

Saturday Flight C PAIRS

- C&Z** Abraham Fisher, Concord MA;
Nathaniel Hipsman, Cambridge MA



Saturday AM 299er PAIRS

- A** Harold Nordstrom, Reading MA;
John Zappala, Lynnfield MA
- B&C** W Gentry, Kent OH;
Douglas Cleland, Colledgeville PA

Saturday PM 299er PAIRS

- A** Terry Robinson, Westwood MA;
Alicia Munnell, Boston MA
- B&C** Yan Drabek - Allison Ryan,
Florence MA

Sunday STRATIFIED SWISS

- A** Pamela Miller - James Rasmussen, Cambridge MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Woburn MA; John McLaughlin, Melrose MA
- X** Brad Mampe, Medford MA; Steven Willner, Needham MA; Vincent Koon Kam King - Reid Barton, Arlington MA

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams

- B, C & D**
Marshall Williams, Woonsocket RI;
Barry Gilbert, Lincoln RI; Clinton Wright, Slatersville RI; Edmond Cabana, Blackstone MA

Sunday 299er Swiss Teams

- A** Mike Geaney, Nahant MA; Carol Mycoff - Marilyn Hurwitz, Salem MA; Rosemary Huang, Swampscott MA
- B** Richard Burkhart - Marilyn Howard, Burlington MA; Elizabeth Wood, Arlington MA; Lisa Muir, Lexington MA
- C** Wendy Zimman-Smith, Stoneham MA; Alan Maltz, Arlington MA; Charles Parker III, Carlisle MA; Peggy Gibson, Lexington MA

EMBA Holiday Sectional and Annual Meeting

December 11 - 13, 2015
47 Nichols Ave., Watertown, MA

Friday, December 11

7:30 PM

Single Session

ANNUAL PRO-AM PAIRS

Pros: Life Masters or 500+ MPs, play with non-pros.

Pairs of two non-pros are allowed.

Stratified by Pro's MPs: A: open / B: < 2500 / C: < 750

Partnership: Call the EMBA info number: 857-342-EMBA

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Saturday, December 11

10:30 AM & 3:15 PM

Two-Session Bill Hunter Cup

STRATIFIED PAIRS

Strats by partner avg: A open B < 2000

C < 750 Single session accepted

Two-Session 0-299er PAIRS

(strats TBD, single session accepted)

Single Session 0-49er PAIRS

10:30 AM only

EMBA Annual Meeting

At break - Buy lunch or BYO

Sunday, December 13

10:30 AM

STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS

TEAMS (2 sessions)

Flights play separately. Stratification by team average masterpoints.

A/X Flight: (A = open / X = <3000)

B/C/D Flight: No player > 2500

B < 2500; C < 1000; D < 500)

Playthrough with short lunch break:

Pizza included in entry fee.

299er SWISS TEAMS

10:30 AM (4 matches)

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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With a heart trick under his belt, if declarer could endplay West, he could gain access to dummy's clubs or score a 2nd diamond winner – but how? If he ruffed the opening lead, he would have to pitch his ♣9 on his third round of trumps, or pitch a second diamond, making an endplay on West impossible. Therefore - If he wins one club in dummy and pitches ♦5 from his hand, and then draws trumps, he'll arrive at this position:

♠ void
♥ T 3 2
♦ T 4 3
♣ K Q 9

♠ void
♥ void
♦ K J 9 8 7
♣ T 8 7 6

♠ void
♥ A J 9 8 7 6 5
♦ void
♣ 5 4

♠ T 9 8
♥ K Q 4
♦ A Q 6
♣ void

Now, declarer can lead a high heart from his hand, and East must duck – or he presents declarer with his contract. After scoring his heart trick, if declarer leads the ♦Q, and West is kind enough to win the K, West will have an impossible return. If he returns a diamond, declarer will win the 10 in dummy and cash his two high clubs. If he returns a club, declarer has the marked finesse of the 9 and will score 3 club tricks to make his slam. So, what if West ducks the ♦Q? Now declarer is doomed! If he plays Ace and a diamond, West will win and just continue diamonds.

So let's go back to trick one! What if declarer discards the ♦Q on the first club? After drawing trumps, he plays the ♥K - which has to hold the trick - and gets to the ending as shown. Declarer will then have ♦Axx, instead of ♦AQx, opposite 10xx. Now when declarer plays a low diamond towards dummy, West can't duck and he is cooked! If he ducks, the 10 wins. If he wins and returns a diamond, the 10 is an entry. If he returns a club, he finesses the 9. Go thru it again. It is a fabulous hand!!!

Today's Shark's Pointers:

1. Double dummy problems are great tools to help improve card play technique – and they are not altogether fantasy hands!
2. The bidding and early play will often reveal the distribution and location of all the cards so play really is a double dummy exercise. The heart preempt and the Lightener double revealed that there was a void in the long heart hand. It wasn't clubs, so that void had to be in diamonds.
3. When tackling a complicated hand, take it piece by piece. This was a great problem. It was actually possible to deduce all the clues needed from the bidding. The first clue was to see that a heart trick could be taken – without losing a trick. Everything else rotated around that. The other clue was getting rid of the ♦Q.
4. On defense, you don't always have to win a trick, just because you can. Think about what will happen if you win, or if you duck!
5. The Lightener Double is a great tool. Study this convention and discuss it with your favorite partners. It'll pay big dividends.
6. Let's all try to aspire to be as gracious and talented as John McDermott and all the other 19 Larry Weiss Trophy winners. And if you know of someone worthy of the honor, **please let me know!**

Today we are often shown optimal results and are challenged to figure out how the computer arrived at them. When we see all four hands, it's a "Double Dummy" Problem. Today's hand is one of the best I have ever seen and it was shared with me recently by John McDermott of West Roxbury, one of my mentors, and the first ever recipient of the Larry Weiss Award (1981), given to a gifted bridge player in New England who demonstrates "superior behavior and gracious presence at the table" – qualities that John epitomizes.

Contract: 6 Spades by South Opening lead ♣J

Now I will show you the hand and ask you stop reading until you have found the solution – or give up trying!

Dlr: E
Vul: N-S
♠ K
♥ T 3 2
♦ T 4 3 2
♣ A K Q 9 2

♠ 5 4 3
♥ void
♦ K J 9 8 7
♣ J T 8 7 6

♠ 7 6 2
♥ A J 9 8 7 6 5
♦ void
♣ 5 4 3

♠ A Q J T 9 8
♥ K Q 4
♦ A Q 6 5
♣ void

Bidding:

East	South	West	North
3♥	4♠	P	5♣
P	6♠	P	P
X!	all pass		

First, a comment about the bidding. East's double is what is called a Lightener Double – named after one of the bridge stars of yesteryear, Theodore Lightener. It usually suggests a void, or asks partner to lead the dummy's first bid suit. West had to guess between clubs and diamonds and was afraid to lead away from the ♦K. As you can see, an opening diamond lead would result in the defense getting the first 6 tricks on a cross ruff! As it turned out, the opening lead, and the auction, presented declarer with a blueprint of how to play this hand.

OK, are you ready to read about the solution to today's hand?

Declarer has 3 club tricks, 6 spade tricks, 1 diamond and 1 heart. He knows that hearts are 7-0 and by inference, that East is very likely to be void in diamonds. He could cash 3 top clubs, but then there would be no way to make the hand, also, the ♣9 in dummy presents the option of a potential 4th club winner if the opponents are forced to lead that suit. With East known to have all the hearts and presumably no diamonds, declarer could see that if his trumps were extracted, East could not win the Ace of hearts without presenting declarer with an entry to dummy. That was an important clue. To create this position, declarer would need to keep the ♥10xx in dummy after drawing trumps, and he would also need to keep all 3 of his hearts in his hand.

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