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NEWS TO NOTE



EMBA Election Time is Now!

Nominations were reported on May 15th for officer 1-year terms and board member 3-year terms beginning January 2012. See page 2 for the election slate and page 9 for the mail-in ballot.

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EMBA Summer Sectional – Watertown ACEC

The earlier start times were a blessing for some players, an awkward change for others. Good attendance and strong competition were the result – something we are all in favor of. The Friday evening pairs games drew a total of 36 tables; **Sheila Gabay** and **Rick Binder** won the A strata with a strong 65.85% game. **Timothy Francis-Wright** of Medford paired with **Lena Sundgren** of Watertown to win the C strata, while the B strata winners were **John Woodman** of Canton, MA and **Tucker Merritt** of Mansfield Center, CT (left photo, below). **Janet Dodge** and **Louisa Deland** of Manchester, MA won the 299er pairs with a good 62.20% game. **John** and **Tucker** had a very good weekend; they also took the top spot in the Tom Wilder Flight B pairs on Saturday with a 61.48% game!



Joyce Pearson of Framingham and **Jori Grossack** of Waban (at right, above) won the Tom Wilder Flight A pairs; **Harry Marsh** and **Michael Stevens** of Waltham led the Flight C field. Winners in the Saturday 299er pairs were **Elizabeth Paige** of Duxbury and **Brenda Hussey** of Hingham (A strata), **Jini Footer** and **Helen Meyrowitz** of Needham (B strata), **Joseph Curley** of Rockport and **Gene Flynn** of Shrewsbury (C strata).

Sharing the early start of the main event, the Saturday morning side game attracted 10 tables. Winners of A and B were **David** and **Bonnie Miller** of Chestnut Hill. **Virginia Leavy** of West Newton and **Chris Gradjian** of Wayland were the C winners.



The Sunday Swiss team winners included some familiar faces and a good batch of newer ones. **Bob Gorse**, **Neil Montague**, **Rick Binder** and **Bill Braucher** (left photo) won the A strata with a dominating 132 VPs. **Pamela Miller**, **James Rasmussen**, **Melody Bi** and **Anton Tsyppkin** (not shown) won in the X strata. The B/C/D Swiss winners were **Larry Hanerfeld**, **John Pararas**, **Anita Taylor**, and **Chuck Greenslit** (right photo) in B; **Alix Taylor**, **Ru Hong Terajewicz**, **John** and **Elizabeth Nikula** in C; **Dan Jablonski**, **Emily Marcus**, **Catherine** and **Ira Cooper** in D. The team of **Edith Alpers**, **Lois Barbour**, **Chiyo Alvarez** and **Shirley Wertheim** won the 299er Swiss.

President's Message

In this issue of the Quick Trick you will find a ballot for the election of EMBA officers and Board members for 2012 and statements from candidates running for the Board. EMBA Board members play a very important role in the operation of our Unit. In addition to volunteering many hours of their time to ensure the smooth running of our tournaments and functioning of our Unit affairs, they set policy on items such as the starting times for tournaments, the conditions of contest for different events, and how to allocate funds to promote bridge in the local community.

Roy Green and the Election Committee have put together an outstanding slate of candidates for the Board, and I urge you to read their statements and to vote for the individuals that reflect your priorities. In addition to the paper ballot you have the option to vote online at the EMBA website, www.acblemba.org. If you would like to play a more direct role in the operation of EMBA, please consider volunteering to serve on a committee or running for the Board in 2012.

-- James Rasmussen

EMBA Bridge in School

With the start of the new school year EMBA is launching its Bridge in School program. We hope to have classes at five schools in our initial year. You can learn more about what is happening in this exciting program by visiting the recently launched website at www.bridgeinschool.org. This website was designed and is being hosted by Bob Bertoni and his company, Megahertz Computer, at no cost to EMBA and we are very appreciative of their contributions.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

EMBA Executive Board

Nominees for the EMBA Executive Board are running for a three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2012. The Election Committee reported the following candidates:



Jane Adams

I first started playing "real" bridge about 6 years ago. Initially, I played only once a week on Tuesday evenings. A few years later, after gaining enough confidence, I began venturing out to a few local tournaments. I quickly found that educating myself and playing more often would elevate my game. I have played with many different partners and in the last year have developed into a serious bridge addict.

I used to volunteer as a PTA board member and a fundraiser chair (among other things) in my children's schools, but as they are now grown up I would like to devote some of my time, energy, and organizational skills to promoting the game and working with others on the EMBA board. My goals on the EMBA board would be to continue the modernizing efforts that have been started, support the introduction and integration of more young people into game (not only students, but also the pre-AARP population), and to help newcomers navigate through the world of duplicate bridge.



David Aronson

I started playing bridge, literally at my mother's knee

(actually table) when she had card games in our house and she called on me when one of her friends couldn't make it. I played in college and, after college, I was too busy with other things - jobs, children, etc. About 15 years ago, my late wife and I started playing bridge again. I found that I loved it. Since then I have been a player, and then a teacher. I love teaching bridge, especially beginners and intermediates as I want to share my love of the game. At present, I am chairman of the Finance Committee and of the Audit Committee. I would like your vote so that I can continue to serve you and EMBA



Terry Kay Bargar

Seven years ago my husband, Rick, suggested we try duplicate bridge. I adamantly refused, insisting it would be too competitive and that we'd never make friends at a bridge game. Wow, was I wrong! Bridge has shown us a new world, a lifestyle that includes round-the-clock activity, intellectual challenge and an inviting social community. Who knew that my career, first as a television producer and then a chef/writer, would morph into my most fun job as a bridge teacher!

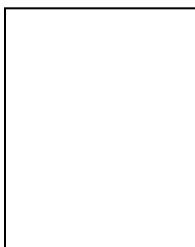
I would bring unparalleled energy and creativity to EMBA. My unique background has taught me to work within a group, blend differences of opinion (dare we say "a bridge builder"?), and still maintain my own voice. Bridge continues to evolve as a game; likewise, as a board member, I'd strive to bring a fresh approach to stale ideas, develop programs to attract new players, and bring a smile and laughter to each challenge.



Cecilia Borrás

As many of you know, I am an avid bridge player and

probably should be listed among those “addicts” of the game. Although I only played bridge for a few years in college, I came back to the game about three years ago and have thoroughly enjoyed the people I have met and the opportunity to learn from my fellow players. I truly appreciate the efforts that EMBA and its members have made to make the learning process available to me. I would like to contribute to those efforts in any capacity that I can. I believe that my experience as a small business owner and the organizational skills I developed as a manager of the Denver, CO office of a minerals exploration firm will help me make a contribution as a member of the EMBA Board.



Tim Hill

I have played duplicate bridge off and on since college. I started playing more when I retired from

computer engineering a couple of years ago. Now I direct four games a week for the Newton and Westwood clubs.

In the past I served on the boards of directors of the Wellesley Community Children's Center and the Wellesley Little League, as president of the Wellesley Choral Society, and as a town finance committee member in Ashland. I'm now on the boards of the Wellesley Choral Society and the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra and a member of the Wellesley Cultural Council.

My hopes for EMBA include more effective recruiting of new players, young and old, and bringing a full-fledged regional to the Boston area.



Bob McCaw

I am a semi-retired tax lawyer with plenty of time to devote to EMBA. I am originally

from the Seattle area, and played a lot of rubber bridge both in Seattle and here in Boston. About seven years ago, I started concentrating on duplicate and I have been a club and tournament regular since then.

I have volunteered in other organizations in the past and I feel I bring a lot of energy to projects where I can be of service. I look forward to serving on the EMBA board.



Neil Montague

I have been playing bridge for 30 years, and I want to contribute to the administration and

enjoyment of this fine game. In addition, as technology expands what is possible, I would like to help improve processes there as well. As other candidates have mentioned, it is very important to promote our game to new players, and I will work in that area, also. Thank you for your vote.

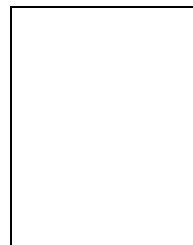
Adam Parrish



He learned bridge from his grandmother in his teens and has been playing seriously since 2007. During

that time he has twice been on the Barry Crane 500 list.

In addition to playing and teaching bridge, Adam is a writer, and has started working on a few bridge books. One of his goals is to find ways to attract younger players to the game; in this spirit he has agreed to co-chair the Bridge in School Program that is sponsored by EMBA, to start in Fall 2011.



Carole Weinstein

I have served in bridge administration for EMBA, District 25 and the National

Board of Governors. I have chaired the EMBA Election & Nominating Committee multiple times. I have been District Recorder and served on the District's Executive Committee. Four years ago I initiated EMBA's Outreach program. This program provides incentives to teachers and others to recruit new players to our wonderful game. I'm asking for your vote so I can be involved in new and innovative ways to benefit bridge and bridge players.

EMBA Officers

Nominees for EMBA officers are running unopposed for a one-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2012. The Election Committee reported the following candidates:

President -

James Rasmussen

Vice President -

Bill Hunter

Secretary -

Carolyn Weiser

Treasurer -

Don Levy



“With 6-4, Bid Some More!”

Having good bidding tools can be the difference between success and failure on certain hands. Today’s hand features a treatment that is helpful for bidding the rare, balanced hands with more than 24 high card points. It was invented by the Canadian expert, Eric Kokish, who was recently enshrined in the ACBL Hall of Fame.

At one table in a recent IMP match, N-S stopped in 3NT, (2♣ - 2♦ - 3NT - all pass). The bidding was as shown at the other table, with some explanations required: 2♣ was strong and artificial, 2♦ showed no aces and at most one king. The 2♥ ‘Kokish’ bid showed either a strong hand with hearts or a balanced hand too strong to rebid 2NT. The 2♠ response was forced, asking for clarification. 2NT showed the balanced big hand (25+ HCP) and was forcing to game. Any other bid would have shown the big hand with hearts.

Since using Kokish gains a whole level of bidding, it’s now possible to explore for a 4-4 major fit or to transfer to a 5 card major – just as if the auction had started with 2NT or 2♣ - 2♦ - 2NT. In this case, 3♣ by responder was Stayman and 3♠ showed a 4-card spade holding. With only 2 Queens and a bad suit, South’s slam-oriented 4♣ bid was aggressive, but here’s where that so-important judgment kicks in. His hand was quite distributional, and there’s an old saying “**with 6-4, bid some more.**” South’s one move toward slam was enough for North to take charge and drive to 6♠. Based on the artificial 2♠ bid, the weak hand became declarer. All 13 tricks are attainable as the cards lie, but a prudent line of play is to win the opening diamond lead in dummy and cash one high trump. Even with a 5-0 trump split, certain distributions of the opponents’ cards might allow the contract to make with careful play and correct guesswork. (Switch the ♠9 with the ♣Q on the diagrammed deal and test your play.) After both opponents follow with a trump in the

		NORTH		
		♠ AKJ2		
		♥ A105		
		♦ AKQ2		
		♣ AK		
WEST			EAST	
♠ 9			♠ 10543	
♥ K9743			♥ J86	
♦ J10974			♦ 865	
♣ 87			♣ QJ5	
		SOUTH		
		♠ Q876		
		♥ Q2		
		♦ 3		
		♣ 1096432		
IMPs			Dealer North	
Neither Vul				
<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦ †	Pass	
2 ♥ †	Pass	2 ♠ †	Pass	
2 NT †	Pass	3 ♣	Pass	
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass	
4 ♦	Pass	4 ♠	Pass	
6 ♠	All Pass			
Opening Lead – J ♦			† - alerted	

actual layout, declarer should play as safely as possible to make the hand. Declarer should cash another diamond, pitching a heart from his hand, and ruff a diamond low. Now, cash the spade Q, play a heart to dummy and ruff a heart, play a club to the ace, cash dummy’s 2 remaining high trumps followed by the high club and the high diamond, and concede a heart. Winning 1 heart, 2 clubs, 3 diamonds, 2 ruffs and the spade Q in hand, plus the AKJ of spades in dummy totals 12 tricks. Playing safe may cost an overtrick, but it avoids going down if the clubs happen to split 4-1.

Shark’s Pointers for today:

- Evaluate distributional hands aggressively
- Don’t risk a good slam for an overtrick
- Consider adding the Kokish convention to your bidding repertoire for very strong hands!

One last pointer: Don’t forget this year’s NAP **District Final** is back at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Oct 15th and 16th. (more info on page 7)



EMBA CALENDAR & TOURNAMENT NOTES

Visit www.acblemba.org for the latest calendar information

Eastern Mass. Holiday Sectional

December 2-4 2011

Armenian Cultural & Educational Center
47 Nichols Ave, Watertown, MA
(Emergency ONLY: 978-852-4666)

Friday, Dec. 2 7:30 PM

Stratified A/C-B/C Pro-Am Pairs

Pros: A= 2000+ B= <2000
Ams: Non-LMs or <500

Flight determined by Pro's points

The annual Pro-Am event matches non-Life Masters with up to 500 points with Life Master partners. Pairs with two 'Ams' are also accepted. For help locating a partner for this event, contact Terry Kay Bargar, 508-662-5822 or terrykaybargar@gmail.com

Saturday, Dec. 3

Building Bridge Skills 12:15 PM

First Session 1:00 PM

Stratified Pairs, 1st session
A: Open B: <2000 C: <750
0-49er Pairs, single session
299er Pairs, single session
Open Pairs, single session

EMBA Annual Meeting 6:15 PM

Second Session 7:00 PM

Stratified Pairs, 2nd session
299er Pairs, single session
Open Pairs, single session

Sunday, Dec. 4 10:30 AM

Strati-flighted Swiss (8 matches)
A= Open, B= 750-2000, C= <750
299er Swiss Teams (4 matches)

Tournament Hosts:

Nancy Donaldson, Norma Landy,
Frank Lombardo

Partnership Help is available at the playing site, or explore online at www.partnershipdesk.com

New England Master's Regional

November 16-20 2011

Holiday Inn

31 Hampshire St., Mansfield, MA
(508) 339-2200 Internal Reservations
for \$83 bridge rate (until Oct. 16th)

Wednesday, Nov. 16

Stratified Open Pairs	1p & 7p
Stratified Senior Pairs	1p & 7p
Stratified 299er Pairs	1p & 7p
Wed/Thu Side Games	1p &/or 7p
Bracketed KOs #1	7p

(continues Thursday at 9a, 1p, 7p)

Thursday, Nov. 17

Wed/Thu Side Games	9a, 1p, 7p
Stratified 299er Pairs	10a, 2p, 7p
Daylight Open Pairs	10a, 2:30p
GOLD Rush Swiss	10a, 2:30p

(stratified <100, 100-300, 300-750)

Stratified Swiss Teams	1p, 7p
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(by average, A= Open, B= <5000)

Friday, Nov. 18

Fri/Sat Side Games	9a, 1p, 7:30p
Bracketed Compact KO	9a, 1p
Daylight A/X Open Pr	10a, 2:30p
GOLD Rush Pairs	10a, 2p

(stratified <100, 100-300, 300-750)

Stratified Open Pairs	1p, 7:30p
Red Point Swiss Teams	1p
Flight A Knock-Out	7:30p

(continues Sat. 1p, 7p, Sun. 11a, 2p)

Flight B Bracketed KO	7:30p
Stratified 299er Pairs	7:30p

Saturday, Nov. 19

Fri/Sat Side Games	9a, 1p, 7p
Bracketed Compact KO	9a, 1p
GOLD Rush Compact KO	10a, 2p
Daylight Open Pairs	10a, 2:30p
Stratified 299er Pairs	10a, 2p, 7p
Flighted A/X Pairs	1p, 7p
Flighted B/C Pairs	1p, 7p
Red Point Swiss	1p
Red Point 0-750 Swiss	2p

Sunday, Nov. 20

Stratified 299er Swiss	10a
Bracketed Round Robin Teams	10a

♣ EMBA CLUB NEWS ♣

Unit-Wide Club Games

Daytime Unit-Wide games are being held at clubs on Thursday October 13th, Tuesday November 1st, Wednesday December 7th, and Friday December 16th. ACBL Inter-Club Championship games (ICC) are scheduled for many clubs this Fall. Check the calendar on page 6 for specific clubs and dates.

Parking at EMBA Sectionals ACEC in Watertown

As most regular tournament participants already know, the Watertown Police have begun issuing parking tickets during our Saturday pair games if cars are parked at meters that have not been fed. We are asking your help in maximizing the number of cars that are able to use the ACEC lot by filling all of the double spaces in the back of the lot. Players planning to play two sessions should park in the back of the double spaces and players playing only the first session should park in front of cars already parked in the back of the double spaces. We will have volunteers in the lot to assist with this tandem parking arrangement. This will enable us to park 15 to 20 more cars.

We have also confirmed with the Watertown police that if you have a visible handicap placard in your car that you are exempt from having to pay the meters in Watertown. Thus if you have a handicap placard and are able to park at a meter, please do so. Thank you for your cooperation.



In Memoriam

John Saxe

October					
1 Sat	EMBA Cape Sectional Westwood *199er Sectional WMBA Sectional	20 Thu	Bridge Spot *ICC Reyim-Newton *No game Westwood *CA Reyim-Newton at Westwood	10 Thu	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *ChC Puritan *EF Westwood *CC Reyim-Newton Ch
2 Sun		21 Fri	Brewster-Seaside *CC Puritan *499er Reyim-Newton *No game Westwood *CA Westwood CA ST	11 Fri	Bridge Spot *CC Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *ChC Puritan *499er CC Reyim-Newton *Ch Westwood *No game Bridge Spot CC
3 Mon	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *ChC Harriet Leavitt *CA Oak Street *CC Aliyah-Needham No game Bridge Spot ICC Dartmouth ICC Westwood ICC	22 Sat	Westwood *CA	12 Sat	Puritan *CC Westwood *CC
4 Tue		23 Sun	Westwood *CA	13 Sun	Bridge Spot *299er Party Westwood *CC
5 Wed		24 Mon	Reyim-Newton *CA ST Puritan *IF Dartmouth CA	14 Mon	Reyim-Newton *Ch Aliyah-Needham Ch Dartmouth Ch
6 Thu	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *ChC Reyim-Newton *CA ST Brewster-Nauset CA Reyim-Newton CA	25 Tue	Puritan *EF Rock Harbor *CA ST MIT CA ST Reyim-Newton CA	16 Wed	Dartmouth *Ch Harriet Leavitt *MG
7 Fri		26 Wed	Reyim-Newton *CA Puritan *Mentor Hamilton ChC MidCape CC Winchester CA ST Prize night	16-20 N.E. Master's Regional	
9 Sun	Bridge Spot *299er Party	27 Thu	Bridge Spot *CA Puritan *CA Reyim-Newton *CA Reyim-Newton CA	18 Fri	Puritan *499er Bridge Spot No game
10 Mon	Bridge Spot *CA Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *CA Reyim-Newton *CA Oak Street *No game Puritan *CA Aliyah-Needham CA Bridge Spot CA	28 Fri	Harriet Leavitt *CA Puritan *499er IF Reyim-Newton *CA	22 Tue	MIT CC Reyim-Newton Ch
11 Tue		29 Sat	Puritan *CA	23 Wed	Bridge Spot *ICC Reyim-Newton *ICC Westwood *ICC Winchester IMP
12 Wed		30 Sun	Bridge Spot *CA ST Pot Luck	24 Thu	Dennis-Yarmouth *No game Reyim-Newton *No game Westwood *No game Reyim-Newton No game
13 Thu	Bridge Spot *CA Puritan *CA Rock Harbor *CA Bridge Spot CA Harriet Leavitt CA MIT CA CC #2 of 2 Reyim-Newton Ch	31 Mon	Puritan *EF Reyim-Newton *Ch Aliyah-Needham Ch	25 Fri	Brewster-Seaside *No game Dennis-Yarmouth *No game Puritan *499er Westwood *CC
14 Fri		November 2011		26 Sat	Puritan *IF
15 Sat	Dartmouth *Ch Reyim-Newton *CA ST Hamilton CA Winchester CA	1 Tue	Bridge Spot *UW Puritan *UW Rock Harbor *UW	28 Mon	Aliyah-Needham ACBL Ch Bridge Spot ACBL Ch Westwood ACBL Ch
17 Mon	Bridge Spot *UW Puritan *UW Westwood *UW Brewster-Nauset CC Harriet Leavitt CA Reyim-Newton at Westwood	2 Wed	Dartmouth *CC Puritan *IF Hamilton CC ST	30 Wed	Puritan *Mentor
18 Tue		3 Thu	Puritan *CC Reyim-Newton *Ch	December 2011	
19 Wed	Brewster-Seaside *CA ST Bridge Spot *CA Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *CA Puritan *499er CA Reyim-Newton *No game Bridge Spot CA	4 Fri	Puritan *499er	1 Thu	Reyim-Newton *CC
15 Sat		5 Sat	Puritan *CC	2 Fri	Reyim-Newton *CC
17 Mon	Puritan *CA	7 Mon	Bridge Spot *CC Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *ChC Puritan *CC Westwood *CC Bridge Spot CC Dartmouth CC Puritan CC Westwood CC	5 Mon	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *ChC Harriet Leavitt *CC Puritan *MG Reyim-Newton *CC
18 Tue		8 Tue	Bridge Spot *CC Puritan *CC Westwood *CC Bridge Spot CC MIT Ch Reyim-Newton ICC	6 Tue	Puritan *MG Reyim-Newton CC
19 Wed	Oak Street *CA Westwood *CA Aliyah-Needham CA ST Bridge Spot ChC Dartmouth Ch Westwood CA	9 Wed	Bridge Spot *CC Puritan *CC Reyim-Newton *Ch Westwood *CC Westwood CC Winchester CC #4 of 4	7 Wed	Bridge Spot *UW Dartmouth *UW Harriet Leavitt *CC Puritan *UW Reyim-Newton *UW Westwood *UW Hamilton IF Winchester MG
10 Thu		10 Thu	Bridge Spot *CC → (more)	8 Thu	Dennis-Yarmouth *ChC-HP Puritan *MG Reyim-Newton CC
11 Tue	Westwood *CA Reyim-Newton at Westwood			9 Fri	Dennis-Yarmouth *ChC Puritan *499er MG Reyim-Newton *Ch
12 Wed		10 Sat	Puritan *MG	12 Mon	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *CC Puritan *IF →(more)

Legend: - * Day/Morning game
 CA Club Appreciation Ch Charity event
 UW Unit-Wide event IF International Fund ICC Inter-Club Championship CC Club Championship SP Swiss Pairs
 IMP IMP Pairs HP Holiday Party EF Education Fund MG Membership game ST Swiss Teams
 199er, 299er, 499er MP-limited event

12 Mon	Westwood *ChC Aliyah-Needham CC Westwood ChC
13 Tue	Puritan *EF Westwood *ChC HP Harriet Leavitt CC MIT MG
14 Wed	Dartmouth *HP Puritan *MG Reyim-Newton *Ch Westwood *ChC MidCape HP 6pm Hamilton MG HP Westwood ChC Winchester Ch ST HP
15 Thu	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *CC Puritan *EF Reyim-Newton *Ch Westwood *ChC Reyim-Newton ICC
16 Fri	Brewster-Seaside *UW Bridge Spot *UW Harriet Leavitt *CC Puritan 499er *UW Reyim-Newton *UW Westwood *ChC HP
17 Sat	Puritan *Ch HP Westwood *ChC
18 Sun	Bridge Spot *299er Party Westwood *ChC
19 Mon	Reyim-Newton *Ch Westwood *ICC Aliyah-Needham Ch Dartmouth HP
20 Tue	Puritan *Ch HP Reyim-Newton Ch ST
21 Wed	Reyim-Newton *CC
22 Thu	Reyim-Newton Ch
23 Fri	Puritan *499er
25 Sun	Westwood *No game
26 Mon	Oak Street *No game
27 Tue	Rock Harbor *No game MIT SP
28 Wed	Puritan *Mentor
30 Fri	Brewster-Seaside *No game Puritan *499er

NAP District 25 Finals October 15-16 Sturbridge Host Hotel



It's One for the Money...

Last year, 11 out of 18 cash prizes went to EMBA players, and 5 won the \$700 first prize! Flight C is held on one day only (Saturday the 15th, starting at 1 PM.) A win in Flight C is equivalent to earning \$100 per hour per player!

Flight A Unlimited
Flight B <2000
Flight C <500, non LM

Play against players of your own level and you may win lots of money to play in at National Finals in **Memphis, TN** - March 2012

- 1st place \$700 each player
- 2nd place \$300 each player
- 3rd place \$100 each player (District funds)

Grand National Teams District 25 Qualifying/Finals January 21-22, 2012

Start gathering your team and practicing your IMP skills. No prequalification is required at the Club or Unit level.

Open Flight = 0 - Unlimited
Flight A = 0 - 5000
Flight B = 0 - 2000
Flight C = 0 - 500 non-LM

Two-session qualifier: Jan. 21
Two-session finals: Jan. 22
Open, A, B flights

Two-session Swiss: Jan. 22
C flight

The winning team in each flight will receive a cash subsidy to compete at the Grand National Team Finals in Philadelphia, PA (July 2012)

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Helen Pawlowski 413-530-1278
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Sue Miguel 401-624-1723
Inchair@nebridge.org

EMBA Summer STaC Winners

In spite of the extra space in the Quick Trick election issue, there were too many STaC games and too many winners to include the list here. Check the results online at the ACBL Web site: www.acbl.org/stac/stac_results.php?sid=1107093

Winter STaC Week - January 9-15, 2012

Between the Keohane Knockout Regional and the Grand National Teams, take the opportunity to play for Silver points in your favorite club. Dates and times will be posted on the EMBA Web site as soon as the schedules are confirmed.



♠ ♥ Recent Winners ♦ ♣

NABC+ Summer Nationals Toronto, ON



Adam Parrish and **Zachary Grossack** picked up great playing credentials for the Bridge in School program by taking **4th place overall** in the Werner Open Pairs field of 286 competitors at the NABC+ Summer Nationals in Toronto. Congratulations!

Major congratulations are due to **Robert McCaw** and **Lewis Gammerman** for capturing **2nd place overall** in the Fast Pairs field of 274 competitors.

New England Fiesta Regional

The Fiesta Regional in Warwick, RI was a success in spite of Tropical Storm Irene. The playing site was sometimes a challenge, but playing bridge is still a great way to spend a weekend. Here is the "Top 10" list of the Master Point winners:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Red/Silver</u>	
1	100.48	99.42	1.06	Douglas Doub, CT
2	100.48	99.42	1.06	Yiji Starr, MA
3	77.04	69.75	7.29	Rick Binder, MA
4	64.65	61.03	3.62	Alan Applebaum, MA
5	61.12	56.13	4.99	Glenn McIntyre, MA
6	59.89	56.92	2.97	Frank Hacker, VT
7	59.89	56.92	2.97	Mary Savko, VT
8	59.89	56.92	2.97	Philip Sharpsteen, VT
9	59.89	56.92	2.97	Ellie Hanlon, VT
10	52.78	51.23	1.55	Stephen Gladyszak, MA
11	52.07	49.70	2.37	Lloyd Arvedon, MA
12	51.98	51.23	0.75	Kenneth Kadis, MA
13	51.98	51.23	0.75	Elayne Kadis, MA

ACBL-District 25-EMBA Special Events Fourth Quarter 2011

October 2011

- (various) Club Appreciation Games
- 1-2 EMBA Sectional - Sandwich, MA
- 1-2 EMBA 199er Sectional - Westwood, MA
- 1-2 WMBA Sectional - Springfield, MA
- 3 ACBL-ICC Game - Monday PM
- 8 Yom Kippur
- 13 Unit Wide Game - Thursday AM
- 15-16 District 25 NAP Finals - Sturbridge, MA
- 22-23 MBA Sectional - Bangor, ME
- 20 ACBL-ICC Game - Thursday AM
- 27-28 Rhode Island Gala - Johnston, RI
- 28-30 VBA Sectional - Rutland, VT

November 2011

- 1 Unit Wide Game - Tuesday AM
- 4-6 CBA Sectional - Hamden, CT
- 8 ACBL-ICC Game - Tuesday PM
- 11 Veterans Day (Friday)
- 16-20 NE Master's REGIONAL - Mansfield, MA
- 23 ACBL-ICC Game - Wednesday AM
- 24 Thanksgiving (Thursday)
- 28 ACBL-Wide Charity Game #3
- 29-30 CMBA Sectional - Auburn, MA
- 24-4 NABC+ Championships - Seattle, WA

December 2011

- 2-4 EMBA Sectional - Watertown ACEC
- 7 Unit-Wide Game - Wednesday AM
- 15 ACBL-ICC Game - Thursday PM
- 16 Unit Wide Game - Friday AM ++
- 19 ACBL-ICC Game - Monday PM
- 21 Hanukkah
- 25 Christmas (Sunday)

January 2012

- 1 New Years Day (Sunday)
- 6-8 Keohane Individual Regional - Marriott Hotel, Newton, MA
- 9-15 EMBA Winter STaC Week
- 21-22 District 25 Grand National Teams - Sturbridge (MA) Host Hotel

Check for specific events, date changes, results, etc. at the District 25 website: www.nebridge.org
or at the EMBA website: www.ablembo.org

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
Election Ballot 2011

OFFICERS FOR 2012

One-year term starting January 1, 2012:

- President – James Rasmussen *
- Vice President – William Hunter *
- Secretary – Carolyn Weiser *
- Treasurer – Don Levy *
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BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE FOR THREE YEARS

Vote for up to seven (7) members:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jane Adams | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob McCaw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David Aronson * | <input type="checkbox"/> Neil Montague * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terry Kay Bargar | <input type="checkbox"/> Adam Parrish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cecilla Borrás * | <input type="checkbox"/> Carole Weinstein * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Hill | |
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* - Incumbent

BALLOT MUST BE MAILED BY 31-OCT-2011 SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE
--or-- VOTE ONLINE AT www.acblemba.org. VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 11.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER BALLOT – PLEASE FOLLOW CAREFULLY

1. Detach ballot page from bulletin. Do not write your name on the Election Ballot 2011.
2. Board candidate names are arranged in alphabetical order. Vote for up to seven (7) names. To vote, place an 'X' or check mark in the box preceding the candidate's name.
3. Print your ACBL player number in the space provided below. Ballots without an ACBL player number will be discarded. All player numbers are checked against the current member list before the ballot is opened. Player numbers are then *blacked out to ensure confidentiality* of each vote.
4. Put a First Class stamp in the provided space. Fold the ballot on the lines below so the voting choices are concealed. Staple or tape the loose ends of the folded ballot.
5. One ballot - One player - One stamp. Joint or group mailings are not accepted. Please make a 2-sided copy of the ballot form or find an extra Quick Trick if necessary.
6. IF YOU CHOOSE TO VOTE ONLINE, DO NOT VOTE AGAIN BY PAPER BALLOT. IF YOU MAIL THE PAPER BALLOT, DO NOT REPEAT YOUR VOTE ONLINE.

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**EMBA Secretary
Ms. Carolyn Weiser
404 Russell Street
Woburn, MA 01801-5839**

Vote Online for 2012 EMBA Board and Officers

EMBA's webmaster Bob Bertoni has created an online ballot for the 2012 election that allows you to vote with a few clicks of your mouse. If you prefer, you may still vote using the paper ballot on pages 9 and 10. If you choose to vote online, just follow these easy steps.

- 1) Go to www.acblemba.org. Click on the link "Elections and Polls" on the left side of the home page. It will take you to the screen shown below. Enter your ACBL number and e-mail address and click the box "Proceed to Vote".
- 2) Enter your first and last name on the second screen that appears and click on "Next".
- 3) A screen with the candidate(s) for president will appear. After voting, click next and the candidate(s) for vice president will appear. Follow the same procedure to vote for each of the officer positions in turn. This year officers are running unopposed. After voting for Treasurer and clicking on "Next" the full slate of candidates for the Board will appear. (See the list above.) Click on the box next to the name of each candidate you wish to elect to the EMBA board. You may vote for up to seven candidates. Submit your ballot.
- 4) After submitting your ballot, you should receive confirmation that your ballot has been received with the message "Thank you for voting". If you vote online, DO NOT SUBMIT A PAPER BALLOT. If you have any questions about or problems with online voting, please contact Bob Bertoni at webmaster@acblemba.org.

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Calendar	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">This is the verification form used to validate you have an official ACBL number. Without this number you will not be able to vote. You will only be able to vote once with the system. If you can not login please contact webmaster@acblemba.org. Be sure to include your ACBL # in all communication. Thank You.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Please remember, you have only one chance to vote so make it count!</p>		
Elections and Polls	Voting does not open until October 1st, 2011		
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TOURNAMENT TRAIL

EMBA Cape Cod Sectional

EMBA 199er Sectional

WMBA Fall Sectional

Oct. 1 - 2, 2011

NH Fall Foliage Sectional

October 8 - 9, 2011

NAP District 25 Finals

October 15 - 16, 2011

N.E. Master's Regional

November 16 - 20, 2011

Holiday Inn Mansfield, MA

NABC+ Fall Nationals

Nov. 24 - Dec. 4, 2011

EMBA Holiday Sectional

December 2 - 4, 2011

ACEC Watertown, MA

QUICK TRICK DISTRIBUTION CHANGES

1. Once a year the election issue will be mailed to all current EMBA Members as we do now. This edition will include the EMBA mail-in ballot and candidate statements.
2. Printed copies of Quick Trick will be bulk mailed and/or delivered to all sanctioned clubs in EMBA for players to pick up and take home or pass along to prospective members.
3. Quick Trick will be available online for download or reading in full color PDF format (rather than the black and white print version) on the EMBA website, www.acblemba.org immediately upon publication.
4. Quick Trick will be available at all EMBA Tournaments and events for members or prospective members to take home a printed copy.
5. We plan to distribute Quick Trick to non-traditional venues like senior centers, community centers, and schools, especially those participating in the Bridge In School program.
6. OPT-IN to have Quick Trick mailed to your home will be available for any member who requests it. To continue to have EMBA directly mail every copy to your home, please fill out and send in the small form found in the Summer 2011 Quick Trick.