

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems impossible, but 2006 is here. I hope that among the new year's resolutions of all EMBA players is an increased dedication to creating an enjoyable and pleasant atmosphere at the bridge table.

We have a lot to be proud of at EMBA. We are financially stable, we continue to have good attendance at our tournaments, club games are for the most part healthy, and new initiatives in the area of cultivating and retaining new members offer some exciting possibilities.

The EMBA Board and the Newcomers Committee, chaired by Stuart Whittle, will conduct two bridge parties each month for players with 0 to 50 masterpoints. This game will be a fun time featuring tasty treats and relaxing bridge. Before the game, some bridge tips will be offered by one of the more experienced players in EMBA. Come with your partner—or as a single and we will find a partner for you.

Happy New Year and have an enjoyable year at the bridge table.

Roy Green

CANDIDATES' FORUM

Last quarter's Candidates' Forum reflected statements from only a few of the candidates who were running for the EMBA Board. By way of introducing some of the newly-elected Board members, here are some of their statements which circumstances prevented translating into print at the appropriate time.

Jack Vecchione

I first became aware of bridge when my high school science teacher invited me to play partners with his daughter who was learning the game. I fell in love immediately with bridge, but played very little during my career as a physician until the year or two preceding retirement in the summer of 2002. Since then I have played several times each week, and have attended several National tournaments.

In medicine during the last twenty years I did primary care at the Veterans Administration hospital in Jamaica Plain. I was also Medical Director of the Home Care Program and established one of the first primary care programs in the Boston VA system.

In bridge administration I am particularly interested in learning about and working with methods to promote the game among young people and to draw more bridge players to the duplicate scene.

David Aronson

I literally learned bridge at my mother's knee, but I got my first taste of duplicate in college. After college, though, I hardly played for years. Over the last six years I have come back and am really enjoying playing duplicate again.

Because I think that there are others like me, I would like to see our bridge community grow and involve more people, particularly younger, in our various activities. I have been on the Tournament Committee for over a year now, helping organize and staff our EMBA tournaments. I would like to take the next step, and as a member of the Board of EMBA, I would like to encourage more people to join, to find new ways to reach out to many different age groups, and to provide more and better teaching for novice and intermediate players. I am open to new ideas and would like to hear from you, the EMBA members, about how we can provide a better environment for bridge players and tournaments.

Judith Rosenberg

I've been playing bridge for many years. It was a game I enjoyed learning and playing with my mother. It has given me the opportunity to meet and make many new friends. I feel that being on the board would be my way to give back many of the happy hours I have had playing bridge.

I would like to help improve the friendliness of the game and help newcomers feel more welcome.

Ann Baum

I have enjoyed working on the Board for the past several years and hope that I have been productive. I believe I bring enthusiasm and experience to the Board, and that as a practicing attorney I bring useful skills. I have a special interest in Conduct and Ethics, and in the past have served as chairman of the Conduct and Ethics Committees of both the Unit and the District. I have also chaired a long-term planning committee for EMBA, and I hope to be able to continue working with the Board to help EMBA grow and change in ways to make it more efficient and more responsive to its membership. Like most of you, I find great enjoyment in the game, and hope that I can continue to serve on the Board and help others find as much pleasure in the game as I do.

HOLIDAY SECTIONAL

EMBA held its Holiday Sectional over the December 10-12 weekend. Many thanks to Bernice Dziejma and David Aronson for hosting the tournament. Despite the adverse effects of a winter snowstorm on the Friday evening Pro-Am game, the rest of the weekend proceeded wonderfully. Congratulations to Ann Borgschulze and Joe Cappannelli for their first-place finish in the Pro-Am.

Attendance was outstanding on Saturday and particularly on Sunday when we held the special bracketed team event. EMBA elicited comments, pro and con, on the bracketed team format, and the Tournament Committee will be guided to a great extent by its popular-

ity rating.

The team format for the next sectionals (those in February and April) should be available now on the EMBA Web page, www.acblemba.org.

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following who have been elected as EMBA Officers and Board Members:

President	Roy Green*
Vice President	Kathy Benjamin*
Secretary	Carolyn Weiser*
Treasurer	Chris Apitz*

Board members elected for a 3-year term:

Carole Weinstein*	David Aronson
Stewart Mackeigan	Jack Vecchione
Saul Agranoff	Judith Rosenberg*
Ann Baum*	

*Incumbents re-elected.

We thank all of you for casting your votes in this year's election.

ELECTION 2006

As we congratulate the newly-elected officers and board members, we ask you to start thinking about the 2006 elections.

Those interested in running for the EMBA Board or for an officer position for the term beginning in January 2007 should contact the Election Committee Chairperson (Peter Lombardo, telephone 781-438-6754, or e-mail Pete7Grace@aol.com) well before candidacies are announced in the October 2006 *Quick Trick*.

STaC Alert - Silver Point Games

The annual winter STaC will take place from January 13th through January 19th, 2006. Make sure you mark these dates on your calendar now. Most of the local clubs have signed up for these games, and you can find a complete listing of places and times on the EMBA Web site, www.acblemba.org. For further information, you may e-mail Carole Carlson at Cvc7NoTrmp@aol.com or telephone 978-281-3448. Have fun, good luck, and win lots of silver points.

BE A QUICK TRICK STAFFER

Quick Trick belongs to all of us, and all EMBA members are invited to submit human interest stories, news items, ideas for articles or news stories, AND *high-resolution digital photographs*, which we hope soon to begin using sparingly, when they promise to add a desirable visual element to the printed material. If some of you with expertise in handling visual images would like to volunteer your services, please get in touch with the QT Editor.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START PLAYING BRIDGE!

Simon Arena recently had an advance celebration of his 100th birthday at the Harriett Leavitt Bridge Club in Marblehead. Simon, who took up the game of bridge at age 92(!), was awarded the rank of Golden Age Master by the ACBL.

Simon will be wintering in Florida with his son Jack and will mark his actual 100th birthday in February. Jack writes that his father, upon receiving the award, quipped, "I'll name any new children after my bridge partners."

The title Golden Age Life Master is available to any ACBL member who has 300 or more masterpoints and is at least 70 years old or has 100 or more masterpoints and is at least 80 years old. Upon request, the ACBL sends the recipient of this honor a certificate designating him or her a Golden Age Master.

BOBBYE JARDINE SERVICE AWARD

The Bobbye Jardine Service Award is presented to an EMBA member who has demonstrated service to EMBA, and to bridge in general, above and beyond expectations. This award was first presented to Bobbye Jardine in 1996. Recipients since then include Steve Gladyszak, Tom Wilder, Carolyn Weiser, Ellen Dilbert, Tim Francis-Wright, and Polly Goedicke and Lowell Eubanks. This year the award was presented by President Roy Green to Dr. Frank Lombardo for his tireless efforts with the caddies, for his hosting and assisting at numerous tournaments, for his gentlemanly conduct at all times, and for his always being willing to lend a helping hand. Congratulations, Frank.

Masterpoints Wanted? New Games Make It Easy For New Players

If you have fewer than 50 masterpoints, there's a new way to earn more, learn more, and have more fun at duplicate bridge. Starting in January, the Eastern Massachusetts Bridge Association (EMBA) will sponsor two special games each month just for players with fewer than 50 masterpoints.

Mark Your January Calendars

Both new games begin in January. The Westwood Duplicate Bridge Club will host the "Second Friday" game, beginning at

7:30 pm, on January 13, 2006, at the American Legion Hall, Deerfield Avenue, in Westwood, Massachusetts. The Bridge Spot, located at 500 West Cummings Park, Suite 2350, in Woburn, Massachusetts, will host the "Fourth Wednesday" game, beginning on January 25, 2006, at 7:00 pm.

Subsequent games will be held on the second Friday and fourth Wednesday of every month. Players will find good food waiting for them, and special prizes will be awarded at each game. Regular entry fees of \$6.50 will apply.

Learn and Earn—in a Friendly Atmosphere

If you're currently taking bridge lessons—or you've finished lessons but you've been hesitant about venturing out to a duplicate game—a newcomer game is an ideal next step. "It's an easy way to begin to build masterpoints and have fun with other players at your level," says Scott Kimball, who teaches beginner and advanced bridge classes in the Boston area. Many of Kimball's students have gotten their start in duplicate with a newcomer game. "The most successful experiences have been with clubs that make them feel comfortable and welcome," says Kimball.

"That's the atmosphere you'll find at our new game," says Dean Panagopoulos, owner and operator of The Bridge Spot and director of the Fourth Wednesday game. "Players will find a friendly atmosphere and relaxed rules," says Charles Drum, owner and operator of the Westwood Duplicate Bridge Club and director of the Second Friday game.

Both newcomer games will begin with an informal lesson on some aspect of duplicate bidding, play, or defense. Although the field will be limited to players with 50 or fewer masterpoints, experienced players will be available to answer questions both before and after each game. Masterpoints will be awarded for the top two to five places in each direction, depending on the number of players participating.

Partners Guaranteed

Bring your regular partner to one of the new games—or come alone. "If you don't have a partner, we'll match you with a player of comparable experience," says Stuart Whittle, chairman of the EMBA Newcomers Committee. Partners are guaranteed to everyone who attends a game.

2006 NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2006 North American Bridge Team Championship *online qualifying event* will be held at www.bridgebase.com at 1:00 PM (E.S.T.) Saturday, February 18. The number of teams qualifying depends on the number of teams playing in the online event.

The 2006 rules will allow any number of four-person teams from a college/university to enter; there may be several teams from the same school in the event.

Qualifying teams will win a trip to the Chicago NABC to play in a championship final to be held during the North American Bridge Championships in Chicago, IL, July 13-23. The teams will receive airfare and hotel expenses to the event. Each member of the winning team will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Each participating team must register via e-mail (Charlotte.Blaiss@acbl.org) prior to February 13. Instructions will be forwarded to the team captain. Proof of eligibility (college participants must be born in 1980 or later) may be required.

The new newcomer games are sponsored by EMBA. For more information, call Stuart Whittle at 781-894-2645.

TWO NEW EMBA GAMES FOR NEW PLAYERS (MAXIMUM 50 MASTERPOINTS)

Second Friday Game

Starts: Friday, January 13, 2006

Lesson: 7:30 PM

Game time: 8:00 PM

Westwood Duplicate Bridge Club
American Legion Hall, Deerfield Avenue,
Westwood, MA
781-326-9724

Fourth Wednesday Game

Starts: Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Lesson: 7:00 PM

Game time: 7:30 PM

The Bridge Spot
500 West Cummings Park, Suite 2350,
Woburn, MA
781-937-7768 (781-937-SPOT)

In sadness we announce the passing of:

Marshall H. Lykins
James Ledwith
John D. O'Brien

EMBA 2006 WINTER STAC PARTICIPATION AS OF DECEMBER 12

Please consult the STaC schedule shown elsewhere
on the EMBA Web page
for the latest list of participating clubs.

2005 Nifty One Fifty

1. Lloyd Arvedon	16925.59	56. Phyllis Rye	3619.82	114. Luke Gillespie	2182.16
2. Howard Piltch	16291.83	57. David Metcalf	3616.64	115. Marina Polestra	2165.89
3. Shome Mukherjee	15477.43	58. Ronnie Ferestien	3606.01	116. Helen Flanagan	2163.70
4. William Hunter	14889.45	59. Bob Gorse	3541.18	117. Ken Bloom	2162.81
5. Melvin Marcus	11826.91	60. Lynda Lee Ray	3512.52	118. Rita Allen	2159.49
6. Sheila Gabay	11743.67	61. Bernard Yomtov	3438.76	119. Nataly Goldin	2156.66
7. Chet Davis Jr	10576.69	62. Stephanie Hamilton-Diesel	3403.88	120. Charles Polay	2153.36
8. Stephen Gladyszak	10016.21	63. Stewart Mackeigan	3366.35	121. Christopher Apitz	2148.12
9. Pat McDevitt	9236.42	64. Robert Starr	3346.81	122. Bud Biswas	2128.51
10. Daniel Colatosti	9056.78	65. Kevin O'Donnell	3313.27	123. Patricia Worthley	2127.79
11. Mary Green	7577.48	66. Loie West	3300.52	124. Bernice Goldstein	2121.72
12. Charles Drum	7337.60	67. Stephen Jaeger	3235.83	125. Roslyn Grossman	2120.90
13. Kenneth Kadis	6249.47	68. Amnon Gabay	3206.06	126. Dorothy Gavin	2096.83
14. Roy Green	6282.65	69. Eric Lee Shukan	3184.53	127. Stephen Shectman	2094.61
15. Sandra Drum	6256.91	70. Donna Marshall	3164.60	128. Richard LaFreniere	2082.67
16. Barbara Stone	6124.31	71. Gloria Gottesfeld	3144.95	129. H. Patricia Taylor	2066.46
17. Bill Irvine	5994.84	72. Perry Trilling	3133.79	130. Eric Schwartz	2054.16
18. Robert Barr	5972.20	73. Mary Santini-Ritt	3123.69	131. John Lindsey II	2053.81
19. Ilse Rothman	5924.94	74. Judy Fiske	3016.13	132. Francis Lombardo	2028.18
20. John Saxe	5618.24	75. Jeanne McKenzie	3006.64	133. Ramona Marrier	2026.58
21. Edward Rothman	5584.13	76. Sandra Nyman	2859.49	134. Arnold Dana	2016.04
22. Marlene Keliher	5461.40	77. Ruth Linsky	2842.88	135. Evelyn Schwartz	2005.21
23. William Braucher	5300.43	78. Phyllis Shectman	2805.96	136. Alan Frantz	1989.98
24. Haven Sharaf	5271.34	79. Alma Goldman	2790.31	137. Robert Previor	1972.36
25. Elayne Kadis	5245.55	80. Mark Gallagher	2785.01	138. Kathy Benjamin	1948.74
26. Stephen Rzewski	5218.58	81. Jacqueline Altschuler	2754.84	139. Tom Macbeth	1945.10
27. Jan McClintock	5128.09	82. John Whistler	2751.64	140. Ellen Dilbert	1935.96
28. Randall Ray	5116.29	83. Marjorie Shuman	2741.96	141. Frank Kiely Jr	1923.45
29. Leslie Popper	5043.29	84. Donald Caplin	2715.15	142. Marshall Spitz	1906.12
30. Margie Sullivan	4931.19	85. Joseph Cappannelli	2667.25	143. Mary Lehner	1899.76
31. Glenn McIntyre	4880.31	86. Stephen Hess	2666.94	144. Lowell Eubanks	1885.78
32. David Becher	4685.93	87. Vincent Grande Jr	2642.87	145. Richard Weiss	1884.40
33. Thomas Belle	4652.25	88. Phyllis Tye	2636.49	146. David Green	1872.80
34. Carole Weinstein	4615.26	89. James Tullis	2600.22	147. Stuart Whittle	1865.29
35. Carolyn Sessler	4589.93	90. Al Comeau	2598.18	148. Peter Crane	1862.98
36. Rick Binder	4519.25	91. John Flynn	2578.12	149. Donald Carow	1861.81
37. Ronald Newburg	4506.13	92. Phil Regan	2545.52	150. Anne Walfield	1861.44
38. Al Oszy	4494.11	93. Paul Nason	2542.72		
39. Mark Aquino	4483.59	94. Robert Hickey	2535.13		
40. Brenda Montague	4359.13	95. Sarah Peeke	2532.18		
41. Harriett Leavitt	4291.12	96. Natalie Bassil	2487.07		
42. Richard Freedman	4209.55	97. Elyse Katz	2483.77		
43. David Leopold	4193.15	98. James Rasmussen	2476.68		
44. Myles Walsh	4171.88	99. Daniel Nussbaum	2460.28		
45. Krishin Bhavnani	4122.84	100. David Filman	2442.52		
46. Rena Lieberman	4034.68	101. Elaine Newburg	2419.63		
47. Richard Burns	4001.02	102. Henry Daley	2409.04		
48. Barbara Burgess	3990.11	103. Joan Ponn	2408.60		
49. Alan Watson	3921.68	104. Nancy Flynn	2386.52		
50. Gerald Seixas	3846.70	105. James Streisand	2358.95		
51. Dave McClintock	3760.18	106. Robert Gacicia	2334.19		
52. Lou Kelleher	3750.97	107. Nathan Glasser	2309.11		
53. John McDermott	3718.24	108. Pamela Miller	2296.30		
54. Irv Block	3686.39	109. Alan Applebaum	2294.59		
55. Richard Zeckhauser	3665.42	110. Roger Johnson	2269.39		
		111. Gary Schwartz	2246.71		
		112. Lilo Grubner	2219.48		
		113. Jacqueline Kovacs	2207.20		

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JANUARY 2006

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
2 Newton-Wellesley ICC* Oak Street—No Game* Puritan ICC*	3	4 <i>Unitwide Game</i> Bridge Spot* Puritan* Dartmouth* Harriett Leavitt* Merrimac* UCBC-W Barnstable*	5	6 Seaside—No Game* Bridge Spot JF Cape Cod DBC—No Game	7 Westwood—No Game* Westwood—No Game	8
KEOHANE INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL—NEWTON, MA						
9	10 Rock Harbor ST*	11	12	13 STaC Week Begins See listing elsewhere in this issue of <i>Quick Trick</i> . Westwood 2nd Friday Game	14 STaC See listing elsewhere in this issue of <i>Quick Trick</i> .	15 STaC See listing elsewhere in this issue of <i>Quick Trick</i> .
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GNT—STURBRIDGE, MA SECTIONAL—STURBRIDGE, MA						
23 Dartmouth CC	24 MIT/DL IMP	25 Winchester IF Bridge Spot 4th Wed- nesday Game	26 Dartmouth ST* Temple Emanuel ICC	27 Newton-Wellesley IF(ST)* Westwood CC* Bridge Spot JF	28	29
SECTIONAL—BREWER, ME						
30 Cavendish IF Lynnfield IF	31 Newton-Wellesley IF					

* = Day Game, BAM Teams = Board-a-Match Teams, CAG = Club Appreciation Game, CC = Club Champ., CC(ST) = Club Champ.-Swiss Teams, CC(ST/SR) = Club Champ.-Swiss Teams/Sectional Rating, CC(U) = Club Champ. Upgraded, CWChG = Countrywide Charity Game, ChC = Charity Club Champ., ChG = Charity Game, GNP = Grand National Pairs, HG = Handicap Game, HP = Holiday Party, ICC = Inter-Club Champ., IF = International Fund Game, IFCC = International Fund Club Champ., JF = Jr. Fund Game, MG = Membership Game, NANLMP = North Amer. Non-Life Master Pairs, NAOP = North Amer. Open Pairs, NLM = Non-Life Master, SDP = Shuffle-Deal-Play, SR = Sectionally Rated, SRG = Senior Game, WW = Worldwide Pairs. ++ = Consult website (linked to www.nebridge.org) for location.

FEBRUARY 2006—JUNIOR FUND MONTH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Westwood JF* Hamilton IF Puritan JF(ST)	2	3 Westwood JF* Bridge Spot JF Cape Cod DBC IND	4 Bridge Spot IF* UCBC-Mashpee IF* Westwood IF*	5
6 Newton-Wellesley ChC* Puritan JF* Cavendish CC	7 Cavendish CC	8 Dartmouth CC* Merrimac JF* <i>Unitwide Game</i> Hamilton Midcape Puritan Winchester	9 Cavendish CC* Cavendish CC Temple Emanuel HG Winchester Academy JF	10 <i>Unit Game</i> Dartmouth* Puritan* Harriett Leavitt* Westwood* Newton-Wellesley* Seaside CC(ST)* Bridge Spot JF Westwood 2nd Friday Game	11 Puritan JF* Westwood JF* Westwood JF	12 Westwood JF*
13 Dartmouth ST Lynnfield JF	14 Puritan JF* Newton-Wellesley JF(IMP) MIT/DL JF(ST)	15 Hamilton JF	16 Cavendish ChC	17 Bridge Spot JF	18	19
REGIONAL—CROMWELL, CT						
20 Oak Street—No Game*	21 Westwood JF*	22 Bridge Spot ICC* Merrimac ICC* Temple Emanuel ICC* Midcape CC Winchester JF Bridge Spot 4th Wed. Game	23 Bridge Spot CC* Puritan JF* UCBC-Falmouth CC* Cavendish ChC Temple Emanuel ST	24 Bridge Spot—No Game	25	26
EMBA SECTIONAL—WATERTOWN, MA						
27 Newton-Wellesley ACBL SRG* Oak Street ACBL SRG* Puritan ACBL SRG* UCBC-W Barnstable ACBL SRG*	28 MIT/DL JF					

MARCH 2006

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Puritan CC* Westwood CC*	2 Puritan CC* Winchester Academy CC	3 Newton-Wellesley CC* Puritan CC* Bridge Spot JF	4 Puritan CC* Westwood CC* Westwood CC	5 Westwood CC*
SECTIONAL—SPRINGFIELD, MA						
6 D-Y Senior CC* Puritan CC* Westwood CC* Lynnfield CC Temple Aliyah (Needham) ICC	7 Puritan CC* Westwood CC* Newton-Wellesley CC	8 Bridge Spot CC* Temple Emanuel ChC* UCBC-W Barnstable CC* Hamilton CC Winchester CC	9 D-Y Senior CC*	10 Dartmouth CC* D-Y Senior CC* Bridge Spot CC Cp Cod ProAm Westwood 2nd Friday Game	11 <i>Unit Game</i> Puritan* UCBC-Mashpee* Westwood*	12
SECTIONAL—PORTLAND, ME SECTIONAL—HAMDEN, CT						
13	14 Rock Harbor CC(ST)* Jackie's CC MIT/DL CC Newton-Wellesley IF(ST)	15 Merrimac ChG*	16 <i>Unitwide Game</i> Bridge Spot* Cavendish* Dartmouth* Puritan* UCBC-Falmouth* Andover* Cavendish ChC Nauset-Brewster CC	17 Bridge Spot JF	18	19
SECTIONAL—WARWICK, RI						
20 Newton-Wellesley CC* Oak Street CC* UCBC-W Barnstable CC* Cavendish IF Lynnfield ChC	21 Cavendish ChC<1500	22 Temple Emanuel CC* Hamilton ChC Puritan CC(ST) Winchester ChG Bridge Spot 4th Wed. Game	23 Dartmouth ICC* Attleboro CC Temple Emanuel CC	24 Newton-Wellesley JF* Bridge Spot JF	25 UCBC-Mashpee CC*	26
SECTIONAL—HUDSON, NH						
27 Dartmouth ChG* Temple Aliyah (Needham) CC	28 MIT/DL ChC Newton-Wellesley ChC	29 Merrimac CC*	30 Attleboro Anniversary Party	31 Bridge Spot JF		
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