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### NEWS TO NOTE

#### EMBA board positions

If you are interested in getting more involved in EMBA, consider running for a position on the EMBA Board. If you are interested in serving as a director or an officer, or if you want to recommend someone for consideration for the term beginning January 2010, please contact Carol Weinstein, EMBA Nominating Committee chairperson, by April 30. Carole can be reached at 978-263-6409 or caroleweinstein@verizon.net

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#### EMBA officers

President	Derrick Niederman
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### TOP NEWCOMER FINISHERS IN WINTER SECTIONAL

John Lombardo and David Crossley of R.I placed first in the 49er pairs. The top EMBA finishers were Susan and Robert Hicks, Dedham, who placed second. 299er Swiss winners, from left to right: Stephen and Alice Cutler, Chestnut Hill, Eleonore Freihofer, Monument Beach and Dennis Walsh, Mashpee. More winners on p 7.

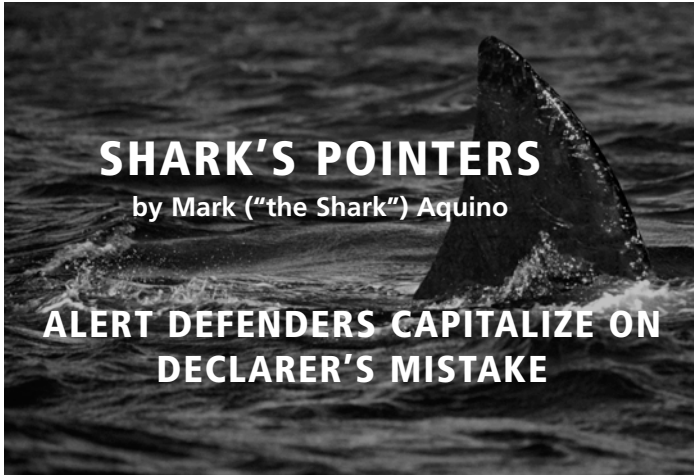


### WINNERS OF FLIGHT A AND FLIGHT B2 SUNDAY SWISS

Flight A, Luke Gillespie, Sheila Gabay, Mel Marcus and Alan Applebaum. Gillespie and Gabay also won the Friday Open Pairs; Flight B2, David Roe, Michael Lieberman, Reid Barton. Not pictured: Alya Asarina.

### EMBA WINTER SECTIONAL SETS RECORD FOR ATTENDANCE NEW 49ER GAME GIVES EVENT A BIG BOOST

EMBA bridge teachers and Tournament Committee, take a bow. Building on good turnout at newcomer games at the Fall 2008 NABC, a new zero to 50 game was introduced at the Winter EMBA sectional and 26 tables of new players showed up. The event format was 18 boards, in order to allow players more time and a relaxed atmosphere. Rena Lieberman, Dean Panagopoulos, Stuart Whittle and Carolyn Weiser were among the EMBA teachers who promoted the event to their students and were pleased that many came to play. The record turnout challenged the resources of the EMBA staff, but quick-thinking Amnon Gabay, EMBA site coordinator, procured tables from the Newton-Wellesley club and saved the day!



If all our opponents played perfectly, it would be harder to win at this game. Happily, everyone makes mistakes and winning players are ready to take advantage of the opportunities opponents offer. On this diagrammed deal from an online competition, Lorraine Cable, team captain of one of the teams competing in the District 25 Flight A semifinal, stayed alert, took advantage of careless play by declarer and achieved a great result.

Lorraine's partner led his singleton spade against the five club contract, declarer played low from dummy, Lorraine put in the 10, which was won by declarer's A. At trick two, the winning line of play is to ruff the heart Q in dummy, draw four rounds of trump, starting with one of dummy's high trumps and pitch spades from dummy. Then, declarer can run the diamond 9, which loses to the Q. After ruffing the heart return, declarer cashes the other high spade, in case they split 2-2. When they turn out to be 3-1, the diamond finesse is repeated and when it wins, declarer pitches spades and makes six .

But if the play went this way, there would be no story. Instead, declarer played two high trumps from his hand and then ruffed his heart Q, stranding himself in dummy (See box, bottom right). Declarer led the spade 6 toward his K, hoping it would provide an entry for the diamond finesse. But south ruffed and returned the diamond 3. Declarer played low, Lorraine smartly rose with the Q and cashed her spade Q, on which her partner pitched the diamond 8. Lorraine resisted the temptation to play a high heart and returned her diamond 2. Now declarer was stuck again. Dummy had

Vul: None  
Contract: 5 clubs

Dealer: South  
Opening lead: 5 of spades

**NORTH**

♠ Q109  
♥ AK98643  
♦ Q2  
♣ 7

**WEST**

♠ J8762  
♥ ---  
♦ AJ1065  
♣ J108

**EAST**

♠ AK43  
♥ Q  
♦ 974  
♣ AKQ32

**SOUTH**

♠ 5  
♥ J10752  
♦ K83  
♣ 9654

**South**

Pass  
4 ♥

**West**

Pass  
4 NT\*

**North**

1 ♥  
Pass

**East**

2 ♣  
5 ♣

All pass      \*5+ ♣ and 3+♦

**The hand with nine cards to play**

**NORTH**

♠ Q9  
♥ AK986  
♦ Q2  
♣ ---

**WEST**

♠ J876  
♥ ---  
♦ AJ1065  
♣ ---

**EAST**

♠ K43  
♥ ---  
♦ 974  
♣ Q32

**SOUTH**

♠ ---  
♥ J1075  
♦ K83  
♣ 96

only spades and diamonds, and declarer had to follow suit while South ruffed with his last trump—down two!

**Today's Shark's Pointers:** As declarer, take time to plan the sequence of your plays. As defender, stay alert and take advantage of hasty, careless mistakes by declarer.

## WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT "SPECIAL" CLUB GAMES?

BY SAUL AGRANOFF

*Club championships. Unit games. Unit-wide games. There's a long list of "special" games held at local clubs, but what does it all mean? Here's what you should know about EMBA's special games.*

Regular games are the bread-and-butter for local clubs. The formula for masterpoint awards is based on the class of game, such as open, invitational, or stratified. A small portion of the entry fee goes to the ACBL but most of it goes to the club. The ACBL has authorized many types of "special" games 1) to encourage local club play by offering more masterpoints than regular club games and 2) to raise additional money for the ACBL, the unit, for clubs and the charities and foundations sponsored by the ACBL and local clubs.

As a result, special games cost both players and clubs a little more. The number, frequency, schedule and masterpoint formula of all special games are governed by the ACBL and local clubs are free to participate in special games—or not.

For club managers, the decision to offer a special game is often a tradeoff: will the extra fee the club pays be offset by the higher price it charges players? Will more players attend a special game—or fewer? You can help your club manager by offering feedback on the special games the club offers. For a summary of the most common special games, see the table below. Check with your local club manager or the *Quick Trick* calendar for a schedule of special games at your club.

### A PARTIAL LISTING OF EMBA SPECIAL GAMES

Type of game	Masterpoint awards	Frequency	Other considerations
Club championship	65% of sectional awards; black	Up to 4x/year for weekly games	Clubs can charge more; most don't
Unit game	85% of sectional awards; black	Up to 24 unit & unit-wide games annually	Game scored within local club; extra fee split between clubs, EMBA and the ACBL
Unit-wide game	85% of sectional awards; black	Up to 24 unit & unit-wide games annually	Requires at least three clubs to participate; same hands at all clubs; across participating clubs, awards increase for top finishers; extra fee split between clubs, EMBA and the ACBL
Junior, Charity and International Fund games	100% of sectional; black	No limit within designated month; occasional games allowed for local charity	February is Junior month, April is Charity month and Sept is International Fund month; Extra \$1 player fee goes to charity
Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaC)	100% of sectional; silver	Up to two week-long STaCs annually at unit discretion	All clubs play same hands at the same time; awards can be large; sectional prices charged; fee split between EMBA and clubs
ACBL-wide game	100% of sectional; black, overall awards based on national field and are red for some events	Spring and fall Charity games; Summer International Fund; Senior pairs (February); World-wide pairs (June) and Instant Matchpoint game (September)	Nationwide field; extra fee to ACBL (\$1.50-\$4 per player)
Club appreciation and Membership games	100% sectional, black; swiss teams include 5% gold	Two annually, in October	Only ACBL members eligible to win points in Membership game
NAP qualifying game	100% sectional, 1/2 black and 1/2 red	Unlimited; June, July and August	Score above average to qualify for district final; extra fee goes to district to help send winners to the NABC



## CALENDAR

### EMBA TOURNAMENTS...AND MORE

Visit [www.acblemba.org](http://www.acblemba.org) for more calendar information

#### Memorial Sectional

**May 29 - 31 2009**

Armenian Cultural and Educational Center  
47 Nichols Avenue  
Watertown, MA

**Friday, May 29**

**7:30 PM**

Single-session stratified pairs  
A open B <2000 C <750  
Single-session 299er pairs

**Saturday, May 30**

**12 noon**

*Build Better Bridge Skills Lecture*  
TO BE ANNOUNCED  
Free and open to all

**1:00 PM**

One session 49er pairs  
(18 boards: hand records and analysis provided)

**1:00 PM & 6:30 PM**

Two-session stratified pairs  
(Single-session entries accepted)  
A open B <2000 C <750  
Two single-session 299er pairs

**Sunday, May 31**

**10:30 AM**

Swiss Teams  
Eight-match play-through  
A open B/C bracketed

Single session 299er Swiss Teams  
Four matches

Order sandwich or salads before  
Sunday Swiss \$6 or BYO lunch  
Free soda and chips with purchase

Tournament hosts  
Saul Agranoff and Stuart Whittle  
For more information, contact  
Saul at 774-279-1951

Partnership assistance on site  
Or, indicate your partnership needs  
to [www.partnershipdesk.com](http://www.partnershipdesk.com)  
Emergency ONLY phone 617 309 6957

#### EMBA STaC Week July 1 - 7

- 1 Wed Dartmouth\*, Leavitt\*,  
Merrimac\*, Emanuel\*,  
Puritan (AM & PM),  
Westwood\*, Bridge Spot  
(Non-LM), Hamilton,  
MidCape, & Winchester
- 2 Thu Aliyah\*, Andover\*, Puritan\*,  
Dartmouth\*, BSpot (AM&PM)  
Westwood\* & Newton Reyim
- 3 Fri Leavitt\*, Newton-Wellesley\*,  
Seaside\*, Westwood\*,  
Bridge Spot
- 4 Sat Puritan\* & Westwood\*
- 5 Su Bridge Spot (AM & PM)  
Westwood\* (ST) HP
- 6 Mon Leavitt\*, Newton-Wellesley\*,  
Oak Street\*, Puritan\*, Aliyah,  
Westwood (AM & PM),  
Dartmouth & Lynnfield
- 7 Tues Puritan\*, Rock Harbor\*,  
Westwood (AM & PM), MIT,  
Leavitt, Jackie's & Newton  
Wellesley

#### Senior Regional and Cape Cod Open Sectional

**April 29 - May 3 2009**

Sea Crest Resort N. Falmouth, MA  
800-225-3110

#### NE Summer Regional

**June 24 - 28 2009**

Sturbridge Host Hotel Sturbridge, MA  
508-347-7393

#### NE Fiesta Regional

**Sept 2 - 7 2009**

Radisson Hotel Nashua, NH  
603-888-9970

#### SPECIAL ROOM RATES APPLY

For more information:  
Helen Pawlowski  
413-530-1278  
[tournmgr@nebridge.org](mailto:tournmgr@nebridge.org)

### ♣ Club News ♣

#### Westwood experiments with "Hi-Lo" Quick Knock Out game

Newer players will be paired with seasoned teammates in a knock out match following Saturday's regularly scheduled game. Each match is only \$4, including pizza. First game is May 9. For more information, call Bob Simpson at 508-376-8895.

#### Aliyah Needham adds new Thursday game at 10 a.m.

Both an open game and a separate novice (zero to 20) game will be held. Entry is only \$4. See [www.newtonbridge.com](http://www.newtonbridge.com) for details.

#### WW Pairs game at Midcape DBC

Mark your calendar for the special Worldwide Pairs game on Saturday, June 6. Reservations are required.

#### NAP Qualifiers start in June

Qualifying games for the North American Pairs championship are scheduled for June (see calendar). If you score in the top half of your field or flight (or at least 50%) in a qualifying game in your district, you are eligible to play in the district finals in October. The top three pairs in flights A, B and C will qualify to play in the national NAP competition at the Spring 2010 NABC in Reno, NV. Cash awards are paid to the top two pairs.

#### 2008 EMBA NAP Winners

- A 1) Mel Marcus-Luke Gillespie  
A 3) J McLaughlin-L Arvedon  
B 1) Bob McCaw -Lew Gamerman  
B 2) CJ Jackson- S Sengupta  
C 1) Yaning Zhou - Ying Xu  
C 2) M Lieberman - Alya Asarina  
C 3) M Gerstein - R Briggs



# EXTRA POINTS SPECIAL CLUB GAMES EXTRA FEE MAY APPLY

APRIL	LOCATION	MAY	LOCATION	JUNE/JULY	LOCATION	
W 1	Winchester Ch	F 1	Falmouth* & Seaside* No game	M 1	Andover* NAP & Leavitt* CC	
Th 2	Puritan* ChC	M 4	Andover* & Lynnfield CC		Newt-Wellesley* & Aliyah* NAP	
F 3	Seaside* ChC		Westwood No game	T 2	Westwood No game	
F-Su 3-5	<b>EMBA SECTIONAL</b>	T 5	Jackie's CC & MIT CC Pro-Am	W 3	Puritan* ICC & Westwood NAP	
	<b>Watertown, MA</b>		Newton-Wellesley IF IMP		Merrimac* & Emanuel* NAP	
M 6	Newton-Wellesley* UW		Westwood Ch		<b>Hamilton &amp; Puritan UW</b>	
	Oak Street* & Purian UW	W 6	Leavitt* & Merrimac* UW	Th 4	Aliyah* NAP & Dartmouth* Ch	
	Andover* UW		Newton Emanuel* UW		Puritan* & Reyim NAP	
T 7	Puritan* ChC		Westwood* UW	F 5	Leavitt* & Seaside UW	
	Jackie's & N-Wellesley UW	Th 7	Hamilton & Winchester CC		Westwood* UW	
	MIT UW		Aliyah* & Newton Reyim Ch	S 6	Westwood & Bridge Spot WW	
Th 9	Andover* ChC with Westwood*		Bridge Spot CC (AM & PM)		Bridge Spot* & MidCape* WW	
F 10	Newton Wellesley* No game	F 8	Newton-Wellesley* CC	Su 7	Westwood* WW Hi-Lo KO	
S 11	Puritan* ChC		Bridge Spot CC		Westwood* Ch	
M 13	Dartmouth Ch	S 9	Puritan* CCU	M 8	Puritan* & Dartmouth NAP	
M13-19	<b>Gatlinburg Regional</b>		Westwood* IF Hi-Lo KO		Aliyah & Lynnfield UW	
W 15	Merrimac* Ch	M 11	Newton-Wellesley* JF ST		Westwood UW	
	Newton Emanuel No game		Westwood CC (AM & PM)	T 9	Rock Harbor* & Leavitt CC	
Th 16	Aliyah* No game		Aliyah CC & Dartmouth ICC		Jackie's & MIT & Wwood NAP	
	Newton Reyim* No game	T 12	Puritan* CC	W 10	Newton-Wellesley JF ST	
	Westwood* Ch		Rock Harbor* ST		Newton Emanuel* CC	
F 17	Newton-Wellesley* ChC		Westwood CC (AM & PM)	Th 11	Hamilton NAP	
	Seaside* ST	W 13	Dartmouth* ACBL IF		Aliyah* Ch & Andover* UW	
S 19	Bridge Spot* 199er party		Newton Emanuel* ST		Bridge Spot* & Puritan* UW	
M 20	Puritan* ChC & Westwood* Ch		Puritan CC (AM & PM)		Westwood* UW & Reyim Ch	
	Newton-Wellesley* No game		Westwood* ACBL IF	F 12	Newton-Wellesley* NAP	
	Aliyah No game & Wwood Ch	Th 14	Aliyah* ChC & Westwood* CC	S-Su 13-14	<b>SECTIONAL Johnson, RI</b>	
T 21	Rock Harbor* & Westwood* Ch		Andover* & Puritan* CC	Su 14	Bridge Spot* 199er party	
	Jackie's & MIT ChC		Newton Reyim ST	M 15	Newton-Wellesley* CC	
	Newton-Wellesley ChC	F 15	Westwood* CC		Westwood NAP (AM & PM)	
	Westwood ChC	F-Su 15-17	<b>SECTIONAL Camden, ME</b>		Aliyah NAP	
W 22	Newton Emanuel* ChC	S 16	Puritan* & Westwood* CC	T 16	Westwood NAP (AM & PM)	
	Westwood* & Winchester Ch	Su 17	Bridge Spot* 199er Party	W 17	Dartmouth* & Leavitt* CC	
	Hamilton ChC		Westwood* CC		Merrimac* CC	
Th 23	Aliyah* ChC & Andover* ICC	M 18	Aliyah No game		Emanuel* & Westwood* NAP	
	Dartmouth* CC		WestwoodCh		Puritan & Winchester NAP	
	Puritan* ICC	T 19	Puritan* UW & MIT IND	Th 18	Aliyah* & Andover* NAP	
	Westwood* ICC		Newton-Wellesley CC		Wwood* & Newt Reyim NAP	
	Brewster Ch		Westwood Ch	F 19	Seaside* CC ST & Wwood* NAP	
	Newton Reyim ChC		Merrimac* ICC	S 20	Puritan* NAP	
F 24	Westwood* Ch	W 20	Newton Emanuel* ICC		Westwood* NAP Hi-Lo KO	
24-26	<b>SECTIONAL Hamden, CT</b>		Winchester JF BAM	S-Su 20-21	<b>SECTIONAL Portland, ME</b>	
S 25-26	<b>SECTIONAL Augusta, ME</b>	Th 21	Aliyah* & Newton Reyim CC	Su 21	Westwood* NAP	
S 25	Westwood* Ch	F 22	Newton-Wellesley* IF IMP	M 22	Westwood NAP	
Su 26	Bridge Spot* ChC ST-AM/PM	F-Su 22-24	<b>SECTIONAL Rutland, VT</b>	T 23	MIT & Westwood NAP	
M 27	Andover* Ch		<b>NH State Championships</b>		Newton-Wellesley NAP	
	Newton-Wellesley* IF IMP	M 25	Puritan* & Dartmouth CC	W 24	Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor	
	Oak Street* Ch		Westwood* CC (ST) 2 p.m.	W-Su 24-28	<b>SUMMER REGIONAL</b>	
	Alyah ChC		Aliyah No game	24-28	<b>Sturbridge, MA</b>	
	Westwood Ch	T 26	Leavitt, Jackie's & MIT UW	Th 25	Dartmouth & Wwood* ICC	
	Westwood Ch		Newt-Welles & WestW UW		Bridge Spot ChC IMP	
T 28	Westwood Ch	W 27	Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor		Brewster CC	
W 29	Dartmouth* Ch		Westwood* CC	F 26	Leavitt* CC	
	Leavitt* ChC	Th 28	Bridge Spot ChC IMP	M 29	Oak Street* CC & Aliyah ChC	
	Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor		Newton Reyim No game		Westwood NAP	
29-3	<b>E KEOHANE</b>		Newton-Wellesley* No game	T 30	Westwood NAP	
	<b>SENIOR REGIONAL/</b>			STaC week July 1-7. See page 4.	W 8	Hamilton NAP
	<b>CAPE COD SECTIONAL</b>				Th 9	Aliyah* & Newton Reyim NAP
	<b>Falmouth, MA</b>	F 29	Newton-Wellesley* No game		S 11	Puritan* NAP
Th 30	Falmouth* No game				Su 12	Bridge Spot* 199er party
	Brewster* No game					

BAM=Board-a-match, CC= Club championship, CCU=Club championship upgraded, Ch=Charity, ChC=Charity championship, \*=day game, ICC= ACBL Interclub champ, IF=International Fund, IMP=IMP pairs, IND=Individual, JF=Junior fund, LM/NLM= Life master/non-life master, NAP=North American Pairs qualifier, ST= Swiss team, STaC=Sectional Tournament at Clubs, UW=Unitwide game, WW=World-wide pairs. Consult [www.acblemba.org](http://www.acblemba.org) for locations.

## EMBA's 2008 NIFTY 150

This year, four names rose to the ranks of EMBA's Nifty 150 (not counting members who relocated to the unit). New to the list in 2008 are: **Anton Tsyarkin, Paul Simon, Peter Matthews and Eleanor Mullane. Sheila Gabay** was the top point winner for the year. **John McLaughlin** made the biggest rank gain, from 103 in 2007 to 71 in 2008. Points are rounded to whole numbers and recorded through 12/31/08.

1 Lloyd Arvedon	20, 754	31 Randall Ray	5,155	76 Marjorie Shuman	3,042
2 William Hunter	18,236	32 David Becher	5,065	77 James Streisand	3,041
3 Shome Mukherjee	17,837	33 Leslie Popper	5,050	78 Nataly Goldin	3,039
4 Sheila Gabay	15,676	34 Ronald Newburg	4,884	79 Bud Biswas	3,032
5 Melvin Marcus	14,560	35 Rena Lieberman	4,828	80 John Whistler	3,008
6 Stephen Gladyszak	11,836	36 Harriett Leavit	4,716	81 Henry Daley	2,968
7 Pat McDevitt	11,548	37 Bob Gorse	4,530	82 Phil Regan	2,875
8 Daniel Colatosti	10,743	38 Ronnie Ferestien	4,517	83 Ruth Linsky	2,847
9 Chet P. Davis, Jr.	10,577	39 Richard Burns	4,495	84 John Flynn	2,842
10 Charles Drum	8,300	40 Lou Kelleher	4,447	85 Donald Robertson	2,831
11 Mary Green	8,255	41 Irv Block	4,368	86 Sarah Peeke	2,830
12 Sandra Drum	7,157	42 Alan Watson	4,365	87 Marina Polestra	2,825
13 Roy Green	6,957	43 David Leopold	4,347	88 Charles Polay	2,812
14 Ilse Rothman	6,670	44 Richard Freedman	4,256	89 Joan Ponn	2,810
15 Bill Irvine	6,459	45 David Metcalf	4,133	90 Alma Goldman	2,790
16 Marlene Keliher	6,355	46 Richard Zeckhauser	4,127	91 Jacqueline Altschuler	2,789
17 Edward Rothman	6,332	47 Barbara Burgess	4,086	92 Kathy Benjamin	2,786
18 William Braucher	6,221	48 Stewart Mackeigan	3,999	93 Pamela Miller	2,751
19 Stephen Rzewski	6,206	49 Amnon Gabay	3,989	94 Phyllis Fireman	2,708
20 Barbara Stone	6,124	50 Gerald Seixas	3,891	95 Daniel Nussbaum	2,695
21 Robert Barr	6,037	51 Alan Applebaum	3,846	96 Elaine Newburg	2,550
22 Haven Sharaf	5,991	52 S Hamilton-Diesel	3,783	97 Teng Sun Liu	2,668
23 Margie Sullivan	5,821	53 Kevin O'Donnell	3,774	98 Yi Keng Liu	2,660
24 Mark Aquino	5,724	54 John McDermott	3,757	99 Nancy Flynn	2,651
25 John Saxe	5,620	55 Mimi Santini Ritt	3,706	100 Robert Gacicia	2,641
26 Carolyn Sessler	5,574	56 Jeanne McKenzie	3,611	101 Christopher Apitz	2,633
27 Brenda Montague	5,533	57 Joseph Cappannelli	3,602	102 Eric Schwartz	2,631
28 Rick Binder	5,377	58 Judy Fiske	3,505	103 Al Comeau	2,609
29 Glenn McIntyre	5,213	59 Donna Marshall	3,491	104 Elyse Katz	2,591
30 Carole Weinstein	5,172	60 Bernard Yomtov	3,490	105 David Filman	2,508
		61 Robert Starr	3,478	106 Stephen Schectman	2,497
		62 Donald Caplin	3,377	107 Tom Macbeth	2,481
		63 Haskell Fuller	3,339	108 Stuart Whittle	2,481
		64 Phyllis Shectman	3,333	109 Jacqueline Kovacs	2,462
		65 Luke Gillespie	3,326	110 Neil Montague	2,461
		66 Sandra Nyman	3,290	111 Ann Baum	2,461
		67 Mark Gallagher	3,197	112 Patricia Worthley	2,405
		68 James Tullis	3,166	113 Helen Flanagan	2,404
		69 Perry Trilling	3,147	114 Lilo Grubner	2,393
		70 Nathan Glasser	3,146	115 Francis Lombardo	2,379
		71 John McLaughlin	3,102	116 Anne Walfield	2,376
		72 James Rasmussen	3,101	117 Steven Groag	2,368
		73 Robert Hickey	3,076	118 Robert Prevoir	2,348
		74 Natalie Bassil	3,059	119 Ellen Dilbert	2,334
		75 Stephen Hess	3,058	120 Patricia Hanna	2,328

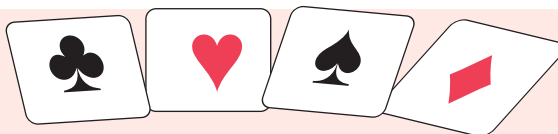
121 Roslyn Grossman	2,309
122 Alfred Landman	2,305
123 Rita Allen	2,303
124 Donald Carow	2,301
125 Saul Agranoff	2,286
126 Dorothy Nelson	2,272
127 Rita Baudo	2,258
128 Richard Weiss	2,245
129 David Green	2,242
130 Frank Kiely Jr.	2,231
131 Ramona Marrier	2,204
132 Richard La Freniere	2,198
133 Rolf Paul	2,198
134 Ken Bloom	2,194
135 Edward Nugent	2,185
136 Evelyn Ruby	2,177
137 Alan Frantz	2,144
138 Carolyn Weiser	2,120
139 Anton Tsytkin	2,115
140 Paul Simon	2,110
141 Thomas Deady Jr	2,109
142 Kenneth McNeill	2,089
143 Simon Cohen	2,089
144 John Lindsey II	2,060
145 Edward Rasmussen	2,049
146 Peter Matthews	2,042
147 Dick Dugas	2,037
148 Peter Crane	2,027
149 Lowell Eubanks	2,025
150 Eleanor Mullane	2,020

In 2008, it took 99 more points to make the Nifty 150 than it did in 2007.

## IN MEMORIAM



Robert Starr	Centerville
Harriet T. Levin	Framingham
Vincent A. Polito	Woburn
Mae R. Sullivan	W. Roxbury
Clorinda G. Banks	Duxbury
Milton Winer	Norwood



## RECENT TOURNAMENT WINNERS

### EMBA Winter Sectional February 20-22

#### Friday Stratified Pairs

##### Flight A

- 1 S Gabay and L Gillespie  
2 A Applebaum and A Grossack

##### Flight C

- 1 J Arsham and M Gerstein

##### Friday 299er pairs

- 1 S Macht - Arthur Schatz

##### Flight B

- 1 J Vecchione and J Scott  
2 J Arsham and M Gerstein

- 2 J DeCosta and Brian Madden

- 2 N Guivens and V Aleksic

#### Saturday afternoon sidegame

- 1 Haven Sharaf and David Green

- 2 Gerald Hitt and Richard Burns

#### Saturday 299er Pairs--afternoon

- 1 Cecilla Borrás and Glenn Perrin

- 2 Richard Healey and J Overly

#### Saturday 49er pairs

- 1 J Lombardo and D Crossley

- 2 Robert and Susan Hicks

#### Saturday Stratified Pairs

- A Arvedon and McLaughlin

- B & C J Galaris and J Demakes

#### Saturday 299er Pairs--evening

- 1 M West and P Najarian

- 2 W McAllister and J Demeter

#### Sunday Swiss

A A Applebaum, L Gillespie, M Marcus, S Gabay

BI R Bertoni, S Cunningham, J Tang, Y Tang

BII R Barton, D Roe, M Lieberman, A Asarina

#### 299er Swiss

A& B S and A Cutler, D Walsh and E Freihofer

C P Palmer, E Palmer, M Harris, C Harris

## EMBA GNT Winners

### Finalists

#### Championship

R Weiss, R. Virgile, W. Fontaine, James Greer

#### Flight C

M Stevens, H Marsh, P Jain, Tim Hill

### GNT semifinalists (one round left to play)

#### Flight B

L Ribeiro, J Scott

V Koon Kam King

M Tallent

vs

Brian Duran, Gloria Tsoi,

Barry Margolin, James Jones

#### Flight A

B Gorsey, N Montague, B Adler, L Lau

vs

Lorraine Cable, Matthew Dyer,

Joseph Seo, Amnon Gabay

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## TOURNAMENT TRAIL

### EMBA Spring Sectional

April 3-5 2009  
Watertown, MA

### EMBA Memorial Sectional

May 29-31 2009  
Watertown, MA

### E Keohane Senior Regional

April 29-May 3 2009  
N Falmouth, MA

### NE Summer Regional

June 24-28 2009  
Sturbridge, MA

### NE Fiesta Regional

Sept 2 - 7 2009  
Nashua, NH



## A MESSAGE FROM EMBA PRESIDENT

### Derrick Niederman

As EMBA President, one of my tasks is to keep tabs on the volunteers who make up our organization. This process is still new to me, so I thought I'd enlist the assistance of our membership in evaluating our Tournament Committee's performance. That committee, chaired by Jim Rasmussen, is responsible for the addition of a separate game for players with fewer than 50 masterpoints at the February sectional, which produced 26 tables on its own. It will be held again, in April and May, with its own clock, a free analysis booklet and a dedicated director—Carolyn Weiser. The February sectional set all-time attendance records, no doubt tied to the Tournament Committee's resolution to promote the sectionals at all of EMBA's member clubs. Committee member Kathy Benjamin, apparently not tired out from her little stint as co-chair of the 2008 Fall NABC, spearheaded the hosting team of Benjamin, Borgschulte and MacKeigan, whose hospitality efforts somehow kept pace with February's overflow crowds. So I ask you: Is the Tournament Committee doing a good job?