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Spring Sectional

April 5-7
Watertown, MA

Senior Regional

April 24-28
Hyannis, MA

Memorial Sectional

May 24-26
Watertown, MA

Winter Sectional

February 22-24
Watertown, MA

Summer Regional

June 18-23
Sturbridge, MA

EMBA Players Dominate Grand National Teams

The winners of the GNT finals on January 25-26 were almost all EMBA players.

The championship flight was taken by Luke Gillespie, Jim Streisand, Walter Lee and Anton Tsytkin. Flight A winners were Zach Grossack, Amnon Gabay, Charles Polay and Don Caplin. Flight B was won by Lance Ribiero, Jeffery Scott, Michael Tallent and Jack Vecchione, and C winners were Emily Marcus, David Maze, Catherine Cooper and Ira Cooper.

Lance Ribiero lives in New Hampshire, but all the other players were from our Unit.

Congratulations to all and good luck in Atlanta this summer!



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EMBA WINTER SECTIONAL WINNERS

February 22-24, 2013



Left: Flight C KO winners Akhil Ketkar, Neil Kreuzer, Eric Throop and Mark Throop. Right: Flight A KO winners Victor King, Alan Applebaum, Sheila Gabay and Adam Grossack.



Left: Saturday pairs winners Mark Aquino and Norman Humer. Right, Saturday afternoon 299er Pairs winners James Scamman and Harriet Dunn.

The EMBA Winter Sectional featured a new Friday Knockout game. Flight A and C winners are pictured above. Flight B was divided into two brackets, with Paul Harris, Cecilla Borrás, Dick Majcher and Alix Taylor winning Bracket 1 and Robert Eachus, Sarah Widhu, Barry Rogoff and John Banker winning Bracket 2.

On Saturday, Mark Aquino and Norman won both sessions of the Stratified Pairs with a 70.95% game in the morning and a 68.55% game in the afternoon. Congratulations for a remarkable performance.

On Sunday, Pam Miller, Jim Rasmussen, Amnon Gabay and Joseph Seo won the Flight A/X Swiss. John Wason, George Gardos, Paul Harris and Cecilla Borrás won Flight B/C/D. Mark Greenbe, Gordon Oppenheim, Henry Shulman and Katherine Sachs tied for the top spot in the single session 299er Swiss with Katherine Bovey, Joanna Gleason, Eileen Mandell and Elizabeth Kinnach.

For a complete list of high finishers, please see Page 2.



NEW EVENT ANNOUNCED FOR APRIL SECTIONAL

Format for Friday will be "Eight is Enough" Swiss

A Swiss team event with a twist will be offered on Friday, April 5. The format, called "Eight is Enough," is designed to create an event where players of all levels can play and still give everyone a reasonable chance of winning. Here's how it works:

Depending on the number of masterpoints you have, you will be assigned "player points." If you are not a Life Master, you get one point, a Life Master with 300-2499 two points, and with 2500 or more you get three points.

Teams will be limited to four people, and the player points of all the members of the team will be added together. No team may have more than eight player points for its four players.

What this means is: Flight A players can play in the event, and both members of one partnership can be Flight A. If this is the case, the other partnership on the team can not have more than two player points, because the Flight A partnership would have six. So if a team has two "A" players, the others would be of a lower flight.

On the other hand, a team **could** consist of all "B" players.

The event should be an interesting change of pace. Hope to see you all there.

WINTER SECTIONAL WINNERS

Watertown, February 22-24, 2013

Friday Knockout Teams

- | | |
|----|--|
| A | 1 Victor King, Alan Applebaum, Sheila Gabay, Adam Grossack |
| | 2 Robin Hillyard, Jan Popiel, Jeffery Scott, Steven Willner |
| B1 | 1 Paul Harris, Cecilla Borrás, Dick Majcher, Alix Taylor |
| | 2 Joel Eigerman, Wayne Scott, James Jones, Jr., Rich Stevens |
| B2 | 1 Robert Eachus, Sarah Widhu, Barry Rogoff, John Banker |
| | 2 Eva Milofsky, Ruth Twombly, William Shaffer, Jean Shaffer |
| C | 1 Akhil Ketkar, Neil Kreuzer, Eric Throop, Mark Throop |
| | 2 Michael Albert, Daniel Albert Rozenberg, Paul Tierney, Peggy Tierney |

Friday Open Pairs

- | | |
|-------|-----------------------------------|
| A | 1 Haven Sharaf, Bill Irvine |
| | 2 Steven Salidas, Natalie Bassil |
| | 3 David Donald, Gail Farrish |
| B | 1 David Donald, Gail Farrish |
| | 2 Susan Banghart, Ruth Banghart |
| | 3 Andrea Teacher, Donald Levy |
| C | 1 Susan Banghart, Ruth Banghart |
| | 2 Evgueni Chtykov, Denis Chebikin |
| | 3 Dianne Koch, Robert Gaudet |
| 299er | 1 Lucy Hulse, Sam Shoushtarian |
| | 2 Anthony Larosa, Audrey Larosa |
| | 3 Cheryl Sober, Simon Zimmerman |

Saturday AM Pairs

- | | |
|-------|-------------------------------------|
| A | 1 Mark Aquino, Norman Humer |
| | 2 Haven Sharaf, Bill Irvine |
| | 3 Lloyd Arvedon, John McLaughlin |
| B | 1 Xiaoqian Liu, Maxim Siline |
| | 2 Diogo Teixeira, Greg Chang |
| C | 1 Diogo Teixeira, Greg Chang |
| | 2 Harry Marsh, Michael Stevens |
| 299er | 1 Sharon Uusitalo, Baul Babineau |
| | 2 David Cancian, Richard Giles |
| | 3 Beth Mazer, Barbara Rosenbaum |
| 49er | 1 Carol Parsons, Priscilla Lindhout |
| | 2 Ellen Kaplan, Robert Kaplan |

Saturday PM Pairs

- A 1 Mark Aquino, Norman Humer
2 Marina Polestra, Sheila Balson
2 Michael Smith, Susan Smith
- B 1 Michael Smith, Susan Smith
2 Zach Grossack, Kimberly Gilman
3 Xiaoqian Liu, Maxim Siline
- C 1 Robert Williams, Susan Tordel Williams
2 Marilyn Wolman, Peter Blanshan
3 Harry Marsh, Michael Stevens
- 299er 1 James Scamman, Harriet Dann
2 Elaine Gelinis Gray, Rebecca Ames
3 Paul Kelley, Mary Kelley

Sunday Swiss Flight A/X

- A 1 Pamela Miller, James Rasmussen, Amnon Gabay,
Joseph Seo
2 Victor King, Alan Applebaum, Sheila Gabay,
Adam Grossack
- X 1 Robert Fogarty, R. Muggia, Terri Struthers, Susan
Ostrowski
2 Joyce Pearson, Stuart Whittle, Saul Agranoff, Jori
Grossack

Sunday Swiss Flight B/C/D

- B 1 John Wason, George Gardos, Paul Harris,
Cecilla Borrás
2 Michael Lieberman, Alevtina Asarina, Daniel
Jablonski, Reid Barton
- C 1 Michael Lieberman, Alevtina Asarina, Daniel
Jablonski, Reid Barton
2 Greg Chang, Dick Majcher, T. Seder, Diogo
Teixeira
- D 1 Barry Herring, Joseph Foster, Maria Kawka,
Marek Kawka

Sunday 299er Swiss

- 1/2 Mark Greenbe, Gordon Oppenheim, Henry
Shulman, Katherine Sachs
- 1/2 Katherine Bovey, Joanna Gleason, Eileen Mandell,
Elizabeth Kinnach

IS 17 POINTS ENOUGH TO OPEN 1NT?

Sandy Drum was playing with her husband Charlie at the Westwood duplicate on January 27 and, sitting West with neither side vulnerable, picked up the following collection:

♠ QJ3
♥ Q108
♦ AKQJ5
♣ Q2

There is a school of thought that believes this hand is too strong to open a 15-17 1NT, but Sandy does not belong to this school and thought 1NT was a reasonable bid. Well, that was an overbid today. The whole hand:

North
♠ AK10
♥ AJ7632
♦ 106
♣ J8

West
♠ QJ3
♥ Q108
♦ AKQJ5
♣ Q2

East
♠ 8652
♥ 54
♦ 872
♣ 7643

South
♠ 974
♥ K9
♦ 943
♣ AK1095

The auction proceeded pass, pass, pass and North led a small heart. South won and led back a heart and North cashed the rest of the hearts. South pitched spades and diamonds on the hearts, so North cashed the ♠AK and led a club. Down 7!

Most Norths bid 2♥ over the opening 1NT, so this result was not duplicated elsewhere, the most common result being 3♥ N-S making four for N-S 170. But -350 wasn't a bottom: one N-S pair bid and made 4♥, and one E-W pair was -500 in 3♦ doubled.

Thanks to Sandy for this amusing hand.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Spring Sectional, April 5-7

Armenian Cultural Center
47 Nichols Ave., Watertown, MA

Please note: details are subject to change.
Check the EMBA website for updates.

Friday, April 5, 7:30 PM

Eight is Enough Swiss. Players are rated by MP:
 Non-LM = 1 pt, LM 300-2499 = 2pts,
 2500+ = 3 pts. No teams can have more than 8 pts.
 Stratified by number of "player points."

Stratified Pairs: A: open, B:<2000, C:<750
 299er Pairs

Saturday, April 6, 10 AM and 2:30 PM

Stratified Pairs, 2 single sessions. Strats, by partnership average: A: 2000+, B: 500-1999, C: <500
 299er Pairs, 2 single sessions
 Single session 49er pairs at 10 AM

Sunday, April 7, 10:30 AM

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams, flights play separately.
 8 matches

A/X: A open, X 0-3000

B/C/D: no player > 2000. B: 1000-1999, C: 500-999, D: <500

Single session 299er Swiss

Senior Regional, April 24-28

Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis
34 Scudder Lane, Hyannis, MA

Events in italics are sectionally rated and open to players of all ages.

Wednesday, April 24

7:30 PM

Bracketed Senior KO I, continued Thu 10, 2:30, 7:30

Wed-Thur Side Game

Stratified 299er Pairs

Stratified Open Pairs

Thursday, April 25

10 AM and 2:30 PM

Stratified Senior Pairs

10 AM, 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM

Stratified 299er Pairs

Stratified Open Pairs

2:30 PM and/or 7:30 PM

Wed-Thur Side Game

Friday, April 26

10 AM and 2:30 PM

Bracketed Senior KO II, continued Sat 10, 2:30
 Stratified Senior Pairs

10 AM, 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM

Stratified 299er Pairs

Stratified Open Pairs

2:30 PM and/or 7:30 PM

Fri-Sat Side Game

7:30 PM

Bracketed Compact KO, continues Sat 7:30

Saturday, April 27

10 AM and 2:30 PM

Stratified Senior Pairs

10 AM, 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM

Stratified 299er Pairs

Stratified Open Pairs

2:30 PM and/or 7:30 PM

Fri-Sat Side Game

Sunday, April 28

10 AM

Bracketed Round Robin Teams

Open Swiss

Stratified 299er Swiss

Subsidized lunch provided to two-session events on Sunday. All Sunday events will be completed by 5:30.

Site: The Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis, (866) 828-8259. Make reservations before April 6 to get \$93 bridge rate.

Memorial Sectional, May 24-26

Armenian Cultural Center
47 Nichols Ave., Watertown, MA

Please note: details are subject to change.
Check the EMBA website for updates.

Friday, May 24

KO Teams, flighted by average: strats A: open, B:750-1999, C:<750.

Stratified Pairs, A:open, B:<2000, C:<750

299er Pairs

Saturday, May 25, 10 AM and 2:30 PM

Two single-session open pairs, A:open, B:<2000, C:<750

Two single session 299er pairs

Sunday, May 26, 10 AM

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams, flights play separately.
8 matches

A/X: A open, X 0-3000

B/C/D: no player > 2000. B: 1000-1999, C: 500-999, D: <500

Single session 299er Swiss

Summer Regional, June 18-23

Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA

Tuesday, June 18

10 AM and 2:30 PM

Stratified (by average) Swiss

Gold Rush Swiss

Open Pairs

10 AM, 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM

299er Pairs

7:30 PM

Side Game Series

Wednesday, June 19

10 AM and 2:30 PM

Bracketed CKO

Gold Rush CKO

Open Pairs

10 AM, 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM

299er Pairs

2:30 PM

Red Point Swiss

0-750 Swiss

7:30 PM

Side Game Series

Thursday, June 20

10 AM and 2:30 PM

Stratified (by average) Swiss

Gold Rush Swiss

Open Pairs

10 AM, 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM

299er Pairs

7:30 PM

Side Game Series

Friday, June 21

10 AM and 2:30 PM

A/B Pairs

Gold Rush Pairs

Bracketed CKO

2:30 PM

Red Point Swiss

10 AM, 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM

299er Pairs

7:30 PM

Flight A KO (continued Sat 10, 2:30, 7:30)

Flight B Bracketed KO (continued Sat 10, 2:30, 7:30)

Side Game Series

Saturday, June 22

10 AM and 2:30 PM

Bracketed CKO

Flight A/X Pairs

Stratified B/C Pairs

10 AM, 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM

Stratified 299er Pairs

2:30 PM

Red Point Swiss

7:30 PM

Side Game Series

8:30 PM

Zip KO

Sunday, April 28

10 AM

Bracketed Round Robin Teams

Stratified 299er Pairs

Done by 6. Subsidized lunch.

Make reservations by May 21 to secure \$82 rate. Reservations: (508) 347-7393

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the passing of the following EMBA members from January to February, 2013.

Nancy Clayman	Boston
Judy Fiske	Sagamore Beach
Helene Sebring	Mashpee
Nellie Taft	Boston



EMBA players were the big winners in all flights in the recent Grand National Teams District Finals in Sturbridge, earning 15 out of the 16 nationals qualifying berths, and taking the lion's share of the prize money. Overall attendance was record-breaking! 47 teams competed in Flight C – which is the highest by far of any district in the entire ACBL, and EMBA's own Emily Marcus, David Maze, Catherine and Ira Cooper finished 1st Overall in this huge Flight C event. Jeff Scott, Michael Tallent, and Jack Vecchione, accompanied by Lance Ribiero from NH, took top honors in Flight B, and Zack Grossack, Amnon Gabay, Charlie Polay, and Don Caplin won in "A".

The Championship or Open Flight final two teams were actually entirely composed of EMBA players. Luke Gillespie, Jim Streisand, Anton Tsytkin, and Walter Lee had the advantage of enough carryover to enable them to eke out a narrow win in a very well-played and even final match to past EMBA President Jim Rasmussen, Pam Miller, Lloyd Arvedon, and John McLaughlin.

Whereas the Gillespie and Rasmussen teams had very few big swings in their final match, the semifinals were extremely exciting. The Rasmussen squad dispatched a heavily favored team from Connecticut, and Gillespie came back from a 19 IMP deficit at the half to beat a top notch all-EMBA team by a mere 2 imps! Today's hand features a huge swing hand from that semifinal match that proved to be instrumental in allowing the Gillespie team to even make it to the finals.

Even though both North – South pairs were playing similar strong club systems, the bidding went quite differently at the two tables:

GNT District Finals, January 26, 2013
Vul: Both Dealer: North

	North ♠ J95 ♥ Q ♦ A10972 ♣ KJ107	
West ♠ K ♥ KJ10874 ♦ 86 ♣ 9654		East ♠ 87643 ♥ A96532 ♦ 5 ♣ A
	South ♠ AQ102 ♥ --- ♦ KQJ43 ♣ Q832	

Open Room:

North	East	South	West
Jim Streisand	Alan Watson	Luke Gillespie	Kevin O'Donnell
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥
X	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♥	X	Pass
Pass	XX	All Pass	

Result: Down 1 (NS +400)

Closed Room:

North	East	South	West
Rick Binder	Anton Tsytkin	Bill Braucher	Walter Lee
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥
3♥	4♥	4♠	Pass
5♦	5♥	Pass	Pass
X	All Pass		

Result: Making 5 (NS +850)

In the Open Room, Jim Streisand really muddied the waters when he made a takeout double of 2♥ with only 3 spades. One can only suppose that he felt his holding a stiff heart might allow his scoring some ruffs in the short trump hand, if indeed his side did end up playing a spade contract. The negative double fooled his partner, but it completely bamboozled poor Alan Watson, who, as the bidding progressed, was completely convinced that his partner was void in spades, and with a 6-6 trump fit, his slam would be ice cold. His 5♥ bid along the way to slam is what is known as “walking the dog”. He was fully intending to bid 6♥ and couldn’t wait to get doubled so he could send it back. In the old form of scoring, before an extra 50 points was added for making redoubled contracts, on most days Alan would have scored up an appropriate score of +2020 as a tribute to his “visionary” bidding.

At the other table, Rick Binder might have been better advised to either jump directly to 5♦ or bid 4♥ to show a hand with near opening bid strength, many good diamonds and a singleton heart. His 3♥ bid had the advantage of allowing the hand to be played in 3NT, which, on a different day, might very well have been the best and the only makeable game contract – or possibly to stop in 4♦.

After having corrected Bill Braucher’s 4♠ bid to 5♦, when 5♥ came around to him, Rick’s double is actually quite understandable, and not at all unreasonable. Knowing his partner didn’t open a strong club, Rick thought slam his way was unlikely, and even more unlikely was it that his a passed hand opposite a preempt would score 11 tricks.

Despite the terrible result, the Binder team really didn’t do anything terribly wrong at either table. Rick might have passed 5♥ instead of doubling, and Alan might have been content to play 6♥ undoubled, but that would have still been a big loss. They would have been -650 and -200, for a total of -850 and still incurred a huge 13 imp loss. Instead, they lost a total of 1200 points and 15 imps,

Oh. By the way, did I mention that Luke Gillespie’s team won this match by just 2 imps! Sometimes, the bridge gods can be very, very cruel.

Today’s Shark’s Pointers are:

- *When you know that your side has a huge trump fit,*

make the bid that conveys this as soon as possible – especially if you should suspect that your opponents have a huge trump fit as well.

- *Don’t double without trumps – even in so-called “forcing pass” situations. If you think bidding on is a losing action, consider just passing.*
- *Don’t waste or squander. Sometimes small gains or losses on a hand can be the difference between winning or losing a long match.*
- *Sometimes even well-thought out plans can backfire at the bridge table. Assume that when things appear too good to be true, they usually are.*
- *Keep reading and abiding by “Shark’s Pointers” and you, too may find yourself in the winners’ circle – just like our EMBA players in the GNTs!*



EXTRA POINTS ♠♥ **SPECIAL CLUB GAMES** ♣♦ EXTRA FEE MAY APPLY

APRIL

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|--|---|--|
| <p>1 Mon Bridge Spot* ChC
 Mon Harwich-Oak Street* ChC
 Mon Newton@Reyim* No game
 Mon Bridge Spot ChC
 Mon Needham@Aliyah No game</p> <p>2 Tue Bridge Spot* ChC
 Tue Newton@Reyim* No game
 Tue Puritan* ACBL Ch
 Tue Bridge Spot ChC
 Tue Newton@Reyim No game</p> <p>3 Wed Bridge Spot* ChC
 Wed Newton@Reyim* Ch</p> <p>4 Thu Bridge Spot* ChC
 Thu Newton@Reyim* Ch
 Thu Puritan* GRF
 Thu Newton@Reyim Ch</p> <p>5 Fri Bridge Spot* ChC
 Fri Bridge Spot No game</p> <p>6 Sat Bridge Spot* No game
 Sat Puritan* ACBL Ch</p> <p>7 Sun Bridge Spot* No game</p> <p>8 Mon Newton@Reyim* Ch IMP
 Mon Puritan* Ch
 Mon Needham@Aliyah Ch
 Mon Puritan Ch</p> <p>9 Tue Orleans-Rock Harbor* ChC
 Tue Bridge Spot ICC
 Tue Newton@Reyim ICC</p> <p>10 Wed Dartmouth* ACBL ChC
 Wed Newton@Reyim* Ch
 Wed Puritan* EF
 Wed Hamilton ChC IMP
 Wed MidCape CC
 Wed Winchester Ch</p> <p>11 Thu Newton@Reyim* Ch
 Thu Newton@Reyim Ch ST</p> <p>12 Fri Brewster-Seaside* ST
 Fri Newton@Reyim* Ch
 Fri Puritan* ACBL Ch 499er
 Fri Bridge Spot ChC</p> <p>13 Sat Puritan* Ch</p> <p>15 Mon Bridge Spot* ChC
 Mon Harwich-Oak Street* No game
 Mon Newton@Reyim* No game
 Mon W. Yarmouth-D-Y* HP</p> | <p>Mon Bridge Spot ChC
 Mon Dartmouth ACBL ChC</p> <p>16 Tue Bridge Spot* ChC
 Tue Newton@Reyim* Ch
 Tue Puritan* ACBL Ch
 Tue Bridge Spot ChC
 Tue MIT ACBL Ch
 Tue Newton@Reyim Ch IMP</p> <p>17 Wed Bridge Spot* ChC
 Wed Dartmouth* ICC
 Wed Newton@Reyim* Ch ST
 Wed Winchester Ch</p> <p>18 Thu Bridge Spot* ChC
 Thu Newton@Reyim* Ch
 Thu Puritan* ACBL Ch
 Thu Newton@Reyim Ch</p> <p>19 Fri Brewster-Seaside* ChC
 Fri Bridge Spot* ChC
 Fri Newton@Reyim* Ch
 Fri Bridge Spot ChC</p> <p>20 Sat Bridge Spot* ChC</p> <p>21 Sun Bridge Spot* ChC ST</p> <p>22 Mon Newton@Reyim* Ch
 Mon Puritan* ACBL Ch
 Mon Needham@Aliyah Ch IMP
 Mon Puritan ACBL Ch</p> <p>23 Tue Newton@Reyim* Ch IMP
 Tue MIT CC</p> <p>24 Wed Puritan* Mentor
 Wed Hamilton ChC
 Wed MidCape No game</p> <p>25 Thu W. Yarmouth-D-Y* No game</p> <p>26 Fri Brewster-Seaside* No game
 Fri W. Yarmouth-D-Y* No game</p> <p>29 Mon Newton@Reyim* Ch
 Mon Needham@Aliyah Ch</p> <p>30 Tue Newton@Reyim* Ch
 Tue Puritan* ACBL Ch
 Tue Newton@Reyim Ch</p> | <p>4 Sat Puritan* CC</p> <p>6 Mon Newton@Reyim* CC
 Mon Puritan* CC
 Mon Needham@Aliyah Ch
 Mon Puritan CC</p> <p>7 Tue Puritan* CC
 Tue MIT EF Pro-Am
 Tue Newton@Reyim Ch ST</p> <p>8 Wed Dartmouth* ACBL IF
 Wed Winchester CC ST</p> <p>9 Thu Newton@Reyim* CC
 Thu Puritan* JF</p> <p>13 Mon Bridge Spot* CC
 Mon Puritan* ACBL Ch
 Mon Bridge Spot CC
 Mon Dartmouth CC
 Mon Needham@Aliyah CC
 Mon Puritan ACBL Ch</p> <p>14 Tue Bridge Spot* CC
 Tue Newton@Reyim* Ch
 Tue Orleans-Rock Harbor* ST
 Tue Bridge Spot CC
 Tue Newton@Reyim No game</p> <p>15 Wed Bridge Spot* CC
 Wed Harriett Leavitt* MG
 Wed Newton@Reyim* No game
 Wed Puritan* GRF
 Wed Hamilton CC IMP</p> <p>16 Thu Bridge Spot* CC
 Thu Newton@Reyim* No game
 Thu Puritan* Ch
 Thu Newton@Reyim No game</p> <p>17 Fri Bridge Spot* CC
 Fri Newton@Reyim* CC
 Fri Bridge Spot CC</p> <p>18 Sat Bridge Spot* CC
 Sat Puritan* IF</p> <p>19 Sun Bridge Spot* CC(U) ST</p> <p>20 Mon Newton@Reyim* Ch ST</p> <p>21 Tue Puritan* ACBL Ch
 Tue MIT EF ST</p> <p>22 Wed Dartmouth* CC
 Wed Newton@Reyim* Ch
 Wed Winchester GRF</p> <p>23 Thu Bridge Spot* ICC
 Thu Newton@Reyim* ICC
 Thu Newton@Reyim Ch</p> |
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| <p>1 Wed Newton@Reyim* CC
 Wed Puritan* CC</p> <p>2 Thu Puritan* CC
 Thu Newton@Reyim CC</p> <p>3 Fri Newton@Reyim* Ch IMP
 Fri Puritan* CC 499er</p> | <p>1 Wed Newton@Reyim* CC
 Wed Puritan* CC</p> <p>2 Thu Puritan* CC
 Thu Newton@Reyim CC</p> <p>3 Fri Newton@Reyim* Ch IMP
 Fri Puritan* CC 499er</p> | <p>1 Wed Newton@Reyim* CC
 Wed Puritan* CC</p> <p>2 Thu Puritan* CC
 Thu Newton@Reyim CC</p> <p>3 Fri Newton@Reyim* Ch IMP
 Fri Puritan* CC 499er</p> |
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CAG=Club appreciation game, CC= Club champ, Ch=Charity, ChC=Charity club champ,*=day game, HG=Handicap game, ICC= Interclub champ, IF= International Fund, IMP=IMP pairs, JF=Junior fund, MG=Membership, ST= Swiss team, STaC=Sectional tournament at club, UG=Unit game, UW=Unitwide, GRF = Grass Roots Fund. W. Yarmouth = W. Yarmouth D-Y Senior Center. Consult www.acblemba.org for all other locations. FOR MORE TOURNAMENT LISTINGS, GO TO www.nebridge.org.

EXTRA POINTS ♠♥ SPECIAL CLUB GAMES ♣♦ EXTRA FEE MAY APPLY

27 Mon Harwich-Oak Street* No game Mon W. Yarmouth-D-Y* HP	Wed Hamilton NAP Wed Winchester NAP	Wed Puritan* STaC ST Wed Bridge Spot STaC Wed Winchester STaC
28 Tue Newton@Reyim* CC Tue Newton@Reyim CC	13 Thu Newton@Reyim* NAP Thu Puritan* NAP Thu W. Yarmouth-D-Y* CC Thu Newton@Reyim NAP	27 Thu Bridge Spot* STaC Thu Dartmouth* STaC Thu Newton@Reyim* STaC Thu Puritan* STaC
29 Wed Puritan* Mentor	14 Fri Brewster-Seaside* CC ST Fri Newton@Reyim* Ch Fri W. Yarmouth-D-Y* CC Fri Bridge Spot ChC	Thu Newton@Reyim STaC 28 Fri Brewster-Seaside* STaC Fri Bridge Spot* STaC Fri Harriett Leavitt* STaC Fri Newton@Reyim* STaC Fri Puritan* STaC 499er Fri Bridge Spot STaC
30 Thu Newton@Reyim* Ch ST Thu Puritan* Ch	17 Mon Newton@Reyim* NAP Mon Puritan* ACBL Ch Mon Dartmouth NAP Mon Needham@Aliyah Ch Mon Puritan ACBL Ch	29 Sat Bridge Spot* STaC Sat Puritan* STaC 30 Sun Bridge Spot* STaC ST
31 Fri Puritan* Ch 499er	18 Tue Newton@Reyim* Ch Tue MIT NAP Tue Newton@Reyim NAP	
JUNE		
1 Sat Puritan* NAP	19 Wed Harriett Leavitt* CC Wed Newton@Reyim* NAP Wed Puritan* Mentor	
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CAG=Club appreciation game, CC= Club champ, Ch=Charity, ChC=Charity club champ,*=day game, HG=Handicap Game, ICC= Interclub champ, IF= International Fund, IMP=IMP pairs, JF=Junior fund, MG=Membership, ST= Swiss team, STaC=Sectional tournament at club, UG=Unit game, UW=Unitwide, GRF = Grass Roots Fund. W. Yarmouth = W. Yarmouth D-Y Senior Center. Consult www.acblemba.org for all other locations. FOR MORE TOURNAMENT LISTINGS, GO TO www.nebridge.org.

NEWCOMER PAGE

The 2013 Newcomer and Membership Committee would like to welcome all new EMBA members.

We have started a "Newcomer Info" and a "Newcomer Games" section on the EMBA website (<http://www.acblemba.org>) and will continuously be adding information to help to guide you through the world of duplicate bridge.

We are hoping that you are enjoying your membership and are venturing out to our many club games and tournaments. Our Sectional Tournaments in Watertown have a Partnership Desk which is more than happy to find you a partner for the pair games or a partner/team mates for the Swiss or KO games. Please see our volunteers about half an hour before the event starts for help or for answers to any questions you may have.

With warm regards,

Your Newcomer and Membership Committee

Jane Adams, chair (janeadams@acblemba.org)
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Newcomer Game Schedule

BELMONT BRIDGE CLUB

266 Beech Street, Belmont, MA 02378
Director: Robert J. Gaudet
Phone: 339-223-6484
Monday - 9:30 am – 11:30 am \$10/game
15 minutes mini- bridge lesson followed by 10 -12 bridge hands. Sanctioned ACBL Chat Game.
Pre-registration is not required

BRIDGE SPOT

500 W Cummings Park, Woburn, MA 01801
Director: Dean Panagopoulos
Web: www.Bridgespot.com
e-mail: info@bridgespot.com
Phone: 781-937-7768
Monday – 7:00 pm. (0-20 Master Points)
Wednesday – 7:00 pm (0-499 Master Points)
Thursday – 12:30 pm (0-299 Master Points)
Friday – 10:30 am (0-499 Master Points)
Saturday - 1:00 pm (0-499 Master Points)

Sunday – 1:00 pm (Open to all)
Chat play and master points awarded

MIT

77 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139
Web: mit.edu/mitdlbc/
Tuesday - 6:30 pm Open, newcomers welcome;
5:45 intermediate lecture last Tue of month
Monday - 7:00pm (Feb 11 - May 6)
20-min lesson followed by 12+ boards supervised play

NEWTON BRIDGE CLUB

Director: David Metcalf
Web: www.newtonbridge.com
Phone: 617-332-3813
Novice Games (0-49 Master points)
Monday Evening - 7:15 pm – 9:30 pm.
Temple Aliyah
1664 Central Ave. Needham, MA
Thursday Morning - 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
Temple Reyim
1860 Washington Street, Newton MA
Novice Games are supervised play with master points awarded

PURITAN BRIDGE CLUB

22 Faxon Street, Braintree, MA 02184
Manager: Robert Prevoir
Phone: 781-843-9621
Web: www.Puritanbridge.com
e-mail: bobprevoir@comcast.net
Wednesday: short lesson 9:30-10:00 am followed by game
Last Wednesday of the Month (this day could change): Mentor game at 10:15 am, you must call club and sign-up to play.
Friday: - 10:15 am 0-499
Master points awarded

TIPS FOR THE BRIDGE TABLE

(Not just for newcomers)

Carolyn Weiser, EMBA Secretary and Club Director

Did you know that you can help move games more smoothly and faster by following certain steps?

When you are on lead, lead first, write second. That way everyone gets to look at the dummy and plan their play.

When the round is over, East/West is required to vacate their seats (unless they are still playing) to make room for the new East/West, even if there is "no place for them to go."

Players are to refrain from any remark that would embarrass their partner or the opponents. Such remarks such as "Oh, we got a top, " or "partner everyone else made 4. You're the only one who went down, " should be avoided.

North must make sure that the table to whom they are passing boards has a board to play when the round is called. You do not have to wait until all the boards can be passed together. Passing them "in playing order" is very helpful. When North finds that his/her table is behind the time, the completed boards must be passed to avoid further game delay.

Everyone should have a convention card that is filled out. The cards of both partners should match.

When an opponent asks about a bid, the partner of the bidder is to give the partnership agreement. If there is no agreement, partner is not to guess or state "how they are taking it," as this gives unauthorized information to the partner. If you do not know, you should say: "we have an agreement, I have forgotten it." (you are supposed to know your partnership agreements)

Discussions of bids and plays should be avoided, unless there has been a misunderstanding, until all the hands at a given table have been played. You may need time to play a later board and you do not want to waste it on conversation.

At least one member of each partnership is responsi-

ble for recording the results for each board played in case there is an issue later on about results.

Players should not go to the table from which they are getting their boards. Ask a free player or the Director for help.

If you are behind in time, perhaps this is not the best time to go for a snack and a cup of coffee.

I bet everyone can add several to this list... but it is a start.



"Director, please"

Most newcomers are hesitant to call the director to their table or get intimidated when the opponents do so. If there is an infraction/error at the table, such as lead or bid out of turn, insufficient bid, failure to alert, etc., you should always put your hand up and say: "Director, please". Don't let the opponents tell you that they know the outcome of the ruling. It is always in your best interest to have the director come to your table and fairly apply and explain the rules of bridge. Sometimes you will be given different options to deal with the infraction. Make sure you understand them before making a choice. Directors will always repeat all the options if you ask them to. Also, remember that the dummy may not point out a problem during the play of the hand nor may he or she call the director. While the director is at the table, the dummy must remain silent unless the director addresses him/her. Once the ruling has been made, accept it with grace.