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October 4-5 2008
Forestdale School
Sandwich, MA

FALL NABC

November 20-30 2008
Boston, MA
www.acbl.org

HOLIDAY SECTIONAL

December 12-14 2008
Armenian Cultural Center
Watertown, MA

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Board election, Boston NABC, Holiday tournament keep EMBA members busy this fall

Look inside...

In this issue, you'll find statements from the candidates for EMBA board seats and a ballot to be mailed no later than October 31, 2008. Don't forget to vote. And if you haven't already made your plans to attend and to help out at the forthcoming Fall NABC (November 20-30), check out the schedule on the ACBL website or pick one up at your local club. Volunteers are still needed for many functions. Contact Carolyn Weiser at embasec@acblemba.org. And when the NABC is over, don't forget the EMBA Holiday Tournament, scheduled for December 12-14. Life masters are needed to play with non-life masters in the tournament's popular Pro-Am event, scheduled for Friday, December 12 at 7:30. For more information on the Pro-Am, see page 4.



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NEWS TO NOTE

Volunteers still needed for NABC

Are you willing to spend a few hours before or after an NABC event? We could use your help at the Information Desk, Tour Desk, Partnership Desk, Registration Desk or to help with I/N activities. To volunteer, contact Carolyn Weiser at embasec@acblemba.org

NAP District Finals Oct 11-12

If you qualified in a local club game, you're eligible to play in the NAP district finals on October 11-12 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA. Two qualifying sessions on Saturday will be followed by two final sessions on Sunday.

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EMBA TEAM TAKES BIG WIN AT THE 2008 SUMMER NABC IN LAS VEGAS

Winners of the Mini-Spingold II Teams event: Brian Duran, Ivanie Yeo, Lon Sunshine and Gloria Tsoi. More local winners on page 8.



I/N CHAIRS GEAR UP FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR FALL NABC

Chairs of the Fall NABC I/N Committee Mark and Marlene Yesley. For a schedule of speakers and events, see page 11.

MAKE HISTORY IN BOSTON NOV 20-30 Eleven days to win gold points—and more

The North American Bridge Championships are just around the corner. The 11-day tournament includes the Life Master Open Pairs, Life Master Womens Pairs, Blue Ribbon Pairs and the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams. Whether you are an expert or you just want the opportunity to play against the biggest names in the game, these prestigious events are generally open to anyone. (You must have qualified for the Blue Ribbon Pairs prior to the tournament.) Most national events last three days or more and involve multiple qualifying rounds.

Players with fewer than 300 points will find dozens of events just for them, including pairs, Swiss teams and bracketed knockouts. **On Friday November 21, pairs with fewer than five masterpoints play for free.** Free lessons and lectures are available most every day. If you just want to get in a quick round of bridge, side games are scheduled two to three times a day throughout the tournament, beginning on Friday, November 21.

Star-studded speaker lineup

Nearly 20 speakers have been lined up to address topics of interest to both newcomer and intermediate players, including EMBA experts David Metcalf, Rena Lieberman and Bruce Greenspan. For a complete schedule of events and speakers, see page 11 or go to acbl.org. Printed schedules are also available at many local clubs. ♣

MEET THE CANDIDATES

12 candidates vie for nine Board positions

Nine of EMBA's 21 director slots are due to be filled in the upcoming election. Members running for these positions are profiled below. Officers for the 2009 EMBA Board are listed on the ballot but will run unopposed: Derrick Niederman-President, James Rasmussen-Vice President, Don Levy-Treasurer and Carolyn Weiser-Secretary. .

Saul Agranoff



I have enjoyed my first term on EMBA's Board. I contributed by leading the effort to update the Unit's by-

laws, promoting and arranging partnerships for the annual Pro Am and participating in the Unit's New Initiatives program. With 30 years of experience as a software engineer, I bring analytic problem-solving abilities and a common sense approach to board activities.



David Aronson

In my three years on the board, I have had the opportunity to make contributions to the

Tournament Committee, where we have seen a rise in the number of people attending tournaments, and the Finance Committee, which has made an effort to keep fees as low as possible while keeping EMBA strong. I hope that you will vote for me and allow me to continue to serve the board.

Kathy Benjamin

I have served as EMBA VP and Tournament Committee chair, Promotions chair and President and Tournament chair of the North Jersey Bridge Association. Most recently, I have co-chaired the Fall 2008 NABC committee. I enjoy contributing my administrative skills to further the game of bridge and look forward to an opportunity to serve the EMBA board in the years to come.



Nancy Donaldson



I have been playing bridge off and on for about 40 years. Now, I want to give back to bridge because bridge has given

a lot to me. I'm an active volunteer in other organizations. Recently, I chaired a national convention for the National Garden Club in Boston. I hope to make a contribution to the board with the administrative skills I have developed over the years in these positions.

Lilo Grubner I have played bridge for many years, both in the United States and abroad. I believe the ACBL should do more for local



clubs and if I am elected to the board, I will make this one of my primary goals. The ACBL needs strong clubs and they can do more to ensure that clubs have the support they need.

Norma Lande I was a member of the EMBA Board and served as Membership chair for several



years before moving to Florida. Now that I am back in Massachusetts, I would like the opportunity to serve EMBA once again. Currently, I am working on the committee for Massachusetts day at the Fall NABC and I enjoy the involvement.

Frank Lombardo



For the past two years, I have enjoyed being-co-chair of the Boston NABC, meeting players from all of New England and around the country. Locally, I have chaired the Individual event at the Ethel Keohane Regional in Newton, been a delegate to District 25 and a member of EMBA tournament and

promotion committees. I have also been EMBA Caddymaster and president of the Winchester Bridge Club for two terms. I would enjoy working on the Board to help make bridge the experience every player wants it to be--fun, fair and challenging.

Stewart MacKeigan



My main interest has been in mentoring new players in the game of bridge. I have been active in mentoring new students at games at the Bridge Spot. I look forward to continuing in this effort if I am reelected to another term on the EMBA Board and I hope that you will vote for me to continue this work.



Irene Musick
I have been Managing Director of the Merrimac Duplicate Bridge Club for more than 13 years. During that time I have recruited many new players to join the ACBL. My goal has always been to get new players interested in all the benefits that are available to them through their membership. Encouraging new members should be a top priority for all members of EMBA. I'd like to continue to work on the Board to achieve this worthy goal.



Judi Rich

Bridge is more than a game for me. It changed my life when I took it up 11 years ago. It got me out of the house after I retired. I'm running for the board because I want to join forces with other board members who are working to introduce younger people to the game.



Ron Winer

I started playing bridge nearly 40 years ago. Now that I am retired from the construction business, I am eager to give my time to help foster the game I learned to love so many years ago. I'd like to contribute my experience and work for the betterment of the game. Thanks to everyone who votes for me.



Carole Weinstein

I have been a member of the EMBA Board with many responsibilities for many years. Recently, I was appointed Director of EMBA's Outreach Program. In this capacity, I will actively work with EMBA's bridge teachers to recruit and retain players as members of the ACBL. I hope you will vote for me so that I can continue in this capacity.

♣ Club News

Metcalfe, Leavitt clubs are ACBL Star Recruiters; win awards

Local club directors/teachers David Metcalfe and Harriett Leavitt have been awarded \$500 Star Recruiters awards from the ACBL for recruiting new members. Metcalfe, who teaches and directs clubs in Newton and Needham, was recognized for 2007. Harriett Leavitt, who teaches and directs games in Marblehead, was recognized for her 2008 recruiting efforts.

Change of venue for some Newton-Wellesley games

The 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Newton-Wellesley game will be played in Westwood on October 14 and also on October 21.

MidCape holiday supper

The annual MidCape holiday supper and game are scheduled for December 10 at 6 p.m. Reservations are required.

Puritan club time changes

Effective immediately, Puritan's Monday evening game has been moved to 7:15 p.m. and the Wednesday evening game will begin at 7:30 p.m. LM/NLM Mentor games will be held on the next to last Wednesday mornings in October and November.

Westwood time change

On Monday November 10, the game will begin at 2 p.m. because of Veteran's Day conflicts.

Holiday Pro-Am is good fun for everyone who plays bridge

by Bob Gorsey

Duplicate bridge can be intimidating for newer players. That's why EMBA's Holiday Pro-Am is so much fun: It gives "ams"—players below the rank of life master—the opportunity to play with more experienced players in a relaxed setting. So when an "am" outsmarts a "pro," it's worth recounting. During last year's EMBA Holiday Pro-Am, I played with 15-year old Phillip Montague, (pictured on the right) who had the grand total of five masterpoints. We picked up the following hand. One of EMBA's top players was declarer.

Vul: N-S 1 NT-Pass-2NT-all pass
 Dealer: North Contract: 2NT

NORTH

♠ 85
 ♥ AJ10
 ♦ K72
 ♣ AK1087

WEST

♠ A92
 ♥ K72
 ♦ A54
 ♣ QJ53

EAST

♠ J7643
 ♥ 9653
 ♦ Q9
 ♣ 96

SOUTH

♠ KQ10
 ♥ Q84
 ♦ J10863
 ♣ 42

The auction proceeded normally: 1 NT-Pass-2NT-all pass. Sitting East, I led my fourth best spade, declarer played the K and Phillip played low, in tempo. Declarer ran the J of diamonds to my Q and I paused for thought. Surely, Phillip couldn't have the A of spades because he didn't play "third hand high," or "cover an honor with an honor" or follow the principle that "Aces were made to take Kings"—some of the first rules that beginning bridge players learn.

But I had nothing in either of the two unplayed suits. So instead of guessing where Philip's points might lie, I returned my lowest spade. Declarer played the Q,

believing, for all the same reasons, that I had the A, and was both surprised and disappointed when Phillip played it instead.

What happened next may surprise you. Instead of putting his hand under pressure on the run of my spades, Phillip looked for another source of tricks. After all, he still held an entry in the A of diamonds. So he returned a low club to declarer's A. Now declarer played the K of diamonds, hoping to find a doubleton A and secure an entry to the board. Phillip ducked this, won the third round of diamonds and led another club, which was won by the 10. Believing that I (RHO) could not be endplayed—and eager to get to those good diamonds—declarer played the heart J, overtook it with the Q, but was out of luck. Phillip captured it with his K and forced out the K of clubs. (I pitched a heart, knowing that declarer would be unlikely to squander the J of hearts without holding the 10). Declarer cashed the heart 10 and exited with a club, hoping that Phillip had only hearts left. Now Phillip played a spade to me for the last two tricks—down two for a great

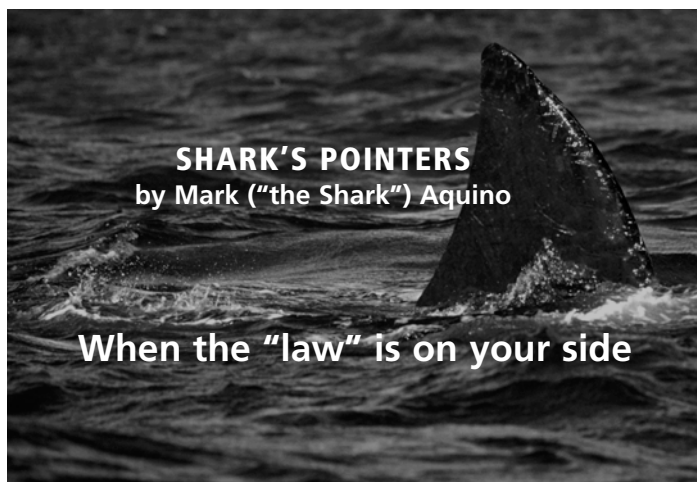
board.



It would be easy to dismiss Phillip's play as blind luck, but I think it was thoughtful and patient. He recognized that he had just the right hand to lock

declarer out of dummy, to develop side suit winners and to avoid getting squeezed on the run of the spades. Phillip Montague may be an "am," but he played like a pro that night—and so can you. See you at the Holiday Pro-Am at the Armenian Cultural Center on December 12, 2008.

Looking for a partner for the Pro-Am? Email Saul Agranoff at saulagranoff@alum.mit.edu or call him at 617-916-9475.



Sheila Gabay has been one of EMBA's most consistent performers over the past several years. During the past NABC in Las Vegas, she was part of District 25's GNT Team that advanced all the way to the finals, and she was also on the Senior Team that finished third overall. Her stamina and ability to win at all levels and all forms of competition is truly exceptional. She was recently honored at the Westwood Bridge Club for having surpassed the 15,000 masterpoint milestone. On the diagrammed deal from a recent duplicate game, Sheila, sitting South, taught me a valuable lesson and got a well-deserved top by following what has become well-known as "the Law of Total Tricks."

Sheila's 3 diamonds bid and the opponents' bidding made it clear to her partner that their side held at least 10 diamonds and the opponents held at least 9 spades. The law of total tricks (total tricks available = total of the number of cards held in longest suits of each side) suggested that 19 total tricks were available on this deal. If the opponents could make nine tricks in spades, then 10 tricks were probably available in diamonds. This wasn't an especially complex deal, but the result was huge. No other N-S pair competed to 4 diamonds!

Today's Shark's Pointers : If you want to be a consistent winner like Sheila Gabay, describe your hand accurately, be aggressive but not wild, and always follow the "Law!"
(For more information about "The Law of Total Tricks," please get a copy of Larry Cohen's great book by the same name.)

Vul: E-W
Dealer: South

NORTH

♠ A64
♥ K73
♦ KJ632
♣ J2

WEST

♠ KQ53
♥ Q94
♦ 7
♣ K7653

EAST

♠ J9872
♥ A65
♦ A4
♣ 1094

SOUTH

♠ 10
♥ J1082
♦ Q10985
♣ AQ8

SOUTH

Pass
3D
Opening lead: ♣ 10

WEST

Pass
3S

NORTH

1D
4D

EAST

1S
All pass



Letter from EMBA President Mark Aquino

Wow! I really can't believe that my term as EMBA President is almost over. I want to thank everyone who has worked so tirelessly and unselfishly to help me and EMBA during the past two years. We're in excellent financial condition due to the success of our sectionals, thanks to our great Tournament Committee, our outstanding hosts and our professional directing staff, led by Kevin Griffin. Our I/N lectures and teaching program have been a huge success, thanks to Sondra Caplin and Marlene Yesley. NABC co-chairs Kathy Benjamin and Frank Lombardo have done a great job! We have initiatives underway to help attract and retain new members led by Carole Weinstein. David Aronson, Bill Hunter, the EMBA Officers and Board of Directors have been truly indispensable. Moving ahead, EMBA is in great hands under the able leadership of Derrick Niederman, Jim Rasmussen, Don Levy and Carolyn Weiser. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with all of you to help foster and maintain bridge in our area. I think we should all be proud of what we have accomplished together.



CALENDAR

EMBA TOURNAMENTS...AND MORE

Visit www.acblemba.org for more calendar information

Holiday Sectional

December 12-14, 2008

Armenian Cultural and Educational Center
47 Nichols Avenue
Watertown, MA

Friday, December 12

7:30 PM

Stratified A/C-B/C Pro-Am pairs
Pros: A=2000+ and B=<2000
Ams: NLMs <500
Flight determined by pro's points

A special annual event that matches non-life masters with up to 500 points with life master partners. For more information and help in locating a partner for this enjoyable and festive evening, call Saul Agranoff at 617-916-9475

Saturday, December 13

12:15

Build Better Bridge Skills Lecture
THE CARE AND FEEDING OF PARTNERS

by Andrea Corbett

Sponsored by the Intermediate/Novice Committee—Free and open to all

1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Two session stratified pairs

A=Open, B 750-2000, C <750
(Single session entries accepted)
Two single-session 299er pairs

Sunday, December 14

10:30

Strati-flighted Swiss teams
A=Open, B 750-2000, C <750

For more information, call Derrick Niederman at 781-449-1044.

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B < 2500

C <750

Individual Stratification

A Infinity

B < 750

C <200

For more information

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Frank Lombardo 781-729-5324

or

www.partnershipdesk.com

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Helen Pawlowski 412-530-1278

tournmgr@nebridge.org



NABC News

Special NABC games

From Monday, October

27 - Sunday, November 2, District 25 is sponsoring a special series of games in honor of the upcoming Fall NABC in Boston. There will be no additional charge and all masterpoint awards will be **sectionally-rated** black points. For a complete listing of NABC games, see the calendar on the next page or the online calendar at www.nebridge.org.

Most clubs closed during NABC

Most EMBA clubs will close during the NABC, from Nov 20 - 30. Here are some notable exceptions:

- Dennis-Yarmouth Senior, Leavitt and Martha's Vineyard clubs are open for all regularly scheduled games, including Thanksgiving Day for the D-Y club.
- Dartmouth is closed except for its ACBL Ch game on Nov. 24.
- Andover and Puritan are generally open, but closed on Thanksgiving day. Puritan is also closed on Nov. 26.

If you have a question about the schedule at your local club during the NABC, call your club manager.

Introduction to the "nationals"

If you have never been to an NABC, join us at the Bridge Spot in Woburn on Nov 2 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. for FREE PIZZA and learn about the events, speakers, lessons and other fun happenings. To register, call Dean at 781-791-8888 or email him at info@bridgespot.com.

EXTRA POINTS SPECIAL CLUB GAMES EXTRA FEE MAY APPLY

OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	LOCATION		LOCATION		LOCATION
W 1	Puritan ChC	S 1	Puritan* NABC	M 1	Leavitt*CC & Lynnfield ChC
Th 2	Bridge Spot CA (ST)	Su 2	Bridge Spot Intro to NABC 12 noon		Westwood No game
F 3	Nauset-Brewster CA	S/Su 1-2	MAINE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS SECTIONAL Springfield, MA	T 2	Westwood ChC
	Newton-Wellesley* CA			W 3	Winchester MG
	Bridge Spot ChC			Th 4	Bridge Spot (am & pm) MG
F/Su 3-5	SECTIONAL Sandwich, MA			F 5	Newton-Wellesley* CC
M 6	Andover*CA & Oak Street* CC	M 3	Lynnfield CC		Bridge Spot MG
	Lynnfield ChC		Westwood No game	S 6	Puritan* MG
	Westwood no game	T 4	Jackie's CC	M 8	Andover* ChC
T 7	Rock Harbor* CC & MIT CC (2 of 2)		Westwood ChC		Newton-Wellesley* IF IMP
	Newton-Wellesley CA	W 5	Dartmouth*UW		Puritan* & Lynnfield MG
	Westwood ChC		Leavitt* UW		Dartmouth & Westwood CC
W 8	MidCape CA		Merrimac* UW	T 9	Puritan* & Jackie's MG
F 10	Seaside* & Bridge Spot CA (ST)		Hamilton ChC		Leavitt & Westwood CC
S/S11-12	NAP FINALS & SECTIONAL Sturbridge, MA	Th 6	Bridge Spot* CC	W 10	Merrimac* & Puritan MG
M 13	Oak St* NG		Bridge Spot CC		Hamilton MG HP
	Puritan* & Dartmouth CA	F 7	Bridge Spot CC		MidCape HP please reserve
	Lynnfield & Westwood ChC	Su 9	Bridge Spot CC(ST)*	Th 11	Dartmouth* Ch
T 14	Puritan* & Rock Harbor* CA		Bridge Spot CC(ST)		Puritan* MG
	Jackie's ICC & MIT CA (ST)		two single-session games	F 12	Leavitt* CC
	Newton-Wellesley ICC@Westwood	S/Su 8-9	SECTIONAL Hudson, NH		Bridge Spot no game
	Westwood ICC	M 10	Andover* CC	S 13	Bridge Spot* no game
W 15	Merrimac* & Puritan* CA		Puritan CC	F/Su 12-14	SECTIONAL Watertown, MA
	Hamilton & Winchester CA		Westwood* CC	M 15	Westwood (a.m. & p.m.) ChC HP
Th 16	Andover* UW & Bridge Spot* CA		Dartmouth ICC		Lynnfield ChC
	Dartmouth* & Puritan* UW		Lynnfield ICC	T 16	Puritan* ICC HP & Westwood*ICC
	Westwood* UW & N-Brewster CC	T 11	Puritan* CC		MIT MG
F 17	Bridge Spot CA		Westwood* CC		Newton-Wellesley CC
	Newton-Wellesley* CA (ST)		MIT ChC	W 17	Westwood ChC
Su 19	Bridge Spot* 199erST party		Newton-Wellesley IF IMP		Dartmouth* & Leavitt* CC
S/Su 18-19	SECTIONAL Hudson, NH SECTIONAL Bangor, ME		Westwood ChC		Merrimac* CC
M 20	Newton-Wellesley* & Oak St. CA	W 12	Rock Harbor No game		Westwood* ChC HP
	Westwood* CA & Westwood CA(ST)		Leavitt* MG		Bridge Spot NonLM HP
	Lynnfield ChC		Puritan* CC		Hamilton CC & Puritan MG HP
T 21	Westwood* & MIT CA		Westwood* CC		Winchester Ch(ST) HP
	Jackie's CA (ST)	Th 13	Puritan CC	Th 18	Andover* CC HP &
	Newton-Wellesley@ Westwood		Winchester CC (4 of 4)		Westwood* ChC
	Westwood CA		Dartmouth* CC		Bridge Spot (a.m. and p.m.) HP
W 22	Dartmouth*CA		Puritan* CC	F 19	Westwood* ChC
	Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor	Fri 14	Westwood* CC		Bridge Spot ChC HP
	Westwood* CA & Puritan CA (ST)		Westwood* CC	S 20	Puritan* & Westwood* ChC HP
	Winchester CA (ST)	S 15	Bridge Spot ChC	Su 21	Westwood* ChC
Th 23	Dartmouth* & Puritan CA		Puritan* CC	M 22	Oak Street no game
	Westwood* & Bridge Spot CA		Westwood* CC		Dartmouth Ch HP
F 24	Seaside* CA & Westwood* CA		Puritan CC		Lynnfield & Westwood ChC
	Bridge Spot ChC		Winchester CC (4 of 4)	T 23	Rock Harbor* no game
S 25	Puritan* & Westwood CA		Dartmouth* CC		Westwood ChC
Su 26	Westwood* CA		Puritan* CC	W 24	Puritan* open
F/Su 24-26	SECTIONAL Castleton, VT		Westwood* CC		No games at: Dartmouth*,
M 27	Andover* & Leavitt* NABC	M 17	Westwood* CC		Merrimac*, MidCape,
	Newton-Wellesley* NABC		Winchester CC (4 of 4)		Puritan (p.m.) & Winchester
	Puritan* NABC	T 18	Dartmouth* CC	Th 25	No games: Dartmouth*, Puritan*,
	Dartmouth & Lynnfield NABC		Puritan* CC		Nauset-Brewster &
	Westwood ChC	W 19	Westwood* CC		Westwood (a.m. and p.m.)
T 28	Puritan* & Leavitt NABC		Bridge Spot ChC	F 26	Newton-Wellesley* ChC
	Jackie's & MIT NABC		Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor		Bridge Spot ChC
	Rock Harbor* CA (ST)		Westwood* ICC		Seaside* no game
	Newton-Wellesley NABC (ST)		MidCape CC	Su 28	Bridge Spot* 199er HP
	Westwood ChC		Winchester IMP	M 29	Newton-Wellesley* ChC
W 29	Dartmouth* & Leavitt* NABC	Th20 -	FALL NABC BOSTON, MA		Lynnfield & Westwood ChC
	Merrimac* & Puritan* NABC	Su 30	Most local clubs closed		Oak Street* no game
	Hamilton, MidCape & Puritan NABC		FOR A LIST OF CLUBS OPEN AND PARTIALLY OPEN DURING THE NABC, SEE PG. 6		Nauset-Brewster p.m.no game
	Winchester NABC			T 30	Rock Harbor* no game
T 30	Andover* ICC	M 24	Dartmouth ACBL Ch		Jackie's HP
	Bridge Spot* & Bridge Spot NABC				Westwood ChC
	Puritan* & Dartmouth* NABC	Th 27	Thanksgiving Day	W 31	Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor
F 31	Leavitt* & Bridge Spot NABC		D-Y Senior game open		Bridge Spot HP
	Newton-Wellesley* NABC				MidCape no game
	Seaside* CA				

CA=Club appreciation game, CC= Club champ, Ch=Charity, ChC=Charity club champ, *=day game, HG=Handicap game, HP=Holiday party, ICC= Interclub champ, IF= International Fund, IMP=IMP pairs, JF=Junior fund, MG=Membership, ST= Swiss team, NABC=special game, UG=Unit game, Consult www.acblemba.org for locations.

WINNER'S CIRCLE



Tami Bane and Estelle Whitman score first EMBA win

Whitman score first EMBA win

The Friday evening August 8 299er pairs event was won by Tami Bane, Marblehead, MA and Estelle

Whitman, Swampscott, MA. It was the first EMBA win for both players, who won with a 63.75% game.

Unitwide Championships June 12, 2008

33 tables participating

Flight A

65.2% 1 J Cappannelli-Murthy Ayagarri, Bridge Spot
64.1 2 Haven Sharaf - Mimi Ritt, Bridge Spot
62.6 3 Bobbi Arbetter - Myra Kolton, Newton

Flight B

62.6% 1 Bobbi Arbetter - Myra Kolton, Newton
61.3 2 Tony Wolf - Bernard Garbose, Newton
61.2 3 Louis Russo - Peter Zucker, Newton

Flight C

55.8% 1 Adi Chehna - Richard Majcher, Bridge Spot
55.4 2 Ruth Twombly - Eva Milofsky, Nauset DBC
53.3 3 Dot Boulia - Larry Boulia, Nauset DBC

IN MEMORIAM



Sally D. Barrus	Boxborough, MA
James S. Mattie	Braintree, MA
Sana Gould	Worcester, MA
Russell Nahigian	Arlington, MA
William Ruckstuhl	Dennis, MA
John Sessions	Agawam, MA



RECENT TOURNAMENT WINNERS

EMBA SUMMER SECTIONAL August 8 - 10

Friday Open Pairs

Flight A

1 Gloria Tsoi, Arlington; Brian Lee, Cambridge
2 Charles McLain III and Natalie Bassil, Boston

Flight B

1 Gloria Tsoi, Arlington; Brian Lee, Cambridge
2 John Wason, Norfolk; George Gardos, Sharon

Flight C

1 Reid Barton and Catherine Miller, Arlington
2 Steve Frymer, Lexington; Lena Sundgren, Watertown

Friday 299er Pairs

1 Tami Bane, Marblehead; Estelle Whitman, Swampscott
2 Rosanne Catarius, Roslindale; Aline Sullivan, Cambridge
3 Norman Guivens, Braintree; Vanette Aleksic, Winchester

Saturday Tom Wilder Flighted Championship

Flight A

1 Alan Applebaum, Brookline; Luke Gillespie, Wayland
2 Daniel Colatosti and Rick Binder, Waltham

Flight B

1 Jay Tang, Sharon; Yixin Tang, Boston
2 Maureen Johnson-Magnus Weiman, Nashua, NH

Flight C

1 Jane Adams, Lexington; Howard Canan, Holden
2 Cecilla Boras, Waltham; Zachary Grossack, Newton

Saturday Afternoon Side game

1 Bonnie Miller - David Miller, Chestnut Hill
2 Elayne Kadis-Kenneth Kadis, Brookline

Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs

1 Gil Congdon - Jim Roth, Reading
2 David Sullivan, Cambridge; Adi Chehna, Chelmsford

Saturday Evening Side game

1 David Luterman, Amesbury; Steve Oston, Reading
2 Rick Holcomb, Malden; Florence Lefebvre, Belmont

Sunday Swiss Teams

A Bob Gorsey, Bedford; Neil Montague, Swampscott; William Braucher, Billerica; Rick Binder, Waltham
B/C Anita Taylor, Wellesley; Larry Hanerfeld, Leominster; Chuck Greenslit, Framingham; John Pararas, Needham
299er Frederic Corwin-M Elizabeth Corwin, Belmont; Aline Sullivan, Cambridge; Rosanne Catarius, Roslindale.

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**Election Ballot 2008**

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NABC I/N SCHEDULE Includes special events and speakers plus free games



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Date	Time	Speaker	Game time	Events
11/20	8:45 a.m.	GS Jade Barrett Learning Curve	1p.m. 7:30	299er strat pairs 299er strat pairs
11/21	9:15 a.m.	Jerry Helms Jerryisms	10 & 3	299er strat pairs 0 to 5 pts play free
	6:45 p.m.	Ken Monzingo Hand Patterns	7:30	299erpairs & Swiss
11/22	9:15 a.m.	HarrietteBuckman Rule of 14	9:45 10 & 3	FREE LECTURE 299er strat pairs
	6:45 p.m.	Marti Ronemus Cue Bids	12:30 & 3 7:30 p.m.	Bridge+ 0-5 pts 299erpairs & Swiss
11/23	9:15 a.m.	David Metcalf Cue Bidding	9:45 a.m. 10 & 3	FREE LECTURE 299erpairs & Swiss
	6:45 p.m.	Allan Mazer Two clubs—or not?	12:30 & 3 7:30 p.m.	EZbridge 0-49 pts 299erpairs & Swiss
11/24	9:15 a.m.	Mel Colchamiro Play like an expert	10 & 3 7:30 p.m.	299er strat pairs 299erpairs & Swiss
	6:45 p.m.	Rena Lieberman Managing trump		
11/25	9:15 a.m.	Audrey Grant Improving your odds	10 & 3 7:30 p.m.	299er strat pairs 299erpairs & Swiss
	6:45 p.m.	Larry Cohen Bidding over preempts		
11/26	9:15 a.m.	Haig Tchamitch Jacoby 2 NT	10 & 3 7:30	299er strat pairs 299erpairs & Swiss
	6:45 p.m.	Bruce Greenspan Top Ten Tips		
11/27	9:15 a.m.	Mike Flader Ruling the Game	10 & 3 7:30 p.m.	299er strat pairs 299erpairs & Swiss
	6:45 p.m.	Barry Harper Hand evaluation		
11/28	9:15 a.m.	Phillip Alder Dummy play	10 & 3 10 & 3	299er strat pairs Nat'l 99er pairs GOLD POINTS
	6:45 p.m.	Ellen Kent Director calls	7:30 P.M.	299erpairs & Swiss
11/29	9:15 a.m.	Jim Priebe Matchpoint Defense	10 & 3 7:30 P.M.	299er strat pairs 299erpairs & Swiss
	6:45 p.m.	Jeff Roman Pairs vs. teams: What's the difference?		
11/30		NO SPEAKERS	10 & 2	299erpairs & Swiss