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NEWS TO NOTE

NAP District Finals Oct 10-11

If you qualified in a local club game, you're eligible to play in the NAP district finals on October 10-11 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA. Flights A and B will play two qualifying sessions on Saturday, followed by two final sessions on Sunday. Flight C will play two sessions only. All three flights begin play at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The Flight C event is a play through. The second session for Flights A and B begins at 7 p.m. Sunday's finals begin at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Mark Aquino at maquino621@comcast.net or at 617-463-6422.

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TWO IN A ROW! EMBA TEAM REPEATS FLIGHT A SWISS WIN AT AUGUST SECTIONAL

Winners: Bob Gorsey, Rick Binder, Bill Braucher, Neal Montague. The foursome won the same event in 2008. Binder also placed second in the Flight A Open Pairs.



299er WATERTOWN SWISS WINNERS

Winners: Joy Dawson, Barry Herring, Herb and Rachele Sunshine. Herring and Dawson also came in second in the Friday 199er pairs. Herring placed second in the Saturday evening 299er pairs.

DINE ON EMBA AT HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT EMBA to share success with members

The EMBA Holiday tournament is always one of the best attended of the year. The Friday night Pro-Am has developed into a lively competition, giving newer players the opportunity to play with more accomplished players in a one-session, two bracket event. If you are a non-life master, interested in playing with a life master, or a life master willing to partner with a non-life master, please contact Saul Agranoff at saulagranoff@alum.mit.edu.

Free Saturday dinner for all players

As we go to press, the board is looking into providing a free buffet-style dinner between sessions. Plans are underway for the added hospitality after another very successful year for Unit 108. Tournament attendance is growing and a new zero-to-50 event is attracting newer players. A new website (see story on page 11) completes a makeover of unit communications, which began several years ago. With these projects complete and costs under control, EMBA's Holiday tournament efforts have been expanded to include a three-course dinner to all Saturday players. Details will be posted as they become available, but save the date now!

Dinner will be served at approximately 5:30 p.m., preceding a very brief annual meeting and the evening pairs event, which begins at 6:30. Plans are still formulating for the dinner, so check in at www.acblemba.org for more information, including menu, as the tournament date gets closer. ♣

MEET

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CANDIDATES

Seven 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 2010 EMBA Board are listed on the ballot and will run unopposed: Derrick Niederman-President, James Rasmussen-Vice President, Don Levy-Treasurer and Carolyn Weiser-Secretary.

Alan Applebaum



I am a semi-retired attorney, age 57. I have played bridge since I was about 13, although I did not play for 18 years during the 1980s and 1990s. Initially I

learned the game from books, but when I got serious about it in college, I was mentored informally by the great Chip Martel. Today, I compete at a high level in nationals and regionals and I play in two or three events at most EMBA tournaments. I also enjoy the social aspects of the game, and I'm pleased that my wife has recently started playing duplicate. I believe our unit is well-run but, if elected to the board, I would like to learn about and enhance our efforts to reach new, young players.

Bob Bertoni



I own and operate a computer business in Haverhill, MA. I started playing duplicate in 2005 after teaching myself the game by playing

on the Internet. Now, I am a Silver Life Master. As a relatively new player, I would bring a newcomer's perspective to the board and I would work to help EMBA attract and retain new players of all ages. In addition, I believe that my technology expertise can be an asset to EMBA as technology becomes an increasingly important part of our game. Recently, I developed EMBA's new website. For me, it was a work of passion to bring Unit 108 the best in design and website functionality. I look forward to continuing to use my technology expertise to help EMBA stay ahead of technology advances, which I believe will help attract younger players to the game we all love.

Nancy Donaldson



I have been playing bridge for about 40 years. As a board member, I would like 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 believe that the administrative skills I have developed over the years in these positions can help me contribute to the EMBA board.

Carole Carlson



Although I have been playing bridge for many years, the game that we called "bridge" when I started to play is

a far cry from duplicate bridge, which I have played for 20 years. I became a Life Master in 2000 and I have served on the EMBA Board for two terms. I am also the STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) Coordinator for all of New England (except Connecticut). As such, I am responsible for all administrative aspects of the yearly STaC games. I am also a District 25 representative. When I am not playing bridge, I enjoy reading and gardening at my home in Gloucester.

Charles Drum



For more than eight years, I owned and operated the Westwood Duplicate Bridge Club with my

wife Sandra. Westwood is one of New England's largest and most competitive duplicate clubs. I have been a member of the EMBA board for 20 years. During that time, I also served as EMBA Treasurer and chaired the Conduct and Ethics Committee, as well as numerous EMBA sectional tournaments. Currently, I serve as a member of the EMBA Finance Committee. Experience is a marvelous thing!

Polly Goedicke



During the more than 30 years that I have been a member of EMBA, I have spent 15 years on the EMBA board

in many different capacities. I am a former EMBA vice president and president. I served as chair of the Tournament Committee, managed the unit and unitwide games, chaired numerous sectional tournaments and was the site coordinator for the Armenian Cultural and Educational Center, where most EMBA tournaments are held. At the District level, I have co-chaired the Senior Regional on Cape Cod for many years and have served in various capacities at numerous Boston NABCs. If reelected, I will work to further friendliness, sociability and hospitality at our sectional tournaments. Of course, that means I'll continue to make the meatballs that are so popular at Watertown.



Joyce Miller

Although I am retired from my position in Lexington town government, I continue to

remain involved in town government as a volunteer. I have been playing bridge for many years, but I became more serious about the game after my husband, an avid player, passed away. In fact, bridge helped me through a very rough time. The game is challenging—and sometimes it is frustrating—

but I learn something new each time I play. In the past two years, I have hosted several Watertown tournaments and, if reelected, I would look forward to the opportunity to continue to make contributions to bridge in New England.

Dean Panagopoulos



I have played bridge for more than 25 years and taught students of all levels at the Cavendish Club, the

Boston Center for Adult Education and a number of private clubs. However, the game of duplicate bridge has become an even bigger part of my life since I launched The Bridge Spot, a year-round bridge facility located in Woburn, MA and dedicated to providing a fun atmosphere for newcomers to learn and for all levels to compete. At the Bridge Spot, we run a range of bridge competitions and attract players of the highest caliber. But I am especially proud of the work we have done to bring new players into the game through lessons, dedicated newcomer games and special events—such as the recent Audrey Grant lecture, which attracted newer players from all over New England. As an EMBA board member for six years and EMBA chairman of the Newcomer committee, I have been able to apply my experience to attract new players and I look forward to continuing this work into another term on the board.

♣ Club News

Grant returning to Bridge Spot

On Sunday, October 18, Audrey Grant is returning to the Bridge Spot to present “The Impact of the Opening Bid on the Entire Deal.” For details, call The Bridge Spot at 781-791-8888 or email queries to info@bridgespot.com

MidCape holiday supper

The MidCape Bridge Club (Brewster) will hold its annual Holiday Party on Monday, December 16 at 6 p.m. Reservations are requested. For more information, call 508-394-3377

Winchester Duplicate Bridge Club announces Prize Night

The Winchester DBC will award prizes to top pairs in all strata at its Wednesday October 21 game, 7:15 p.m. in Arlington.

Schedule changes:

Puritan The Wednesday night game will close September 30. A new 299er game will launch on Friday, October 2, at 11a.m. (first and third Fridays of each month.) Also, note that the time for the Monday night 199er game and lesson will change to 7 p.m. beginning September 7, 2009.

Westwood The Wednesday afternoon game on November 11, 2009 will begin at 2 p.m. because of Veteran's Day activities.

Nauset The Thursday evening Nauset game is closed until further notice. The Friday Seaside game will close from Dec. 25 to Jan. 1.



At the Summer NABC in Washington, I had the pleasure of sitting down against Bill Gates and his partner Sharon Osberg in the final round of the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams. I'd like to say that we won the match. We didn't. I'd like to say that we distinguished ourselves with clever bidding on this key hand, but we didn't. In fact, we landed in six diamonds, which does not make on any play of the cards. However, if we had gotten to the RIGHT contract—six notrump—we would have had a chance. The right approach is available to any player, but it takes careful analysis—and careful play.

At six notrump by South, you'll probably get the Q of hearts opening lead. Now you must stop and think before playing a card from dummy at trick one. First, count your tricks. There are two and only two heart tricks. There are three spade tricks once you knock out the K (a doubleton K on your right yields four tricks, but it would be a miracle holding). That's five tricks from the majors. The other seven tricks must therefore come from the minors. In the minors, you have three top club winners and three top diamond winners. That leaves you one trick short.

So what do you do? Bang down your minor suit winners and hope at least one of them breaks for you? Or take a diamond finesse to the 10? You may think it's just a guess because you don't really have any information to go on. The opponents have never been in the auction, and the lead doesn't tell you anything about clubs or diamonds.

Vul: none
Dealer: South

NORTH
♠ Q1098
♥ ----
♦ K852
♣ AKQ96

WEST
♠ K76
♥ QJ1075
♦ 3
♣ J532

EAST
♠ 5432
♥ 96
♦ J9764
♣ 104

SOUTH
♠ AJ
♥ AK8432
♦ AQ10
♣ 87

There's a better way to approach this hand, and it involves knowing some simple probabilities. There's no heavy duty math, just a couple of basic principles of probability that can point you in the right direction in this hand—and many others.

Principle one: The odds of getting a three-three break when you are missing six cards is only about one in three.

Principle two: The odds that a straight finesse will win is 50%.

Since a one in two chance is better than a one in three chance, the odds are in your favor if you finesse a diamond to the 10.

Of course, you'd hate to lose to a singleton J of diamonds offside, but you can protect against that by cashing the A or Q of diamonds before going to dummy with a club to finesse the diamond 10.

But before you do anything, it's important to check your transportation. You want to make sure you can get back and forth, to set up spades, to take the diamond hook and to get back to your spade and diamond winners.

So, go through the play in your mind before calling a card from dummy at trick one.

Since you need all the diamonds and all the spades in dummy to come to 12 tricks, you need to pitch a club from dummy at trick one. You need to give up the spade K early on to get back to your spade and diamond winners. You only have two club entries, so you can't afford to play the suit too early or the defenders might return it before you have had time to take the needed diamond finesse. And since you want to cater to the possibility of a singleton J diamonds, you want to cash a diamond before giving up the spade K.

Now, you're ready to play. And you can play rather quickly because you've thought your strategy through. Here you go:

- 1 Pitch a club from dummy and win the heart in your hand at trick one.
- 2 Cash the diamond A and if the jack doesn't drop, play the spade A and the spade J, over taking in dummy to drive out the K if the defender on your left doesn't win the second spade. (A good defender is likely to hold up to the third spade, then lead another heart.)
- 3 When a heart is returned, pitch another low club from the dummy. Cross to the dummy with a club.
- 4 Play a diamond to the 10—and PRAY. It wins!
- 5 Now, you cash your last high diamond in your hand, cross to dummy with a club and cash your spade and diamond winners for 12 tricks.

Today's Shark's Pointers:

You don't have to be a computer whiz to figure out the math to win at bridge. But whether you find yourself playing Bill Gates or the local expert, you want to get your probabilities right. If you land in a challenging contract, count your tricks, calculate your odds and plan your play carefully so that you preserve entries. Even when you're playing against the richest person in the world, you can walk away with the gold!



Letter from the president Derrick Niederman

With the help of our board, the input of players and the remarkable efforts of some talented EMBA members, our association has hit the big time! If you don't know what I mean, you probably haven't checked out the new EMBA website, which debuted in September. The address is the same: www.acblemba.org. But the new website offers a brand-new Home Page, with changing editorial content, an improved guide to club games and all of the important features that have made it such a valuable resource over the years.

Thanks go first and foremost to Bob Bertoni, president of Megahertz Computer in Haverhill, who took on the project for a fraction of its free-market value. If you don't know Bob from the bridge table, check out his photo on page two of this issue. He's running for the EMBA board. Many thanks also to Ellen Dilbert, who not only identified Bob for this job but also volunteered her time and expertise to make sure that the transition went smoothly. Finally, *Quick Trick* editor Peggy Malaspina was there from the beginning, and I saw first-hand how many hours she volunteered in an effort to shape the site to meet the diverse needs of our growing membership. Peggy has volunteered to post Home Page articles that will allow us to highlight the many achievements of EMBA players, the efforts of our talented teachers and the success of our many clubs, directors and managers.

The new website is a work in progress. Any thoughts you have for additional content or ease of use should be communicated to me or one of the people listed here. So, if you haven't logged on already, what are you waiting for?



CALENDAR

EMBA TOURNAMENTS...AND MORE

Visit www.acblemba.org for more calendar information

Holiday Sectional

December 4-6, 2009

Armenian Cultural and Educational Center
47 Nichols Avenue
Watertown, MA

Friday, December 4

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 5

12:15

Build Better Bridge Skills Lecture

by Lew Gamerman

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 6

10:30

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

Host: Frank Lombardo

Partnership assistance on site or at www.partnershipdesk.com

New England Master's Regional

November 4-8, 2009

Holiday Inn
3580 East Main Street
Waterbury, CT

Make your reservation before Oct 5 to secure \$75 bridge rate.

Reservations: 203 706 1000 or 1-800-HOLIDAY

Route 84E to exit 25A. Left off exit.
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Bracketed Swiss
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January 8-10, 2010

Boston Marriott
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EXTRA POINTS SPECIAL CLUB GAMES EXTRA FEE MAY APPLY

OXFORD	LOCATION	NOVEMBER	LOCATION	DECEMBER	LOCATION
Th 1	Bridge Spot* CA & Dartmouth* MG Newton Reyim Ch (a.m. & p.m.) Nauset-Brewster CC	M 2	Dartmouth MG & Lynnfield ChC Needham Aliyah Ch Westwood no game	T 1	Westwood ChC
F 2	Leavitt* & Newton-Wellesley* CA Bridge Spot no game	T 3	Puritan* & Rock Harbor* UW Westwood* UW Westwood ChC	W 2	Merrimac* MG Westwood* ChC
S 3	Bridge Spot* no game	W 4	Merrimac* Ch & MidCape CC	Th 3	Dartmouth* ICC Newton Reyim* Ch Bridge Spot MG
S/Su 3-4	SECTIONAL Sandwich, MA	Th 5	Andover* CC Newton Reyim* Ch Newton Reyim IMP	F 4	Leavitt* CC Newton-Wellesley* CC Bridge Spot no game Bridge Spot no game
M 5	Leavitt* & Needham Aliyah CA Dartmouth Ch & Lynnfield ChC Westwood no game	F 6	Bridge Spot ChC Newton-Wellesley* IF IMP	S 5	Bridge Spot no game
T 6	Puritan* ChC Rock Harbor* & Leavitt CA Bridge Spot & Westwood CA	W/Su 4-8	NE Master's Regional Waterbury, CT	F/Su 4-6	SECTIONAL Watertown, MA
W 7	Dartmouth* & Hamilton CA MidCape & Winchester CA Leavitt* CC & Merrimac* Ch Newton Emanuel* CA ST	M 9	Andover* MG & Westwood* ChC Needham Aliyah & Dartmouth ICC Lynnfield & Westwood ICC	M 7	Leavitt* CC Lynnfield ChC Needham Aliyah Ch Westwood no game
Th 8	Andover* CA Newton Reyim* Ch (No p.m. game)	T 10	Bridge Spot CC Newton-Wellesley IF IMP	T 8	Bridge Spot MIT MG Leavitt CC Westwood ChC
F 9	Leavitt* CC & Seaside* CA ST Bridge Spot ChC	W 11	Westwood (a.m. & p.m.) ChC Dartmouth*Ch & Leavitt* MG Newton Emanuel* Ch	W 9	Leavitt* CC Westwood* ChC Newton Emanuel* Ch ST Winchester MG
S 10	Puritan* CA	Th 12	Puritan* & Hamilton CC Westwood* ChC (2 p.m. start) Winchester CC	Th 10	Andover* EF & bridge Spot* MG Dartmouth* Ch Newton Reyim Ch ST
S/S10-11	NAP FINALS & SECTIONAL Sturbridge, MA	F 13	Bridge Spot* & Puritan* CC Westwood* ChC	F 11	Bridge Spot ChC
M 12	Leavitt* CC & Oak St* no game Puritan* CA ST & Lynnfield CA Westwood ChC	S 14	Newton Reyim Ch, Bridge Spot* CC Westwood* ChC & Bridge Spot CC	S 12	Puritan* MG
T 13	Bridge Spot ICC & MIT CC Newton-Wellesley & Westwood ICC	Su 15	Bridge Spot ST (two sessions) Westwood* ChC	M 14	Andover* CC HP Newton-Wellesley* JF ST Westwood* ChC (a.m. & p.m.) Needham Aliyah & Dartmouth CC Lynnfield MG
W 14	Leavitt* CA & Hamilton ChC Westwood* ChC	M 16	Newton-Wellesley* & Puritan* CC Needham Aliyah Ch Lynnfield & Westwood* ChC	T 15	Puritan* & Westwood* ChC & HP Newton Wellesley CC Westwood ChC
Th 15	Bridge Spot* & Newton Reyim* CA Newton Reyim Ch Nauset Brewster CA	T 17	Puritan* CC & MIT ChC Westwood ChC	W 16	Merrimac* & Newton Emanuel* CC Westwood* ChC Hamilton MG HP MidCape HP
F 16	Bridge Spot ChC & Seaside* CC Newton-Wellesley* CA (ST)	W 18	Merrimac* IF & Westwood* ChC Hamilton ChC	Th 17	Newton Reyim (a.m. & p.m.) CC Puritan* MG & Westwood ChC Westwood* ChC HP
S/Su 17-18	SECTIONAL Bangor, ME	Th 19	Andover* MG Dartmouth* CC Newton Reyim* Ch	F 18	Westwood* ChC HP Bridge Spot MG
M 19	Andover* & Dartmouth CA Lynnfield ChC Oak Street* CC Westwood* CA & Westwood ChC Needham Aliyah CA ST	Fri 20	Newton-Wellesley* UW Seaside* & Westwood* UW Bridge Spot ChC	S 19	Puritan* ChC HP Westwood* ChC
T 20	Rock Harbor* & MIT CA ST Leavitt CC Newton-Wellesley CA Westwood* CA	Su 22	Bridge Spot* 199er party	Su 20	Bridge Spot* 199er party Westwood* ChC
W 21	Merrimac* & Westwood* CA Winchester Prize Night (see p. 3)	S/Su 21-22	SECTIONAL NEWINGTON, NH	M 21	Needham Aliyah Ch Lynnfield HP & Westwood ChC
Th 22	Dartmouth* & Westwood CA	M 23	Lynnfield & Westwood ChC	T 22	Puritan* ICC & MIT JF Bridge Spot HP & Westwood ChC
F 23	Bridge Spot Ca ST Seaside* & Westwood* CA	T 24	Newton-Wellesley JF ST Westwood ChCf	W 23	Dartmouth* CC Winchester Ch ST HP
S 24	Westwood* CA Westwood CA ST (4 p.m. start)	W 25	Newton Emanuel* ICC Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor Westwood* ChC Winchester IMP	Th 24	No games: Andover* & Dartmouth* Newton Reyim (a.m. & p.m.) HP
Su 25	Bridge Spot* 199er party Westwood* CA	Th 26	No games at: Andover,*Dartmouth Newton Reyim (a.m. & p.m.), Puritan*, Westwood & Nauset Brewster	F 25	No games: Bridge Spot (a.m. & p.m.) Seaside*, Westwood*, Newton Wellesley
S/Su 24-25	SECTIONAL Hudson, NH	F 27	Westwood* & Bridge Spot ChC	M 28	Newton-Wellesley* ChC Lynnfield ChC Westwood ChC
M 26	Newton-Wellesley* & Oak St* CA Needham Aliyah Ch Lynnfield & Westwood ChC	S 28	Westwood* ChC	T 29	Westwood ChC
T 27	Rock Harbor* CC & MIT CA Newton-Wellesley CA (ST) Westwood ChC	Su 29	Westwood* ChC	W 30	Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor
W 28	Dartmouth* MG & Westwood* ChC Newton Emanuel* CA Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor Westwood* ChC	Th26 -	FALL NABC	Th 31	No games: Bridge Spot (a.m. & p.m.) Newton Reyim (a.m. & p.m.)
T 29	Bridge Spot* & Puritan* ICC Newton Reyim* & Westwood* ICC	Su 6	San Diego, CA		
F 30	Newton Reyim CA ST Bridge Spot ChC	M 30	Andover* ACBL Ch Newton-Wellesley* IF IMP Dartmouth* & Westwood* ACBL Ch Needham Aliyah Ch Dartmouth & Lynnfield ACBL Ch Westwood ChC		
F/Su 30-01	SECTIONAL Mendon, VT				

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, UW=Unitwide game, Consult www.acblemba.org for locations.

WATERTOWN WINNER'S CIRCLE



**Ronald Briggs,
James Osten win
Sat Eve 299er
Pairs**

The pair scored 62.80%, beating the second place team by only .60 matchpoints.



**Flight B Swiss
winners repeat
2008 victory**

The winners of the Flight B Swiss Teams at the Watertown August Sectional were

Anita Taylor, Larry Hanerfeld, John Pararas and Chuck Greenslit. The foursome also won the Flight B Swiss at the 2008 August EMBA Sectional.



**Harry Marsh,
Michael Stevens win
Flight C pairs**

The pair was also on the winning 2009 District 25 Flight C GNT team.

IN MEMORIAM

Jeanne Bortolotti
Martha Ware
Walter Nason

Foxboro, MA
Abington, MA
Rehoboth, MA

Peter Gilfoy
William Hurley
Sue Teare
Lilo Grubner

Sherborn, MA
Merrimac, MA
Manchester, MA
Brighton, MA



RECENT TOURNAMENT WINNERS

EMBA SUMMER SECTIONAL August 7 - 9

Friday Open Pairs

Flight A

- 1 Ann Baum, Newton; Alan Watson, Lexington
- 2 Mary and Roy Green, Carlisle

Flight B

- 1 Bob Bertoni, Haverhill; Suzanne Cunningham, Medfield
- 2/3 Marsha Gerstein, Somerville; Mark Heumann, Watertown
Adi Chehna, Chelmsford; Paul Harris, Waltham

Flight C

- 1/2 Marsha Gerstein, Somerville; Mark Heumann, Watertown
Adi Chehna, Chelmsford; Paul Harris, Waltham

Friday 199er Pairs

- 1 Robert Stoddard and Cynthia Kelly, Wellesley
- 2 Joy Dawson, Jamaica Plain; Barry Herring, Wellesley

Saturday Tom Wilder Flighted Championship

Flight A

- 1 Joe Cappannelli, Stoneham; Murthy Ayyagari, N Andover
- 2 Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain; Rick Binder, Waltham

Flight B

- 1 Albert Votolato, Raynham; William Nason, Andover
- 2 Robert Bertoni, Haverhill; Peter Manzon, Waltham

Flight C

- 1 Harry Marsh - Michael Stevens, Waltham
- 2 Mark Throop - Eric Throop, Framingham

Saturday Afternoon side game

- 1 Thomas Moore, Lynn; William Mernin, N Billerica
- 2 Sondra Caplin - Donald Caplin, Waltham

Saturday Afternoon 49er Pairs

- 1 Toby Davidson, Lexington; Nancy Raphael, Cambridge
- 2 Eleanor Jacobs, Needham; Barrett Shepard, Truro

Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs

- 1 Michael Tsuk - Anne Quaadgras, Arlington
- 2 Susan Banghart - Ruth Banghart, Weston

Saturday Evening 299er Pairs

- 1 Ronald Briggs - James Osten, Lexington
- 2 Barry Herring, Wellesley; Joseph Foster, Framingham

Sunday Swiss Teams

- A Bob Gorse, Neil Montague, William Braucher, Rick Binder
B/C Anita Taylor, Larry Hanerfeld, Chuck Greenslit, John Pararas
299er Barry Herring, Joy Dawson, Herb Sunshine, Rachelle Sunshine.

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**Election Ballot 2009**

OFFICERS FOR 2009

- Derrick Niederman*, President
 - James Rasmussen*, Vice President
 - Carolyn Weiser*, Secretary
 - Don Levy,* Treasurer
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DIRECTORS TO SERVE FOR THREE YEARS

Vote for up to Seven (7) directors.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alan Applebaum | <input type="checkbox"/> Charles Drum* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Bertoni | <input type="checkbox"/> Polly Goedicke* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carole Carlson* | <input type="checkbox"/> Joyce Miller* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nancy Donaldson* | <input type="checkbox"/> Dean Panagopoulos* |

*Incumbent candidate

MAIL BALLOT BY 10/31/09. SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE.

INSTRUCTIONS—PLEASE FOLLOW CAREFULLY

1. Detach ballot page from bulletin.
2. Do not write your name on the Election Ballot 2009.
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4. Print your ACBL player number in the space indicated below. Ballots without an ACBL player number will be invalidated. All numbers are checked against the current member list when received. Numbers are then blacked out to ensure *confidentiality of each vote*.
5. Put a stamp in the place provided. Fold the ballot on the lines below so that the ballot is concealed. Staple or tape together the loose ends of the folded page.
6. One ballot—one stamp. Mass or joint mailings are not accepted. For more information, see pages two and three of this issue of *Quick Trick*.

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STAMP




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

Check out the NEW EMBA website at www.acblemba.org




Early in September we launched a new website with up-to-date graphics and functionality.

The left navigational bar will take you to:

- the Home page, which contains news and interesting EMBA information and changes frequently.
- an enhanced calendar that shows all games and all special events.
- a sophisticated Club Directory, with maps.
- a list of special events and tournament results, with photos of winning players.
- contact information.
- valuable information for newcomers.
- *Quick Trick* archive.
- “Who’s Who?” list that shows who’s leading the EMBA pack.

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ZACH GROSSACK BECOMES EMBA'S YOUNGEST LIFE MASTER AT AGE 12

Playing in the Sturbridge Regional in late June, Zachary Grossack went over the top to become EMBA's youngest Life Master. Zach, age 12, started playing bridge when he was nine. His mom was his first duplicate partner. Mom Jori and brother Adam talked about the game so much, that he got interested and picked up the basics. "I didn't take any lessons," says Zach. I just listened and played. Now, Zach plays duplicate once or twice a week during the school year—more in the summer. When he is not playing bridge, Zach is active in local sports. He plays on recreational baseball and basketball teams in Newton, where he lives and attends Brown Middle School. When he's not playing one of the three "B's", he is with his friends. For now, none of them play bridge...but he's working to change that.

Zach can be seen playing with many different partners, but his favorite are his mom, his brother and Joyce Pearson. He confesses that it can be hard to play with his older brother (Adam is 16; he became a Life Master at 13). "He likes to yell at me," says Zach. "But he's really good. I like playing with him a lot!

Zach's aggressive bidding style often helps him get to winning contracts. His favorite

NEW SITE MAKES IT EASY FOR PLAYERS TO FIND WHAT THEY NEED

The new navigational bar offers a functional approach to the site. The three main horizontal tabs across the top of the home page—LEARN, PLAY, VOLUNTEER—offer action-oriented information. Pull down the tab under:

- **LEARN** and you can search for a teacher in your geographical area, find a recent Build Better Bridge Skills lecture, and get access to a host of valuable bridge information, including the EMBA bylaws, the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, a list of conventions and links to FREE bridge software.
- **PLAY** and you can find a club, locate special events and tournaments and find a partner by linking to partnershipdesk.com
- **VOLUNTEER** and you can submit your interest in running for the board, mentoring a newcomer, joining a committee, hosting a tournament or caddying for a forthcoming event. Just fill out a simple form and your request will be passed on to the appropriate EMBA contact.

We look forward to your feedback on the new site! And, as always, we welcome your ideas, comments and corrections.

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CAPE COD SECTIONAL

October 3-4 2009
Forestdale School
Sandwich, MA

DIST 25 NAP FINALS

October 10-11 2009
Sturbridge Host Hotel
Sturbridge, MA

FALL NABC

November 26-Dec 6 2009
San Diego, CA

HOLIDAY SECTIONAL

December 4-6 2009
Armenian Cultural Center
Watertown, MA

Cape Cod in October: Picture perfect!

The Robert Starr Memorial Tournament will be held at the Forestdale School in Sandwich, MA on October 3-4. You'll find great hospitality, good bridge competition and plenty of New England fall scenery in this picturesque location. The weekend begins with a *Build Better Bridge Skills* lecture at 9:45, featuring Sam Starr and Mark Aquino. The presentation is free and open to all. Play begins at 10:30 a.m. There will be a one-session pairs games for players with zero to 50 points, two single-session pairs games for players with zero to 299 points and a two-session, stratified pairs game. The starting times for both two-session events are 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. On Sunday, there is a bracketed eight-round Swiss Team event and a four-round 299er Swiss Teams. Both begin at 10:30 a.m. The eight-round match is a playthrough. For more information, call one of the tournament hosts: Sam Starr (508-477-4392) and Steve Rzewski (503-385-3505).