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TOURNAMENT TRAIL

ACBL Summer NABC

July 12 - 22
Philadelphia, PA

EMBA Summer Sectional

August 3 - 5
Armenian Cultural Center
Watertown, MA

NE Fiesta Regional

August 27 - September 2
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Warwick, RI

Cape Cod Sectional

October 13 - 14
Hyannis, MA

EMBA Nominating Committee selects candidates

The EMBA Nominating Committee, chaired by Carole Weinstein, has selected the following slate of candidates for officers and directors of the 2013 EMBA Board. An asterisk denotes an incumbent. Get more information on candidates and your official ballot in the Fall issue of *Quick Trick*. Or, vote online at www.acblemba.org.

Officers:

President	Dean Panagopoulos
Vice President	David Aronson
Secretary	Carolyn Weiser*
Treasurer	Don Levy*

Candidates for Board of Directors:

Bob Bertoni*	Irene Bonner	Carole Carlson*
Charles Drum*	Luke Gillespie	Jori Grossack
Paul Harris	Eva Milofsky	Marina Polestra
Lisa Procter		



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NEWS TO NOTE

New location for Cape Sectional

The Cape Cod Sectional will be held October 13 - 14 at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center, 144 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA. Hyannis Travel Inn (1/2 mile from the bridge site) is offering a \$69.95 rate. Book two nights and get a third night free. Call 866-539-0036 and mention EMBA. Get directions to the playing site at www.town.barnstable.ma.us/hycc/directionsN.aspx.

NAP qualifiers in July & August

Check the calendar on page 5 for special NAP club qualifying games. Qualifiers can participate in the District 25 NAP finals in October. For more information, go to nebridge.org.

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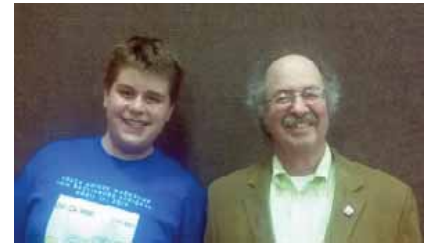
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EMBA officers

President	James Rasmussen
Vice president	William Hunter
Secretary	Carolyn Weiser
Treasurer	Don Levy



Gallery of winners from 2012 EMBA Memorial Day Sectional



From left to right, top row: Elaine and Ron Newburg won the Saturday morning Open Pairs. Amnon Gabay and Charles Polay won the Saturday afternoon Open Pairs. Bottom row: Winners of Sunday's 299er Swiss Teams were Jane Baier, Maxine Aaronson, Roger Bell and Marcia Wilk. Zachary Grossack and Donald Caplin won the Friday Open Pairs game. They also won the Friday Open Pairs event at the April Sectional.

EMBA PLAYERS DOMINATE DISTRICT 25 GNTs

EMBA will be well represented at the summer NABC in Philadelphia, as each team at the four stratification levels of the Grand National Teams comprises mostly EMBA players. The Grand National Teams is a grassroots event that begins with a regional qualifier in each of the 25 ACBL districts. Teams that win their flight at the district level compete with other district winners at the summer NABC for a national championship. EMBA teams had to beat out teams from Western Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island to reach the national finals of the event. Congratulations to the following teams!

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| Superflight | Dean Panagopoulos, Stephen Gladyszak, Richard Freedman, Melody Bi, Robert Woodard |
| Flight A | Anton Tsytkin, Walter Lee, James Rasmussen, Pamela Miller |
| Flight B | Michael Lieberman, Alevtina Asarina, Leo Zelevinsky, Jay Tang, Robin Hillyard |
| Flight C | Daniel Jablonski, Reid Barton, Emily Shen, Vincent Fish |



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On May 20, students from four local schools gathered at the Bridge Spot in Woburn, MA to compete in the first annual Eastern Massachusetts School Bridge Championships. Anyone who had the pleasure of observing the event could not help but be impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of the young players.

The tournament was the culmination of a series of free lessons that were taught at the schools beginning in the fall of 2011.

I would like to thank the volunteer teachers and other individuals who gave freely of their time this past year to support this worthy effort. I believe that introducing the game of bridge to a new generation of players is of vital importance to the future of our game. For generations, EMBA has been enriched by a stream of young players from local colleges and, more randomly, from local lessons. This program offers the opportunity to formalize the effort to develop future generations of duplicate bridge players, and I believe it is important to build on this start.

Expanding the current program will require resources. To that end, the EMBA Board, with the assistance of new board member Robert McCaw, has established New England Youth Bridge, Inc., a non-profit 501 (c)(3) foundation. The purpose of the foundation is to improve the analytical, mathematical and social skills of school age children through the introduction of duplicate bridge.

As a member of EMBA, there are many ways that you can help support New England Youth Bridge, Inc. If you wish to volunteer as a teacher or to help in some other manner, please contact Adam Parrish or Murthy Ayyagari. We invite you to participate in fundraising events that are being planned for later this year, including charity games at local EMBA clubs. And, of course, donations to the program are welcome. Because of the structure of the organization, these donations are tax deductible. You can learn more about New England Youth Bridge by visiting its website at www.neyb.org. A story about the tournament, including pictures of winners, is on page 7 of this issue.

Jim Rasmussen



STEPPING DOWN

Kevin Griffin retires as EMBA's Tournament Director in Charge

ACBL Tournament Director Kevin Griffin, who has been the Director-in-Charge at almost every EMBA sectional over the past ten years, has announced his intention to cut back on his directing schedule. This change will include no longer serving as Director in Charge at EMBA tournaments. Kevin will be available on an occasional basis to serve as a director when needed at future sectionals. EMBA tournaments are the largest in New England and among the largest in the United States, with multiple events running concurrently. EMBA has been fortunate that Kevin has been willing to devote so much of his expertise, time and energy to directing our sectionals over the years.

Kevin indicated that his decision was made easier knowing that Horace Gower will be taking over. Horace has a great deal of experience directing at EMBA tournaments as Kevin's right hand man, and we are confident that Kevin's assistance will assure a smooth transition for Horace to Director in Charge.



The star of this edition of Shark's Pointers is no stranger to EMBA players. Having amassed over 20,000 masterpoints, Sheila Gabay of Newton, MA has been a perennial Ace of Clubs winner, chalking up both sectional and regional victories. Despite playing only one national tournament a year, Sheila's national record has also been outstanding. In 2007, her team finished second in the Mixed Board-A-Match Teams. In the summer of 2008, she was on the District 25 team that placed second in the Open Flight of the Grand National Teams to the District 9 team from Florida, led by international stars Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell. In 2010, Sheila gained another NABC second place showing in the Senior Swiss Teams. This year, Sheila added another NABC to her schedule as she set her sights on becoming a Grand Life Master. Attending the Spring NABC in Memphis, she could only play in two events over a four-day period, but she made the most of it. Sheila and Lloyd Arvedon (a Grand Life Master) placed second in the Silver Ribbon Pairs. Two days later, Sheila and Patrick McDevitt (a Grand Life Master and World Champion) won the Rockwell Mixed Pairs! Today's hand showcases Sheila's playing skill in the final session of the event that secured her place in that elite circle of duplicate bridge players — Grand Life Master!

After a one heart opening bid by partner, Sheila became declarer in 3NT on the diagrammed deal. The opening lead was a friendly J of spades into Sheila's A Q. Sheila now took a losing diamond finesse and back came a spade to Sheila's blank A. She only had eight tricks: two spades, five diamonds and one heart. She couldn't try to drive out the Club A, because her opponents would snatch it and at least three spades to set

Rockwell Mixed Pairs--Final Session

2012 Spring NABC Memphis, TN

Vul: None Dealer: West

Contract: 3NT E Opening lead: J of ♠

NORTH

♠ 98632
♥ 3
♦ K65
♣ A1032

MCDEVITT

♠ 4
♥ AQ962
♦ A73
♣ K975

GABAY

♠ AQ
♥ J
♦ QJ10984
♣ QJ64

SOUTH

♠ KJ1075
♥ K109854
♦ 2
♣ 8

her. Taking the heart finesse would get her to nine but it would also risk going down an extra trick. Sheila ran her diamonds, watching her opponents' discards carefully. South seemed uncomfortable. He quickly pitched three small hearts and then made the curious discard of a small spade. On the last diamond, he pitched another heart, to reach this position:

	NORTH	
	♠ 862	
	♥ 3	
	♦ --	
	♣ A	
MCDEVITT		GABAY
♠ --		♠ --
♥ AQ96		♥ J
♦ --		♦ --
♣ K		♣ QJ64
	SOUTH	
	♠ K10	
	♥ K10	
	♦ --	
	♣ 8	

As Sheila played the J of hearts, she noticed the slightest twitch as South followed with the 10. After thinking for quite a while, she played the Queen—and made five! The 88 of 90 possible matchpoints were the winning margin of victory for the pair.

Today's Shark's Pointers: 1) Pay attention to discards. If your opponent pitches an obvious winner, he is protecting another card. 2) Be willing to take a reasonable risk when the score really matters. Congrats to Sheila, EMBA's newest Grand Life Master, who did both.



CALENDAR

EMBA TOURNAMENTS...AND MORE

Visit www.acblemba.org for more calendar information

Summer Sectional

August 3 - 5 2012

Armenian Cultural and Educational Center
47 Nichols Avenue
Watertown, MA

Friday, August 3

7:30 PM

Stratified pairs
Strats by partnership average
A open/ B <1500/ C <500
299er pairs

Saturday, August 4

10:30 AM

Single-session 0-49er Pairs

10:30 AM & 3:00 PM

Two-session Tom Wilder Flighted
Championship Pairs

Two single-session 299er pairs

A=Open, B=<2000, C=<750

Flights play separately

Sandwiches & salads for sale

MUST PLACE ORDER BEFORE

FIRST SESSION

Sunday, August 5

10:30 AM & TBA

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

Flighted by team average; flights play separately

A=Open, X 0 to 3000

B/C/D Bracketed No player > 2000

(B <2000, C <1000, D < 500)

Playthrough with break for pizza, which is included in entry fee

Single-Session 299er Swiss Teams

(four matches)

Hosts:

The MIT/Draper Lab Bridge Club

Partnership assistance on site

Or, indicate your partnership needs to www.partnershipdesk.com

Emergency phone: 978 278 5765

New England Fiesta Regional

Aug 27 - September 2 2012

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Warwick, RI

An easy drive; just off Rte 95!

FIVE COMPACT KO'S

SUBSIDIZED SUNDAY LUNCH

299er games every session

Bracketed knockouts

Start Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday

Sidegames

Monday through Saturday

Gold Rush events

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Open to players with 0 - 750 points

Stratifications

A= open, B 750-3000, C <750

About the Crowne Plaza

Reserve before 8/10 to secure \$89 single/double rate.

Property sells out early!

Call 401 732-6000

Directions: Exit 12A off 95S, Exit 12 off 95N

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♣ Club News ♣

Time change, new novice game at Newton Bridge Club

Beginning July 5, the Thursday morning Newton Bridge Club game at Temple Reyim will begin at 10:30 a.m. A new novice game (zero to 20 points) will also commence on July 5. The novice game will charge only **\$1 per session** for the month of July. Masterpoints will be awarded.



Earlier start for Harriett Leavitt's Tuesday night game

The starting time for Harriett's Tuesday evening game in Marblehead has been changed to 7 p.m. The new time is currently in effect.



IN MEMORIAM 2012



We mourn the passing of the following EMBA members from January - May 2012.

George Dalton	Haverhill
Margaret Hoey	Framingham
Herbert Horne	Attleboro
Selma Leegant	W Yarmouth
Dr. Marvin Niepris	Chelsea
Cleveland Peeke	Wellesley
James Pickel	Hingham
Robert Simpson	Millis
Mary Ann Taylor	Andover
Lillian Thomas	East Orleans

EXTRA POINTS SPECIAL CLUB GAMES EXTRA Fee MAY APPLY

JULY	LOCATION
Su 1	Westwood* STaC
M 2	Dartmouth NAP Reyim* NAP, W Yarmouth*MG Westwood*CC & p.m. NAP
T 3	Westwood* CC, Reyim NAP
W 4	Westwood* NAP & Westwood Ch Hamilton & MidCape NO GAME
T 5	Reyim* NAP & PM Ch, W.Yarmouth* MG, Westwood* NAP
F 6	Puritan* 499er, W. Yarmouth* MG, Bridge Spot & Westwood NAP
Su 8	Westwood* NAP
M 9	Puritan* & Westwood* NAP Bridge Spot & Aliyah NAP Westwood CC
T 10	Rock Harbor* ST& Reyim Ch ST Puritan* & Westwood* NAP Bridge Spot & MIT NAP
W 11	Dartmouth* & Leavitt* NAP Reyim* & Puritan*NAP Westwood* Ch & p.m. NAP Bridge Spot 499er NAP Hamilton CC & Winchester NAP
Th 12	Bridge Spot* & Newton@Reyim*UW Puritan* & Westwood* UW Reyim NAP
F 13	Seaside* & Reyim* NAP Puritan* 499er & Westwood* NAP Bridge Spot & Westwood ACBL IF Puritan* & Westwood* NAP Westwood Ch
M 16	Reyim Ch & Puritan* NAP W. Yarmouth* NO GAME Dartmouth, Puritan & Westwood NAP Aliyah Ch
T 17	Rock Harbor*, Puritan* & Leavitt NAP Westwood CC
W 18	Dartmouth*, Puritan* & Westwood* NAP Reyim NAP
Th 19	Reyim* Ch & Puritan* NAP W. Yarmouth* NO GAME Westwood* NAP
F 20	Reyim* & Puritan 499er NAP W. Yarmouth* NO GAME Westwood* Ch & p.m. NAP Puritan* NAP & Westwood* Ch
S 21	Puritan* NAP & Westwood* Ch
Su 22	Westwood* NAP
M 23	Reyim*CC Westwood* NAP & Westwood Ch Bridge Spot & Aliyah NAP Dartmouth Ch & Provincetown MG
T 24	Bridge Spot* & Rock Harbor* UW Puritan* & Westwood* UW Bridge Spot NAP, Reyim CC
W 25	Bridge Spot* Open & 499er NAP Dartmouth* Ch & Puritan* Mentor Reyim Ch ST Westwood* CC & Westwood NAP Hamilton & Winchester NAP
Th 26	Reyim a.m. & p.m. NAP Westwood*Ch
F 27	Bridge Spot Open, 499er NAP am & pm Reyim* Ch & Puritan* 499er Westwood a.m. & p.m. NAP
S 28	Bridge Spot Open, 499er NAP am & pm Westwood* NAP
M 30	Harwich* & Reyim* NAP Westwood* Ch & BSpot ChC
T 31	Westwood*, MIT, Reyim NAP

AUGUST	LOCATION
W 1	Dartmouth* NAP, Reyim* CC MidCape ChC & Westwood CC
Th 2	Bridge Spot* & Reyim NAP
F 3	Seaside* NAP & Puritan 499er Westwood* NAP & NO p.m. GAME
S/Su 4-5	Westwood* NO GAME
F/Su 3 - 5	EMBA Sectional, Watertown, MA
M 6	Bridge Spot a.m. & p.m. CC Puritan a.m. & p.m NAP Dartmouth & Aliyah NAP Westwood* Ch & p.m. NAP
T 7	Bridge Spot a.m. & p.m. CC Puritan* NAP & Westwood* Ch Reyim* NAP
W 8	Bridge Spot* CC & Reyim* NAP Puritan* & Westwood* NAP Winchester CC ST
Th 9	Bridge Spot* & Nauset CC Reyim* Ch & p.m. Ch ST Puritan* & Westwood* NAP
F 10	Seaside* ST & Reyim* NAP Bridge Spot* a.m. & p.m. CC Puritan* 499er NAP Westwood* CC & p.m. NAP
S 11	Bridge Spot* CC & Puritan* NAP Westwood* NAP
Su 12	Bridge Spot* CC ST & Westwood* NAP
M 13	Bridge Spot a.m. & p.m. NAP Leavitt* & Harwich* NAP Reyim* & Dartmouth NAP Westwood* NAP & p.m. Ch Aliyah Ch IMP
T 14	Rock Harbor* CC & Westwood*NAP Bridge Spot, MIT, Reyim NAP
W 15	Dartmouth* NAP & Reyim Ch Westwood* Ch ST & p.m. NAP Bridge Spot 499er NAP & Hamilton ChC Reyim* NAP & Westwood* CC
Th 16	Bridge Spot* UW & p.m. NAP
F 17	Reyim* UW & Puritan* 499er UW Westwood* UW & p.m. Ch
S 18	Bridge Spot* Open/499er NAP Westwood* NAP
Su 19	Westwood* CC
M 20	Reyim* & Bridge Spot NAP Puritan* & p.m. NAP Dartmouth Ch & Aliyah CC Westwood NAP
T 21	Rock Harbor* & Puritan* NAP Bridge Spot NAP
W 22	Dartmouth* Ch & Reyim* NAP Puritan* & Bridge Spot 499er NAP Westwood* NAP & p.m. Ch Hamilton & Winchester NAP
Th 23	Puritan* NAP & Westwood* Ch ST Reyim* NAP
F 24	Leavitt*NAP & Reyim* Ch Puritan 499er & Bridge Spot NAP Westwood NAP
S 25	Bridge Spot* NAP & p.m. 499er NAP Puritan* NAP & Westwood* Ch
Su 26	Westwood* NAP
M 27	Harwich* CC & Reyim* NAP Westwood* & Aliyah NAP Provincetown CC
M 27 -Su2	New England Fiesta Regional Warwick, RI
T 28	Westwood*, MIT & Reyim NAP
W 29	Puritan* Mentor & Westwood NAP

Th 30	Reyim* & Westwood* NAP
F 31	Reyim* NAP & Puritan 499er Westwood* NAP

SEPTEMBER	LOCATION
M 3	Harwich* NO GAME W. Yarmouth* CC HP Westwood* a.m. & p.m. IF
T 4	Puritan* CC & Westwood* ICC Reyim* IF
W 5	Reyim* IF & Puritan* CC Westwood* a.m. & p.m. IF Hamilton IF
Th 6	Reyim* CC & p.m. IF Puritan* CC W Yarmouth* CC & Westwood* IF Reyim* IF ST & Puritan* 499er CC W. Yarmouth* CC * Bridge Spot IF Westwood* a.m. & p.m. IF
S 8	Bridge Spot* IF & Puritan* CC Westwood* No game
Su 9	Bridge Spot* IF ST Westwood* NO GAME
M 10	Bridge Spot* UW & p.m. UG Leavitt* & Reyim* UW Puritan* UW & Dartmouth UG Westwood* UW & p.m. UG Aliyah UG AT Temple REYIM Rock Harbor* ST Westwood*, Bridge Spot & MIT IF Reyim IF
T 11	Dartmouth* & Leavitt* UW Reyim* & Puritan* UW Westwood* UW & p.m. ICC Winchester ICC
Th 13	Reyim* & Westwood* IF Nauset IM
F 14	Leavitt* CC & Reyim* IF Puritan* 499er Westwood* CC
S 15	Bridge Spot* Lunch Party Westwood* IF
Su 16	Reyim* & Aliyah No game Puritan* CC & Dartmouth IF Puritan* IF & Reyim NO GAME
M 17	Dartmouth* IF & Leavitt* CC Reyim* IF IMP & Puritan* Mentor Westwood* IF & p.m. UG Hamilton & Winchester UG Puritan* IF & Reyim CC Reyim* CC & Puritan* 499er IF Westwood CC
Th 20	Puritan* & Westwood* IF
F 21	Reyim* & Westwood* IF
S 22	Puritan* & Westwood* IF
M 24	Reyim* & Bridge Spot IF Westwood* a.m & p.m. IF Dartmouth CC Aliyah GAME AT TEMPLE REYIM Westwood* IF & MIT CC Reyim NO GAME
T 25	Dartmouth* CC & Westwood IF Reyim* NO GAME
W 26	Reyim* IF & p.m. IF IMP Puritan* 499er Westwood* IF ST & p.m. IF
Th 27	Westwood* IF
F 28	Westwood* IF
S 29	Westwood* IF
Su 30	Westwood* IF

OCTOBER	LOCATION
S/Su 13-14	Cape Cod Sectional Hyannis, MA

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. Aliyah=Temple Aliyah, Needham, Reyim=Temple Reyim, Newton. Consult www.acblemba.org for all other locations. FOR MORE TOURNAMENT LISTINGS, GO TO www.nebridge.org.



RECENT TOURNAMENT WINNERS

EMBA Spring SECTIONAL April 13 - 15

Friday Pairs

- A 1 Don Caplin, Waltham; Zach Grossack, Newton
2 Alan Frantz, Wayland; Anita Taylor, Natick
- B 1 Robert Bertoni, Haverhill; Jan Cucurullo, Newburyport
2 Anthony Anisowicz and Mel Foster, Newton
- C 1 Robert Stubbs, Framingham; Alan Godes, Needham
2 Norman Guivens, Braintree; Vanette Aleksic, Winchester
- 299er 1 Daniel Clark - Bob Shor, Reading
2 David Cancian, Lincoln; Richard Giles, Concord

Saturday A.M. Pairs

- A 1 Peter Matthews, Roslindale; G Schwartz, Huntsville, AL
2 Ken Bloom, Acton; Bill Irvine, Quincy
- B 1 Robert Carvin, N Easton; Fred Magnus, Framingham
2 Louis Russo, Auburndale; Peter Zucker, Watertown
- C 1 Charles Curley, Wakefield; Bala Bathey, Tewksbury
2 James Cusack, Cambridge; JiTu Nathwani, Chelmsford
- 299er 1 Sarah Widhu - Marshall Thomas, Nashua, NH
2 Elizabeth Wood, Arlington; Pat Rathbone, Watertown

Saturday P.M. Pairs

- A 1 Sheila Gabay, Newton; Victor King, Hartford, CT
2 Karen McCallum, Exeter, NH; Sylwia McNamara, WP, NY
- B 1 Michael Schrage, Chestnut Hill; Paul Wacks, Peabody
2 Gautam Merchant - Ruth Weston Marshfield
- C 1 Greg Chang, Lexington; Yanyan Liu, Wilmington
2 Reid Barton, Arlington; Michael Lieberman, Cambridge
- 299er 1 Robert Williams-Susan Tordel Williams, Ayer
2 Sarah Widhu - Marshall Thomas, Nashua, NH

Sunday Swiss

- A Walter Lee, Anton Tsyarkin, Melody Bi, Melvin Marcus
X Zach Grossack, Don Caplin, John Flynn, Nancy Flynn
B & C Jay Tang, Yanning Zhou, Mike Lieberman, Alevtina Asarina
D Ron Briggs, James Osten, Yanyan Liu, Laurie Endsley
299er Patricia Jensen, Irvonne Moran, Gail Perrin, Bryn Madden

EMBA 199er SECTIONAL April 21 - 22

Saturday A.M. Pairs

- 1 Marybeth and Robert Stevens
2 Tim Walker and Paul Zappulla

Saturday P.M. Pairs

- 1 Catherine Cooper and Tim Walker
2 Maria and Marek Kawka



RECENT TOURNAMENT WINNERS

EMBA 199er SECTIONAL April 21 - 22 (cont.)

Sunday Swiss Teams

- 1 Mary Beth & Robert Stevens, Rosalind and Daniel Rosenthal
- 2 Trish Webb & Dean Dubofsky, Arlington; Chris Pettingell, Sudbury, Leo Truchon, Acton

EMBA Memorial Day SECTIONAL May 25 - 27

Friday Pairs

- A 1 Don Caplin, Waltham; Zach Grossack, Newton
2 Michael Lieberman, Cambridge; Reid Barton, Arlington
- B/C 1 Michael Lieberman, Cambridge; Reid Barton, Arlington
- B 2 Charles Rossi, Northborough; Scott Nyman, Shrewsbury
- C 2 Yanyan Liu, Wilmington; Robert Clark, Nashua, NH
- 299er 1 Daniel Clark, Reading; Joseph Stanganelli, Malden
2 Michael Williams, Salem; Phyllis Bloom, Acton

Saturday A.M. Pairs

- A 1 Elaine and Ronald Newburg, Marblehead
2 Norman Humer, Andover; R Freedman, N. Billerica
- B/C 1 Daniel Clark and Bob Shor, Reading
- B 2 Christina Parker-Stewart Rubenstein, Newton
- C 2 Michael Lieberman, Cambridge; Reid Barton, Arlington
- 299er 1 Duane Packard, Acton; Stephen Eakman, Stow
2 Joanne Wallace, W Newbury; Sheila Schofield, Salisbury

Saturday P.M. Pairs

- A 1 Charles Polay, Chelmsford; Amnon Gabay, Newton
2 Walter Fontaine, N. Providence; Bud Biswas, Lexington
- B 1 Joe Silvestro, Waltham; Dick Majcher, Woburn
2 Gautam Merchant - Ruth Weston, Marshfield
- C 1 Emily Marcus, Somerville; Daniel Jablonski, Stoneham
2 David Maze, Somerville; Catherine Cooper, Woburn
- 299er 1 Marguerite Gousie and Marshall Williams, Woonsocket
2 Liz Brian, Jamestown, RI; T Greehan, Southborough

Sunday Swiss Team Winners

- A Ron Newburg, Pat McDevitt, Shome Mukherjee, Bill Hunter
- X Paul Wolf, Bruce Emond, Richard Cobin, Leonard Aberbach
- B Albert Votolato, Grace Charron, Catherine Sallar, Frank Farrell
- C/D Daniel Jablonski, Vincent Fish, Emily Shen, Reid Barton
- 299er Roger Bell, Jane Baier, Maxine Aaronson, Marcia Wilk

NEW ♠♦ TO THE ♣♥ GAME

Rumney Marsh Academy wins Eastern Massachusetts School Bridge Championships

On Sunday May 20, teams from the Rumney Marsh Academy in Revere, the Brooks Academy in Andover and the Underwood/Ward schools in Newton competed in the first Eastern Massachusetts School Bridge Championships. Rumney Marsh, mentored by math coach Diane Czyzewski, took home first place. "My students were amazing," says Czyzewski. "On the bus ride home, Juan held on to the trophy as if it were for the World Series! Team members wore their Bridge Club T-shirts to school on Monday. They wanted to start practicing on Wednesday for next year's competition."

According to Henry Batista, a Rumney Marsh team member, participation in the bridge club really paid off. Meagan Stornaiuolo, a sixth-grade player from Rumney Marsh, won the Individual Middle School Bridge Trophy, with Shannon Logan as her partner. "Bridge is fun to play," says Stornaiuolo. "It felt good to win because our hard work paid off."



The Rumney Marsh Academy team, from l. to r.: Robert Luiso, Henry Batista, Juan Rivera, mentor and team coach Diane Czyzewski, Meagan Stornaiuolo and Alina Guigliano. Kneeling is Shannon Logan.



Amit Vallabh and Ben Kaczmarek, Underwood/Ward School, Newton, won first place in the elementary division.



Ninth graders Lily Cary and Sara Aboitiz of Brooks Academy won the high school division.

Amit Vallabh and Ben Kaczmarek, fourth graders from the Underwood School in Newton, won first place in the elementary school division. For 14 weeks, the pair took lessons taught by Jeff Lehman every Tuesday after school. Amit wanted to learn the game so that he could play it with his grandmother. Lily Cary and Sara Aboitiz, ninth graders at the Brooks Academy, won the high school division. Kate Zipin, ninth grade physics teacher, taught lessons during the one-month inter-session between the fall and spring semesters at Brooks. Bridge lessons were given for two hours each day. ♣

Survey results: EMBA players split on schedule

Of the 141 players who responded to a survey to determine preferences for single or double session



pairs events at sectional tournaments, 58 preferred two single sessions, 55 preferred one double session and 28 had no preference. There was no meaningful difference in response based on player flights. However, players who attended 4+ tournaments a year had a significant preference for one double session while players who attended 2-3 tournaments preferred two single sessions. The EMBA board will take these responses under advisement in planning future events.