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The Nomination/Election Committee for 2019 is chaired by Carole Weinstein. If you know of anyone who would be a good candidate, please let Carole know, or send the name to me at embasec@acblemba.org, and it will be forwarded it to her. The list of candidates will be posted on the EMBA Website as soon as it has been approved.

New I/N Initiatives Continue

We continue to have a free 49er games on the first session every Saturday at our Sectionals. Everyone had a great time.

O-500 Sectional

There will be a Silver Stampede at the Bridgespot on Saturday March 30 and Sunday, March 31 for players with fewer than 500 points. We will be unable to run our usual Spring Sectional this year, as all of our directors will be working at the NABC in Memphis. The cost for flying in directors for other parts of the country would be prohibitive.

Article in Interest

Lightner Double or No Lightner Double?

by Saul Agranoff

IMPS

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Dealer: North

West	East
S: 10 8 6	S: 7 3 2
H: 6	H: 5 4 3
D: 10 9 8 7	D: K Q J 6 5 4 3
C: 10 8 6 5 4	C: -

N	E	S	W
1C	3D	3H	5D
6H	P	7H	P
P	?		

I was South on this hand, which was played in the last round of a two-session Swiss Team event. The teams weren't in contention for the event, and I think we were all a bit weary. At the other table, my teammates were in a good sacrifice of 7 Diamonds doubled, down 5 for -1100, so a lot of IMPs were at stake on this hand. I like this hand because it demonstrates multiple levels of bridge thought, even by players with very bad cards.

At the point shown in the auction, East's call depends on East's level of expertise: A novice (or tired) East will pass. What's to think about?

An advanced East will recognize that this is the classic Lightner Double situation: I have a void in opener's first bid suit, my partner is on lead. I will double, partner will lead a club, and we'll set them!

An expert East will go deeper. Assuming that N/S are sane, everybody at the table knows (and knows that everybody knows) two things: South (who bid 7) must have first-round control (Ace or void) in Diamonds; and North (who bid 6) must have first- or second-round control (Ace, singleton, or void). If East doubles, and North or South has the Ace, they will smell a rat, run to 7NT, and probably score it up. East knows that West also knows this, and West (knowing that a Diamond lead is passive) might very well lead a Club anyway. So the expert East may pass, hoping for a set.

At my table, East passed, and West was on lead against 7 Hearts. The choice of leads depends on West's level of expertise:

A novice (or tired) West will lead a Diamond. What's to think about?

An advanced West (having failed to hear a Lightner Double) will reject a Club lead, and will probably passively lead a Diamond.

An expert West (having gone through all the same mental gymnastics as East) will realize that a Diamond lead will never set the contract immediately, because South is promising first-round control. East is probably short in Clubs, and may be void, avoiding the Lightner Double for the reasons stated. Leading a Club is unlikely to give up a trick, so the expert should – probably – lead a Club.

At our table, North had the Ax of Diamonds, and I (South) had a void. West led a Diamond, and we scored +2210 winning 14 IMPs. If East had doubled, I like to think that

my partner would have converted to 7NT, where we have 15 top tricks and would score +2220, for the same IMP score.

Against 7 Hearts (undoubled) if West had led a Club, we would have been down one, for a loss of 15 IMPs. On this hand, NOT making the Lightner Double was the only chance for a win.

Should my Partner (who knows I have a Diamond void) have converted to 7NT at her last call? I'm not advanced (or expert) enough to figure that one out!

EMBA EVENTS

The **Memorial Sectional** will be held May 24-26, 2019 at the Armenian Cultural Center. Here we will honor all the EMBA players who are no longer with us. The schedule is below.

This year, the **Summer STaC** will be June 24 to June 30. Check your local clubs for participation dates.

District Events

April 11-14 will be the *first* **Gold Mine Regional** for non-life masters with fewer than 750 points. The full schedule is available on the District website (www.nebridge.org) The GNT Finals will be incorporated into this special 4 days of bridge and will be held on the weekend. A and B Flights will play on Saturday and Sunday and C Flight will be a one day event on Sunday. There will special awards, prizes and events that will make this a truly memorable bridge experience.

The **Senior Regional** will again be held in Falmouth from April 24th through 28th. For those who do not qualify for Senior status or who need silver points, there will also be a Cape Sectional held at the same site on the same days. New events have been added. Check it out! See the District 25 website for complete information on all the events.

Calendar of Events - 2nd Quarter, 2019

April

11-14 Goldmine Reg. - Sturbridge, MA
13-14 GNTs -A & B/ Flight C 14
21 Easter
22-28 Gatlinburg Reg.
24-28 Senior Reg. - Falmouth, MA
24-28 Open Sect. - Falmouth, MA
28 Orthodox Easter
29 Passover

May

4 CBA I/N Sect. - TBA
4-5 CMBA Sect. - Auburn, MA
12 Mother's Day
18-19 MBA Sect. - Rockport, ME
24-26 EMBA Sect. - Watertown, MA

June

8-9 RIBA Sect. - Johnston, RI
16 Father's Day
18-23 Summer Reg. -Nashua, NH
20-21 WMBA Sect. - TBA
24-30 D-25 Summer STaC - Minus CT

Memorial Sectional

May 24-26, 2019

Friday, May 24, 2019

DUAL PAIRS- Play once and have Two chances to win!

Chance 1: Open Stratified Pairs. Stratified by Partnership Average

A: Open/ B: <2000/ C<750

Chance 2: Stratified Board-A-Match Teams - Pairs are assigned teammates by random draw (Low MP Teams with a high mp team) -
BAM Strats determined at game time.

Game is scored TWO TIMES, once as a regular Pairs game and once as a BAM Teams. Players receive Silver points based on maximum masterpoint award from the two games.

Saturday, May 25 10:30 AM & 3:00 PM

Two Session OPEN STRATIFIED PAIRS

Strats – By partnership average:

A: open / B: < 2000 / C: < 750

Single Session entries accepted

Short break/order sandwich or salad before game or BYO

***Two Single-Session 0-299er PAIRS**

play separately, strats TBD

***Single-Session 0-49er PAIRS - 10:30 only**

(play separately- Free play for ACBL members.

Sunday, May 26 10:30 AM

STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS 8 matches)

A/X Flight:(A:open/X:0-3000-team av)

B/C/D Flight: No player >2500

(B:<2500, C:<1000; D: < 500-team avg.

Playthrough-short break: Pizza included in entry

Single Session 299er SWISS (4 matches)

Summer STaC- June 24- June 30, 2019