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NEWS TO NOTE

EMBA Board Positions

If you are interested in getting more involved in EMBA, consider running for a position on the EMBA Board. If you are interested in serving as a director or an officer for the term beginning January 2012, or if you want to recommend someone for consideration, please contact [Roy Green](#), EMBA Nominating Committee chair, by April 30. Roy can be reached at (978) 318-0904 or roygreen@comcast.net

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February Success Stories – 290 Tables

In spite of the New England weather on Friday and Sunday, EMBA had 290 tables over five sessions at the Winter Sectional in Watertown. Friday winners in the Open Pairs event were Alan Frantz and Anita Taylor with a 64.71% game. The Saturday 299er Pairs event was won by Christine Pettingell and Dorothy Briggs of Sudbury, MA, (pictured left). Saturday's Flight A Open Pairs event was won by Ron Mak and Cenk Tuncok (pictured right) with 64.94% over two sessions. The 299er Swiss Teams on Sunday was won by Elizabeth Paige, Brenda Hussey, Maureen Yachimski and Maureen Berggren (below).



(More pictures and winners on Page 7)

Grand National Teams – When You're Hot . . .

If you have visited the EMBA Web site recently, you already know that Don Caplin and the Grossack family have had a very successful time at the bridge tables this year. Playing with Derrick Niederman, Peggy Malaspina, and Zachary Grossack, Don Caplin's team (pictured below) won the Grand National Teams Flight A finals on Friday, Feb. 9th, in a 56-board match against the Parrish team (Adam Parrish, Randall Rubenstein, Adam Grossack and Anton Tsympkin). Down by 19 at the half, the Caplin team rebounded to win by 17 IMPS. The winning



team will represent District 25 at the NABC+ in Toronto.

The next day at the Winter Sectional in Watertown, Don & Sondra Caplin won the Saturday side game. Not content yet, Don joined the Parrish team (Dana Berkowitz, Adam Parrish, Randall Rubenstein, Adam Grossack) to win the Flight A Swiss on Sunday!



Putting Johnny on The Spot

According to the District 25 website, www.nebridge.org, nominations are currently being solicited for the prestigious Larry Weiss Trophy that is given to players who have demonstrated bridge mastery plus outstanding personal behavior both at and away from the table. Those who have been awarded it over the years are a very special group. It isn't given every year. In fact, it has only been awarded 17 times since it was first awarded 30 years ago. EMBA players have won this award 7 times since its inception. Sadly only 3 of the EMBA winners are still with us - the most recent recipient, our current Vice President, Bill Hunter; the 2005 Von Zedwitz Life Masters' Pair champion, Stephen Gladyszak; and the very first recipient, Atty. John McDermott - the person who in 1981 set the bar high for exceptional "grace and skill at the bridge table".

John and his partner found a nice defense to set a vulnerable game contract that was made at the other table in a KO match.

John made the normal lead of the 10 of spades, and John's partner could see that declarer had to hold the A and J of spades, so unless his partner had started with 6 spades, the defense had that suit doubly stopped. Looking at the AQ10x of clubs over dummy's K, it was clear from his side of the table that a club would be best if partner ever got in. This is a common situation in which a defense is crystal clear from one side of the table, but not so clear from the other. John's partner false-carded in tempo with the K at trick one, hoping to send the message that there wasn't much future in that suit. Looking at the dummy's strong hearts and diamonds, the only suit that offered any hope would be the club suit, so clearly a

NORTH

♠ 73
♥ AKQ8
♦ KQJ10
♣ K97

WEST

♠ 109865
♥ 762
♦ A6
♣ J32

EAST

♠ KQ2
♥ 1053
♦ 987
♣ AQ106

SOUTH

♠ AJ4
♥ J94
♦ 5432
♣ 854

KO Teams
Both Vul

Dealer South

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT	Pass	1 NT	Pass
		Pass	Pass

Opening Lead – 10 ♠

switch to clubs would be in order. John got the message loud and clear. He won the Ace of diamonds and after giving the matter quite a bit of thought, made the bold play of returning the Jack of Clubs – the only way to set the contract!

Today's Shark Pointers are:

- 1) Don't be afraid to tell a "white lie" to partner and false card if it will help get an important message across, and
- 2) Don't be afraid of giving away an overtrick when the lead of an honor might be the only way to set a hand.



♠ ♥ New to the Game ♦ ♣

Silver Points for Newcomers

On Saturday, May 7th, EMBA is holding a silver point sectional just for the Intermediate-Newcomer crowd at the Bridge Spot in Woburn. There will be two separate pair events at 10:30a and 3:00p, with a lunch and expert panel show between the two sessions.. We will have sections for 299ers and a section for 49ers.

In October, EMBA is planning a two day silver point sectional for 199ers at the Westwood Club. There will be two sessions of pairs on Saturday October 1st and a one session Swiss team game on Sunday October 2nd.

Check the EMBA web site Newcomer section for more information.

Bridge Class Info

EMBA is planning a directory of introductory bridge classes on the Unit web site at www.acblemba.org. If you are offering a class for beginning bridge students which is open to the public, please send your contact information to Marlene Yesley, EMBA's educational liaison, at moyesley@aol.com. Please include the location (Senior Center, community education program, etc.), time of the class(es), the responsible person's name (registrar or teacher), and contact information (email address, phone number, mailing address).

ACBL Hall of Fame Players Visit EMBA

EMBA players will have the chance to hear two of the top players in the country at the Bridge Spot in Woburn this spring. David Berkowitz and Larry Cohen have won dozens of national championships both as partners and with others. Newcomers and veterans alike will benefit from their experience.

On Monday afternoon April 25th David Berkowitz will talk on "**Building a Better Partnership**".

On Sunday June 5th Larry Cohen will talk on "**Slam Bidding**".

Check the Bridge Spot website at www.bridgespot.com for more information.

Mini McKenney & Ace of Clubs Winners

The annual Mini McKenney masterpoint race recognizes the players who have won the most masterpoints within their category at the start of the race. The annual Ace of Clubs recognizes the players with the most masterpoints won at local clubs. The Unit 108 EMBA winners for 2010 are:

Category	Mini McKenney	Ace of Clubs
0 - 5	Beatrice Phear	L. F. McEachern
5 - 20	R. H. Terajewicz	R. H. Terajewicz
20 - 50	Annmarie Stanton	Annmarie Stanton
50 - 100	Fredrick Magnus	Fredrick Magnus
100 - 200	Barry Herring	Barry Herring
200 - 300	Christina Parker	Tami Bane
300 - 500	Randall Rubinstein	Ronald Briggs
500-1000	Richard Saval	Richard Saval
1000-2500	Adam Parrish	Robert Carvin
2500-5000	Lewis Gamerman	Lewis Gamerman
5000-7500	Bill Irvine	Bill Irvine
7500-10,000	Charles Drum	Charles Drum
Over 10,000	Sheila Gabay	Sheila Gabay

MP Category Leaders, 2011 Year to Date

Youth	Adam Grossack	77
	Zachary Grossack	68
Juniors	Adam Grossack	77
	Zachary Grossack	68
Seniors	Daniel Colatosti, FL	16
	Arnold Berman	12
Bronze LM	J. Hrones Jr.	74
	Zachary Grossack	68
Silver LM	Paul Fireman	104
	Adam Parrish	102
Gold LM	Phyllis Fireman	155
	Lewis Gamerman	116
Diamond LM	Haven Sharaf	99
	Margie Sullivan	97
Emerald LM	Bill Irvine	132
Platinum LM	Sheila Gabay	139
	Melvin Marcus	115
Grand LM	Lloyd Arvedon	162
	William Hunter	148
Sectional Ace	Adam Parrish	52
	William Hunter	52
	Melvin Marcus	52



EMBA CALENDAR & TOURNAMENT NOTES

Visit www.acblemba.org for the latest calendar information

♣ EMBA CLUB NEWS ♣

Cape Cod Season Starts

The Nauset-Brewster Duplicate Bridge Club Thursday evening game will resume for the season on May 19, 2011.

The Provincetown Bridge Club will open for the season on Monday evening, May 2, 2011. Duplicate games will resume on Monday evening, June 6, 2011.

ACBL and World-Wide Games

International Fund Game #2 is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, May 11, 2011. Hand records are provided by the ACBL. The sectionally-rated points awarded are half-black and half-red. No district or ACBL-wide overall points are awarded.

This year's World Wide Bridge Contest is scheduled for Friday evening, June 4, 2011 and Saturday afternoon, June 5.

There are several ACBL Inter-Club Championships scheduled for the second quarter. Check the Special Games listing for the participating clubs and times.

North American Pairs

June begins a 3-month period of NAP Qualifying Games. Players qualifying at the club level can participate in the District Final that will be held October 15-16 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. The three flights are Open, 0-2000, and 0-500 Non-LM. The flight winners each receive a subsidy of \$700 to compete at the Spring NABC+ in Memphis, TN from March 15-25, 2012. Second place finishers in each flight receive a subsidy of \$300. District 25 will provide a \$100 subsidy for third place finishers.

(More Club News on page 7)

Spring Sectional

April 8-10 2011

Armenian Cultural & Educational Center
47 Nichols Avenue
Watertown, MA
(Emergency ONLY: 617-309-6957)

Friday, April 8 7:30 PM

Stratified Pairs, single session
A: Open B: <2000 C: <750
299er Pairs, single session

Saturday, April 9 10:30 AM

Stratified Pairs, 1st session
A: Open B: <2000 C: <750
0-49er Pairs, single session
299er Pairs, single session
Open Pairs, single session

Buy a sandwich or salad or BYO
Short break between sessions
Expert Panel Q&A Discussion

Saturday, April 9 3:00 PM

Stratified Pairs, 2nd session
299er Pairs, single session
Open Pairs, single session

Sunday, April 10 10:30 AM

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (8 rds)
A/X flight - A: Open, X: <4000
B/C/D flt - B:2000, C:750, D:300
(playthrough with lunch break,
pizza included with entry fee)
299er Swiss Teams (4 matches)

Tournament Hosts:

Eva Milofsky and Ruth Twombly

Partnership Help available at the playing site, or explore online at www.partnershipdesk.com

Memorial Sectional

May 27-29 2011

Armenian Cultural & Educational Center
47 Nichols Avenue
Watertown, MA
(Emergency ONLY: 617-309-6957)

Friday, May 27 7:30 PM

Stratified Pairs, single session
A: Open B: <2000 C: <750
299er Pairs, single session

Saturday, May 28 10:30 AM

Stratified Pairs, 1st session
A: Open B: <2000 C: <750
0-49er Pairs, single session
299er Pairs, single session
Open Pairs, single session

Buy a sandwich or salad or BYO
Short break between sessions
Expert Panel Q&A Discussion

Saturday, May 28 3:00 PM

Stratified Pairs, 2nd session
299er Pairs, single session
Open Pairs, single session

Sunday, May 29 10:30 AM

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (8 rds)
A/X flight - A: Open, X: <4000
B/C/D flt - B:2000, C:750, D:300
(playthrough with lunch break,
pizza included with entry fee)
299er Swiss Teams (4 matches)

Tournament Hosts:

(to be announced)

Partnership Help available at the playing site, or explore online at www.partnershipdesk.com

1 Fri	Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC Newton@Reyim *IMP Puritan *ChC 299er	Apr 27 -May 1	Ethel Keohane Regional Cape Cod Open Sectional	1 Wed	Newton@Emanuel *NAP
2 Sat	Puritan *ChC			2 Thu	Bridge Spot NAP Newton@Reyim *NAP, NAP
4 Mon	Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC Dartmouth,N-Aliyah Ch Newton@Reyim *Ch Den-Yar Sr., Puritan *ChC	2 Mon	Dartmouth CC Westwood *ChC, ChC Provincetown Social - starts	3 Fri	Bridge Spot, Westwood WW Newton@Reyim *NAP Puritan *299er
5 Tue	Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC Newton@Reyim ChC ST Puritan, Rock Harbor *ChC	3 Tue	MIT Ch Pro-Am Newton@Reyim Ch Bridge Spot, Puritan *UW Rock Harbor, Westwood *UW	4 Sat	Bridge Spot, MidCape *WW Westwood *WW Puritan *NAP
6 Wed	Bridge Spot *ChC Hamilton, MidCape ChC Newton@Emanuel *IMP Puritan *ChC, Westwd *ICC Winchester Ch	4 Wed	Newton@Emanuel *CC Westwood *ChC, ChC	5 Sun	Westwood *NAP
7 Thu	Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *ChC N-Reyim *Ch,Ch Puritan *ChC	5 Thu	Bridge Spot UW Newton@Reyim UW Westwood *ChC	6 Mon	Bridge Spot, Westwood NAP Den-Yar Sr, H-Leavitt *CC Newton@Aliyah ChC ST N-Reyim, Puritan *NAP Provincetown Regular starts
8 Fri	Bridge Spot *ChC Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *ChC Puritan *299er	6 Fri	Brewster-Seaside *UW Harriet Leavitt *UW N-Reyim, Westwood *UW Puritan *299er	7 Tue	Harriet Leavitt NAP Newton@Reyim No game Puritan, Westwood *NAP
8-10 EMBA Spring Sectional		7 Sat	Westwood *ChC	8 Wed	Bridge Spot *ICC Puritan, Westwood *NAP Hamilton, Westwood NAP Winchester NAP Newton@Emanuel No game
11 Mon	Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC N-Aliyah IMP, N-Reyim *Ch Oak Street *ChC	9 Mon	Newton@Aliyah Ch Puritan *CC Newton@Reyim *ChC ST	9 Thu	Brewster-Nauset CC Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *CC Puritan, Westwood *NAP Newton@Reyim No games
12 Tue	Bridge Spot *ChC, ICC Newton@Reyim ICC	10 Tue	Puritan *CC Westwood *ChC	10 Fri	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *CC N-Reyim, Westwood *NAP Puritan *NAP 299er
13 Wed	Bridge Spot *ChC Harriett Leavitt *CC(U) MidCape ChC	11 Wed	Dartmouth, Westwood *IF Hamilton CC Puritan *CC Winchester CC IMP	13 Mon	Bridge Spot, N-Reyim *UW Oak Street, Puritan *UW Newton@Aliyah Ch, NAP
14 Thu	Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC N-Reyim *IC, ChC ST	12 Thu	Bridge Spot *ICC Newton@Reyim *ICC, CC Puritan *CC	14 Tue	Bridge Spot, MIT NAP Harriett Leavitt CC Newton@Reyim Ch
15 Fri	Brewster-Seaside *ST Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC ST N-Reyim *Ch, Puritan *299er	13 Fri	Puritan *CC 299er	15 Wed	Dartmouth *CC Hamilton ChC Newton@Emanuel *NAP
17 Sun	Bridge Spot *199er Party Westwood *ChC	14 Sat	Puritan *CC	16 Thu	Newton@Reyim *NAP, NAP
18 Mon	Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC Westwd *ChC 10a,2:15p,7:15p no game: N-Aliyah, *N-Reyim, *Oak Street	15 Sun	Bridge Spot *199er Party	17 Fri	Brewster-Seaside *CC ST Bridge Spot NAP Harriett Leavitt *CC Newton@Reyim *ChC ST Puritan *299er
19 Tue	Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC Newton@Reyim *No game Westwood *ChC	16 Mon	Bridge Spot *CC, CC Newton@Aliyah CC	19 Sun	Westwood *NAP
20 Wed	Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC Dartmouth *Ch, Mid Cape ChC Newton@Emanuel *No game Westwood *ChC, ChC Winchester Ch	17 Tue	Bridge Spot *CC, CC MIT CC ST N-Reyim CC Rock Harbor *ST	20 Mon	Dartmouth Ch Newton@Reyim *Ch Oak Street *CC
21 Thu	Bridge Spot *UW, ChC N-Reyim,Puritan,Westwd *UW	18 Wed	Bridge Spot *CC Newton@Emanuel *ChC ST	21 Tue	MIT, Newton@Reyim NAP
22 Fri	Brewster-Seaside *ChC Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC Puritan *299er, Westwd *ChC	19 Thu	Brewster-Nauset - starts Bridge Spot *CC, CC ST Newton@Reyim *CC, Ch	22 Wed	Harriett Leavitt *CC Newton@Emanuel *Ch Puritan *Mentor
23 Sat	Westwood *ChC	20 Fri	Bridge Spot *CC, CC Newton@Reyim *CC Puritan *299er ST	23 Thu	Newton@Reyim Ch
25 Mon	Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC N-Aliyah, *N-Reyim No game	23 Mon	Bridge Spot, Dartmouth UW Newton@Aliyah UW Newton@Reyim *CC	24 Fri	Harriett Leavitt *NAP Puritan *299er
26 Tue	Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC Newton@Reyim No game	25 Wed	Hamilton ChC MidCape CC Puritan *Mentor Winchester Ch ST	27 Mon	Newton@Aliyah NAP Newton@Reyim *NAP
27 Wed	Bridge Spot *ChC N-Emanuel *Ch, Puritan Mentor	26 Thu	Newton@Reyim *Ch	28 Tue	Newton@Reyim NAP Rock Harbor *CC
28 Thu	Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC Den-Yar Sr. *No game Newton@Reyim *Ch, Ch	27 Fri	Newton@Reyim *Ch Puritan *299er	29 Wed	Bridge Spot, Dartmouth *UW N-Emanuel, Puritan *UW Westwood *UW Winchester IC Ch
29 Fri	Brewster, Den-Yar Sr. *No game Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC N-Reyim *Ch, Puritan *299er	27-29 EMBA Memorial Sectional ACEC Watertown, MA		30 Thu	Bridge Spot, N-Reyim ICC Newton@Reyim *ChC ST
		30 Mon	Dennis-Yarmouth Sr. *HP Newton@Aliyah No game Oak Street *No game		
		31 Tue	Newton@Reyim ChC ST		

EMBA's Nifty 150

Fresh from the ACBL computers, here are the Top 150 masterpoint holders as of January 2011. The cutoff this year was 2158 points, only 17 more than last year. Grand Life Master noted in **bold**.

1. Lloyd Arvedon	23,117	46. Amnon Gabay	4419	98. Alma Goldman	2790
2. William Hunter	20,561	47. David Metcalf	4322	99. Nancy Flynn	2746
3. Shome Mukherjee	19,467	48. Luke Gillespie	4220	100. Joyce Pearson	2722
4. Sheila Gabay	18,525	49. Kevin O'Donnell	4185	101. Patricia Worthley	2721
5. Melvin Marcus	16,589	50. Stephanie		102. Anne Walfield	2700
6. Stephen Gladyszak	13,274	Hamilton-Diesel	4107	103. Anton Tsytkin	2685
7. Pat McDevitt	13,050	51. Jeanne McKenzie	3995	104. Ellen Dilbert	2679
8. Daniel Colatosti, FL	11,934	52. John McLaughlin	3973	105. Elyse Katz	2676
9. Chet Davis Jr., FL	10,577	53. Donald Caplin	3969	106. Helen Flanagan	2673
10. Charles Drum	8905	54. Gerald Seixas	3892	107. Stephen Sheckman	2659
11. Mary Green	8901	55. Lewis Gamerman	3837	108. Dean Panagopoulos	2653
12. Bill Irvine	8198	56. Donna Marshall	3812	109. Yiji Starr	2635
13. Sandra Drum	7579	57. Judy Fiske	3771	110. Al Comeau	2624
14. Roy Green	7540	58. John McDermott	3758	111. Donald Carow	2622
15. Ilse Rothman	7286	59. Mary Santini-Ritt	3750	112. Simon Cohen	2606
16. Stephen Rzewski	7051	60. James Rasmussen	3748	113. Jacqueline Kovacs	2593
17. Edward Rothman	6950	61. Nathan Glasser	3719	114. Richard Davenport	2591
18. Haven Sharaf	6890	62. Phyllis Fireman	3712	115. H Patricia Hanna	2580
19. Marlene Keliher	6754	63. Buddhadeb Biswas	3646	116. Rolf Paul	2577
20. William Braucher	6679	64. James Streisand	3594	117. Bohkee Yap	2565
21. Mark Aquino	6593	65. Phyllis Sheckman	3582	118. Francis Lombardo	2561
22. Margie Sullivan	6459	66. John Lindsey II	3560	119. Robert Prevoir	2535
23. Carolyn Sessler, FL	6421	67. Nataly Goldin	3559	120. David Filman	2518
24. Rick Binder	6211	68. Sandra Nyman	3533	121. Rita Baudo	2508
25. Barbara Stone	6124	69. Bernard Yomtov	3530	122. Richard Weiss	2471
26. Brenda Montague	6055	70. Natalie Bassil	3503	123. David Green	2456
27. Robert Barr	6038	71. Charles Polay	3491	124. Paul Simon	2454
28. Alan Applebaum	6034	72. James Tullis	3453	125. Nancy Perkins	2443
29. Carole Weinstein	5621	73. Eric Schwartz	3446	126. Rita Allen	2429
30. David Becher	5550	74. Stephen Hess	3415	127. Edward Nugent	2400
31. Rena Lieberman	5518	75. Donald Robertson	3370	128. Evelyn Ruby	2386
32. Glenn McIntyre	5332	76. Mark Gallagher,	3364	129. Dorothy Nelson	2382
33. Bob Gorse	5311	77. Robert McCaw	3331	130. Derrick Niederman	2382
34. Ronald Newburg	5256	78. Robert Hickey	3285	131. Carolyn Weiser	2376
35. Randall Ray	5164	79. Henry Daley, FL	3257	132. Margaret Malaspina	2355
36. Leslie Popper	5102	80. Marina Polestra	3253	133. Frank Kiely Jr.	2340
37. Harriett Leavitt	5040	81. Pamela MillerA	3250	134. Ken Bloom	2338
38. Lou Kelleher	4876	82. Kathy Benjamin	3215	135. Ramona Marrier	2334
39. Irv Block	4826	83. John Whistler	3185	136. Paul Fireman	2319
40. Alan Watson	4794	84. Perry Trilling	3180	137. Anand Lele	2293
41. Richard Burns	4704	85. Marjorie Shuman	3167	138. Kenneth McNeill	2279
42. Richard Freedman	4619	86. Neil Montague	3155	139. Alan Frantz	2269
43. Joseph Cappannelli	4540	87. Sarah Peeke, FL	3109	140. Thomas Deady, Jr.	2266
44. David Leopold	4491	88. Christopher Apitz	3102	141. Eleanor Mullane	2256
45. Richard Zeckhauser	4429	89. Elaine Newburg	2963	142. Doug Anderson	2253
		90. John Flynn	2930	143. Richard La Freniere	2224
		91. Tom Macbeth	2889	144. Denise Zongas	2199
		92. Ann Baum	2882	145. Dick Dugas	2186
		93. Saul Agranoff	2855	146. Peter Matthews	2182
		94. Steven Groag, RI	2852	147. Robert Hill	2168
		95. Daniel Nussbaum	2827	148. Ann Borgschulze	2160
		96. Robert Gacicia	2819	149. Kathleen Kenney	2159
		97. Stuart Whittle	2807	150. Helen McMaster	2158

EMBA Winter Sectional



The Parrish team, above, won flights A and X of the Sunday Stratiflighted Swiss Teams in Watertown. From left to right: Dana Berkowitz, Adam Parrish, Randall Rubenstein, Adam Grossack, and Don Caplin.

Not to be outdone by sons Adam and Zachary, Jori Grossack captained a team that tied for first place in the B/C/D Flight of the Sunday Swiss Team event.

Westwood Marathon Mon.

On Monday, April 18th, play a marathon of bridge at the Westwood club. Sessions start at 10am, 2:15pm and 7:15pm. Free catered lunch if you play more than one session, 299er sections in both early games.

EMBA Unit Events

EMBA is offering seven Unit-wide games during the second quarter of 2011. See Calendar on Page 5 for participating clubs.

ACBL District 25 Events

The New England Summer Regional this year will be a 7-day event from June 20-26 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, CT. Two Gold-Rush games are planned.

STaC Events July 1 - 7

Plan now to play the Summer STaC events, scheduled for July 1 - July 7 around the area. Check with your favorite clubs for dates and times.

“Ask the Experts” Panel for Advancing Players

Between sessions of the Saturday events at the EMBA Winter Sectional tournament, the Newcomers Committee unveiled its “Ask the Experts” panel. Grand Life Masters Lloyd Arvedon and Pat McDevitt joined moderator Dean Panagopoulos to field questions from an audience about hands they had played earlier in the day. For thirty minutes the experts were peppered with problems about opening leads, hand evaluation and bidding, defense and declarer play. When asked at the end of the event if they would like for the panel to be continued in the future the audience responded with an enthusiastic “YES!” So plan now on joining us during the lunch break of our Spring tournament on Saturday April 9th for the second “Ask the Experts” event.

EMBA Board Appointments for 2011

The EMBA Board meets quarterly to review ongoing activities and financial matters. At the meeting held in January, the newly elected board members presented and approved the following staff, committee and coordinator assignments:

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| Appeals Committee | Lloyd Arvedon |
| Audit | David Aronson |
| Bobbye Jardine Award | Millie Ring |
| Caddymaster | Suzanne Cunningham |
| Conduct and Ethics | Neil Montague |
| Educational Liaison | Marlene Yesley |
| Finance | Haven Sharaf |
| District Executive Committee | Mark Aquino & Jim Rasmussen |
| District Nominating Committee | Brenda Montague |
| Membership | Millie Ring |
| Newcomers | Dean Panagopoulos |
| Nominating/Election Committee | Roy Green |
| Publicity | Don Caplin |
| Quick Trick Editor | Dave Tuttle |
| Quick Trick Board Liaison | Jan Smola |
| Quick Trick Calendar Coordinator | Rich Stevens |
| Recorder | Don Caplin |
| Seeding | Sheila Gabay |
| Special (Unit) Game Coordinator | Saul Agranoff |
| Site Coordinator | Amnon Gabay |
| STAC Coordinator | Carole Carlson |
| Tournament Committee | Bill Hunter |
| Unit Address List | Carolyn Weiser |
| Unit Tournament Coordinator | Carolyn Weiser |
| Unit Electronic Contact | Carolyn Weiser |
| Webmaster | Bob Bertoni |



In Memoriam

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|----------------|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Gerald Brill | Orleans | Betty Richards | Eastham |
| Iris Gray | Marion | Phyllis Rye | Woburn |
| Robert Millett | W. Yarmouth | | |

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THE EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BRIDGE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER + SPRING 2011

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

EMBA Spring Sectional

April 8 - 10, 2011
ACEC Watertown, MA

Ethel Keohane Senior Regional

April 27 - May 1, 2011
Resort Center Hyannis, MA

EMBA Memorial Sectional

May 27 - 29, 2011
ACEC Watertown, MA

New England Summer Regional

June 20 - 26, 2011
Host Hotel Sturbridge, MA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - James Rasmussen

Do you remember how you first became interested in bridge? My parents would host a social bridge game once or twice a month and, if I had finished my homework, I was allowed to watch until bedtime. A Christmas gift of Sheinwold's "Five Weeks to Winning Bridge" then got me hooked on the game. Few of today's youth have any kind of introduction to our wonderful game. To help fill this void EMBA is organizing a Boston School Bridge program and is looking for volunteers to help. We particularly need teachers for summer camps and after school programs during the school year. You don't need to be a bridge expert or certified teacher to teach - just a knowledge of beginning bridge and the ability to develop a rapport with children. EMBA and the ACBL will provide all the necessary materials and lesson plans. If you would like to help in some other way, we need volunteers to help contact schools, make posters, collect materials, etc. Participating in this program is a great way to give something back to bridge and help ensure the future of the game. EMBA Board members [Cilla Borrás](mailto:cillarb@gmail.com) (cillarb@gmail.com) and [Murthy Ayyagari](mailto:murthy@ayyagari.com) (murthy@ayyagari.com) are leading this effort. Please let them know if you would like to help.