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NEWS TO NOTE

Mentors needed

EMBA is looking for volunteers who are willing to mentor new bridge players by setting aside one or two nights a month to play in local club games. Sign up sheets are available at all clubs—just ask the club manager. Or email Judy Rosenberg at Judith_rosenberg@yahoo.com.

ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game is scheduled for Thursday evening, September 11, 2008. See Calendar on page 5 for times and locations.

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WHAT DO THE THREE PLAYERS ABOVE HAVE IN COMMON WITH THE PLAYER ON THE RIGHT?

James Streisand, Sheila Gabay and Luke Gillespie have each won the Flight A Thomas Wilder Flighted Championship with Alan Applebaum, pictured right, holding the Flighted Championship trophy. Applebaum has won the event three years in a row. The trophy is engraved with the names of Flight A, B and C winners.

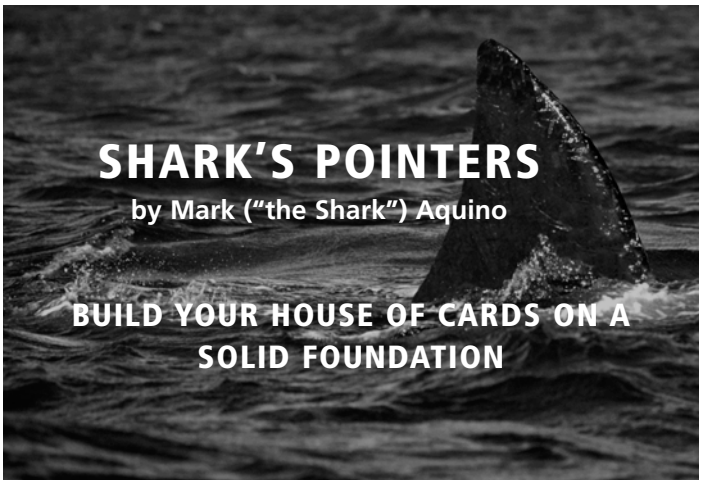
PUT YOUR GAME TO THE TEST

Thomas Wilder Flighted Championship, Saturday, August 9, determines the top players in EMBA Flights A, B and C

EMBA's August tournament is unique. The Saturday pairs event is flighted—players compete only against pairs within their own bracket. Flight A is an open event. To quality for Flight B, you must have no more than 2000 master points and no more than 750 master points for Flight C.

The Thomas Wilder Flighted Championship commemorates a man whose contributions to EMBA were significant. Anyone who knew Tom Wilder will recall a quiet, smart man who worked hours behind the scenes to keep EMBA tournaments running flawlessly. Those who knew him best say that he would have been pleased to be remembered with an event that recognizes the achievements of players at every level of the game. Wilder was a PhD metallurgist as well as an investment counselor specializing in the metals markets. Within EMBA, Wilder contributed his time as EMBA tournament chairman. In 2001, he chaired the NAP qualifier tournament. At the time of his death, in 2002, he was acting vice president of EMBA.

Don't miss this opportunity to play against your peers—and to earn a permanent spot in EMBA history. The names of the winners of each flight are engraved on the Thomas Wilder Flighted Championship trophy, which will be on display throughout the August tournament. ♣



SHARK'S POINTERS

by Mark ("the Shark") Aquino

BUILD YOUR HOUSE OF CARDS ON A SOLID FOUNDATION

The hand featured on the right was played recently in a regular club game at the Bridge Spot in Woburn. South was the declarer after an aggressive—and optimistic —auction got the pair to six spades. The hand is interesting because it illustrates how to win at bridge by applying some basic and recurring principles.

1 Count winners and losers before playing to trick one. Declarer could see that there is at least one trump loser, unless the King and Jack of spades are doubleton and onside. That gives declarer five spade tricks. In addition, there are two club winners, three diamonds and one heart, for a total of only 11 tricks. However, there are definite possibilities for developing a 12th trick. If the heart finesse is on, declarer would have two heart tricks. Or, if the club Queen and Jack drop, the club 10 could be the 12th trick.

2 Delay a key decision as long as possible.
If the heart is on, this hand should be easy. But declarer would risk the entire contract by taking the heart finesse too early. So when the club Queen was led, declarer trumped in his hand to keep his options open—and took the spade finesse at trick two.

3 Refine your plan as you gain information.
When the spade King popped out of West's hand, declarer presumed that trumps were splitting 4-1. Now declarer cannot avoid a spade loser, so hearts need to break 3-2 with the King onside. An extra club trick won't help because declarer started with four hearts. He can pitch two, but will still have to contend with the other two. The finesse is the only viable option.

Vul: North/South
Contract: 6 spades

Dealer: North

NORTH
♠ AQ
♥ QJ92
♦ KQ
♣ AK1085

WEST
♠ K
♥ 65
♦ J10543
♣ QJ964

EAST
♠ J987
♥ K108
♦ 986
♣ 732

SOUTH
♠ 1065432
♥ A743
♦ A72
♣ --

The hand with four cards to play

NORTH
♠
♥ J
♦ K
♣ 108

WEST
♠
♥
♦
♣

West hand is immaterial

EAST
♠ J9
♥
♦ 98
♣

SOUTH
♠ 106
♥
♦ A7
♣

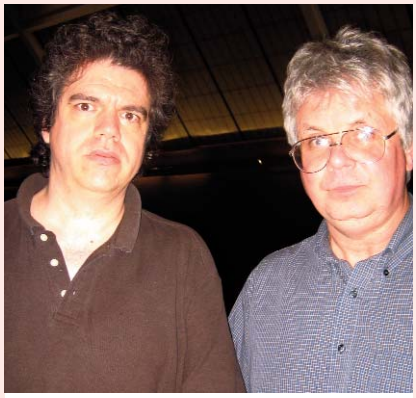
4 Visualize the required end position and manage both plays and entries carefully to achieve it.
In order to lose only one trump trick, declarer has to do some fancy work. The cards are in the right hand. But because declarer doesn't have another spade to lead to the 10 and 6, the play must be managed in such a way that East's last two cards are the Jack and 9 of trump—and only one is a winner. Declarer must execute what in bridge jargon is called a "trump coup." Can he do it? Yes he can! But it requires thinking ahead. He must shorten his trump so that they are the same length as East's. He must also set up a winning heart in dummy. That means declarer must find the King of hearts on side—which it is. Let's follow the play from trick three:

(Remember declarer trumped the Queen of clubs lead in hand at trick one and led a spade to dummy at trick two.) At trick three, declarer plays the Queen of trump, confirming the 4-1 split. The Ace and King of clubs are played, taking two hearts from declarer's hand. Now, the Queen of hearts is played. (Assume that East does not cover—it matters not.) A small heart is then played to the Ace. Declarer returns to the dummy with a high diamond and trumps a heart. With four cards left (see box, page 3), declarer plays back to the dummy to the diamond King and East has to follow. When declarer plays the heart Jack, East is stuck. No matter what he does, he only wins one trick with his Jack-nine of trump. The trump coup has worked. Declarer's 12th trick is scored *en passant* as East is helpless.

5 When it takes a specific lie of the cards to make your contract, assume that the cards are exactly where you need them to be. Even if that seems foreign, it's the only approach that makes sense—if you think about it. On this hand, declarer did just that and scored up the slam.

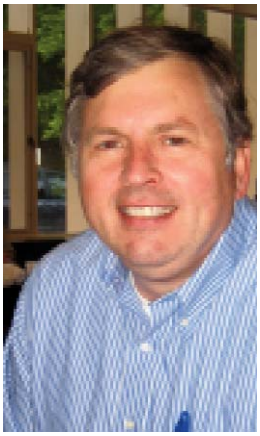
Today's Shark's Pointer: Build your game on a solid foundation of basic principles. Practice and apply them wherever you can. Soon, you will become a consistent winner. ♣

Pahk and Zelevinsky top Flight A and Flight B in May EMBA Pairs; Ribeiro and Tallent win Flight C



Winners of the two-session Flight A and B open pairs at the 2008 EMBA Memorial Sectional, held on May 24 in Watertown, MA, were Joon Pahk, Cambridge, MA, and Leo Zelevinsky, Sharon, MA (pictured left). It was the second big win this year for Zelevinsky, who was on the winning Flight A Swiss team at the February EMBA Sectional.

Winners of the Flight C pairs were Lance Ribeiro, Hampstead, NH, and Michael Tallent, Groton, MA (pictured right).



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Attracting and retaining new members is one of EMBA's biggest ongoing challenges. Under the leadership of intermediate/novice (I/N) chairman Dean Panagopoulos, EMBA has some great programs for I/N players. Recently, we renewed efforts to recruit volunteers to sponsor and mentor new ACBL members. And, Carole Weinstein has been appointed to take on the role of Director of EMBA's Membership Outreach Program. Carole will work with existing EMBA membership-related committees, including Dean's, as well as with duplicate club managers, local country clubs and bridge teachers across EMBA. Her goal is to reach out to the various existing or prospective bridge players in our community to help attract new players to EMBA clubs and tournaments.

These membership activties need your support. Encourage a friend to start playing bridge. Volunteer to play at a club game with a new member. Invite a couple of new players over for dinner and bridge. Bridge is our favorite pastime. Let's keep it thriving for years to come.

Mark Aquino

CALENDAR

EMBA TOURNAMENTS...AND MORE

Visit www.acblemba.org for more calendar information

EMBA Summer Sectional

August 8 - 10 2008
Armenian Cultural and Educational Center
47 Nichols Avenue
Watertown, MA

Friday, August 8
7:30 PM
Single-session stratified pairs
A open B <2000 C <750

Single-session 299er pairs

Saturday, August 9
12:15
Build Better Bridge Skills Lecture
James Rasmussen
Drawing inferences at trick one
Free and open to all

1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Thomas Wilder Flighted Championship
Two-session pairs
A 2000+ B 500-2000 (including non life masters with more than 500 MP's)
C <500

Two single-session 299er pairs

Sunday, August 10
10:30 AM
Swiss Teams
Eight-match play-through
A open B/C bracketed
299er Swiss Teams
Four matches

Order sandwich or salads before Sunday Swiss $6 or BYO lunch
Free soda and chips with purchase

For more information, contact:
Derrick Niederman
dniederman@aol.com

Partnership assistance on site or at www.partnershipdesk.com

Cape Cod Columbus Day Sectional

October 5 - 6 2008
Forestdale School
Sandwich, MA
Driving West on Rt. 6, take Exit 3, left on Quaker Meeting House Rd, straight about 5 miles. Entrance drive is straight ahead at second light. Driving East on Rt. 6, take Exit 2, right on Rt. 130. At second light, turn right onto entrance drive and straight ahead to the school.

Stratification/flights for all events
A open B <2000 C <750

Saturday, October 5
9:45 AM
Build Better Bridge Skills Lecture
Judy Fiske
Opening 2 clubs with "Kokish"
Free and open to all

10:30 AM & 3:30 PM
Two-session stratified pairs
(Single-session entries accepted)
Two single-session 299er pairs
Order sandwich or BYO lunch

Sunday, October 6
10:30 AM & TBA
Entry includes pizza
Swiss Teams
Mid-Chart allowed in Flight A only
Flight A plays separately;
B/C bracketed

10:30 AM
Single-session 299er Swiss Teams,
Four matches
Bracketed at director's discretion

Single-session stratified pairs

Hosts:
Sam Starr & Steve Rzewski
For more information, contact Sam at 508-477-4392:
Partnership assistance on site or at www.partnershipdesk.com

♣ EMBA Election Committee Report ♣

The EMBA Election Committe, led by Brenda Montague (pictured left), has selected the following slate of candidates for officers and directors of the 2009 EMBA Board:

President	Derrick Niederman
Vice President	James Rasmussen
Treasurer	Don Levy
Secretary	Carolyn Weiser

Candidates for the Board of Directors; * denotes incumbent:

Saul Agranoff*	David Aronson*
Kathy Benjamin	Ann Borgschulte
Nancy Donaldson	Lilo Grubner
Norma Lande	Frank Lombardo
Stew MacKeigan*	Irene Musick*
Judy Rich	Ron Weiner
Carole Weinstein*	

Look for the official ballot in the fall issue of *Quick Trick*.

♣ Club News ♣

Upper Cape Bridge Club adds game
The Upper Cape Bridge Club has opened a Tuesday afternoon game at the Bourne United Methodist Church at 37 Sandwich Road, Buzzards Bay, MA. The year-round game meets at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Don MacMillan at 508-420-2340.

Newton-Wellesley relocates game
Due to Rosh Hashanah, the 7:15 p.m. Newton-Wellesley game has been relocated to Westwood for the evening of September 30.

EXTRA POINTS ♠♦ SPECIAL CLUB GAMES ♣♥ EXTRA FEE MAY APPLY

JULY	LOCATION
T 1	Rock Harbor*, Westwood NAP
W 2	Puritan NAP
F 4	Seaside* No game Dennis-Yarmouth Game on
M 7	Andover*, Puritan* NAP Westwood* & Westwood NAP Aliyah Ch & Lynnfield ChC
T 8	Rock Harbor* CC(ST) Westwood* & Westwood NAP MIT & Newton-Wellesley NAP
W 9	Dartmouth* ICC Merrimac*& Emanuel*NAP Winchester NAP Hamilton CC
Th 10	Westwood*, Bridge Spot & Newton Reyim NAP
F 11	Westwood* & Bridge Spot NAP
S 12	Puritan* & Westwood* NAP
Su 13	Bridge Spot* 199-er party Westwood* NAP
M 14	N- Wellesley* & Aliyah NAP Dartmouth &Lynnfield NAP Westwood NAP
T 15	Jackie's & Westwood NAP **Puritan* & Rock Harbor* UG** **Bourne* UG** Newton-Wellesley JF (ST)
W 16	Merrimac* IF & MidCape CC Hamilton NAP
Th 17	Newton@Reyim Ch(ST)
F 18	Bridge Spot ACBL IF
F/Su 18-20	SECTIONAL Killington, VT
M 21	N-Wellesley* ICC Westwood* ICC Puritan* ICC Dartmouth CC Aliyah & Lynnfield NAP Westwood NAP
T 22	Westwood NAP
W 23	Dartmouth* Ch Emanuel* NAP
Th 24	Newton@ Reyim NAP NABC Las Vegas, NV July 17-27
F 25	Newton-Wellesley* NAP Bridge Spot NAP
M 28	Newton-Wellesley*ICC Westwood* ICC Dartmouth CC Puritan* ICC Lynnfield NAP Westwood NAP Aliyah NAP
T 29	MIT NAP Westwood NAP
W 30	Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor Winchester Ch (ST)
Th 31	Andover* NAP Bridge Spot* NAP Puritan* NAP Bridge Spot ChC IMP Falmouth* CC

AUGUST	LOCATION
F 1	Newton-Wellesley* JF (ST) Bridge Spot NAP
F/Su 1-3	SECTIONAL Hamden, CT
F/S 2-3	SECTIONAL Hudson, NH
M 4	Westwood CC & Aliyah Ch Lynnfield NAP
T 5	Rock Harbor* & N Wellesley NAP Westwood & Bourne* CC
W 6	Dartmouth* & Emanuel* NAP Puritan* NAP & Hamilton ChC
Th 7	Andover* & Nauset Brew CC Bridge Spot & Reyim NAP
F 8	Bridge Spot No game Mashpee* CC
F/Su 8-10	EMBA SECTIONAL Watertown, MA
M 11	Westwood*CC & Lynnfield ChC Newton Wellesley* NAP Aliyah & Westwood NAP W Barnstable* CC
T 12	MIT & Westwood NAP Newton-Wellesley IF IMP
W 13	Merrimac* Ch & Westwood* CC Winchester NAP
Th 14	Andover* NAP & Dartmouth Ch Westwood* CC
F 15	Seaside* CC (ST) Westwood* CC & BSpot NAP
F/Su 15-17	SECTIONAL Springfield, MA
S 16	Westwood* CC
Su 17	Bridge Spot* 199er Party Westwood* CC
M 18	Oak Street ST* & Puritan* CC **Dartmouth UG** Lynnfield ChC & Westwood NAP
T 19	Puritan*& Westwood* CC Westwood NAP
W 20	Puritan CC*&Westwood* ChC Puritan & Winchester CC W Bamstable* CC
Th 21	Dartmouth* NAP & Puritan* CC Westwood* ChC Bridge Spot ICC Newton@Reyim ICC
F 22	Seaside*NAP &Bridge Spot ChC
S 23	Puritan* & Mashpee* CC Westwood* & Puritan ChC
Su 24	Westwood* ChC
M 25	Aliyah & Lynnfield NAP Westwood NAP
T 26	Puritan* NAP Jackie's NAP MIT & Westwood NAP
W 27	Merrimac* NAP Emanuel* NAP Puritan LM/NLM Mentor* Hamilton NAP **New England Fall Regional** **Aug 27-Sept 1 Nashua, NH**
Th 28	Newton@Reyim NAP
F 29	Newton-Wellesley* NAP BridgeSpot ChC

SEPTEMBER	LOCATION
M 1	Leavitt* CC & Puritan* IF Aliyah & Lynnfield No game Oak Street No game Westwood IF
T 2	MIT 49er NAP & Westwood IF
W 3	Dartmouth* CC & Puritan IF Bridge Spot 49er NAP
Th 4	Newton@Reyim CC
F 5	Mashpee* & Bridge Spot IF
S 6	Puritan IF
M 8	Newton Wellesley* CC Westwood No game Aliyah Ch & Lynnfield IF W Barnstable IF
T 9	Puritan* & Westwood* IF Leavitt CC & Westwood IF
W 10	Merrimac* & Westwood* IF Emanuel* Ch & Winchester IF
Th 11	Andover* & Puritan* IF Westwood* IF Bridge Spot & Nauset IM Newton@Reyim IM
F 12	Westwood*& Bridge Spot IF
S 13	Westwood* & Mashpee* IF
Su 14	Bridge Spot* 199er party Westwood IF
F/Su 12-14	SECTIONAL Hartford, CT
M 15	Lynnfield CC & Westwood IF
T 16	Rock Harbor* ST Jackie's & Newton Wellesley CC MIT 49er NAP & Westwood IF
W 17	Leavitt* & Emanuel* CC Puritan & Winchester ICC Hamilton ChC W Barnstable* IF
Th 18	Andover* CC (SR) Bridge Spot* & Dartmouth* CC Bridge Spot CC
F 19	Leavitt* & N Wellesley* CC Bridge Spot CC (ST)
S-Su 20-21	SECTIONAL Brunswick, ME SECTIONAL Johnston, RI
M 22	Andover* & Lynnfield IF Newton-Wellesley* IF IMP Dartmouth Ch & Aliyah CC Westwood IF
T 23	MIT CC & Westwood IF Bourne* IF
W 24	Merrimac* CC Emanuel* No game Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor
Th 25	Newton@Reyim Ch (ST) Falmouth* IF
F 26	**Leavitt UG** **Newton Wellesley* UG** **Mashpee* & Seaside* UG** Bridge Spot MG
S 27	Bridge Spot* 49er NAP & Open
S/Su 27-28	SECTIONAL Grantham, NH
M 29	N-Wellesley* & Aliyah No game Lynnfield & Westwood IF
T 30	Westwood IF

CC= Club champ, Ch=Charity, ChC=Charity club champ,*=day game, ICC= Interclub champ, IF= International Fund, IMP=IMP pairs, JF=Junior fund, NAP=North American Pairs qualifier,SR=senior game 55+, ST= Swiss team, UG=Unit game, UW=Unitwide game. Consult www acblemba.org for locations.

TOUR ADVENTURES AT THE NABC

Think you know Boston? Even if your family came over on the Mayflower, chances are you will find something special in the line-up of tours slated for the Fall NABC, November 20 - 30, 2008. Boston NABC Tour Committee chairperson Brenda Montague, working with tournament co-chairs Kathy Benjamin and Frank Lombardo and Information Committee co-chairs Polly Goedicke and Lowell Eubanks, has put together a diverse selection of sites and experiences, including a smashing lineup of free walking tours. Transportation Committee chair, Jim Rasmussen, has arranged complimentary bus transportation for several major tours. Special prices are available on all tours. Here is a sampling of what you can do between sessions of bridge at the NABCs:

North End Market Tour
Monday, November 24

Visit Boston's North End and experience the cuisine of America's oldest Italian neighborhoods. It's a walking tour that is like a cooking class on foot. The two-hour tour costs $25.

John F. Kennedy Library
Tuesday, November 25

Visit the presidential library and museum of the nation's 35th president. Located on a 10-acre park, overlooking Boston Harbor,the library/museum includes special films, exhibits and other memorabilia. Admission for the 1 hour and 45 minute tour is $8. Bus transportation provided.

Freedom Trail Guided Tour
Wednesday Nov 26
Friday Nov 28

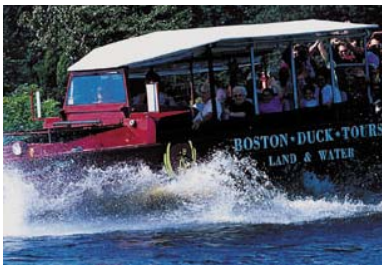
Walk the Freedom Trail with a knowledgeable guide and you're in for history lesson you'll never forget. Experience Boston history from Colonial times through the Revolutionary War period. During the 1 1/2 hour tour, we'll stop at the Boston Common, Faneuil Hall, Granary, King's Chapel Burying Grounds, the Old State House and more. The tour is free but a $5 refundable deposit is required to reserve your space.

The city of Boston's historic sites and structures never look better than they do from an Old Town Trolley or a Boston Duck Tour.

The two hour and 15 minute trolley tours cover over 100 points of interest, including a 30-minute stop at the USS Constitution.

Boston City Tour
Old Town Trolley
Saturday, November 22
Saturday, November 29

These tours are specially priced at $20 (with District 25 subsidy) for NABC players and guests.



Boston Duck Tour
Sunday, November 23

The last of the season! Board an authentic renovated World War II amphibious landing vehicle for a 1 1/2 hour tour by land and sea. Specially priced at $20 with District 25 subsidy.

For complete tour information, go to www.acbl.org or contact Brenda Montague at Bostonnabctours@yahoo.com.

♣ More Club News ♣

NAP qualifiers continue

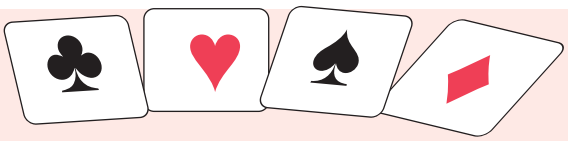
Qualifying games for the North American Pairs championship are scheduled to continue at local clubs in July and August (see calendar). If you score in the top half of your field or flight (or at least 50%) in a qualifying game in your district, you are eligible to play in the District 25 finals in Sturbridge on October 11-12. The top three pairs in Flights A, B and C will qualify to play in the national NAP competition at the Spring 2009 NABC in Houston. Cash awards are paid to the top two pairs to help offset travel and lodging expenses. The more times you play, the better your chance to qualify for this prestigious event.

Puritan annual barbecue

The Puritan Club will hold its annual barbecue on Saturday, August 23, after the regularly scheduled 12 noon game and before the special evening game, which will commence after the barbecue. There is a small charge for the barbecue.

IN MEMORIAM

Janet M Dufresne	Quincy
Francis J Sylvia	Bourne
Roy R Merchant Jr	W Falmouth



RECENT TOURNAMENT WINNERS

EMBA Memorial Sectional May 23-25 2008

Friday Stratified Pairs

Flight A

1 Walter Fontaine, N Providence, RI; Steven Groag, Rehoboth, MA
2 Bud Biswas, Lexington, MA; William Nason, Groton, MA

Flight B

1 Brian Lee, Cambridge, MA; Jan Popiel, Lexington, MA
2 Lew Gamerman, Brookline, MA; Anton Tsypkin, Sharon, MA

Flight C

1 Brian Lee, Cambridge, MA; Jan Popiel, Lexington, MA
2 Jonathan Hauke, Lexington, MA; Brian Fisk, Boxborough, MA

Stratified 299er Pairs

1 John Micco, Waltham, MA; William Kelleher, Watertown, MA
2 M Corwin, Belmont, MA; Frederic Corwin, Belmont, MA

Saturday Stratified Open Pairs

Flight A (and also winners and second place of Flight B)

1 Joon Pahk, Cambridge, MA; Leo Zelevinsky, Sharon, MA
2 Peter Matthews, Wellesley, MA; Charles McLain, Boston, MA

Flight C

1 Lance Ribeiro, Hampstead, NH; Michael Tallent, Groton, MA
2 Robert Bertoni, Haverhill, MA; Suzanne Cunningham, Medfield, MA

Saturday299er

A1 Marcia West, Charlestown, RI; Kyoko Takahashi, Sudbury, MA
A2 Edith Alpers and Lois Barbour, Natick, MA
B1 (and C1) Mary Beth and Robert Stevens, Boxford, MA
B2 Anne Donahue, Watertown, MA; Sylvia Abelow, Newton, MA
C2 Norman Guivens, Braintree, MA, Vanette Aleksic, Winchester, MA

Sunday Swiss Teams

Flight A

1 Brenda and Neil Montague, Bob Gorsey, Vincent Grande
2 Bill Irvine, Ronald Newburg, Pat McDevitt, William Hunter

Bracket B1

1 Paul Wolf, Bruce Emond, Jay Tang, Yixin Tang
2 Lou Ann Stoddard, Lane Young, V Harackiewicz, Paul Weinbaum

Bracket B2

1 Theodore and Nancy Thelin, Louise Missakian, Grace Charron
2 Harry Marsh, Michael Stevens, Anita Taylor, Larry Hanerfeld

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1 Marjory and Richard Nimberg, Henry Ackermann, Colin Shanks
2 Robert Stoddard, Cynthia Kelly, Helen O'Connor, Helen Moriyama

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TOURNAMENT TRAIL

ACBL Summer NABC
July 17 - 27 2008
Las Vegas, NV
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EMBA Summer Sectional
August 8 -10 2008
Watertown, MA

NE Fiesta Regional
August 27 - September 1 2008
Nashua, NH

Cape Cod Sectional
October 5 -6 2008
Sandwich, MA

MAKE HISTORY IN BOSTON

Get ready for the 2008 Fall North American Bridge Championships

Mark the dates on your calendar—November 20 - 30. Then, get on board and volunteer to help make the forthcoming North American Bridge Championships (NABC) the best ever. Co-chairs Kathy Benjamin and Frank Lombardo (pictured left) have been working tirelessly for nearly two years, orchestrating a team of committees, managing a vast budget and traveling to other tournaments across the country to promote the Fall 2008 NABC. Many committees still need volunteers who are willing to spend just a few hours before or after scheduled games during the tournament. For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact Carolyn Weiser at embasec@acblemba.org. Paid caddy positions are also available. Contact David Rock at Dave@microgrit.com. ♣