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**Nomination/Election Committee for 2020**

The Nomination/Election Committee for 2020 is chaired by Maureen Bitler. If you know of anyone who would be a good candidate, please let Maureen know, or send the name to me at [embasec@acblemba.org](mailto: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. Anyone who plays in the 49er Section in the morning is invited to play in the 299er section in the afternoon for free.

***EMBA EVENTS***

The **April Sectional** will be held April 3-5, 2020 at the Armenian Cultural Center. Here we will honor all the EMBA players who are no longer with us. The schedule is below.

The **Memorial Sectional** will be held May 22-24 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 15-19 will see the return of the **Gold Mine Regional** for non-life masters with less than 750 points. The full schedule is available on the District website ([www.nebridge.org](http://www.nebridge.org)) The GNT Finals will be incorporated into this Regional 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 last Cape **Senior Regional** will again be held in Hyannis from April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2020

#### **April**

3-5 EMBA Sect - Watertown, MA  
4-7 Passover  
12 Easter  
17-20 Goldmine Regi. -Sturbridge, MA  
18-19 GNTs-B/ Flight C Sturbridge  
19 Othodox Easter  
20-26 Gatlinburg Regional  
25 CBA -I/N Sect. Stamford  
25-26 NHBA Sectional- Dover  
**29-30 Senior Regional-Hyannis MA**  
29-30 Open Sectional - Hyannis, MA

#### **May**

15-17 MBA Sectional-Rockport  
16-17 CMBA Sectional - Auburn, MA  
10 Mother's Day

22-24 EMBA Sect - Watertown, MA  
29-31 CBA Sectional- Orange

#### **June**

6-7 RIBA Sectional - Johnston, RI  
8-14 STaC CBA Only  
14 Father's Day  
**23-28 Summer Regional -Nashua, NH**  
**29-5 D-25 Summer STaC - CBA**  
**24-30 D-25 Summer STaC- Minus CT**

#### **July**

10-12 VBA Sectional- Manchester, VT  
11-12 MBA Sectional - Hallowell, ME  
16-26 *Summer NABC - Montreal, Qu*

Eastern Massachusetts Bridge Association  
EMBA Spring Sectional  
April 3-5, 2020  
Armenian Cultural and Educational Center  
47 Nichols Avenue, Watertown, MA

Friday April 3

7:30 PM

DUAL PAIRS! Two Chances to win!

Chance 1: Open Stratified Pairs

Chance 2: Stratified Board-A-Match Teams

Pairs are assigned teammates by draw.

(Pair-ups designed to team up low MP pairs with high MP teammates.)

Game is scored TWO TIMES, once as a regular Pairs game, once as BAM Teams.

Players receive Silver Points based on max masterpoint award from the two games!

A/B/C Stratification based on pair/team average MPs. Strat levels set by directors.

Saturday April 4

10:30 AM & 3:00 PM

Two Single-Session OPEN STRATIFIED PAIRS

Strats – By partnership average: A: open / B: < 2500 / C: < 750

Short break between sessions: Buy a sandwich/salad or BYO

Two Single-Session 0-299er PAIRS (play separately, strats TBD)

\*FREE\* One Session 0-49er PAIRS (10:30 AM)

Newcomer pairs will play separately (if attendance allows)

and will receive a friendly orientation to tournament play from experienced players!

Free plays for ACBL members only. Not a member? We'll sign you up!

Sunday April 5

10:30 AM

STRATIFLIGHTED SWISS TEAMS

Flights play separately. Stratification by team average masterpoints.

A/X Flight: (strats: A: open / X: 0-3000)

B/C/D Flight: No player > 2500 (strats: B: <2500, C: <1000 ; D: < 500)

Playthrough with short lunch break: Pizza included in entry fee.

Single Session 299er SWISS TEAMS (4 matches)

PARTNERSHIP HELP: available at playing site.

## EMBA Memorial Sectional

May 22-24, 2020

Armenian Cultural and Educational Center

47 Nichols Avenue, Watertown, MA

Friday May 22

7:30 PM

Single-Session STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

Strats by partnership average: A: open / B: < 1500 / C: < 300.

Saturday May 23 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM

Two Session OPEN STRATIFIED PAIRS

Strats – By partnership Masterpoint average: A: open / B: < 2500 / C: < 750

Single Session entries accepted for players who don't wish to play two sessions.

Two Session 0-299er PAIRS

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Sunday May 24 10:30 AM

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A/X Flight: (strats: A: open / X: 0-3000)

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