



QuickTrick



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NEWS TO NOTE

EMBA Board & Officers

Nominations for officers' 1-year term and board members' 3-year term beginning January 2012 were reported on May 15th by the Elections Committee. See page 4 for the official election slate.

Quick Trick Distribution

The informal survey results are in and expenses are going up (of course). Direct mailing of Quick Trick will be an 'Opt-In' choice, with copies available at Clubs and tournaments. See page 6.

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District 25 Senior Regional – Record Attendance

Helen Pawlowski, the District 25 Tournament Manager, reported a new attendance record, 1102 tables, for the Senior Regional held April 27 to May 1 at the recently renovated Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis. Many players commented on the spacious and bright playing areas and the hotel's good service.



Players looking for adventure found the site's proximity to a wide variety of local restaurants and quaint shops very convenient. All this and GREAT hospitality is reason to look forward to another good time in Hyannis in 2012.

The District 25 Summer Regional in Sturbridge, Mass., June 22-26, will be wrapped up before you read this, and don't miss the Fiesta Regional in Warwick, Rhode Island, in August. Visit www.nebridge.org for news.

EMBA Team Wins Grand National Teams Flight B



Congratulations to the EMBA Flight B team captained by Brian Duran: **Brian Duran** of Somerville, **Gloria Tsoi** of Arlington, **Ivanie Yeo** of Brighton, and **Lon Sunshine** of Framingham.

Memorial Day Tournament, ACEC Watertown

A new collection of many winners, strong showings in the 299er field, and a repeat win in the Open Pairs for star players returning to the game. Details and more photos on Page 3.



Be Prepared !

To be “at the table” is such an important part of bridge success. What I love about the diagrammed deal is that it illustrates so well how great success can result from aggressive, alert and creative action, and how great failure can ensue from not being alert as to what might be going on. The victors for this hand are none other than EMBA Caddyman Suzanne Cunningham and EMBA Webmaster Bob Bertoni.

Suzanne and Bob recently won a single-session event at the Louisville Spring NABC in March with a whopping 73% game – one of the biggest sessions in the entire tournament. On this hand, Suzanne set things in motion with an aggressive and slightly unorthodox 3♣ bid in first seat. Her bid might have backfired (I wouldn't recommend preempting with a broken 6-card suit as a matter of course), but on this hand it worked like a charm, coupled with her partner's creative action. Bob could see that a hand with a lot of clubs, a singleton heart, and no first or second round control in the other suits meant that the opponents could make at least a game in hearts – quite possibly a slam. Problem was, he had no idea what his opponents could make; he realized that raising clubs to a high level could push them into a contract that they were cold for, but might not bid on their own. His psychic 3♥ bid really muddied the waters and was a pretty spiffy, quick thinking trick. Now, if Bob had thought a long time before bidding 3♥ or before pulling the double of 3♥ to 4♣, he could have either lost his advantage right away or been accused of coffee-housing, most likely losing the gain a short while later in committee. So, Suzanne had to be prepared to step out at the start of the bidding and risk going for a big number, and Bob had to be prepared to bid in tempo and with conviction, as if he really did have a forcing bid with hearts.

NORTH

♠ 10873

♥ Q

♦ QJ98

♣ Q1072

WEST

♠ J542

♥ AJ108632

♦ 4

♣ 9

EAST

♠ AKQ

♥ K975

♦ A1065

♣ A5

SOUTH

♠ 96

♥ 4

♦ K732

♣ KJ8643

Matchpoints

Neither Vul

Dealer South

North

3♥!

4♣

East

Dbl

Dbl

South

3♣

Pass

All Pass

West

Pass

Pass

Opening Lead – 4♦

Finally, and this may be the most important lesson, is that the opponents had to be prepared. Even the best pairs seldom have methods to differentiate between natural bids and cue bids in competition. While West might want to bid 4♥ naturally over 4♣ doubled, he had no way of being sure that his partner wouldn't treat it as a forcing cue bid. East also must have been concerned that passing 4♣ without doubling might let North-South off the hook – unpunished on a hand where they could easily be going for a big number – while East-West might not have a makeable game. One approach to solve this dilemma is to agree that after a double of a forcing bid (3♥), subsequent passes (such as of 4♣x) are forcing, and any bids on the second round of bidding by the responder would be natural, even those in a secondary suit bid by the opponents. You and your favorite partners should discuss what you might do in situations like this, in order to avoid confusion and avoid being swindled.

Today's Shark's Pointers are: -

Be aggressive, Be alert, Be creative,
and most of all – **BE PREPARED!**



♠ ♥ Recent Winners ♦ ♣

EMBA Memorial Day Sectional

Karen (Kate) McCallum is no stranger to the winners circle, a World Grand Master and many time National Champion. She played with Cenk Tuncok in the Saturday Stratified Pairs and they won by 16.5 MP with a 63.47% game.



Cenk recently returned to bridge after a many years hiatus, and what a return! In April he won the Flight A Open Pairs with Ron Mak, and in May returned with McCallum to win back to back. Cenk has opened a bridge club in Amesbury, so it would seem he is here to stay.

On Sunday, Zach Grossack captained his team (Saul Agranoff, Stuart Whittle, Joyce Pearson, Zach Grossack) to a 4 VP win in the A/X Swiss.



The A/X flight had 18 tables and the quality of the field was second to none. Though attendance was a bit down due to the holiday Weekend, the A/X event was tougher than ever with many teams warming up for the Regional in June. It's rare that an X team steps up to win Flight A in EMBA, as the A fields are very strong, so kudos to this team for taking it all!

The B/C/D Flight of the Sunday Swiss was won by the team of Emily Shen, Vincent Koon Kam King, Jeffrey Scott, and Brian Duran. The 299er field was bested by the team of Michael Williams, Benson Ho, Steven Diamond, and Sarah Widhu.

Friday Open Pairs: Mark Aquino, Robert McCaw

Friday 299ers: Elizabeth Paige, Brenda Hussey

Sat. AM 299er: Maureen Berggren, Brenda Hussey

Sat. PM 299er: Sam Shoushtarian, Priscilla Loring

North American Pairs 2011-12 It's One for the Money...



NAP Qualifying Games : June July & Aug

Qualify in your club for the District 25 NAP Finals

Sturbridge (Mass.) Host Hotel

October 15-16, 2011

Flt A Open, Flt B <2000, Flt C <500 (Non LM)

Play against players of your own level and you may win lots of money to play in National Finals in **Memphis, TN** - March 2012

- \$700 each 1st place player, each flight
- \$300 each 2nd place player, each flight
- \$100 each 3rd place player (District funds)

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EMBA CALENDAR & TOURNAMENT NOTES

Visit www.acblemba.org for the latest calendar information

STaC Week July 1-7 2011

Friday, July 1st

Day game @ Brewster-Seaside, Bridge Spot, Harriett Leavitt, Newton-Reyim, Puritan (499er), Westwood
Evening game @ Bridge Spot

Saturday, July 2nd

Day game @ Bridge Spot, Puritan, Westwood
Evening game @ Bridge Spot

Sunday, July 3rd

Day game @ Westwood, Bridge Spot (Swiss Teams)

Monday, July 4th

Day game @ Bridge Spot, Harriett Leavitt, Newton-Reyim, Puritan, Westwood; No game @ Oak Street
Evening game @ Aliyah-Needham, Bridge Spot, Dartmouth, Westwood

Tuesday, July 5th

Day game @ Bridge Spot, Puritan, Rock Harbor, Westwood
Evening game @ Bridge Spot, MIT, Harriett-Leavitt, Newton-Reyim

Wednesday, July 6th

Day game @ Bridge Spot, Harriett-Leavitt, Dartmouth, Newton-Reyim, Puritan (Swiss), Westwood
Evening game @ Bridge Spot (non-LM), Hamilton, Westwood, Winchester

Thursday, July 7th

Day game @ Bridge Spot, Newton-Reyim, Puritan, Westwood
Evening game @ Bridge Spot, Newton-Reyim

Summer Sectional August 5-7 2011

Armenian Cultural & Educational Center
47 Nichols Avenue
Watertown, MA
(Emergency ONLY: 978-852-4666)

Friday, August 5 7:30 PM

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

Saturday, Aug. 6 10:30 AM

Thomas Wilder Flighted Pairs
A: Open B: <2000 C: <750
0-49er Pairs, single session
299er Pairs, single session
Open Pairs, single session -
(stratified by partnership average)

Buy a sandwich or salad or BYO
Short break between sessions

Saturday, Aug. 6 3:00 PM

Wilder Flighted Pairs, 2nd session
299er Pairs, single session
Open Pairs, single session -
(stratified by partnership average)

Sunday, August 7 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:

Paul Harris, Cilla Borrás, Christine Halkiotis, Diogo Teixeira, Aline & David Sullivan

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

♣ EMBA CLUB NEWS ♣

Newton Bridge Club in July

The Wednesday morning game of the Newton Bridge Club is moving as of July 6th to Temple Reyim, 1860 Washington Street, Newton.

EMBA Elections Committee

Nominees for Officers of EMBA for a 1-year term starting Jan. 1, 2012 are:

President	Jim Rasmussen
Vice Pres.	Bill Hunter
Secretary	Carolyn Weiser
Treasurer	Don Levy

Nominees for EMBA Board positions for a 3-year term starting Jan. 1, 2012 are as follows:

Jane Adams	
David Aronson	(incumbent)
Terry Kay Bargar	
Cecilla Borrás	(incumbent)
Tim Hill	
Bob McCaw	
Neil Montague	(incumbent)
Adam Parrish	
Carole Weinstein	(incumbent)

Respectfully submitted May 15th by Roy Green, Elections Committee

What's Beyond Happiness?

An article by John Tierney was published on May 17, 2011 in the New York Times, with the intriguing title "*A New Gauge to See What's Beyond Happiness*". One of the questions raised is "why did some people keep joylessly playing Bridge?" It's worth your while to track down the article and read it - with your partner, of course!

July		6 Sat	Bridge Spot *No game	September	
1 - 7	STaC Week – see Page 4	8 Mon	Newton@Reyim *NAP Oak St. *NAP Puritan *NAP Bridge Spot NAP Dartmouth NAP Aliyah-Needham – No game	1 Thu	Newton@Reyim IF
8 Fri	Newton@Reyim *NAP-H.ac.P Puritan *499er, Bridge Spot NAP	9 Tue	Puritan *NAP, Bridge Spot NAP, MIT NAP, Newton@Reyim – No game	2 Fri	Newton@Reyim *H.acr.P Puritan *499er
9 Sat	Westwood *NAP	10 Wed	Newton@Reyim *NAP, Puritan *NAP, Winchester CC ST	5 Mon	Harriet-Leavitt *CC Newton- Reyim *IF Puritan *CC Oak St & Aliyah-Needham No game
10 Sun	Westwood *NAP	11 Thu	Newton@Reyim *NAP, Puritan *NAP, Brewster- Nauset CC, Bridge Spot NAP, Newton@Reyim Ch ST	6 Tue	Puritan *CC Bridge Spot ICC
11 Mon	Newton@Reyim *NAP Aliyah- Needham NAP Bridge Spot NAP Dartmouth NAP Westwood *NAP, NAP	12 Fri	Brewster Seaside *ST, Newton@Reyim *Ch ST, Puritan *NAP 499er, Bridge Spot NAP	7 Wed	Dartmouth *IF Newt-Reyim *IF IMP Puritan *CC Hamilton CC
12 Tue	Rock Harbor *ST Westwood *NAP Bridge Spot NAP Harriet-Leavitt NAP MIT NAP Newton@Reyim NAP	13 Sat	Puritan *NAP	8 Thu	Newton-Reyim *IF, CC Puritan *CC
13 Wed	Dartmouth *NAP Newton@ Reyim *NAP Hamilton NAP MidCape CC Westwood *NAP, NAP Winchester NAP	15 Mon	Newton@Reyim *CC, Aliyah-Needham NAP, Bridge Spot ChC	9 Fri	Newton-Reyim *IF Puritan *CC 499er
14 Thu	Newton@Reyim *UW Puritan *UW Bridge Spot NAP Newton@Reyim NAP	16 Tue	Bridge Spot ChC, Newton@Reyim NAP	10 Sat	Westwood *IF Puritan 10:15a *CC BBQ, 2:30p *ChC
15 Fri	Brewster Seaside *NAP Newton@Reyim *Ch Puritan *499er Bridge Spot NAP	17 Wed	Dartmouth *NAP Hamilton NAP	11 Sun	Bridge Spot *199er Party Westwood *IF
17 Sun	Bridge Spot *199er party	18 Thu	Newton@Reyim *Ch Bridge Spot ChC	12 Mon	Newton-Reyim *IF ST Puritan, Westwood *IF, IF Aliyah- Needham IF Dartmouth CC
18 Mon	Newton@Reyim *Ch Puritan *NAP Aliyah-Needham NAP Bridge Spot ChC	19 Fri	*UW @ Brewster-Seaside, Bridge Spot, Harriett Leavitt, Newton@Reyim, Westwood Puritan *499er Bridge Spot NAP	13 Tue	Rock Harbor *ST Westwd *IF UW @ Bridge Spot, Harriett Leavitt, MIT, Newton@Reyim
19 Tue	Puritan *NAP Bridge Spot ChC Newton@Reyim Ch ST	20 Sat	Westwood *NAP	14 Wed	Dartmouth *CC Newton- Reyim *CC Puritan *IF Westwood *IF,IF Hamilton IM MidCape IM Winchester IM
20 Wed	Dartmouth *NAP Puritan *NAP Newton@Reyim *Ch	21 Sun	Bridge Spot *199er Party, Westwood *NAP	15 Thu	Newton-Reyim *CC, IF IMP Puritan *IF Westwood *IF
21 Thu	Newton@Reyim *NAP, Ch Puritan *NAP Bridge Spot ChC	22 Mon	Bridge Spot *CC, CC Newton@Reyim *NAP Oak Street *CC Westwood *NAP, NAP Aliyah- Needham Ch Dartmouth NAP	16 Fri	Newton@Reyim *IF Puritan *IF 499er Westwood *IF
22 Fri	Newton@Reyim *NAP Puritan *NAP 499er Bridge Spot ACBL IFG Westwood ACBL IFG	23 Tue	Bridge Spot *CC, CC Rock Harbor *NAP Westwood *NAP MIT NAP Newton-Reyim Ch	17 Sat	Puritan *IF
23 Sat	Puritan *NAP	24 Wed	Bridge Spot *CC Newton- Reyim *Ch ST Westwood *NAP, NAP Winchester NAP	17 Sat	Indian Summer Sectional Woodford's Club, Portland ME
25 Mon	Newton@Reyim *NAP Aliyah- Needham NAP Bridge Spot NAP Dartmouth NAP	25 Thu	Bridge Spot *CC, CC Newton@Reyim *NAP, NAP Westwood *NAP	18 Sun	
26 Tue	MIT *Lesson Rock Harbor *NAP Bridge Spot *NAP MIT NAP Newton@Reyim NAP	26 Fri	Brewster-Seaside *CC Bridge Spot *CC, CC Newton@Reyim *NAP Puritan *499er Westwood *NAP	19 Mon	Bridge Spot *UW Harriett Leavitt *UW Newton@Reyim *UW Oak Street *UW Puritan *UW Dartmouth IF Aliyah-Needham CC
27 Wed	Newton@Reyim *NAP Puritan *Mentor	29 Mon	Bridge Spot *ICC, NAP Newton@Reyim *ICC Aliyah- Needham NAP	20 Tue	Puritan *IF Harriett Leavitt CC Newton@Reyim IF ST
28 Thu	Newton@Reyim *NAP, NAP Bridge Spot NAP	30 Tue	MIT *Lesson Bridge Spot NAP Newton@Reyim NAP	21 Wed	Newton@Reyim *IF Puritan *Mentor Winchester ICC
29 Fri	Puritan *499er	31 Wed	Dartmouth *NAP Newton- Reyim *NAP, Puritan *Mentor	22 Thu	Newton@Reyim *IF
29 Fri	Bridge Spot *ChC, ChC Newton@Reyim No game			23 Fri	Newton@Reyim *CC Puritan *499er
29 Wed	Bridge Spot *ChC			26 Mon	Aliyah-Needham No game Bridge Spot ChC
August				27 Tue	MIT CC Newton@Reyim IF
1 Mon	Newton@Reyim *Ch			28 Wed	Bridge Spot *UW Dartmouth *UW Puritan *UW Newton@Reyim* No game
2 Tue	Bridge Spot *UW Puritan *UW Rock Harbor *UW Newton@Reyim CC			29 Thu	Newton@Reyim No games
3 Wed	Dartmouth *ICC Hamilton ChC			30 Fri	Newton@Reyim* No game Puritan *499er
5 Fri	Brewster Seaside *NAP Newton@Reyim *NAP H.acr.P Puritan *499er Bridge Spot – No game			October	
				1 Sat	EMBA Cape Cod Sectional Sandwich, MA
				2 Sun	WMBA Fall Sectional Springfield, MA

Legend -

NAP N.Am.Pairs qual.
UW Unit-Wide game

* Day/Morning game
CC Club Championship
Ch Charity game

ChC Charity Club Championship
H.acr.P Hands Across the Pond

ICC Inter-Club Championship
IF International Fund game

QUICK TRICK DISTRIBUTION CHANGES

EMBA has printed and mailed Quick Trick quarterly to each member in EMBA over the last many years. The increasing costs of doing this, coupled with many changes in technology and indeed the way people now receive information in their lives, has encouraged the EMBA Board to re-examine the methodology and effect some changes.

A budgetary look at EMBA finances will show that we spend 45% or more of our discretionary income on this line item alone. The following is the intention of the EMBA Board:

Quick Trick will continue to be printed quarterly in black & white, in similar numbers to the current distribution (3200 copies).

1. Once a year the election issue will be mailed to all current EMBA Members as we do now. This edition will include the EMBA mail-in ballot and candidate statements.
2. Printed copies of Quick Trick will be bulk mailed and/or delivered to all sanctioned clubs in EMBA for players to pick up and take home or pass along to prospective members.
3. Quick Trick will be available online for download or reading in full color PDF format (rather than the black and white print version) on the EMBA website, www.acblemba.org immediately upon publication.
4. Quick Trick will be available at all EMBA Tournaments and events for members to take home a printed copy.
5. We will look to distribute Quick Trick to non-traditional venues like senior centers, community centers, and schools, especially those participating in the Bridge In School program.
6. OPT-IN to have Quick Trick mailed to your home will be available for any member who requests it. To continue to have EMBA directly mail every copy to your home, please fill out send in the form below:

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Parking at EMBA Sectionals ACEC in Watertown

As most regular tournament participants already know, the Watertown Police have begun issuing parking tickets during our Saturday pair games if cars are parked at meters that have not been fed. We are asking your help in maximizing the number of cars that are able to use the ACEC lot by filling all of the double spaces in the back of the lot. Players planning to play two sessions should park in the back of the double spaces and players playing only the first session should park in front of cars already parked in the back of the double spaces. We will have volunteers in the lot to assist with this tandem parking arrangement. This will enable us to park 15 to 20 more cars.

We have also confirmed with the Watertown police that if you have a visible handicap placard in your car that you are exempt from having to pay the meters in Watertown. Thus if you have a handicap placard and are able to park at a meter, please do so. Thank you for your cooperation.

EMBA Unit Events

Unit-Wide day games are being held at clubs on Thursday July 14th, Tuesday August 2nd, Friday August 19th, Monday September 19th, and Wednesday September 28th. Evening Unit-Wide games are scheduled for Tuesday September 13th. International Fund games (IF) are scheduled for many clubs in September.

ACBL District 25 Events

North American Pairs (NAP) qualifying games are being held in almost every club during the months of July and August. See the listings on page 5 for specific dates and locations.

Ethel Keohane Senior Regional – MP Top 10

The Senior Regional in April was a successful return to the Resort and Conference Center, conveniently located at the foot of Main Street in Hyannis, MA. The events provided fertile ground for our players. Here is the Top 10 list of the Master Point winners:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>Silver</u>	
1	52.13	51.54	0.59		John Malley, Pascoag RI
2	52.13	51.54	0.59		Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT
3	52.13	51.54	0.59		Daniel Colatosti, Boca Raton FL
4	51.84	51.54	0.30		Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA
5	51.83	51.54	0.29		John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT
6	45.73	26.11	2.01	17.61	Frank Hacker, Barre VT
7	45.73	26.11	2.01	17.61	Philip Sharpsteen, Jericho VT
8	44.56	42.55	2.01		William Hunter, Peabody MA
9	42.97	28.47		14.50	Margie Sullivan, Sagamore Beach
10	42.97	28.47		14.50	Stephen Rzewski, South Dennis

EMBA Committees & Coordinators for 2011

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TOURNAMENT TRAIL

NHBA Summer Sectional

July 16 - 17, 2011
Hudson VFW Hudson, NH

ACBL Summer Nationals

July 21 - 31, 2011
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

EMBA Summer Sectional

August 5 - 7, 2011
ACEC Watertown, MA

District 25 Fiesta Regional

August 29 - Sept. 4, 2011
Crowne Plaza Warwick, RI

EMBA Cape Cod Sectional

Oct. 1 - 2, 2011
Sandwich, MA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - James Rasmussen

Advances in technology have changed many aspects of our organized bridge activities. We now have pre-duplicated hands, computer programs to quickly tabulate scores and assign next round opponents, and a website that contains up-to-date information of interest to EMBA members and local bridge players.

One area that has not changed in many years is the way that EMBA publishes and mails this newsletter. The Quick Trick is a key way in which we inform and communicate with all of our members. At the present time all members receive a hard copy of the newsletter even though it also can be read on the website in full color, usually several weeks earlier. Printing and mailing costs for the Quick Trick currently constitute close to 45% of EMBA's discretionary budget (i.e., non-tournament related expenses), and they have been rising. As part of our efforts to keep card fees as low as possible for our sectional tournaments, the EMBA Board is planning to alter the way that the Quick Trick is distributed, beginning next year.

Those of you who would like to continue receiving a copy of the Quick Trick through the mail will be able to do so by sending us the "Opt-In" form found in this or a future issue of the newsletter. Printed copies also will be made available at EMBA tournaments and at most clubs. Please take the time to read the details of the Opt-In proposal contained in this issue, and let us know if you wish to take advantage of the Opt-In option.