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NEWS TO NOTE

Keohane Individual Regional

January 8-10 2010 at the Marriott on Commonwealth Ave in Newton. For more information, go to nebridge.org.

GNTs on Jan 23-24

District 25 Grand National Teams competition is scheduled for Jan 23 - 24 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA. Championship, A and B teams will play a two-session qualifying round on Saturday at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m, followed by a two-session final on Sunday. Flight C teams will play a two-session Swiss on Sunday at 10 a.m. For more information, contact GNT coordinator Mark Aquino at gntcoord@nebridge.org.

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SWISS TEAM WINNERS AT EMBA 2009 HOLIDAY SECTIONAL

From left to right, Flight A team: Neil Montague, Bob Gorse, Rick Binder, Bill Braucher. Flight 299er team: Rachel Katz, Susan Gladstone, Maxine Aaronson, Harriet Randall. A total of 63 teams competed in the four-flight event—an increase of five tables over the 2008 Holiday Swiss event.

EMBA'S FINANCES SOLID, MEMBERSHIP GROWING

At EMBA's 2009 annual meeting, members heard good news: the unit was expected to come out slightly ahead for the fiscal year, even after treating players to a free buffet dinner served between sessions at the Holiday Sectional. With approximately \$50,000 in cash equivalents as a cushion for the future, the unit is on solid ground, according to departing Finance Committee chairman Bill Hunter. Tournaments fared better in 2009 than in the previous year, as new players were attracted to a new zero to 50 flight one-session game that has been added to sectional schedules. Expenses were in line with the unit's budget.

The unit's membership roster expanded in 2009. The official member tally was 2,925 in December 2009 compared with 2,846 one year ago. Effective membership is actually higher. More than 100 members who spend the winter months at another location are not included in the figures above.

In 2010, EMBA will experiment with an early-start schedule at the Winter Sectional, slated for February 19-21. The Saturday Open pairs, the first of two single-session 299er pairs and the single-session zero to 50 pairs games will all begin at 10:00 a.m. (after the 9 a.m. free lecture.) Second-session games will begin at 2:30 p.m. The schedule change is in response to member requests. It has worked well in the Rhode Island unit, and tournament chairman James Rasmussen will be interested in feedback on the early Saturday start. For a complete Winter Sectional schedule, see page 4.

For 2010, the EMBA board welcomed a new director: Bob Bertoni, who was elected to a three-year term in the balloting that took place in October. Haven Sharaf has been nominated to chair the Finance Committee. ♣



**A MESSAGE FROM
EMBA PRESIDENT
DERRICK NIEDERMAN**

As someone who has played more tennis tournament than bridge tournaments, I occasionally get asked about the differences between the two games—or, more accurately, the people who play them. The bad news is that the comparisons don't always work in our favor. You seldom see tennis players scream at their doubles partners when they dump a return into the net on break point. Yet, criticism at the bridge table is so commonplace that some new players must imagine boorishness to be part of the game. (Yes, zero tolerance has been around for a while, but this letter is a response to players coming up to me and expressing that very fear.)

The challenge we face is that bridge is a mental game, not a physical one. Think about it: When tennis players make mental mistakes (screwing up signals in doubles, for example) their partners aren't always the Marquis of Queensbury in response. Correspondingly, even the worst-tempered bridge players will react more kindly to a physical error from partner (pulling out the wrong card, for example) than a mental one (disregarding partner's defensive signaling, to name one of a hundred).

Fortunately, bridge has nothing but terrific role models at the top. The Nickell team has practically defined great sportsmanship in both victory and defeat, and who can forget the Italians' gracious performance in 2003 when mental *and* physical errors on the very last board cost them the Bermuda Bowl? Tennis can't make the same claim. Serena isn't always serene, and Johnny Mac is best heard from the broadcast booth, not Centre Court.

The solution, then, is simple. All we have to do to improve bridge behavior is to shoot for the very top. We'll surpass tennis etiquette in no time, especially if tennis players are doing the same thing!

On page one of this issue, we reported news of a great year for EMBA in 2009. Here's hoping for more of the same in the year ahead.

Derrick Niederman



THE PLAY OF THE GAME

a poem by
June Munzer

The play of the game is always a test
Of my skill and ability to do my best
With winning or losing, loss or gain
I either feel pleasure or terrible pain.
After many errors I am tempted to quit
Feeling like the world's worst idiot...
But through it all, my love of the game
keeps me playing again and again.



**RICH STEVENS RECEIVES
BOBBYE JARDINE AWARD**



Rich Stevens was selected to receive the Bobbye Jardine award. This special award honors an EMBA

member who has demonstrated service to the unit above and beyond expectations. It is named after Bobbye Jardine, who embodied these qualities. For more than seven years, Rich has been responsible for inputting data for the EMBA calendar, for both the Web and *Quick Trick*. Rich has been an active EMBA member for more than 20 years. He's the best!



EMBA's David Becher and Alan Watson have long been regarded as one of New England's toughest pairs. The two have done well in many local, regional and national events over the three decades that they have played together. Today's hand is from the 2009 District 25 Flight A Finals of the North American Pairs, held in Sturbridge in October. David and Alan barely qualified for the finals, but they won the event by a tiny margin on the basis of this top board on the very last deal.

The contract—three notrump—was pretty standard. But when the dummy came down, David knew he had his work cut out for him. He felt he needed the Q of hearts to win trick one to give himself any chance to make the hand, so he played it and it won. RHO played the 4, suggesting that hearts were divided 4-3. Now, David sized up his prospects. If the spades ran, he would have seven sure tricks. But he would need two more tricks, so it seemed right to test the diamonds. He led a diamond to his hand, winning with the K, his RHO playing the 2. That seemed like good news. Now, even three spades would assure the contract if he could score another diamond and two clubs—assuming that his LHO wasn't playing crafty by ducking the diamond K. If the club A was on his left and the J of clubs on his right, he could knock out LHO's entry to the heart suit by leading toward the Q and back to the 10. But no such luck. When David played to the Q of clubs, his RHO won and led back the heart 10. David had to duck, then win the continuation. He was still okay if spades or diamonds broke 3-3 and he read the position correctly. So, he led the 10 of spades to the dummy and led a diamond toward

From the 2009 NAP Flight A Finals

Vul: N-S

Dealer: East

NORTH

♠ AKQ82

♥ Q75

♦ 873

♣ Q2

WEST

♠ 9764

♥ KJ32

♦ 106

♣ J95

EAST

♠ J3

♥ 1094

♦ AJ92

♣ A843

SOUTH

♠ 105

♥ A86

♦ KQ54

♣ K1076

EAST

Pass

Pass

Pass

All pass

SOUTH

Becher

1D

1NT

2NT

WEST

Pass

Pass

Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

NORTH

Watson

1S

2D*

3NT

*Game forcing; asks if partner has three card spade support or four hearts.

his Q. His RHO ducked again, but this time not so smoothly. David won the trick as his LHO followed with the 10. Now, it was time to do some counting: LHO has four hearts, and—if the 10 is a true card—only two diamonds. If he has three spades, that would leave him with four clubs. If this is the layout, David would make his contract with five spade tricks, two diamonds, two hearts and one club. But when David played his third spade, RHO showed out. In fact, LHO had started with the following: 9xxx, KJxx, 10x and ?xx. David didn't know who had the J of clubs, but he really didn't care. As long as he had the distribution right, he had found a great solution. He exited the dummy with the losing spade. LHO won that trick and cashed his winning heart, but his partner was stranded with two winning diamonds. LHO had to lead into the K10 of clubs at the end. Making 3NT—the only pair to do so in this very strong field—and winning the event!

Today's Shark's Pointer: When you need help with a tough contract, count your opponents hands. If victory isn't obvious in the cards, you may find it in the count.♣



CALENDAR

EMBA TOURNAMENTS...AND MORE

Visit www.acblemba.org for more calendar information

EMBA Winter Sectional

February 19-21 2010

Armenian Cultural/Educational Center
47 Nichols Avenue
Watertown, MA

Friday, February 19

7:30 PM

Stratified pairs
Open 2000+ B=<2000 C=<750
299er pairs

Saturday, February 20

9 AM.

FREE *Build Better Bridge Skills* lecture
Lew Gamerman

10:00 AM & 2:30 PM

Two-session stratified pairs
(Single session entries accepted)
A=Open, B=<2000, C=<750
Two single-session 299er pairs

10:00 AM

One-session 0-50 pairs

Order sandwiches/salads \$6

Free soda and chips with purchase

Sunday, February 21

10:30 AM & TBA

Swiss Teams (eight matches)
A=Open, B/C Bracketed

10:30 AM

Single-session 299er Swiss Teams
(four matches)

Order sandwiches or salads \$6

Free soda and chips with purchase

Hosts:

To be announced
For more information, contact:
James Rasmussen
jrras@aol.com

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to www.partnershipdesk.com**

New England Knockout Team Regional

February 10-15, 2010

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT
1-800-308-4589

Great hospitality

Free parking! Surprise treat daily!
Subsidized Sunday dinner

Newcomer games every session

Free lessons, prizes, coffee & snacks
Stratified pairs and Swiss events
New! 0 to 750 gold point game

Bracketed KOs & compact KOs

Knockout events start Wednesday,
Friday, Saturday and Monday
Compact KOs 4-person teams only

Sidegames & Senior events

Wednesday through Sunday

Monday events done by 5:30 p.m.

Bracketed Compact KO
Open Pairs
Red Point Swiss--one session 2:00p.m.

Stratifications

A= 3,000+, B 750-3,000, C <750

About the Crowne Plaza

Reserve before 1/24 to secure \$89
single/double rate.
(Two night minimum for Saturday night
stays.) Property sells out early!
Call 860-635-2000 or 800-308-4589
Directions: Exit 21 from I-91

Contact us—we love to help

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tournmgr@nebridge.org
Pairing: David Rock drock@microgrit.com

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EMBA Spring Sectional

April 9-11 2010

Armenian Cultural/Educational Center
47 Nichols Avenue
Watertown, MA

Friday, April 9

7:30 PM

Stratified pairs
Open 2000+ B=<2000 C=<750
299er pairs

Saturday, April 10

12:15 p.m.

FREE *Build Better Bridge Skills* lecture
Speaker to be announced
When available, information will be
posted at www.acblemba.org

1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Two-session stratified pairs
(Single session entries accepted)
A=Open, B=<2000, C=<750

Two single-session 299er pairs

1:00 PM

One-session 0-50 pairs

Sunday, April 11

10:30 AM & TBA

Swiss Teams (eight matches)
A=Open, B/C Bracketed

10:30 AM

Single-session 299er Swiss Teams
(four matches)

Order sandwich/salads \$6

Free soda and chips with purchase

Hosts:

Norma Lande and Nancy Donaldson
For more information, contact:
James Rasmussen
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EXTRA POINTS SPECIAL CLUB GAMES EXTRA Fee MAY APPLY

JANUARY	LOCATION	FEBRUARY	LOCATION	MARCH/APRIL	LOCATION
F 1	Seaside* NO GAME Newton Wellesley* ChC	M 1	Aliyah JF Westwood NO GAME	M 1	Leavitt* & Puritan* CC Bridge Spot & Aliyah UW Dartmouth UW Westwood NO GAME
S 2	Puritan* EF	T 2	Puritan* JF MIT JF Newton Wellesley JF IMP Westwood IF	T 2	Puritan* CC & Westwood ChC MIT Ch
M 4	Aliyah Ch Dartmouth Ch Westwood NO GAME	W 3	Dartmouth* JF Newton Emanuel* JF Puritan* JF Winchester JF	W 3	Puritan (a.m. & p.m.) CC Newton Emanuel* Ch ST Winchester Ch
T 5	Puritan*EF MIT EF Westwood ChC	Th 4	Newton Reyim* JF ST Newton Reyim JF Puritan* JF	Th 4	Puritan* CC Newton Reyim Ch ST Newton Wellesley* ChC
W 6	Bridge Spot* ChC Newton Emanuel* Ch Puritan* EF	S 6	Bridge Spot* ACBL JF Westwood* IF	F 5	Puritan* CC
Th 7	Newton Reyim (a.m.&p.m.) Ch Puritan* EF	M 8	Andover* JF Aliyah CC Dartmouth JF Westwood IF	S 6	Puritan* CC
F 8	Seaside* NO GAME Bridge Spot NO GAME	T 9	Bridge Spot* UW Puritan* UW Westwood* UW MIT JF Westwood IF	Su 7	Bridge Spot (a.m.&p.m.) ChC ST
S 9	Bridge Spot* NO GAME Westwood NO GAME Westwood* NO GAME	W 10	MidCape CC	S/Su 6-7	SECTIONAL Portland, ME
Su	Westwood* NO GAME	F 12	Newton Wellesley* JF ST	M 8	Andover* CC Aliyah & Westwood ICC Newton Wellesley* IF IMP
F/Su 8-10	KEOHANE INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL Newton, MA	W/M 10-15	NE KO Regional Cromwell, CT	T 9	Bridge Spot & MIT UW Newton Wellesley UW Westwood UW Dartmouth* CC Hamilton ChC
M 11	Andover* ICC Westwood* ICC Aliyah IMP Newton Wellesley* ICC Westwood ChC	F 15	Westwood* ICC	W 10	Dartmouth* CC Hamilton ChC
T 12	Westwood* (a.m. & p.m.) ChC MIT EF	T 16	Westwood* ICC Westwood IF MIT JF	Th 11	Newton Reyim (a.m. & p.m.)Ch
W 13	Westwood* CC Hamilton & Winchester UW	W 17	Dartmouth* JF Newton Emanuel* JF Hamilton JF Winchester CC	Th - Su 11-21	ACBL Spring NABC Reno, NV
Th 14	Westwood* CC	Th 18	Andover* JF Newton Reyim (a.m. & p.m.) JF Westwood* IF	F 12	Leavitt* CC
F 15	Westwood* CC	F 19	Bridge Spot NO GAME	M 15	Dartmouth Ch Westwood ChC
S 16	Westwood* CC	S 20	Bridge Spot* NO GAME Westwood* NO GAME	T 16	Leavitt* CC Westwood (a.m. & p.m.)ChC MIT CC ST Newton Wellesley ACBL Ch Newton Emanuel* ACBL Ch
Su 17	Bridge Spot* 199er party Westwood* CC	Su 21	Westwood* NO GAME	W 17	Winchester ACBL Ch Newton Reyim* CC
M 18	Aliyah Ch & Puritan* EF Westwood* CC & p.m. ChC	F/Su 19-21	EMBA WINTER SECTIONAL Watertown, MA	Th 18	Newton Reyim* CC
T 19	MIT EF IMP Newton Wellesley ChC Westwood ChC	M 22	Andover* & Oak St* ACBL Sr Newton Wellesley* ACBL Sr Puritan* ACBL Sr Westwood (a.m. & p.m.) IF Aliyah JF	Su 21	Bridge Spot* 199er party
W 20	Bridge Spot* UW Dartmouth UW Newton Emanuel* UW Puritan* UW Westwood* UW	T 23	Westwood (a.m. & p.m.) IF MIT JF Newton Wellesley JF ST	M 22	Oak Street* CC Aliyah Ch Newton Wellesley* CC Westwood (a.m.&p.m.) ChC
Th 21	Newton Reyim (a.m.&p.m.) Ch	W 24	Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor Westwood* IF Hamilton CC	T 23	Puritan* ICC Rock Harbor* CC ST Westwood* ICC MIT Ch Westwood ChC
F 22	Newton Wellesley* JF IMP	Th 25	Andover* UW Bridge Spot* UW Puritan* UW Dartmouth* UW Newton Reyim* UW Westwood* UW Newton Reyim CC	W 24	Leavitt* CC Newton Emanuel* CC Westwood* ChC
S/Su	District 25 GNT & Sectional Sturbridge, MA	W 27	Westwood* IF Hamilton CC Andover* UW Bridge Spot* UW Puritan* UW Dartmouth* UW Newton Reyim* UW Westwood* UW Newton Reyim CC	Th 25	Andover* & Dartmouth* CC Newton Reyim* (a.m.&p.m.)Ch Westwood* ChC
M 25	Andover* & Oak Street* UW Bridge Spot* UW Newton Wellesley* UW Puritan* & Westwood* UW Bridge Spot & Dartmouth CC Westwood ChC	Th 28	Bridge Spot* CC Newton Reyim ChST Bridge Spot CC	F 26	Seaside* CC Westwood* CHC Westwood* ChC
T 26	Bridge Spot* CC Bridge Spot ChC Westwood ChC	F 29	Seaside* UW Westwood* UW Bridge Spot CC	S 27	Westwood* CHC
W 27	Bridge Spot* CC Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor Hamilton ICC Winchester ICC	S/Su 30-31	SECTIONAL Johnston, RI	Su 28	Westwood* ChC
Th 28	Bridge Spot* CC Newton Reyim ChST Bridge Spot CC			S/Su 27-28	SECTIONAL Johnston, RI
Th 29	Seaside* UW Westwood* UW Bridge Spot CC			M 29	Aliyah NO GAME
				T 30	MIT Ch Westwood ChC
				W 31	Newton Emanuel* NO GAME Puritan* LM/NLM Mentor Dartmouth* Ch
				Th 1	Dartmouth* Ch
				F/Su 2-4	SECTIONAL Burlington, VT
				M 5	Newton Wellesley* ChC
				T 6	MIT Ch
				W 7	Dartmouth* Ch
				F/Su 9-11	EMBA SECTIONAL Watertown, MA

ACBL Sr= ACBL senior game 55+, CC= Club champ, Ch=Charity, ChC=Charity club champ, *=day game, EF=Educational Fund, ICC= Interclub champ, IF= International Fund, IMP=IMP pairs, JF=Junior fund, Sr game=seniors 55+, ST= Swiss team, UW=Unitwide game. Consult www.aclemba.org for locations.

WINNER'S CIRCLE



RECENT TOURNAMENT WINNERS EMBA Cape Cod Sectional October 3-4

Saturday Open Pairs

- 1 Richard Lindquist and John McCartney, Yarmouth Port
- 2 Sheila Gabay, Newton; Pat McDevitt, Brookline

Saturday 299er Pairs—Morning

- 1 Barry Herring, Wellesley; Joseph Foster, Framingham
- 2 Rita and Donald Whitney, Skillman, NJ

Saturday 299er Pairs—Afternoon

- 1 Barry Herring, Wellesley; Joseph Foster, Framingham
- 2 Mercedes Riley and Noreen Pitts, Boston

Saturday 0-50 Pairs—Afternoon

- 1 Harriet and Frederick Randall, Waban
- 2 Susan Broudy and Evie Starobin, Mashpee

Sunday Swiss Team Winners

- A Steve Groag, Ann Baum, Natalie Bassil, Ann Borgschulte
 B Bruce Emond, Arthur Krupnick, Jo Ann Kriger, Jody Foley
 C Jon Ullman, Dana Berkowitz, R Rubinstein, Jon Bittner
 299er Dennis Walsh, Avrum and Donna Goldstein, E Freihofer

EMBA Holiday Sectional December 4-6

Friday Pro-Am Pairs

- 1 Lucia Enica, Belmont; Bob Gorse, Bedford
- 2 Steven Winer, Melrose; Donald Caplin, Waltham

Saturday Stratified Pairs

- A 1 Lorraine Cable, NYC; Amnon Gabay, Newton
 A 2 Melvin Marcus, Waltham, Rena Lieberman, N. Easton
 B 1 Stan Ryckman, Somerville; David Tuttle, Reading
 B 2 (C1) Murthy Ayyagari, N. Andover; Zachary Grossack, Newton
 C 2 Elaine Driben, Andover; Dolores Garabedian, Dracut

Saturday 49er Pairs

- 1 Constance Rubin and Joyce Dorfman, Newton
- 2 Sam Shoushtarian, Natick; Reisha Kennison, Waban

Saturday afternoon 299er Pairs

- 1 Diogo Teixeira and Christine Halkiotis, Wellesley
- 2 David Maze and Emily Marcus, Somerville

Sat evening 299er Pairs

- 1 Joseph Foster, Framingham; Barry Herring, Wellesley
- 2 Constance Rubin and Joyce Dorfman, Newton

Sat afternoon Side Game

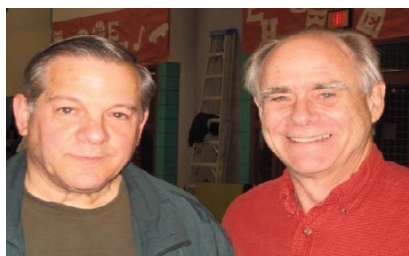
- 1 Edward and Pamela Hoffer, Marion
- 2 Mildred Ring, Woburn; Joan Savage, Wilmington

Sunday Swiss Teams

- A Neil Montague, Bob Gorse, Rick Binder, William Braucher
 B I Mark Throop, V Koon Kam King, Emily Shen, James Jones
 B II Ying Xu, Haning Zhou, Dawei Qio, Ming He
 299er Maxine Aaronson, Rachel Katz, Susan Gladstone, Harriet Randall



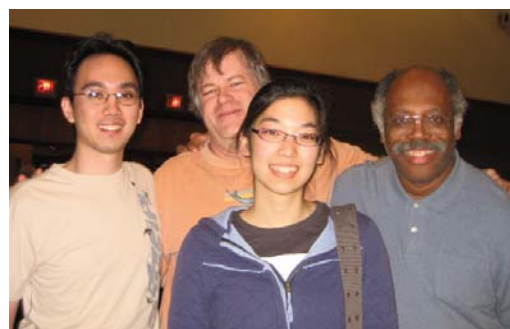
Flight A Cape Cod Sectional Open Pairs winners Richard Lindquist and John McCartney of Yarmouth Port, MA.



299er Cape Cod Pairs winners Barry Herring and Joseph Foster. Herring and Foster won both sessions of the 299er Pairs and also won the Holiday Sectional Saturday evening 299er Pairs.



Bracket B2 Swiss winners at the Holiday Sectional: Ying Xu, Yaning Zhou, Ming He and Dawei Qi. All four players are EMBA members.



Bracket B1 Swiss winners eked out a victory on the last round. All the more to celebrate! Winning team members: Vincent Koon Kam King, Mark Throop, Emily Shen and James Jones Jr. Well done!

UNIT NEWS

INTRODUCE SOMEONE NEW TO BRIDGE—FOR FREE!



Class instructors Gloria Tsoi and Brian Duran

Discover the fun and intellectual challenge associated with the game of bridge! In this beginning course, instructors Gloria Tsoi and Brian Duran explore bridge fundamentals. Lessons are based on the Club Series by Audrey Grant. If you are an EMBA member, consider inviting newcomers, family members, children and friends to enroll in this eight-session FREE class:

Introduction to Contract Bridge held Mondays and Thursdays at MIT Building 4, Room 4-149 in Cambridge.

Class is scheduled on Mondays and Thursdays during the first weeks of 2010, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on 1/4, 1/7, 1/11, 1/14, 1/21, 1/25, 1/28, 2/1. (Continued column 3.)

UNITWIDE GAMES 2010

In 2010, EMBA will aim to offer the maximum allowable 24 dates for Unitwide games. Unitwide games were selected over Unit games because they award more masterpoints to high finishers. Although the ACBL has increased the fees it charges clubs to run a Unitwide game, the EMBA board will absorb this increase.

A list of Unitwide games for the first quarter of 2010 is below. For answers to questions, contact Polly Goedicke at lepg@verizon.net or Saul Agranoff at saulagranoff@alum.mit.edu.

Unitwide Schedule Q1 2010

- 1/13** Hamilton & Winchester
- 1/20** Bridge Spot*, Dartmouth, Newton Emanuel*, Puritan* & Westwood*
- 1/25** Andover*, Oak Street*, Bridge Spot*, Puritan*, Newton Wellesley* & Westwood*
- 1/29** Seaside*, Newton Wellesley* & Westwood*
- 2/9** Bridge Spot*, Puritan*, Westwood*
- 2/25** Andover*, Bridge Spot*, Dartmouth, Puritan*, Newton Reyim* & Westwood*
- 3/1** Bridge Spot, Aliyah Dartmouth*
- 3/9** Bridge Spot, MIT, Newton Wellesley & Westwood

The program is part of MIT's Independent Activities Period. There is no advance sign up and no enrollment limit. Although the classes are free, participants are required to bring \$10 for a book deposit to the first class. The \$10 will be returned at the end of the session. Even better, you get to keep the book!

Each session consists of a lecture, examples and supervised play. By the end of the eight-session course, you will have learned enough to play bridge socially and to begin exploring the exciting world of duplicate bridge.

If you already know how to play bridge and you're looking for a friendly but challenging game, there's a weekly game at MIT on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Building 4, Room 4-149). For more information, go to <http://web.mit.edu/mitdlbc/www/index/html#IAPBridge>. ♣

IN MEMORIAM



Robert LeBlanc	Fairhaven
Lillian Maloney	Needham
Janet Ostanek	Edgartown
Leigh Robinson	Sharon
Nancy Gilmore	Cohasset
Peter Karp	Needham
Mary Cocuzzo	Buzzards Bay



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ACBL Spring NABC

March 11-21 2010
Reno, NV
www.acbl.org/nabc

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY SECTIONAL'S EARLY START

EMBA's Winter Sectional, scheduled for February 19-21 in 2010, will feature a major schedule change. In place of the two session pairs game typically held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, EMBA is experimenting with an early Saturday start time. That means the free lecture by Lew Gamerman will begin at 9 a.m. Play begins at 10 a.m., whether you are entering the two-session pairs game, the one session zero to 50 point game or a single session 99er game. You can order lunch if you plan to play all day. Two-session events reconvene at 2:30 p.m.

If you have strong feelings about the schedule of EMBA tournaments, look for a response card in the playing area and be sure to register your comments, which will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee when they convene in March. See you in February...if not before!