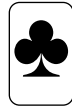




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NEWS TO NOTE

Club Appreciation Month

In October, EMBA clubs will host dozens of Club Appreciation games paying extra masterpoints. Check the Special Club Games calendar on page 7 for more information.

NAP District Finals Oct 20-21

If you qualified in a local club game, you're eligible to play in the NAP district finals on October 20-21 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA. Two qualifying sessions on Saturday will be followed by two final sessions on Sunday.

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EMBA PLAYERS WIN BIG AT THE 2007 SUMMER NABC IN NASHVILLE

Winners of the Wagar Teams event: Daniela von Arnim, Mildred Breed, Sabine Auken, Tobi Sokolow, team captain Phyllis Fireman and Janice Seamon-Molson. Winners of the Truscott USPC Senior Swiss Teams: Geof Brod, John Stiefel, Pat McDevitt and Rich DeMartino.

SWISS TEAMS RETURN TO CLASSIC FORMAT Mark your calendars for upcoming EMBA events

Fall on the Cape—and a festive holiday tournament in December! EMBA members can look forward to two sectional tournaments in the coming months—and a return to the classic Swiss format based on three masterpoint stratifications. "The multi-bracket, round-robin format we experimented with over the past year presented organizational challenges," says Derrick Niederman, EMBA tournament chairman. "There were also some questions about whether it was an ACBL-approved format." Attendance has sagged somewhat at recent Swiss events, and the EMBA board is optimistic that a return to the classic Swiss format will bring players back to the Swiss team events.

Three stratifications for eight-round competition

Swiss events at both the Fall Cape tournament, scheduled for October 6-7, and the Holiday tournament, December 7-9, will be based on three standard stratifications: A = 2000+ masterpoints, B= 750-2000 masterpoints and C = <750 masterpoints. Players can choose to play up one or more levels but not below their current masterpoint level. Players are encouraged to check partnershipdesk.com to find teammates. An onsite partnership desk is available for last-minute pairings. ♣

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CANDIDATES

Nine candidates vie for seven EMBA Board positions

Although their names appear on the official ballot on page 9, officers for the 2008 EMBA Board will run unopposed. Mark Aquino, Chris Apitz, Derrick Niederman and Carolyn Weiser are running as incumbents, each having served one or more years in their current positions. Seven of the board's director slots are due to be filled—either by an incumbent or a new candidate—in the forthcoming election. The nine EMBA members running for these seven positions are profiled below.



Lorraine Cable

You can't miss Lorraine. She's the long-haired red head with an irrepressible smile.

Lorraine was introduced to the game of bridge as a child. Her father was an avid player—and she was a caddy. Now she's an environmental engineer, hoping to win a board seat for the first time. "I would like to keep the game of duplicate bridge thriving by attracting newcomers and making it enjoyable for players of all skill levels."



Peter Lombardo

Whenever they needed a fourth in the company lunchroom game, Peter was there.

He started playing duplicate years ago in the 128 Industrial League. Today, Peter directs the Stoneham Bridge Club and is the supply coordinator for EMBA sectionals. He and wife Grace have volunteered as hosts for several tournaments. "I believe that my bridge experience and management skills are the most important qualities I bring to my position as an EMBA board representative, and I look forward to putting them to work for another term."



Bill Mernin

If you want something done, ask Bill. A retired sales rep, Bill has played duplicate since 1980. He is a

Bronze Life Master closing in on 1,000 points. Although he continues to work part time, Bill is no stranger to EMBA work. He has helped behind the scenes at many tournaments. "I do the running around. I don't like to waste time. I'm a good worker." If elected to the board, Bill says he would champion the 10/3 playing times for senior events.



Brenda Montague

When Brenda is not cruising through exotic ports around the

world—teaching, directing and recruiting new players—she is teaching, directing or playing in Massachusetts. Brenda has been a speaker at EMBA events, served on the EMBA board and is the EMBA representative to District 25's nominating committee. She has also served on the ACBL's Goodwill committee and is serving her third term on the ACBL Board of Governors. Brenda has chaired regionals, sectionals and served on committees for national tournaments—including the forthcoming 2008 tournament. "I enjoy mentoring new players. It would give me great pleasure to continue to represent you on the EMBA board."



Barbara Murphy

Although Barbara grew up watching her parents play bridge, it was only seven years ago that she started

playing bridge socially. She played her first duplicate game just 18 months ago, as a favor to a friend who needed a partner. 24 hours later she joined the ACBL and set her sights on becoming a life master within three years. (She's over two-thirds of the way there.) A retired civil engineer with her children away at school, Barbara says that bridge has filled a void in her life. "I am running for the board because I want to help other people enjoy bridge as much as I do. As a new player, I have ideas that I think could bring other new players into the game—and keep them in the game."



Judi Rich

Bridge is more than just a game for Judi. In fact, it changed her life. She took it up eleven years ago

after a friend suggested that bridge would be a good hobby for her. A year later Judi retired on a disability. "If not for bridge, I might not have gotten out of the house. I truly owe a great deal to bridge." Judi has been playing duplicate bridge regularly ever since. She's running for the EMBA board for the first time because she wants to join forces with other board members who are working to introduce younger people to the game.



Millie Ring

She may have the voice of Mae West, but it's the voice of experience that sets Millie Ring apart in the bridge

world. Millie has been teaching beginning bridge lessons ever since she retired in the 1980s from her position as fiscal manager of a Lynn social services agency. As an EMBA director for many years, Millie's goal has been—and continues to be—focused on helping new players make the transition to duplicate bridge. "My priority is to reach out to newcomers and to help them enjoy playing duplicate bridge." Millie asks for your vote to help her continue to foster her goals.



Ron Winer

Playing whist on the train was Ron's favorite past time as a college student commuting to Northeastern

more than 40 years ago. From there, it was a short trip to the Swampscott bridge game run by Elsie Mentuck. Now retired from the construction business, Ron is eager to give his time to help foster the game he learned to love so many years ago. "I'd like to contribute my experience and work for the betterment of the game. Thanks to everyone who votes for me."



Marlene Yesley

After a long and successful teaching career in the Massachusetts public schools, Marlene has put

her educational skills to work for bridge. For the past six years as an EMBA director, Marlene has been the Educational Liaison, organizing the Teacher Accreditation Programs for players who wish to become bridge teachers, helping match students with teachers and maintaining the *EMBA Teacher Directory* for the EMBA website. She and husband Mark will chair the I/N committee for the 2008 Boston NABC. "I believe that it's important to have a strong educational voice on the board, and I hope to be re-elected to continue my work in that role."

♣ Club News

Puritan Club closes Friday game

Effective September 1st, the Puritan Club in Braintree, MA has closed its Friday morning game. Games continue at other regularly scheduled times: Monday-Thursday and on Saturday.

Arlington Bridge Club closes

The Arlington Bridge Club, which met on Friday evening at the Pleasant Street Congregational Church in Arlington, MA, has suspended operations. The game is currently inactive.

New location for Owl's Nest Bridge Club

Effective September 13, the Owl's Nest Bridge Club has relocated to the Church Hill United Methodist Church in Norwell, MA. Game time is 12:15 on Thursday and lunch is served.

Temple Emanuel Bridge Club moving Thursday game to Temple Reyim in West Newton

After a break for the Jewish holidays, the Temple Emanuel Bridge Club Thursday evening game will resume on October 11 at a new location: Temple Reyim on Washington Street in West Newton. The 7:15 game is open to all

Club news to report?

Contact Carolyn Weiser at CIWEISER@aol.com. Deadline for the January 2008 issue of *Quick Trick* is November 30, 2007.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED EMBA BYLAW CHANGES

by Saul Agranoff, Co-chairman, EMBA Bylaws committee

The EMBA board has approved a set of relatively minor bylaw changes to present for consideration by EMBA members at the annual meeting, December 8, 2007, between sessions at the Watertown Holiday Sectional. A summary of the changes is presented below. A complete copy of the current and proposed bylaw changes is posted at www.acblemba.com. A printed copy can be requested by calling Carolyn Weiser at 781-935-1831.

- 1) Include electronic distribution as an option to notify membership of various phases of director and officer elections. Currently, EMBA is required to notify members via U.S. mail.
- 2) Grant voting rights at board meetings to EMBA vice president, secretary and treasurer, who currently cannot vote. Allow president to vote in order to break a tie.
- 3) Reduce required number of candidates for EMBA board of directors from 14 to nine candidates to fill the seven open positions each year.
- 4) Eliminate vague language and clarify that a special election is required to fill a vacated board position.
- 5) Add Finance committee and Audit committee to the list of required committees.

Miscellaneous changes:

- Add clause stating that a copy of bylaws must be made available to any EMBA member upon request.
- Eliminate, as unnecessary, a statement that guests may attend board meetings with the approval of the president or a majority of the board.
- Redefine "quorum" for board meetings, from at least 11 directors to "a majority of directors plus two."
- Change wording that defines the minimum number of directors to submit an amendment to the bylaws—from "at least twelve" to "a majority."

In addition to these changes, "Objectives of the Unit," which was part of Article III, will move to Article I, and some of the wording will change to bring descriptions in line with ACBL guidelines. Various other legalese was added or modified to other sections to bring text in line with ACBL guidelines, but with no substantive impact on the bylaws.



Although changes to EMBA's bylaws are few and minor, they are the result of a considerable amount of time and effort by the Bylaws committee, which includes Saul Agranoff (pictured above), Ann Baum and Don Levy.

"Two changes received the most consideration," says Agranoff: 1) A proposal to alter the means of required notification of members about elections and bylaw changes could result in a significant cost savings for EMBA without compromising effective communications. *Quick Trick* is currently the unit's primary information source—and its biggest budget item. If members have the opportunity to receive it electronically, printing and mailing costs should go down. Yet, members who do not have electronic access would still have the option of receiving a printed copy of *Quick Trick*—or picking one up at a local club. "This is the trend throughout the country," says EMBA president Mark Aquino. "This change would bring us in line with other units."

2) The second key proposal involves extending voting rights to board officers. Says Agranoff, "EMBA officers invest a lot of time and effort into the most important issues facing our unit and our game. We believe that EMBA members should have the benefit of their informed votes."



In July, at the Summer NABC in Nashville, the team captained by EMBA's Phyllis Fireman of Chestnut Hill, MA, won the Wagar Womens Knockout Team championship—one of the most prestigious women's events in the country. Phyllis's partner in the Wagar was two-time world champion Mildred Breed of Texas. On the diagrammed deal from the first final session, the pair demonstrated how the proper application of a key principle of successful bidding resulted in a huge IMP gain for their team.

The bidding started the same way in both the open and closed rooms. (In the open room, there are no restrictions on kibitzers. In the closed room, kibitzers are permitted at the discretion of the tournament director and must remain in the room until play ends.)

The South player in the closed room signed off in 3NT after hearing 3 clubs from her partner, who then placed the contract in 6 clubs. However, in the open room Phyllis declined to bid 3 NT at her third turn. Not only did she reason that her Jxx of spades might not be enough to stop the suit if partner's major was hearts, she also saw an opportunity to describe her hand more precisely. Let's take a look at what she knew so far: The Stayman response to her 1NT, followed by 3 clubs, suggested a four-card major and long clubs in Mildred's hand. So, by bidding 3 diamonds over 3 clubs, Phyllis helped complete the description of both the shape and values of her 1 NT bid. More important, her 3 diamond bid left room for Mildred to describe her hand with the subsequent 3 heart bid, which suggested shortness in spades and confirmed that Phyllis's

Vul: E-W
Dealer: South

NORTH

♠ A
♥ K432
♦ A9
♣ KQJ985

WEST

♠ 1087642
♥ J5
♦ 852
♣ 102

EAST

♠ KQ9
♥ 109876
♦ Q104
♣ 64

SOUTH

♠ J53
♥ AQ
♦ KJ763
♣ A73

Open Room

SOUTH Fireman	WEST Stansby	NORTH Breed	EAST Rosenberg
1NT	Pass	2C	Pass
2D	Pass	3C	Pass
3D	Pass	3H	Pass
3S	Pass	4NT	Pass
5H	Pass	7C	All Pass

Jxx of spades was unlikely to provide enough of a stopper at 3 NT. In fact, when Phyllis bid 3 spades over 3 hearts, Mildred—looking at the spade ace—knew it wasn't a cue bid. Phyllis would have bid 3NT with strong spades. Instead, it was a very informative temporizing bid, denying a solid spade stopper. Note that Phyllis went out of her way NOT to show spade values, which, on this hand, would have been totally wasted.

By describing her hand perfectly, Phyllis allowed her partner to judge the best contract. And that's precisely what she did: Breed bid the grand slam. Seven clubs was cold, and the Fireman team picked up an important 11-IMP swing en route to their victory. The team's final margin was 20 IMPS. The Wagar title is Fireman's first national championship.

Today's Pointer: In a constructive auction, take time to describe your hand. When one hand is clearly defined, it is up to the other player to place the final contract.



CALENDAR

EMBA TOURNAMENTS...AND MORE

Visit www.acblemba.org for more calendar information

Cape Cod Columbus Day Sectional

October 6-7, 2007

Forestdale School
Sandwich, MA

Enter at the intersection of Rt. 130 & Quaker Meeting House Road

Directions: From Rt. 6 West, take exit 3, turn left on Quaker Meeting House, go 5 miles. Entrance straight ahead at second light. From Rt.6 East, take Exit 2, go right on Rt. 130. Turn right onto entrance drive at second light and stay straight ahead to school.

**Saturday, October 6
9:45 AM**

Build Better Bridge Skills Lecture

HAND EVALUATION:

Beyond Point Count

by Steve Rzewski

Free and open to all

10:30 AM & 3:30 PM

Two-session stratified pairs
(Single session entries accepted)
A=Open, B 750-2000, C <750
Two single-session 299er pairs**
Order sandwich or BYO lunch

Sunday, October 7

10:30 AM & TBA

Swiss Teams

A=Open, B 750-2000, C <750

Mid-Chart allowed in Flight A only
Single-Session 299er Swiss Teams**
(five matches)

Hosts: Your Cape Cod friends

For area information, call:

Sam Starr 800-341-6616 (work)
508-477-4302 (home)

**Partnership assistance on site or at
www.partnershipdesk.com**

Holiday Sectional

December 7-9, 2007

Armenian Cultural and Educational Center
47 Nichols Avenue
Watertown, MA

Friday, December 7

7:30 PM

Stratified A/C-B/C Pro-Am pairs

Pros: A=2000+ and B=<2000

Ams: NLMs <500

Flight determined by pro's points

A special annual event that matches non-life masters with up to 500 points with life master partners. For more information and help in locating a partner for this enjoyable and festive evening, call Derrick Niederman at 781 449 1044.

Saturday, December 8

12:15

Build Better Bridge Skills Lecture

KEY CARD CONVENTIONS

for successful slam bidding

by Luke Gillespie

Sponsored by the Intermediate/Novice Committee—Free and open to all

1:00 & 7:00 PM

Two-session stratified pairs

A=Open, B 750-2000, C <750

Two single-session 299er pairs**

(Single session entries accepted)

Sunday, December 9

10:30

Strata-flighted Swiss teams

A=Open, B 750-2000, C <750

Hosts: Jeanne and Bill Schaffer

617-698-0389

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www.partnershipdesk.com**

New England Master's Regional

November 7-11, 2007

Holiday Inn
Mansfield, MA

Centrally located less than 45 minutes from Providence, Boston, and Worcester. From 95 N or S, exit 7A; take right at second light on Forbes Blvd. From 495 N or S, exit 12; take left at fifth light on Forbes Blvd.

Make hotel reservations before Oct 17 to secure special \$70 bridge rate--508-339-2200 or 1-800-HOLIDAY

299er events every day

Stratified pairs and Swiss teams

Bracketed knock-outs

Wednesday through Saturday. Check schedule at www.nebridge.org for details.

DISCOVER WHAT'S NEW!

Compact knock-outs

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Bracketed Swiss Teams

Sunday at 10 a.m..

Special times for senior events

at 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Stratifications

A= open, B 750-2500, C <750

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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OR www.partnershipdesk.com

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WINNER'S CIRCLE



Gabay is top EMBA point winner at Summer NABC

A long list of EMBA players scored victories or placed high in event rankings at the North

American Bridge Championships held in Nashville in July 2007. Sheila Gabay, Newton, MA was the top EMBA masterpoint winner, bringing home 155 points for the tournament. In addition to a knockout victory, Gabay finished second in the Board-a-Match Teams, playing with John Stiefel, Stephen Goldstein and Leslie Paryzer, and eighth overall in the National Open Swiss, playing with Rick Binder, Mark Aquino, Dan Colatosti and John Malley. EMBA's Jason Rosenfeld, Stoneham, MA, was on the team that placed second in the event.

EMBA teams finish strong in Flight B & C GNT

In the Flight B Grand National Team finals, EMBA's Bob McCaw, Lew Gamerman, Florin Constantin and Greg Ingolia finished second. In the Flight C final, Michael Lieberman, Alya Asarina, Vincent Koon Kam King and Michael Ring tied for third/fourth. In the MiniSpingold, Bud Biswas and Nathan Glaser were on the team that finished second. Saul Agronoff, Stuart Whittle, Stephanie Hamilton-Diesel and Ann Borgschulte tied for 5/8. Matt Dyer and Doug Anderson finished second in the 0-1500 Life Master Pairs.

IN MEMORIAM



Roger Longley	Falmouth, MA
Cecilia C. Sullivan	Foxboro, MA
Phyllis I. Tye	Framingham, MA



RECENT TOURNAMENT WINNERS

EMBA MEMORIAL DAY SECTIONAL May 25-27

Friday Open Pairs

- 1 Jack Vecchione, Boston-Jeffery Scott, Bedford MA
- 2 Paul Wolf, Shrewsbury-Kim Gilman, Carlisle MA

Friday 199er Pairs

- 1 Terry Kay Bargar-Richard Bargar Andover MA
- 2 Selma Baker-Lawrence Baker Peabody MA

Saturday Open Pairs

- 1 D Niederman-Peggy Malaspina Needham MA
- 2 Sheila Gabay, Newton-Victor King Hartford CT

Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs

- 1 S Abelow, Newton-R Catarius Roslindale MA
- 2 H Mutch, Georgetown-C Butland, Amesbury MA

Saturday Evening 199er Pairs

- 1 Eva Jonas, Cambridge-Pris Loring, Andover MA
- 2 Jack Chu-Emily Shen Cambridge MA

Bracketed Swiss Team Winners

- | | |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A | John McLaughlin, Lloyd Arvedon, Mary Green, Roy Green, Stephen Gladyszak, Yiji Starr |
| I | D Rock, S Smith, K Ciesluk, B Downing |
| II | P Wolf, K Gilman, R Hillyard, B Edmond |
| III | E Driven, A Bedrosian, D Garabedian, EYoung |
| 199er | B Eisen, D Sullivan, Yeon Joo Kim, Lee Wonhyung |

EMBA SUMMER SECTIONAL August 10-12

Friday Open Pairs

- 1 J De Gaetano, Atkinson, NH-Amnon Gabay, Newton MA
- 2 L Kamenova, Stony Brook NY-Bill Hunter, Reading MA

Friday 199er Pairs

- 1 M Elizabeth Corwin-Frederic Corwin, Belmont MA
- 2 R Catarius, Roslindale-S Abelow Newton MA

Saturday Flighted Pairs

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------------------|
| A | Alan Applebaum, Brookline-J Streisand, Sudbury MA |
| B | Murat Azizoglu, Concord-Jan Popiel, Lexington MA |
| C | Larry Hanerfeld, Leominster-Dan Kelmar, Acton MA |

Saturday 199er Pairs

- 1 Claire Casamento, Stoneham-J Ciarfella, Woburn MA
- 2 Tomas Girnius, Quincy-Adi Chehna, Chelmsford MA

Sunday Swiss Teams

- | | |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------|
| A | H Sharaf, K O'Donnell, H Piltch, D Metcalf |
| B | D Cassidy, A McIntosh, B'Yap, N Perkins |
| 199er | S Abelow, R Catarius, D Sullivan, Aline Sullivan |

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**Election Ballot 2007**

OFFICERS FOR 2008

- Mark Aquino*, President
 - Derrick Niederman,* Vice President
 - Carolyn Weiser*, Secretary
 - Chris Apitz*, Treasurer
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DIRECTORS TO SERVE FOR YEARS 2008—2010

Vote for up to SEVEN (7) directors.

- | | |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lorraine Cable | <input type="checkbox"/> Peter Lombardo* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Mernin | <input type="checkbox"/> Brenda Montague* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Murphy | <input type="checkbox"/> Judi Rich |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Millie Ring* | <input type="checkbox"/> Ron Winer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marlene Yesley* | |

*Incumbent candidate.

MAIL BALLOT BY 10/31/07. SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE.

INSTRUCTIONS—PLEASE FOLLOW CAREFULLY

1. Detach ballot page from bulletin.
2. Do not write your name on the Election Ballot 2007.
3. Vote for up to seven directors. (If you vote for more than seven, your ballot will be invalidated.) To vote, place an “x” or checkmark in the box preceding the candidate’s name.
4. Print your ACBL player number in the space indicated below. Ballots without an ACBL player number will be invalidated. All numbers are checked against the current member list when received. Numbers are then blacked out to ensure the *confidentiality of each vote*.
5. Put a stamp in the place provided. Fold the ballot on the lines below so that the ballot is concealed. Staple or tape together the loose ends of the folded page.
6. One ballot—one stamp. Mass or joint mailings are not accepted. For more information, see pages two and three of this issue of *Quick Trick*.

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**Ms. Carolyn Weiser
404 Russell Street
Woburn, MA 01801-5839**

NEW ♠♦♣♥ TO THE GAME

Building your bridge skills?

Take advantage of EMBA's educational resources

No matter your experience or skill level—if your goal is to build your bridge skills, you will find a variety of resources within EMBA. For starters, there are approximately 50 active teachers listed in *The Eastern Massachusetts Bridge Association Teacher Directory*. Each listing indicates the type of lesson offered, contact information and details about the instructor's experience and specialties. You will find listings for beginner, intermediate and advanced lessons; for individual and small group lessons; for home, private club and public community or senior center settings. Many EMBA teachers also provide instruction as part of area adult education programs. The list of EMBA bridge teachers includes professionals who can help you take your game to the next level, as well as teachers who emphasize a more relaxed, social approach to the game. All teachers are EMBA members who have been accredited through the ACBL's Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP).

A range of specialties

Some bridge teachers specialize in a certain aspect of the game—play of the hand, for example, or defense. And some favor a particular age group, such as teenagers or children with their parents or siblings. So if you want to make bridge a family activity, there are teachers who can help.

Finding a fit

How can you find a teacher who is a good match with your needs? 1) Check the Teacher Directory. It's available online at www.acblemba.org. Printed copies are usually available at the newcomer desk at local tournaments. 2) Call Marlene Yesley, EMBA liaison, at 617-527-5735. Without showing partiality to individual teachers, Marlene seeks to provide guidance based on a player's interests and needs. "For a beginning player without a partner or a group for a private class, I often recommend a community education program or the beginner class at one of the larger EMBA bridge clubs. It's an easy way to meet other players at the same level—and an inexpensive way to try the game."

Clubs offering regular lessons include:

- The Bridge Spot in Woburn. Owner Dean Panagopoulos offers daytime and evening bridge classes as well as Saturday seminars featuring different EMBA teachers on topics of special interest.

- Temple Emanuel and Temple Reyim in Newton and Temple Aliyah in Needham. David Metcalf, who directs newcomer games at all three locations, offers morning and evening group lessons.
- Harriett Leavitt's in Marblehead. Harriett teaches classes and runs supervised instructional games.
- The Puritan Club of Braintree features a weekly novice game that includes a brief, free lesson.
- The MIT Bridge Club in Cambridge offers an 8-lesson series each January.

If you are a more advanced player or if you have a partner or a group interested in lessons, Yesley has other suggestions. "I recommend speaking with more than one teacher before making a choice. Geography is always a factor, but chemistry is also important."

Other resources

In addition to formal group lessons and private instruction, EMBA's Intermediate/Newcomer Committee (I/N) sponsors free lectures at sectional tournaments. Lectures are presented by experienced players and focus on a specific topic of bidding, play, ethics or other issues. (The next featured speakers are in the Tournament Calendar on page 6.) Presentations of previous speakers are archived on the EMBA website at www.acblemba.org.

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CAPE COD SECTIONAL

October 6-7 2007
Forestdale School
Sandwich, MA

FALL NABC

November 22- Dec 2 2007
San Francisco, CA
www.acbl.org

HOLIDAY SECTIONAL

December 7-9 2007
Armenian Cultural Center
Watertown, MA

Partnerships:

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Make your EMBA vote count

Look inside...

EMBA is home to many of the nation's finest players, dozens of thriving bridge clubs, dedicated teachers and successful tournaments. Behind the scenes, the EMBA board works tirelessly to support and promote these activities. Every year, EMBA directors volunteer hundreds of unpaid hours and contribute years of accumulated bridge knowledge to make our unit, games and tournaments run smoothly. In this issue of *Quick Trick*, you'll find statements from the candidates for EMBA board seats, a ballot and a summary of proposed bylaw changes to be considered at the annual meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on December 8th—between sessions at the EMBA Holiday Sectional. Make your vote count. Be sure to mail your ballot by October 31—and be there on December 8th for this year's important annual meeting.