

Quick Trick On-Line Second Quarter* 2024

May-June-July

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EMBA Events Alert!!!! MAY SECTIONAL

EMBA Sectional..... May 18, 2024 and May 19, 2024.... Armenian Cultural Center.
For the full flyer, please go to www.bridgewebs.com/emba

Spread the fun, play free if you bring a partner to the sectional who has not played at an EMBA sectional since March of 2020.

ACBL NEWS

Qualifying for the 2025 NAP

Qualifying will begin for next the 2025 NAP soon at the club level. June begins the 3 month period of NAP Qualifying Games. Those who qualify at the club level can participate in the District Finals scheduled to be held in October and November. The 3 Flights are Open, 0-2000, and 0-500 Non-Life Master. The winners in each flight will compete at the 2025 Spring NABC in Memphis. The ACBL provides \$700 to each first and \$300 for each second place finisher. District 25 provides \$100 for each third and fourth place finisher.+ (+ as of this date)

District 25 Events

This year the Summer Regional will be in Sheraton Tara, in Nashua, NH from June 11-16. Check the flyer on the District Website.

It's GNT Time again

Do we have the winners yet??

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CLUB NEWS

Below are the clubs that currently are holding face-to-face games. The list includes all the clubs that have responded to inquiries. If any face-to-face club is not mentioned, please

contact the Carolyn Weiser, Secretary, EMBA and your club information will be updated for the next Quick Trick and on the EMBA website.

Clubs on the Current List

The Annual ACBL List of EMBA Clubs for 2024 is below. Limited and Invitational Clubs have not been listed. Please check the EMBA Website for contact information.

*Bay State Bridge Club - 17 Pleasant Street, Wellesley- David Metcalf
Bay State Bridge- Peabody- 368 Lowell Street, Peabody, Gary Peterson
Belmont Duplicate Bridge Club - Ann Marie Bruber-266 Beech Street, Belmont -
Edgartown Bridge Club Eric Stricoff - 34 Pine Tree Road, Vineyard Haven, MA, (April - July)
Family Friendly Bridge Club - St. Camillus Church, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, MA -
Robert Gaudet-
Hamilton DBC- Hamilton Senior Center, 99 Bay Rd, Hamilton, Robert Bonazoli
Marblehead DBC - 1 Community Road, Marblehead- Joe Taverna
Metrowest Bridge - 509 Great Road, Pompositticut Com. Center, Stow Gary Peterson
Monomoy Bridge Club- 310 Rte 137, Harwich, MA- Flora Hall
MIT/DL Bridge Club -77 Mass Ave, Cambridge - Shirley Dulcey
Nantucket Bridge Club- 11 Westoor Ln, Nantucket - Wayne Davies
Puritan Bridge Club - 22 Faxon Street, Braintree, Elaine Sheeran
Saltmarsh Bridge Club- 81 Washington St. Ext, Nantucket, MA John Coperhaven
The DBC of Winchester-St. Camillus Church, 1175 Concord Turnpike -Tim Wright
Upper Cape Bridge Club -421 Wianno Avenur, Osterville- B.E. Lacy
Willowbend DBC - 100 Willowbent DBC- Mashpee- Ann Broomfield*

Clubs News - Updates from the Clubs

Family Friendly Bridge Club: The Schedule for the Wednesday Day has changed. The start time is now 10 AM. You can check the schedule at www.familyfriendlybridge.com

The DBC of Winchester: The Club moved last year to St. Camillus Church in Arlington (1185 Concord Turnpike, same location as Family Friendly Club), and the game time is now 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Partners are guaranteed. Special games this quarter include a Grass Roots Fund game on May 3rd, Welcome Back Pairs games on May 10th, and May 31st, a Club Championship Pairs game on May 17th, and NAP qualifying games on June 7th and 14th.

Classes

Elizabeth Gompels (elibridge101@outlook.com) has continuing lessons at the Family Friendly Bridge Club. Newcomer lessons are on Tuesday Mornings at 9:30.

Bernice King is giving lessons at the Council on Aging in Waltham on Tuesdays.

Stan Pilch is doing a class in Braintree -- details are at <https://www.bridgewebs.com/puritan/>

Teacher or clubs offering lessons, please let us know, and they will be put in the next Quick Trick..

ACBL, District, and Unit Events: Second Quarter+ - 2024
(Tentative events in *Italics*)

May		11-16	Regional- Nashua, NH
4-5	NHBA State Championship	19	Juneteenth
11	Mother's Day	24-30	D-25 Summer F-F STaC D-25
11	I/N Sectional- Newtown, CT		
18-19	EMBA Sectional - Watertown, MA	July	NAP Qualifying
18-19	MBA Sectional -Rockland, ME	4	Independence Day
21-26	D-25 Royal STaC- F-F clubs	13-14	Cape Sectional- Mashpee, MA
27	Memorial Day	13-14	MBA Sectional - Hallowell, ME
31-2	VBA Sectional - Williston, VT	13-14	VBA Sectional - Quechee, VT
		18-28	NABC Toronto
June	NAP Qualifying		
1-2	RIBA Sectional - Johnston, RI	August	
1-2	CBA I/N Sectional- W. Hartford, CT	3-4	EMBA -Sectional -Watertown, MA

ELECTION NEWS

The bet you've had a great idea for a sectional or a way to attract new players or make teaching more fun, or just ways to spread the joy of playing bridge. This is your chance to shine and make a difference.

The EMBA election will be held in October. If anyone is interested in running for a position on the Board, they can speak Adi Chehna, who is the chair of the 2024 election committee, or to any Board member.

Members of the Board

President - Paul Harris, D-25 Executive Committee Rep, Board of Delegates Rep
 Vice President - Lynn Duncan, Chair- Tournament Committee, Board of Delegates Rep
 Treasurer - Linda Robinson, Board of Delegates Rep
 Secretary - Carolyn Weiser, ACBL contact, Clubs,
 David Aronson - Chair Audit Committee, Board of Delegates Rep
 Curtis Barton -
 Natalie Basil - Intermediate/Novice Chair
 Carolyn Bitetti- Publicity Chair, Communication, Board of Delegates Rep
 Adi Chehna - Nomination/Election Chair, Board of Delegates Rep
 Peter Clay - Chair Finance Committee/ Board of Delegates Rep
 Catherine Cooper - Tournament Coordinator (sanctioning), Board of Delegates Rep
 Abhujit Dutta- Membership Committee Chair, Board of Delegates Rep
 Selen Hotamisliligil -Educational Liaison/Teachers, Board of Delegates Rep
 Hardin Matthews - Board of Delegates Rep
 Jo Megna-Wallace- Board of Delegates Rep
 Brenda Montague - District Executive Com. Rep/ District Nomination/Election Com. Rep/BoD
 Neil Montague - Conduct & Ethics Chair, Board of Delegates Rep
 Stanley Nissen- Board of Delegates Rep

Muggsie Rocco-
Janice Smola - Partnership, Board of Delegates Representative
Rita Vachani- Board of Delegates Representative
Gary Peterson - Webmaster

Just For Fun
25 Ways to Make Your Bridge Life Easier

1. Law 1 required 52 different, but specific, cards. Players may never keep a result achieved when one of them has cards from another board.
2. No, you may not change seats without the director's permission.
3. North may think he is in charge of the table, but it is a cooperative effort among players at the table.
4. The director alone has the right to determine rectification, or to assess the penalty provisions of the law.
5. When you hesitate, you do not bar your partner, even when the opponents tell you that you have. Always call the director.
6. When given a set of options after an irregularity or an infraction, a player may not consult his/her partner.
7. When you hesitate, you do NOT bar your partner, even when the opponents tell you that you have. Always consult the director.
8. Don't let the opponents rule at your table, call the director.
9. You may ask questions at your turn, but some questions are better than others.
10. You may never ask a question for your partner's benefit.
11. If you make an assumption, there is no rectification due based on your own misunderstanding.
12. Law 25A deals with mechanical errors, NOT methodological errors.
13. An insufficient bid may always be accepted.
14. A double is not a bid, it is a call.
15. A call out of rotation may be accepted unless it is an illegal call.
16. Face down opening leads may only be withdrawn with the permission of the director, and then only for cause.
17. Questions should be withheld until the face down opening lead is made.
18. It is always best to follow suit when you can.
19. A declarer's played card may not be changed simply because the declarer pulled the wrong card out of her (his) hand.
20. Don't detach a card unless that is the card you intend to play, and then only at your turn.
21. The right to correct your partner's incorrectly pointed trick expires when the lead is made to the next trick.
22. Expressive players can get in trouble (unauthorized information)
23. Know how many tricks were won *before* replacing the cards to the board.
24. Know the ACBL alert procedures.
25. Remember, it's only a game!

For additional Information, please refer to the Eastern Massachusetts Bridge Association website:
<https://www.bridgewebs.com/emba>

For information regarding Regional events or Sectionals in other units, please check the district website or the individual Unit websites:

www.nebridge.org

*Special Thanks to Carolyn Betitti who has volunteered to take over the emailing of the EMBA Quick Trick. We lost a month, but it is back up and running.

Between issues, all the latest information on all things EMBA can be found on the EMBA website at <https://www.bridgewebs.com/emba>. Please check it out!