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Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300)	1:00 pm
Pro-Am Swiss Teams (Random Draw Pairing)	7:00 pm

Saturday, Feb 3

Stratified Open Pairs; Stratified Newcomer Pairs	10:00 am and 3:00 pm
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Sunday, Feb 4

Swiss Teams (1- Session Bracketed)	1:00 pm
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President's Message

Happy 2007

My term of President is almost completed. It was fun, but now to turn to other interests. Thanks for all the help I've had from volunteers for special events and of course thank you board members.

The high light of the last 2 years has to be the support we gave to our only youth. The board in its wisdom donated \$1000 to help off set expenses for the Dubai family. I heard comments about setting a precedent - should we be so lucky. Good work Andrew.

Remember the date for the Regional April 30 - May 6.

Wanted:

Do you know of someone who might be a Mr. and/or Mrs. Bridge or a Marvin Friedman candidate? Names needed by the end of May. Contact any Board Member.

Annual Book Sale Coming Up

We will be having our book - no bake- audio sale, at the Sectional, April 20, 21 and 22. Please drop off donations at the Studio after April 15. Contact: Diane Burger, Chair

Marian Clowe

This 'n That from your District Director

By the time you read this article, our Winter Regional at the Hilton Rye Town will have come and gone and we can only hope that there was not much snow and the tournament will have been well attended. I would hope that I would have seen many of you there earning your first Gold points of the year.

In March, we have our District GNT Finals. Save the date of Saturday, March 24th, come and play at the Memorial United Methodist Church in White Plains. Brunch and 2 session Swiss Teams for Flights B&C. KO format for Flight A and the SuperFlight. Remember, there is a new important condition this year... You must be a resident of District 3 in order to play in the event unless you have already been granted an exception by me and the District Director where you are actually living. But for about 99% of you reading this article, you are eligible to play. It's a fun day. Check our district 3 web site: www.bridge-district3.org for all the details.

And now it's time to talk about your Saratoga Springs Regional this year. I hope you all know that the dates have been changed to April 30 - May 6th. This was not our choice. The hotel many years ago told me about a conflict they had for this year. So the bad news is that some snow birds may not be back yet (although it's after Easter and the Jewish Holidays so they should come home) ...but the good news is that Sunday is not Father's Day so we will have a much bigger crowd.

District 3 has made a very positive change in the bridge schedule for Saratoga. There is a Senior Swiss on Tuesday, a brand new event for this tournament. Of course, there will also be Open Pairs that day so you have your choice of a Swiss Team or a Pair Event. Then for the rest of the week there will be no senior events...I'm sure you're saying, why would we do this? Well, here's why... The two pair events each day, Open and Seniors were each about 15 tablesone section. Now with only Open Pairs it will be a big two or three section event... more masterpoints for those of you who played in the Senior events before and more fun to play in a bigger field. Most of us are seniors anyway so we don't need a special senior event. And the last change we made is that on Sunday there will be a Bracketed Swiss Teams. The field is grouped into brackets (just like a bracketed KO) - only it is a Swiss event run like a round robin and each group has overall winners so there are many more masterpoints for everyone. Be sure to play in the masterpoint bonanza. We are hoping that with our new schedule and Sunday not being Father's Day that we will exceed last year's great turnout. Make sure you tell

everyone all about the new dates and the great new schedule. Our goal is 1,300 tables!

Hope to see many of you during the winter but if not - I'll see you all in Saratoga on April 30th.

Joan Gerard, District Director



FINESSE OR DROP

With a 10-card trump fit missing the K, should you finesse or play for the drop? The answer is that finessing is virtually always the percentage play. This statement is quantified below. Hopefully the mathematics will not be a huge turnoff.

Example 1	Example 2	Example 3
AQT2	AQ32	A42
J97643	J97654	QJT9762
missing K85	missing KT8	missing K85

In Example 1, you should lead the J from your hand. Finessing will be successful when LHO holds K8, K5, or K85. In the last case, you will be able to finesse twice, and eventually capture the K. Playing for the drop will be better only when LHO holds 85. With all other trump splits, the choice between the two strategies is irrelevant. Thus, there are three holdings to one favoring the finesse. The holding K85 is slightly less likely than K8, K5, and 85, so the odds turn out to be 2.85 to 1 in favor of finessing. It is important to realize, however, that any extraneous information about an opponent's strength or distribution can change this conclusion. As an example where knowledge of an opponent's strength greatly changes the probabilities, the author recently declared a 4H contract with the trump fit of Example 1, but RHO had opened the auction with 1D. Also, declarer and dummy together had 27 high card points. It was therefore highly likely that RHO needed

the heart K for his opening bid. Unfortunately, declarer neglected to count, ran the J, and lost to the singleton K! Another important point is that the odds of 2.85 to 1 are relevant before you see LHO's card. Therefore, a crucial question is whether the odds remain the same if you see LHO play a low trump. This, after all, is the only play that requires you to make a "finesse or drop" decision. Very reasonable assumptions lead to the conclusion that there is no reason to reassess the odds. One such assumption is that LHO, seeing the dummy, will never cover your J when holding K8, K5, or K85. (The situation will be different in Example 3, discussed below.) Another assumption is that you know nothing about LHO's preferences between playing the 8 or the 5 when holding K85 or 85.

In Example 2, lead low toward dummy's Q. Your strength is less than that of Example 1, and the relevant LHO-holdings are now only KT and K8 versus T8, 2 to 1 in favor of finessing. Finessing will not prevail against the holding KT8. With this, LHO can just cover whatever card you play. If you then win in dummy, you will be unable to lead the suit again without losing a trick. Try it! Our conclusion is that finessing is exactly twice as good as playing for the drop, again assuming that no extra information is available.

In Example 3, lead the Q. The relevant LHO-holdings are the same as in Example 1, and finessing is again a 2.85 to 1 preliminary favorite. But unlike Example 1, a reassessment is needed if LHO plays a low trump. The reason is that there is now some incentive for LHO to cover your Q when holding K8 or K5, or possibly even K85. Therefore, if you see LHO follow your Q with a low trump, there is a decreased probability that LHO has the K. This, in turn, makes finessing less than a 2.85 to 1 favorite. Is it enough less to induce you to go up with dummy's A after LHO's low trump? Only if you think LHO has a 2/3 or more probability of voluntarily covering your Q.

The author, Lou Brickman thanks Ruth Anderson, Dick Clark, and Tony Prindle for helpful conversations.



Club Corner

The Studio

Monday Feb. 12 12:00 pm Inv CC
Thursday Feb. 22 12:00 pm Open CC
Sat March 10 12:30 pm Open CC
Wed April 4 12:00 pm Inv Charity CC Team Game

BRIDGE LOGIC

Sudoku puzzles have become increasingly popular lately. One must rely on logic to solve them. I confess to being fairly inept at them and furiously scribbling when I discover an error. Bridge, too, can often be reduced to logical conclusions, if you ask yourself the right questions. Consider the following hand from a recent pairs game. With neither side vulnerable you, as dealer, South, pick up the following modest collection:

♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ A 10 9 8 6
♦ A 9 3
♣ A

The auction (S is dealer):
1H- X- P- 1S- P- 2S- P- P- ?

Is there any sensible action for you to take? Try a few questions:

1. How many points does partner hold?
 - a. Probably between 5 and 9 since the opponents didn't venture beyond the 2 level. Their assets are from 19 to 23 points.
2. How many spades does partner hold?
 - a. Probably 0 or 1 based on the auction.
3. How many hearts does partner hold:
 - a. Probably 1 or 2, since with 3 or more and 6 points he would have raised.
4. What is his probable minor suit distribution?
 - a. Either 6-4, 7-3, or 5-5. But 5-5 is most likely because with 6 or more he might have entered the auction.

I'm not sure the foregoing is 100% pure logic, but this was partner's hand:

♠ A
♥ Q 3
♦ Q J 8 7 2
♣ 10 8 6 3 2

For better or for worse I, as dealer, bid 3 diamonds on my 3 card suit and played it there...pure luck or good logic?

Lead: Spade 5

After the spade ace, I tried the heart Q covered by the K and followed with heart 10 to east's jack. East then led a diamond and I played the Ace and continued with the 8 of hearts. West discarded, but played the diamond K on the next heart followed by a third diamond, east following. All told I lost 1 heart, 1 diamond, and 2 clubs for a good result. North, however, might have ventured 2 NT over 2S. This could hardly be misconstrued. But then there would be no tale to tell.

Tony Prindle

Sybil's X-mas Party Results Dec 3, 2006

Section A North/South

Section Overall

A	B	A	B	
1		1		Sandy & Bill Nelson
2		2		Bibs Pankin - Al Ross
3	1	4	1	Judy Gluck - Marilyn Soffer
4		5		Priscilla Cleary- Edna Doigan
5				Ellen Finch - Joan Harvey
	2		4	Sandra Quinn - Carolyn Combi

Section A East/West

1		3		Mary Frederick - Ross Lounsbury
2		6		Bill Dubay - Art Bernhardt
3				Carol & Steve Paskin
4				Bob Donald - Diane Burger
5				Fran Leary - Phyllis French
	1		2	John O'Brien - David Nerrow
	2		3	Renie Federighi - Harry Soffer

Section B North/South

Section Overall

A	B	A	B	
1		1		Diana & Jon Lack
2		2		Anne & Len Lapinski
3	1			John & Patricia Baugh
	2			Pat & Bill Exner

Section B East/West

1	1	3	1	Paul & Fran Cuerdon
2		4		Dorothy Shelly - A Christensen
3		5		Diane Alexander - Con Bader
	2			Diane Anderson - Jack O'Donnell

Rank Changes

Junior Master (5 MPs):

Judy Ferraro
George Leibowitz
John Loeber

Club Masters (20 MPs):

Gloriana Clark
John O'Donnell
Richard Rem

Sectional Masters (50 MPs-5silver):

Jacqueline Allgaier
John Baugh
Patricia Baugh
Joan Dobert
Therese Kelly
Carol Paskin

NABC Masters (200 MPs-5gold,15r/g,25s):

John Matuszek
Roberta Matuszek
Michael Sattinger
Ulla Sattinger
Lois Tuohy

Life Master (300 MPs-25g,25r/g,50s):

Conrad Bader
Xiaoquian Liu
Maxim Saline

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs):

Shirley Grady

Silver Life Master (1,000 MPs):

Marje Barton
Ross Lounsbury
Charles Schmidt

Diamond Life Master (5000 MPs):

Stephen Paskin
Anthony Prindle
Walter Smith

NAP RESULTS

Flight A
17 Tables

<u>MP</u>	<u>Rank</u>		<u>Score</u>
8.86	4/5	Brian Schroeder, Oakland NJ; David Standig, Selkirk NY	54.81%

Saratoga Regional

Take Notice :

**Date Change
April 30-May 6, 2007**

Thank you Note

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Holiday Party and the Regional Food Bank. We had 20 tables of bridge and a wonderful assortment of food. Thanks also go to the Eastern Parkway Association and Norma Shelly for the fabulous decorations. Everyone had a great time. We collected food which Lois Tuohy brought to the Food Bank. In addition, they received a check from Unit 115. The Holiday Party is a charity game for Unit 115's Charity. Thanks also to Judi Shulman for canceling her game that Sunday.

Fran Leary and Phyllis French



Did you know?

The Daily Gazette gives us free space for bridge results, and Clementina DiCarlo acts as our volunteer to send these results to the newspaper. Let's all support Clem and the Gazette for a job well done.

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115 (as of Jan 6, 2007)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Patricia Baugh John Baugh Gloriana Clark	Gloriana Clark Frances Cuerdon Patricia Baugh
5-20	Jennifer Armstrong Richard Rem Joseph Salamone	Joseph Salamone Jennifer Armstrong Carole Baker
20-50	Linda Millenbach Paul Cuerdon Pat Exner	Paul Cuerdon Pat Exner Linda Millenbach
50-100	Leonard Lapinski Lew Millenbach Ellen Finch	Ellen Finch Daniel Wulff Leonard Lapinski
100-200	Diane Alexander Sue Eastman Xiaoqian Liu	Diane Alexander Conrad Bader Ulla Sattinger
200-300	Judy and Richard Hill Andrea Berlent Jill Factor	Judy and Richard Hill Jill Factor Arnold Factor
300-500	Andrew Dubay Joseph Phillips Anne Lapinsiki	Judy Gluck Angela De Franco Barbara McDonald
500-1000	Robert Valenti Ross Lounsbury Charles Schmidt	Charles Schmidt Robert Valenti Dorothy Kraus
1000-2500	Lucy and Gary Spongberg Robert Neuhart Donald Cohen	Donald Cohen June Barach Mary Frederick
2500-5000	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Arthur Bernhardt	Arthur Bernhardt Anthony Prindle Stephen Paskin
5000-7500	William Dubay Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann	William Dubay Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann
7500-10000	Betty Bloom Al Ross Neil Chambers	Albert Ross Betty Bloom Neil Chambers
Over 10000	Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Steve Bloom

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Wednesday-Monday	February 14-19	Cromwell Regional
Thursday-Sunday	March 8-18	Spring NABC- St. Louis, MO
Monday-Sunday	March 26- April 1	Wilmington Regional
Wednesday-Sunday	April 25-29	Cap Cod Senior Regional
Monday-Sunday	April 30- May 6	Saratoga Regional
Wednesday-Monday	May 23-28	NY Regional

Club Events

Friday-Sunday	February 2-4	Sectional Schenectady
Friday-Sunday	April 20-22	Sectional Schenectady
Saturday	June 9	President's Cup



Deadline for submission for April Newsletter:

March 16, 2007

We appreciate your contributions

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President's Message

A few (many) years ago, Marian Clowe and I were both skiers at Hickory Hill. I frequently saw her name listed in the Gazette as a winner in bridge games at the Studio. When I enquired whether the skier and the bridge player were the same person, she responded affirmatively and, offered to be my partner if I wanted to give duplicate bridge a try. I took her up on that invitation and have been hooked ever since. Then she invited me to join her on the CDBA Board and now to succeed her as President.

I want to acknowledge her leadership as President and take my cue from her for my term as President. Those of you who have had the pleasure of playing with her will remember her hearty greeting of welcome, or if she was playing on an east/west team, "welcome to your bridge table". Pleasant greetings can set a positive tone for all interactions at the table and are a good start to making a bridge game a pleasant as well as a competitive experience. She also was the moving force behind encouraging club managers and directors in our unit to begin a policy of "zero tolerance" in all our bridge games. I hope you have noticed a considerable improvement in behavior at the table in local games. I know I have. Thank you, Marion, for your inspiration and direction. You will always be welcome at my bridge table.

I would like to build on the goal of making our games and each table at them a pleasant experience for us all. I need your help. I invite each of you to send me an e-mail (or snail mail) telling me 2 things: first, what do you or others your know do at

the bridge table to help make playing those boards a positive experience, and, second, what do you or others do that makes playing a negative experience. Behavior only; no names please! I'll let you know the results in a future column. My e-mail address is, rratte1@nycap.rr.com. Incidentally, please feel free to e-mail me about any other bridge matters of interest or concern to you.

We have the Saratoga Regional coming from April 30 to May 6. We are most fortunate to have a Regional held in Unit 115 territory and I ask each of you to support it with your attendance. It is a great opportunity to see old friends, make new ones, and, incidentally, to obtain scads of red and gold points. Our Unit 115 is a part of ACBL District 3 which runs this Regional so we help in any way we can, particularly with hospitality. To do this, we need cash, which we raise in two ways; first with a book sale during our Sectional tournament on April 20-22, and second, with the cooperation of local clubs, by collecting \$1 from each player in all club games during the week of April 2-8. Many thanks to club managers and directors for their assistance and support, and to all of you for your participation.

And, win or lose, HAVE FUN!!! If we ENJOY, we are all winners!

Ray Ratte

This 'n That from your District Director

I have just returned from the St. Louis NABC but do not have figures on the attendance because, as of this writing, there are several more days to the tournament. Guesses are that it will be slightly below expectation. Actually, the hotel was lovely although a bit pricey. The bridge playing was split between the convention area below the hotel and the convention center directly across the street. Both areas were well lit and close by. The weather behaved - it was sunny and mild; several restaurants were within walking distance and the St. Louis volunteers were wonderful as was the hospitality.

Following is news from the Board meetings of interest to all of you. The reimbursement for winners of the North American Pairs was changed to give prize money of \$700 per person per pair for the winners in each flight, and \$300 per person per pair for 2nd place in each flight and, in addition, free entries for all 3 winners in each flight. While the entry fees are an additional bonus, the total being given is less than was given previously and I voted against this. The Board of Governors has asked the Board of Directors to reconsider this so it will be brought back to the Board to discuss in Nashville this summer. The Albert H. Morehead Library Foundation was granted approval and will be formed as a 501(c)3 Foundation. The purpose of this Foundation is to acquire, preserve, and exhibit objects and materials related to bridge. Since the gift will have tax exempt status, it is felt that many players will want to contribute. There has been a change in the Blue Ribbon Pairs eligibility requirements. If you feel that you would like to play in the Blue Ribbon Pairs at the Fall NABC's or the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs

and you do not have a qualification - you may request an exemption from the requirement and the likelihood is that you would be able to play. This was mainly done for our ACBL members who live in other countries and don't always have the opportunity to be first or second in a regional event but of course, this will now also apply for our United States and Canadian ACBL members as well.

I didn't see many of you at the Hilton Rye Town Regional in January but it was a great tournament. The weather gods were with us and we had no snow. Attendance soared. We were 13% up and all had a great time. I'm hoping that our GNT District Finals on March 24th will be well attended and then we move on to the Saratoga Springs Regional on April 30th. I know you have been promoting this and making plans to play bridge. Even though it's a bit early this year, we expect that with our great new schedule we will reach our goal of 1300 tables. Great hospitality, terrific playing conditions, walk to all good restaurants. Put this tournament on your MUST GO To list. This year our summer tournament is July 9-15 back at the Parsippany Sheraton. You should plan to take some of your summer vacation time there. An outdoor swimming pool, golf courses nearby, and many fine restaurants. A great vacation and opportunity to get those much needed Gold points.

Hope to see many of you in Saratoga. Enjoy the Spring.

Joan Gerard, District Director



Nominations Open for Mr. Mrs. Bridge and the Marvin Friedman Awards

Our unit annually may award two special recognition awards. This is usually done at the June Unit 115 Awards banquet. Anyone from the unit may nominate a person for either of the awards by contacting people on the nominating committee which changes yearly. This year, Bernard Neuhart is chairing the committee with John McDonald, Marian Sheehan and Lorrie Chamberlin as members. The first of the awards is perhaps our highest unit award which is the Mr. /Mrs. Bridge Award. We award an individual from the unit who by their actions has contributed to the well being of the unit. The contribution made is not limited to just one area and may be the result of work in administrative, teaching, recruiting, and service to the unit.

Past winners have included:

2005 Bernard Neuhart	1999 Eleanor Vitelli
2004 Mary Williams	1998 Pamela Carbone
2003 Marian Sheehan	1997 Marylin Beames
2002 Lorrie Chamberlin	1996 Charlene Long
2001 John & Patsy Schulenberg	1995 Louis Golub
2000 Fran Leary	1994 Janice Farrell

Other well known players who have won the award include Bill Dubay, Gene Leary, Rita Block, Norma Shelly, Wilma Simon and Judi Shulman.

The second award is the Marvin Friedman award given to a player who best represents the ideals of good sportsmanship and fair and ethical play. Bridge ability is not a criterion for either award. The Friedman award is given in the name of Marvin Friedman, a noted player from the 1960 and 1970 era of our unit. Mr. Friedman was not only a active player but exemplified fair and ethical play as well as conduct best representing the zero tolerance program we have today. Mr. Friedman was a well known business man in Schenectady with several business interests including the Van Dyke restaurant in Schenectady, and was also active in community service and politics in the city of Schenectady. Past winners of this award have been:

2004 Phyllis Manley
2003 Ruth Anderson
1996 Bibs Pankin
1995 Steve Shaye

Other previous winners have included Carol Chandler, Steve Rzewski, Susan Cohen, Elinor Vitelli, and Marilyn Falk.

You may nominate a player for either of these awards by contacting the members of the nominating committee which are Bernard Neuhart, John McDonald, Marian Sheehan and Lorrie Chamberlin. Note that as the committee members may not know your nominee, it would be helpful to cite a few reasons why you believe the person is deserving of the award.



1. New Tabletops: The bridge tables that we use at Tournaments have been recovered. The committee responsible for this task included Fran Leary, Bernie Newhardt, Ellen Finch, Joan Harvey, and Dorothy Shelly. We hope you will enjoy them. We also would like you to be careful with pens. Pens easily leave marks.

2. Caddies: If you have a child or grandchild 14 or older, consider having them caddy at a tournament. Contact Fran Leary at Flearyny@aol.com.

3. I saw an interesting idea in a Bulletin from the Nationals. At the end of an article about bidding boxes, they suggested using the STOP card if your partner "berates" you at the table. It also could be used against opponents who do this or who continue to discuss previous hands after you arrive at the table. Remember zero tolerance.

Fran Leary

Club Corner

The Studio

Weds Apr 4, **12:00 pm** Charity Club Championship
Team Game

Mon May 14, 12:00 pm Open CC

Sat May 19, 12:30 pm

Thurs May 24, 12:00 pm

Sat May 26 & Mon May 28, **STUDIO CLOSED**

Coming Events

Sat June 9, President's Cup

Sat June 16, Award's Dinner



Sectional Results

Feb 2-4, 2007

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Betty & Steve Bloom
2			Judy & Bill Dubay
3			Tony Prindle - Al Ross
4	1	1	Sadie Schneider - Marilyn Soffer
5	2	2	Rosemary Mullaney - Sandra Quinn
	3/4		Franceline Leary - Phyllis French
	3/4		Joseph Phillips - Morris Cramer
		3	Edward Supple - Kamal Gupta

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1	1		Ellen Finch - Owen Smith
2			Barbara Mangano - Peggy Casey
3	2	1	Mary Wright - Sandra Rohner
4	3	2	Pat Exner & Bill Exner

Friday evening Pro-Am Swiss

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Ross Lounsbury - Louis Urbano Diana & Jonathan Lack
2	2		Diane Burger - Robert Donald Mary Wright - Sandra Rohner
3	3		Andrew Archibald - Don Bathrick Diane Alexander - Conrad Bader
4			Norma Shelly - Phyllis French Peggy Fitzpatrick-Barbara Mangano

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Judi Shulman - Rich Kasprowic
2	1		Bernard & Rob Neuhart
3			David Standig - Arthur Bernhardt
4	2		Mary Fredrick - Louis Brickman
5	3	1	Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline
		2	Sue Eastman - Marigay Harkins
		3	Diana Lack - Norman Stewart

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1	1	1	Ronald Timer - Gary Mancini
2	2		Ellen Finch - Gary Belcher
3	3		Frances Corbett - Jane Meharg
4	4		Judith Ludwig - Tom Ludwig

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Neil & Donna Chambers
2	1		Bernard & Robert Neuhart
3	2		Mary Fredrick - Ross Lounsbury
4			Lynn Deas - Vinita Gupta
		3	Bill Teiper - Andrew Archibald
		5	Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline
		2	Evelyn Fletcher - David Funk

Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
	X		Bracket 1
1			Roger Woodin - Tony Prindle
			Al Ross - Walt Smith
2	1		Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline
			Lucy & Gary Spongberg
3			Lynn Deas - Rich Kasprowic
			Vinita Gupta - Judith Shulman
			Bracket 2
A	B	C	
1	1		Diana Lack - Leo Lapinski
			Anne Lapinski - Sandra Graper
2			Michael Mihevc - Russell Gritsch
			John Gazak - Lukas Fekete
3	2	1	Michael & Ulla Sattinger
			Lew & Linda Millenbach
4	3		Patricia Favreau - Ellen Finch
			David Funk - Stan Felland



Rank Changes

Junior Master (5 MPs):

Stan Felland
Peter Pollak

Club Masters (20 MPs):

Niki Belleville
Gary Mancini
Mary Ann Suen

Sectional Masters (50 MPs-5silver):

Jennifer Armstrong
Gloriana Clark

Regional Masters (100 MPs -5r/g,15s):

Jane Meharg
Margaret Rehfuss
Barbara Zautner

Life Master (300 MPs-25g,25r/g,50s):

Andrea Berlent

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs):

Joan Thompson

Gold Life Master (2,500 MPs):

Nele Rzad

Volunteers Needed

Marian Sheehan has been doing a superb job as hospitality chairperson for the past several years. She manages to get someone to do each session of the Sectional games. It's not an easy job. Many times, she ends up doing it herself.

She needs new people to volunteer. The Unit supplies money to help defray the costs involved. They also receive a free entry to a Unit game.

Please let her know that you are available to help. Mention it when you see her, or phone her at 372-1010.

We're hoping to get several new volunteers. Thanks!

Personal Notes

Condolences sent to the family and friends of Beverly Balch.

Cape Cod Senior Regional & Cape Cod Sectional

April 25- 29

SEA CREST RESORT
North Falmouth, MA

ANNUAL NON-BAKE BOOK SALE!!!

April 20-22 during Sectional

Seeking gently used books and audio-visual materials. Bestsellers and bridge books appreciated. Please bring to Studio week of April 16 or call/email Diane Burger, (273-5371 or dburger2@nycap.rr.com) to arrange a time/place for donations. All proceeds will benefit hospitality at the Saratoga Regional April 30 - May 6.

Saratoga Regional

Date Change

April 30-May 6, 2007

Monday, Apr 30

Bracketed KO Tms 7pm
(cont Tues 9am, 1 & 7pm)
Charity Pairs 7pm

Fri May 4

Bracketed KO Tms1 9am
Open & 299'er Pairs 1 & 7pm
Side Game 1 & 7pm
1-Session Swiss Tms 1pm
Bracketed KO Tms2 7pm
(cont Sat 9am, 1 & 7pm)

Tues, May 1

Side games 9am, 1 & 7pm
Open & 299'er Pairs 1 & 7pm

Sat May 5

Side games 9am, 1 & 7pm
Open & 299'er Prs 1 & 7pm

Weds, May 2

Bracketed KO Tms1 9am
(cont Thur 9am)
Open & 299'er Pairs 1 & 7 pm
Bracketed KO Tms2 1pm
(cont 7pm & Thur 1 & 7pm)
Side Game 1 & 7 pm

Sunday May 6

Bracketed Swiss 10:30am
(Playthrough: 7 8-board matches)

Thurs May 3

Side Games 9am, 1 & 7 pm
Open Swiss Tms 1 & 7 pm
299'er 1 & 7 pm

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings

Unit 115 (as of Mar 7, 2007)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Stan Felland	Stan Felland
5-20	John Loeber Nancy Streeter Gary Mancini	John Loeber Nancy Streeter Peg McAteer
20-50	Richard Rem Frances Cuerdon Harry Landry	Harry Landry Gloriana Clark Frances Cuerdon
50-100	Paul Cuerdon Jacqueline Allgaier Frances Corbett	Jacqueline Allgaier Maria Joyner Frances Corbett
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2500-5000	Bob Feller Lucy & Gary Spongberg Arthur Bernhardt	Arthur Bernhardt June Barach Edna Doigan
5000-7500	Walter Smith William Dubay Harry Kaufmann	Anthony Prindle Judy Dubay Walter Smith
7500-10000	Neil Chambers Al Ross	Albert Ross
Over 10000	Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Betty & Steve Bloom

The Kokish Relay
by Bob Donald

You hold
S-J7542
H-6
D-8643
C-965

Partner opens 2C, you bid 2D, and partner rebids 3NT. What do you do now?

Partner could hold either of these hands:

A	B
S-AKQ3	S-A3
H-984	H-AK7
D-AKQ7	D-AKQ95
C-AK	C-KQJ

If you pass, you probably go down 1 with hand A, but make your contract with hand B.

If you transfer to 4S, you make 12 tricks with hand A; but you may go down with hand B.

One solution to this problem is to play the Kokish Relay.

After 2C-2D, opener bids 2H which asks responder to relay to 2S so opener can clarify the type of hand held. Opener will have either a strong balanced hand and rebid 2NT which is forcing to game or else will make another bid which will show a strong heart hand as follows:

3C- shows 5+ hearts and 4+ clubs, forcing.
3D- shows 5+ hearts and 4+ diamonds, forcing.
3H - shows 6+ hearts and is nonforcing.
3S - shows 5+ hearts and 4+ spades, forcing.
3NT - shows 6 not very strong hearts and stoppers.
4H - shows 6+ good hearts and is nonforcing.

With the Kokish Relay, opener rebids 2H and then 2NT over responder's 2S rebid with hands A and B. Responder can use Jacoby transfers and Stayman after the 2NT rebid as if opener had opened 2NT.

With the above hand responder can transfer to 3S and then bid 3NT (remember, that 2NT is forcing to game). With hand A, you will play 4S; and with hand B, you will play 3NT. No guesswork is involved.

The Kokish relay allows you to open 2C and to rebid a "gambling" 3NT after partner's 2D response with a hand such as:

K3
AJ6
AKQ8743
A

For those using a strong 1C opening, after 1C-1D, opener can rebid 2H with the same continuations.

For those who want to play a 2NT opening to show at least 5-5 in the minor suits, you can use the Kokish Relay. Open 2C with both the 20-21 HCP and the 22-23 HCP balanced hands. Rebid 2NT directly over 2D to show 20-21 HCP, and use the Kokish Relay followed by 2NT to show 22-23 HCP. This way, you can use the 2NT opening to show a hand with both minors with whatever strength you wish.

I prefer to open 2NT with 5-5 in the minors and either: a 7-11 HCP or a hand with less than 5 losers. The 2NT opener bids 3H or 3S (short suit) over a 3C or 3D response to show the strong hand.



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attracting new members. A look at membership statistics over the years indicates that our unit membership has been declining from a high of over 1000 to presently 599. WE NEED NEW MEMBERS! Can you help? Here are some suggestions:

- Are there social rubber bridge clubs in your area? Invite one or more of them to discover the joys of duplicate bridge in a sanctioned game as your partner (one at a time please). Help them with procedures, scoring, and convention cards.
- Consider an ACBL gift membership to a loved one or friend who needs a little motivation.
- Speak to non-members who play in our games but say they don't care about master points. Point out the value of the monthly Bridge Bulletin as worth more than the cost of membership. Talk about the need for their membership in ACBL to support Clubs, Tournaments, Units, and to train Directors and provide them with Acblscore.

Any other ideas??? Try them and let me know so I can tell others. I have this hot new computer just waiting silently and patiently for your input at rrattel@nycap.rr.com. Until next time, have fun, enjoy the game!!

Ray Ratte



President's Message

"They put their pants on one leg at a time just like you and me." This truism was the only response I received to my request for feedback on behavior at the bridge table. It was from a new member commenting on the intimidation factor. It is very easy for inexperienced players to be intimidated by experienced players, not just those we all hold in awe like national champions, but even by new life masters. To a novice, a life master can be awesome; so we must all strive to make the bridge table a place where skill (and a little luck), not intimidation determines the outcome. A live example for me comes from the recent Saratoga Regional: there seems to be an almost universal tendency to discuss hands in between boards played, with analysis, teaching, disagreement, sometimes pleasantly, but all too frequently acrimoniously. Such behavior is never appropriate, but when done in the presence of inexperienced players, this unacceptable tendency is compounded by the intimidation factor. Please, let's all try to keep analysis and teaching away from the bridge table. Suggestion: make a note of the board number and agree to discuss it later.

I want to say a few words about membership. When giving her report at the last Unit Board Meeting, Renie Federighi, Membership Coordinator, said that, compared to other units, we did very well on retention of new members once they joined, but not as well in attracting new members. Congratulations to us on retention; we must be doing something right. However, we need to do more on



This 'n That from your District Director

Thank you, thank you, thank youall Capital District members for your stupendous support and effort in making the 2007 Saratoga Springs Regional the success that it was. While our attendance was down a little more than 5%, we know it was due to the fact that the snowbirds were not all back home. The rest of you all came out in droves. It appears that the absence of Senior Events, except for the first day where a very successful Senior Swiss was run, was very well received and the new Bracketed Swiss on Sunday was way up over the Swiss of previous years. Of course, we know that some of this had to do with the fact that Sunday wasn't Father's day. Special thanks to Mary Williams who has chaired our Paring for more years than anyone wants to mention with gusto and love and to Bernie Neuhart for assisting her; to Marion Clowe and Laurie Chamberlain and hosts of volunteers whose care and dedication to make this work is what indeed creates the success that we have each year. Thanks also to the unit and all the members for running a bake sale and a book sale and donating \$500 to the hospitality at the tournament. Not only did you give the District \$500; but the convention card holders were also loved by all. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Fran and Gene Leary, who work tirelessly and have for 30 years organizing the caddies and now running the hospitality suite. We all missed seeing Norma Shelley in Saratoga. She was bedridden with a detached retina but called every day to see how things were going. We are holding Norma responsible for the poor attendance in the Intermediate Games ☺. Love you Norma – but we're counting on you next year!!!! Mark your calendars with next year's

dates.....Tuesday, May 27 – Sunday, June 1. After 2008, we'll be back in our regular slot in the middle of June.

Special news for Unit 115 regarding the NAP's this year. In an effort to increase attendance in Flight C of the NAP's District 3 has opted to run a Split Site District Final for Flight C ONLY. It will be held on the same date as the rest of the District NAP Final – September 23rd at the Studio of Bridge & Games. Flight C players do not have to travel down to Allendale, NJ but can play the 2 session District Final at the Studio. Hands will be duplicated between the 2 sites, the game will be ranked, and match pointed across the 2 Flight C fields. The District is guaranteeing a least one winner from each site out of the 3 winners. There must be at least 5 tables to be eligible to participate. 1st place gets \$700 each player from the ACBL and \$100 each from District 3; 2nd place gets \$300 each player from the ACBL and \$100 each from District 3 and 3rd place is invited to participate from the ACBL and \$100 each from District 3. The National Finals are in Detroit at the site of the Spring NABC next March. This is a great opportunity for Unit 115 players to compete in their own backyard for the right to play in a National Finals. Check with Norma Shelly for more details or on the District 3 web site: www.bridge-district3.org

We hope that many of you will join us in Parsippany, New Jersey at our summer Regional July 9-15. Hotel rates are at a low \$105 per night and the schedule is chock full of Bracketed KO's; Compact KO's and Swiss Teams; Newplicate games galore; great hospitality; outdoor swimming pool; good restaurants nearby...a great place to spend your summer vacation.

Joan Gerard, District Director

Fall -Nov. 22 - Dec. 2 NABC
in
San Francisco, Ca.



June 11—June 17
Sectional Tournament at Clubs

This is the week to play. Please check schedule of games with clubs. Play often and win lots of

STaC **SILVER POINTS**



Nominations Open for Mr. Mrs. Bridge and the Marvin Friedman Awards

Contact Bernard Neuhart, chair of the committee including John McDonald, Marian Sheehan and Lorrie Chamberlin who will select the person receiving the Mr. /Mrs. Bridge Award and the Marvin Friedman Award. Be sure to mention your thoughts upon who you would recommend deserving of either award.

PRESIDENT'S CUP

the President's Cup Tournament will be held

Saturday, June 09
At the Studio @ 1 PM

It will be a Unit Charity game. The format is the same as other years. Each four-person team will consist of a Life Master, one person having less than 500 MPs or NLM, one having less than 300 MPs, and the fourth having less than 100 MPs. We will have sign up sheets at all games. If you get a team together of your own, please let us know ASAP. It will save us a lot of time on the telephone. If you are looking for a team, sign up on the sheet, or let us know. We will get you a team. It's a fun format, so reserve the date.

Questions, teams:

Norma Shelly 346-3773

bridgestudio@hotmail.com

or

Lorrie Chamberlin 286-2851

lorcham3@aol.com

What's your bid, North?

You have:

♠ AQJxx

♥ Axxxx

♦ Kxx

♣ void

West is dealer and the bidding went:

W- N- E - S -W - N

p- 1♠-p- 2NT(Jacoby 2NT)-3♣ -???

Thanks to everyone for gifts, your good wishes, and moral support. Norma

Club Corner

The Studio

Sat May 26, **STUDIO CLOSED**
 Mon May 28, **STUDIO OPEN**
 Tues June 19, 7pm Non LM
 Wed July 11, 12:00pm
 Thurs July 26, 12:00pm
 Mon Aug 6, 12:00pm

Coming Events

Sat June 9, President's Cup
 Sat June 16, Award's Dinner
 NAOP Qualifiers (Stratified)
 Mon July 23, 12:00pm
 Sat July 28, 12:30pm
 Tues Aug 7, 7:00pm (Flight C only)
 Wed Aug 15 12:00pm
 Thurs Aug 23, 12:00pm

Sectional Results Apr 20-22, 2007

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Morris Cramer - Joseph Phillips
2			Betty & Steve Bloom
3	2		Paul Meier - Beth Snyder
4			Bibs Pankin - Martin Birnby
5			Lawrence Berman - Blaise Reinhart
	3	1	Lois Tuohey - Marigay Harkins
		2	Raymond Ratte - Frank Legnard

299ers

1	1	1	Lew & Linda Millenbach
2	2		David Nerrow - Ellen Finch
3	3	2	Patricia & John Baugh

Friday evening Pro-Am Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Michael & Vanessa Gruen - Betty & Steve Bloom
2	1	1	Stan Felland - Gladly Brooks - Richard Underwood - Teri Landin
3	2	2	Bonnie Taylor - Daniel Wulff - Diane Alexander - Sue Eastman

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Judy & Bill Dubay
2	1		Larry Rosen - Steven Shaye
3			Stephen Paskin - Gerald Cohen
4			Roger Woodin - Tony Prindle
5			Joan Meyer - Edna Doigan
	2	1	Marilyn Soffer - Judy Gluck
	3	2	Stan Felland - Gladly Brooks

299ers

1	1		Judith Alderman - John Glezen
2			Tom & Judith Ludwig
3	2		Lew & Linda Millenbach

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Roger Woodin - Sue Eastman
2	1		Fran Leary - Phyllis French
3	2	1	Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline
4	3		Arlene Duboff - Linda Tedeschi
5	4		Satya Pabuwal - Brian Sann
		2	John Gazak - Lukas Fekete

299ers

1			John & Roberta Matuszek
2	1		Sandra Rohner - MaryWright
3			Lois Tuohey - Nancy Streeter
4	2		Peggy Fitzpatrick - Grace Hamilton

Sunday Swiss

		Bracket 1	
1			Donna & Neil Chambers - Betty & Steve Bloom
2			Judy, Andrew & Bill Dubay - Joan Meyer
		Bracket 2	
1			Nancy & Nitzberg - Fran & Eugene Leary
2/3			David Nerrow - Carolyn Combi - Mark Rosenholz - Germaine Graf
2/3			Ross Lounsbury - Louis Urbano
		Bracket 3	
1			Charles Schmidt - Dorothy Kraus
1			Michael & Ulla Sattinger - Lew & Linda Millenbach
2			Ronald Timer - Ellen Finch - Gary Belcher - Patricia Favreau

Rank Changes

Junior Master (5 MPs):

Lucille Brewer
Joanne Dechants

Club Masters (20 MPs):

Peg McAteer

Life Master (300 MPs-25g,25r/g,50s):

Robert Brock
Arnold Factor

If one knows exactly what to **bid** or play, it is against the rules of bridge to take a lot of time, to scratch one's head, or to intentionally do anything designed to mislead the opponents into thinking that there is a problem. Bridge is a game for ladies and gentlemen!

More experienced players will give a new bridge player some latitude. Still, it is important to learn the rules and proprieties of the game early into one's bridge career.

Learn to Play Bridge 2, Bridge Base, Inc.

Make your Reservations

Duplicate Game at Avila Retirement Community in Albany invites new players to join our game on Saturday, June 2nd, 1 pm. Play in the Worldwide Pairs, compete against players around the world! Entry: \$7.

Note dates of future Avila Duplicate Bridge games: July 21, August 4th, Sept. 1st, Oct. 6th. Entry: \$4.

Call Rhoda Kratenstein to make reservations (required), phone 640-9553.

Personal Notes

Condolences sent to the family and friends of Richard Schermerhorn and to the family and friends of Nellie Meyer.

Get well wishes to Al Ross and Norma Shelly.

Congratulations to Louis and Myra Brickman who have a new granddaughter - Lillian

Bridge, like golf, is a game in which honor plays a very important role. The vast majority of bridge players are very honest. Almost all experienced bridge players are horrified at the thought of playing slowly, when there is nothing to think about, in an effort to deceive one of the opponents.

It is "not" wrong to spend time considering the best **bid** to make or the best card to play. Nothing could be further from the truth. If there is something to think about, take as much time as necessary to come up with a bid or play that will work best.

Saratoga Regional Results

Ranking & Top Point-Getters (CDBA)

1 st -- 80.05 Steve Bloom	52 nd -- 23.54 Rick Underwood
2 nd -- 80.05 Betty Bloom	55 th -- 22.81 Bibs Pankin
13 th -- 50.15 Bob Feller	58 th -- 22.35 Gary Spongberg
17 th -- 42.31 Walter Smith	59 th -- 22.35 Lucy Spongberg
18 th -- 42.25 Roger Woodin	70 th -- 21.23 Andrew Dubay
20 th -- 38.31 Robert Valenti	71 st -- 21.00 Robert Donald
21 st -- 33.05 Len Lapinski	72 nd -- 21.00 Diane Burger
23 rd -- 32.53 Satya Pabuwal	85 th -- 18.93 Steven Shaye
24 th -- 30.52 Rob Neuhart	86 th -- 18.75 Linda Millenbach
25 th -- 29.18 Mary Fredrick	87 th -- 18.75 Lew Millenbach
26 th -- 28.45 William Dubay	93 rd -- 18.25 Diane Alexander
27 th -- 28.45 Judy Dubay	101 st -- 18.19 Don Cohen
29 th -- 26.95 Rosemary Isele	104 th -- 17.98 Anne Lapinski
34 th -- 26.20 Bernie Neuhart	105 th -- 17.84 Art Bernhardt
35 th -- 25.75 Mary Anne Pickett	107 th -- 17.51 Chris Almy
36 th -- 25.70 Hal Bigelow	108 th -- 17.29 Teri Landin
37 th -- 25.62 Anthony Prindle	109 th -- 17.29 Joanne Schlang
42 nd -- 25.17 Ross Lounsbury	112 th -- 17.11 Janice Sawyer
43 rd -- 24.67 Xiaoqian Liu	117 th -- 16.67 Richard Stearns
44 th -- 24.67 Maxim Siline	123 rd -- 15.81 Martin Birnby
46 th -- 24.03 Louis Urbano	125 th -- 15.53 Joan Gerard
49 th -- 23.65 Michael Sattinger	126 th -- 15.51 Peter Wick
50 th -- 23.65 Ulla Sattinger	127 th -- 15.51 Morris Cramer

Next with 10and More Points

128 th -- 15.19 Joan Meyer	177 th -- 11.61 Sue Eastman
135 th -- 14.75 Donna Chambers	180 th -- 11.47 Bonnie Taylor
136 th -- 14.68 Nancy Hayden	181 st -- 11.47 William Teiper
139 th -- 14.64 Edna Doigan	192 nd -- 10.50 Steve Paskin
145 th -- 14.15 Harvey Kevorkian	193 rd -- 10.35 Charles Schmidt
146 th -- 14.15 Edward Winke	195 th -- 10.35 Dorothy Kraus
149 th -- 14.10 Priscilla Cleary	197 th -- 10.34 Gerald Cohen
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Signaling o/e [Odd/Even] on the "first" trick is called, using a dual carding system, and is illegal. A player may use o/e signals on his/her "first" discard (when a player cannot follow suit) only and not throughout the hand.

"The use of such a system should result in the awarding of an adjusted score if the declarer's side is damaged as a direct result of using an illegal agreement. Other penalties could range from a procedural penalty to being barred from the game for a period of time for violating the rules, such a penalty being at the discretion of the management of the game in which the violation occurred."

Mike Flader
Rulings at ACBL

**District 3
Summer
Regional**
July 9-15, 2007



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973-515-2000

ZERO TOLERANCE

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, call the director **immediately**. Law 74A specifically prohibits annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties.

Warnings are strongly discouraged and a director will give them only when there is no clear violation or, in cases where the facts cannot be determined. Offenders are to receive immediate penalties. Regardless of who may have initiated the unacceptable behavior, all offenses are punishable. Retaliatory behavior is a punishable offense. Frivolous accusations are also offenses under this policy.

North American Pairs (NAP)

A highly prestigious "grass roots" event, the NAP starts at the club level. A player may qualify often and with many different partners. At the district final, both players must have qualified at the club level and must be residents of the parent district. In districts with 3 qualifiers, the 1st place pair will receive \$700 per person and the 2nd place pair will receive \$300 per person. The 3rd place pair will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize. The monetary award from the ACBL will be available on site. Qualifiers must play in the national level event until eliminated to receive the award. The district award will be sent to you upon your participation and return from the Nationals.

District 3 will award all winners who attend and play in the National NAP finals a \$100 per person/\$200 per pair. The District Final for Flight C will be held at 2 sites; closest for us is:

The Studio of Bridge and Games
Schenectady
Sept 23
2 Sessions: 12:30 and TBA
Brunch served 11:30 am

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President's Message

IS IT YOUR TURN???

Yesterday at our Board of Directors meeting, (meetings are on Sunday morning at each Unit 115 Sectional), we noted that the two year term of office of all current Board members expires at the end of this calendar year. The members of the Board are a group of dedicated bridge players who volunteer their time and energy to ensure that duplicate bridge in the capital district survives and thrives under the auspices of the ACBL. As a relatively new member of the Board, I am amazed at the long term commitment which many have made and continue to make on our behalf. Bravo! And thanks are due to them from all of us.

Yesterday, one of our long serving members, Fran Leary, made a report for one of her committees. At the end of the report, she resigned from the committee, noting that she has trouble saying NO and this was a first step toward managing her commitments to the Unit. I told her that I suspect this new behavior won't last long, but I think it indicates the need for new board members willing to generate new ideas, take their turn to make things happen, and lighten the load for others.

As I reflect back on my year as President, I recall many comments made to me by various members about changes they would like to see happen within Unit 115, or District 3, or the ACBL. Saturday, while talking to two long time members, I learned that they were opposed to efforts to establish a disciplinary committee for the unit. I was initially surprised and disappointed, but reflecting on their stated viewpoint, I

began to understand their values and appreciate their point of view. Do you have another opinion on any of our practices and policies? Are you willing to commit a reasonable amount (for you) of time and energy to make it happen? Can you listen to others, respect their opinions, seek consensus, and then follow through?

In this issue of the newsletter is a notice from the Unit Secretary seeking written declarations of a desire to serve on the Board which is required by our by-laws. The Board is composed of 25 to 30 members. IS IT YOUR TURN to be one of them?

Ray Ratte

This 'n That from your District Director

Thanks to Norma Shelly's hard work and that of others as well, District 3 had a section of Flight C of the North American Pairs at the Studio in Schenectady this past Sunday. 15 tables played there and 18 tables of Flight C played in Allendale along with Flights A&B. The Studio's game was treated to both lunch and dinner, home made by Norma. Flight C was scored across both sections and the 3rd place pair came from Schenectady. Congratulations to Gene Vennestand and Harold Bigelow who had a 62.53% game and 5.63 MPs and have earned the right to represent District 3 in the National Finals to be held in Detroit in March of '08. This "split-site" event was an experiment and unluckily for Norma it worked so we are, with Norma's permission planning to run this Flight again in both locations. Thanks to all who participated. We know you had a great day. And again, thanks to Norma, Gene Leary and all the club owners and teachers who encouraged their players to participate in this Event. The section in Schenectady and the wonderful turnout in Allendale, NJ in all flights brought our total attendance to 78 tables which is probably the largest we have ever had.

Plan to spend a few days in Danbury, Ct. October 8-14 playing bridge and earning MP's at District's Fall Foliage Regional held at the Sheraton Danbury. For those who need gold points there are many Compact KOs and well as regular KOs and Swiss Teams. For those with under 200 points, there are 2 sessions each day just for you with a free light lunch between sessions where you can go over the hands and meet new friends

I am lucky enough to have been named head of Appeals for the World Bridge Federation and therefore will be in Shanghai as you read this article at the Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup and Senior Bowl. It is fun to meet people from all over the world and watch the finest bridge play in the world. You too, can see many of the matches if you want to by downloading BridgeBase on line and then clicking on "live vu-graph". Follow our teams as they compete against the rest of the world. It's better than any book or TV program and not only that but you can learn a lot.

Enjoy the Fall and enjoy the best game there is – Bridge!!!
 Follow all District 3 activities by clicking on our web site:
www.bridge-district3.org. Hope to see you soon.

Joan Gerard

What's your bid, North?

#1-- You are in 1st seat:

- ? x
- ? x
- ? Qxxx
- ? AKxxxxx

Answers:

- MPs
 - V vs. V - 3C
 - V vs. NV - 3C if playing Gambling 3NT otherwise - P
 - NV vs. V - P
 - NV vs. NV - P
- IMPs
 - V vs. V - 3C
 - V vs. NV - P
 - NV vs. Vul - P
 - NV vs. NV - 3C

#2-- You are in 3rd seat and the bidding went:
 p-2H (pre-emptive)-??

- ? Q
- ? xxx
- ? x
- ? KQ10xxxxx

- MPs
 - V vs. V - 4C
 - V vs. NV - P
 - NV vs. V - 5C
 - NV vs. NV - 4C
- IMPs
 - V vs. V - 5C
 - V vs. NV - 4C
 - NV vs. V - 5C
 - NV vs. NV - 5C

Gregg Deitch



Wanted

a **Loud Speaker** for Sectionals

We would like to acquire a loud speaker system for use by the director at our sectional games. If you have one to donate to the Unit or know of a place to buy one at a reasonable price, e-mail Ray Ratté at rratte1@nycap.rr.com.

CDBA Election for Board of Directors

The 25 people who serve as our CDBA Unit Board of Directors are elected every two years. The election to determine the makeup of the Board for the two year term Jan. 2008- Dec. 2009 is imminent. If you are interested in serving on the Board and would like to be a candidate for this year's election, you must submit in writing no later than October 29 to secretary Barbara McDonald by e-mail: Bmcdona1@nycap.rr.com or by snail mail to: 74 Grant Street Cohoes, NY 12047. All current Board members have to submit.



WHEN DIAMONDS ARE SOLID GOLD

#1--North Hand: KQ, AJX, 542, AKQ 85
 South Hand: 9, Q, AKQJ876, 9432

Bidding: North: 1C - 2C (for majors) - 3NT -p - 6NT
 I called my partner's (South) bid "delayed gambling NT"

#2--West Hand: AKJ63, KQ, 65, QJ82
 East Hand: void, 7654, AKQJ1097, 7654

South p-1S- p- 1NT - 2H - 2NT- p- 3D
 Alas, East did not bid 3NT.

Rita Redlich

Gift Certificates for All Occasions

Contact your Club Manager

All managers have gift certificates for bridge games to be played at their clubs. Purchase any amount. The card will show "x" number of games and can be taken to a particular club game to play in lieu of money.

Marion Clowe

Club Corner

The Studio

Tuesday Nov. 13 7:00 Non-LM CC
Saturday Nov 17 12:30 CC
Monday Nov 19 12:00 Invitational CC
Wednesday Dec 12 12:00 Invitational CC
Thursday Dec. 20 12:00 CC

Studio will be closed Thursday Nov 22
& Saturday Nov 24 Saturday Dec. 22,
Monday Dec 24, Tuesday Dec. 25, &
Saturday Dec. 29

Coming Events

PRO-AM PAIR GAME HAS BEEN CHANGED TO
SATURDAY OCTOBER 20 1:00 A LIFE MASTER
MUST PLAY WITH A NON-LIFE MASTER. PLEASE
CALL NORMA (346-3773) IF YOU NEED A
PARTNER.

Congratulations

Parsippany Winners

17.03 Diane Alexander
17.03 Sue Eastman
17.03 Leonard Lapinski
17.03 Anne Lapinski
14.53 John Matuszek
14.53 Roberta Matuszek
2.79 Marigay Harkins
2.79 Anne Marie Gapp
2.79 Carolyn Combi
2.79 Evelyn Fletcher

Fall -Nov. 22 - Dec. 2 NABC

in
San Francisco, Ca.



A Special Message from Rita B

Seven No Trump!

Is how I felt on June 15th. Bernie was talking away how partnerships form, how people respond to bridge, how nice it is to be congenial and pleasant to partners and opponents, etc., etc., etc. I was listening, rather intently, and suddenly I heard: "And this year the Marvin Friedman Award goes to Rita Block." I shakily stood up as the applause started, no one saw the tears hidden by my dark glasses, and I was humbled and overwhelmed. I then thought, "Maybe I'll have Bob write a Thank You Note from me to everyone who made this award possible". But no, there are too many people. So better, I renege on all the letters and just write this as one big

Thank You

Signed: Rita B.

Rank Changes

Junior Master (5 MPs):

Rose Conde
Judi Jacquin
Patricia Williams

Club Masters (20 MPs):

Marion Michaels
JoAnne DeChants

Sectional Masters (50 MPs-5silver):

Harold Bigelow
Donna Cooperman
Joseph Russo

NABC Masters (200 MPs-5gold,15r/g,25s):

Gene Vennesland

Life Master (300 MPs-25g,25r/g,50s):

Carolyn Combi

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs):

Sue Eastman

Silver Life Master (1,000 MPs):

Katie Scalamandre

Diamond Life Master (5000 MPs):

Priscilla Cleary



UNIT RECORDER

Have you ever seen something at the Bridge table you're unsure meets the rules or something that just doesn't seem right? This is where the Unit Recorder comes in.

The aim of the recorder system is to handle complaints that:

- 1) by themselves do not warrant the filing of formal charges
- 2) are serious but there is only the implication of wrongdoing without having substantial evidence to bring formal charges
- 3) are a request to have the subject's behavior modified by counseling and/or education

The mechanism to handle this is the use of a Player Memo form that is designed to document the events surrounding an issue, whether it is bids that seem to indicate an undisclosed partnership agreement or behavior at the table that violates the Zero Tolerance policy or has the appearance of being unethical. The Player Memo is available from any of the directors and can be printed out by the director through ACBL score. We are also making arrangements to have the forms available through our unit website also, should the issue involve the director or if the person is uncomfortable about discussing it with the director.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RECORDER

The Recorder is responsible for receiving Player Memos and performing an initial investigation. The next step becomes making an evaluation of the situation and if a more formal complaint will be issued and the matter referred to the Disciplinary Committee Chairman. This evaluation will take into the seriousness of the matter and any previous documented occurrences.

The Recorder is also responsible for communicating with the reporter (person writing the complaint) and the subject (the person(s) the Player Memo is about). This process is handled to preserve the subject's right of confidentiality. The Memo's are not circulated and only discussed with the parties to the extent necessary to process the complaint.

The jurisdiction of the Unit Recorder covers only the Unit games (Sections, Charity Games) as well as the club games for our unit. Regionals and Nationals have their own Recorders and issues at those games should be handled through their Recorder. Serious breaches of impropriety can be referred by the Unit Recorder to the ACBL Recorder. The Code of Disciplinary Regulations may change shortly as far as jurisdiction of the Unit over club games but until the CDR is changed, events at clubs can be reported to the Unit Recorder.

The Unit Recorder does not have the authority to impose penalties but is the documenter of issues and can assist in clarifying the rules and explaining appropriate conduct.

The goal of this system is to informally and formally handle issues that come up to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable time at our Bridge games.

Our Unit Recorder is Robert Neuhart and our assistant Unit Recorder is Charlene Sunderland should the Unit Recorder be involved as either the director or if there happens to be personal involvement with the subject of the Player Memo. The Player Memo or information can be sent via E-mail to neuhart@nycap.rr.com or to Charlene twilite@nycap.rr.com.



Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115 (as of Sept 6, 2007)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	JoAnne Dechants Judi Jacquin Patricia Williams	JoAnne Dechants Patricia Williams Judi Jacquin
5-20	Harold Bigelow Stan Felland John Loeber	John Loeber Stan Felland Sylvia Persico
20-50	Gloriana Clark Harry Landry Frances Cuerdon	Gloriana Clark Harry Landry Frances Cuerdon
50-100	Patricia Baugh John Baugh Paul Cuerdon	Pat Exner Nancy Nitzberg Jacqueline Allgaier
100-200	Len Lapinski Lew Millenbach Ellen Finch	Ellen Finch Barbara Zautner Mary Ellen Nevin
200-300	Ulla Sattinger Michael Sattinger Andrea Berlent	Lois Tuohey Rosemary I sele Ann McDowell
300-500	Judy & Richard Hill Sue Eastman Diane Alexander	Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander Conrad Bader
500-1000	Andrew Dubay Robert Valenti Lou Urbano	Katie Scalamandre Robert Valenti Louis Urbano
1000-2500	Diane Burger Robert Donald Roger Woodin	Donald Cohen Charles Schmidt Joan Meyer
2500-5000	Lucy & Gary Spongberg Arthur Bernhardt Bob Feller	Arthur Bernhardt June Barach Edna Doigan
5000-7500	Bill Dubay Walter Smith Judy Dubay	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Judy Dubay
7500-10000	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Al Ross	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Betty & Steve Bloom

Sectional Results

Sept 7-9, 2007

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Judy and Bill Dubay
2	1	1	Delores Inzero- Gerald Kaufman
3			Don Cohen- Corrado Baglioni
4	2		Lois Lyon- Marje Barton
5	3	2	Ed Hornidge- Richard Bobilin
6			Steve Paskin- Al Ross
	4	3	Xiaoqian Liu- Maxim Siline
	5		Lee Pearson- Mary Anne Pickett
	6	4	John & Patsy Schulenberg

299'ers

1			Mary Ellen and Robert Nevin
2	1	1	John Loeber- Mark Hartley
3	2		Lew & Linda Millenbach
4	3	2	Barry Rowles- Peter Van Vlaanderen
5			David Funk- Margaret Lavelle

Friday evening Pro-Am Swiss

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Ross Lounsbury- Lou Urbano Diana Lack- Gary Belcher
2	2		Robert & Bernie Neuhart Pat & Jack Baugh
3/4			Bill Dubay- Harry Kaufman Mark Hartley- John Loeber
3/4	3	2	Gary Taylor- Valdean Mosier Ed Hornidge- Richard Bobilin

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Neil & Donna Chambers
2			Judi Shulman- Robert Neuhart
3	1	1	John & Barbara McDonald
4			Gerald Cohen- Steve Paskin
5	2		Janice Woodbury - Marje Barton
6/7	3/4		Jacquelyn Marsh- Sharon Lyons
6/7	3/4		Joe Phillips- Lois Lyon
	5		Larry Rosen- Steven Shaye
	6		Fran Leary- Phyllis French
		2	Lew & Linda Millenbach
		3	Evelyn Fletcher- Arnold Christensen
		4	John Gazak- Lukas Fekete

299'ers

1	1	1	Sudhir & Sheela KulKarni
2	2	2	Jack & Patricia Baugh
3			Mary M Murphy- Mary R Wright

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Judi Shulman- Robert Neuhart
2			Judy & Bill Dubay
3			Bill & Sandy Nelson
4			Ron Harvey- Gerald Cohen
5	1		Peter Wick- Brian Sann
6			Rita Redlich- Carol Chandler
	2		Diana Lack- John O'Brien
	3		Mary Pickett- Ross Lounsbury
	4	1	Gerald Russell- David Atkinson
		2	Peggy Mount- Bette Sovik
		3	Evelyn Fletcher- Arnold Christensen

299'ers

1			Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin
2	1	1	Mark Hartley- John Loeber
3	2	2	Sudhir & Sheela KulKarni

Sunday Swiss

A			
			Bracket 1
1			Steve & Betty Bloom Neil & Donna Chambers
2			Roger Woodin- Tony Prindle Al Ross- Art Bernhardt
3			Bill & Judy Dubay Bernie & Robert Neuhart
			Bracket 2
1/3			Nancy Hayden- Mary Frederick Andrew Archibald- Bill Teiper
1/3			Ross Lounsbury- Robert Valenti Charles Schmidt- Dorothy Kraus
1/3			Lou & Myra Brickman Richard & Gloriana Clark
			Bracket 3
1			Michael & Ulla Sattinger Lew & Linda Millenbach
2			Robert & Mary Ellen Nevin Tom & Judith Ludwig
3/4			Barbara & John McDonald Evelyn Markowitz- Margaret Lavelle
3/4			Patricia & Jack Baugh Roberta & John Matuszek,



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Tuesday-Sunday	Oct 16-21	Buffalo, NY Regional
Friday-Sunday	Oct 26-28	Killington, VT Sectional
Monday-Sunday	Oct 29-Nov 4	Lancaster, PA Regional
Wed-Sunday	Nov 7-11	Mansfield, MA Regional
Friday-Sunday	Nov 9-11	Allendale, NJ Sectional
Thurs-Sunday	Nov 22-Dec 2	Fall NABC, San Francisco

Club Events

Monday-Sunday	Oct 22-28	STACs
Friday-Sunday	Nov 2-4	Schenectady Sectional



Deadline for submission for December Newsletter:

Nov 14, 2007

We appreciate your contributions

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Happy Holidays



Sybil's Christmas Party
Sunday

December 16, 2007
at noon

The Studio
1639 Eastern Parkway
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President's Message

My partner, Frank, has the ability to forget a hand immediately after it has been played. When I try to discuss it with him he replies, "You know I can't remember." I now realize that is great for our partnership. The odds of the same hand or situation arising during that session must be astronomically high, so pointing out an alleged error or misunderstanding will not help our play that day, and would place our focus on past behavior rather than doing our best on future hands. At the end of the day, we sometimes have a discussion to improve our agreements and that's fine.

While directing games at my club, I became increasingly aware of the apparent "need" of an amazing number of players to call attention to their partners, and worse, sometimes to their opponents, of errors made during the bidding or play of a hand followed by an attempt to teach them the "right" way. I think sometimes it is done to place blame on the other for failure and sometimes, done with the best of intentions, to teach or coach the other in hopes of a positive outcome. Whatever the intentions, the outcome is always undesirable in a variety of ways:

- 1-annoying one's partner and opponents,
- 2-arguments at the table,

3-often loud descriptions of the hand which can be heard by players at other tables who may play that hand later, and
4-the creation of an unpleasant atmosphere at the table that day and fear of future similar encounters.

One last experience on this topic; once playing in a team game against opponents with ten times the number of points we had, I went down in a slam contract. One of the opponents said, (very pleasantly and, I think, with positive intent) "would you like to know how you could have made the contract?" I nodded affirmatively and he proceeded to tell me. If I played that hand today, I suspect I would still go down. On reflection, I realized that the well intentioned offer was destructive to my game regardless of whether I answered yes or no. My mind was now focused on my failure, and, unlike my partner Frank, I couldn't forget it. I would have found out soon enough when we compared scores with our partners that the contract had been made by our opponents.

Please, please, don't try to correct "errors" or teach partner or opponents the finer points of bridge at the table. No matter how well intentioned, it is rarely effective and almost always destructive. And, not incidentally, it is a violation of ACBL rules and subject to penalties by the director.

Finally, on another topic, your Unit 115 Board of Directors is taking a look at our sectionals to seek methods of improving the experience for our members and increasing attendance. Most of you are probably aware that on Friday afternoon attendance is high but falls off at other sessions over the weekend. I invite you to submit any ideas you may have for improving sectionals to me or any other member of the board before our next meeting in February 2008. I can't promise you that your ideas will be implemented, but I can promise that any ideas submitted will be presented to the board and discussed.

Ray Ratte

This 'n That from your District Director

'Tis the night before Thanksgiving and all through the house..... is the smell of turkey cooking, many rushing off to the NABC in San Francisco and others looking forward to being with their families. This time of year starts the holiday season – a time to enjoy.

Before any news, I want to mention the sadness I feel that Gene Leary has passed away. A long time member of your Unit helping wherever he was needed, and a member of the District 3 Board - I can't remember a regional in the Albany/Saratoga Springs area without Gene there getting the caddies, working from early morning to late at night to ensure the success of the Regional. He never missed a Board meeting. In addition to his role at the Regional, he was also Charity Chairman

for the District. On behalf of District 3, I would like to express our deepest sympathy to Fran and her family. Gene will be missed.

The Danbury Regional was again a success. While a bit smaller than last year, it ran over 1500 tables. Nothing like Fall foliage coupled with gold points!

The World Bridge Championships held in Shanghai this past October were very exciting. The USA came home with 2 Gold Medals, one in the Senior Bowl and one in the Women's Teams as well as a Bronze Medal in the Seniors. District 3 members, Irina Levitina and Debbie Rosenberg, were on the winning Venice Cup team. The Chinese Bridge Federation did a spectacular job in hosting this event and will be hosting the World Mind Sports Olympics in Beijing next year. This is a newly formed organization which includes Bridge, Chess, Go, Draughts and, another lesser known, but popular Chinese game. Once again, the Chinese government is being supportive and will be backing any losses incurred by the World Bridge Federation. China is a great supporter of bridge. How great it would be if all the countries around the world felt the same way. Shanghai is a very modern city. The architecture is most unusual and very contemporary. Then one goes out into the rural areas where nothing has changed. It takes 14 hours non-stop from Chicago to get there but only 11 hours to get back. ...a fabulous experience for "yours truly".

As you read this, the year is coming to an end. Make certain to kick off 2008 with a trip to the Hilton Rye Town, January 15-21. It's District 3's largest regional and with good reason – a great hotel, fantastic schedule, super hospitality and lots of KO teams, Swiss teams and Compact KO's. In addition, we run a super Newplicate Program under the guidance off Cheryl Porter-Garofalo. Don't be an outcast. Join us for the fun!

Ron and I wish you all what you wish for yourselves in 2008. Happy hunting for those MP's. Be well. See you at the tables.

Joan Gerard, District Director

Our Bridge Group and the ACBL

Our bridge group of 554 ACBL members has some interesting statistics. The average age of our bridge players is over 69 years. The lowest average age in our district is 67 years, and those players live in New Jersey. In our district, we have the longest average years of ACBL membership at 21 years and the shortest at 16 live in Westchester County. As for master points, 37% of our members are life masters, and on the other end 40% of us have less than 100 master points.

Congratulations

Danbury Winners

32.11	Richard Hill	4.72	Brian Sann
32.11	Judy Hill	4.72	Satya Pabuwal
22.85	Walter Smith	4.55	Robert Neff
21.10	Martin Feldman	4.31	Pat Baugh
20.88	Arnold Factor	4.31	Jack Baugh
20.88	Jill Factor	4.28	Alice Brown
14.13	Ellen Finch	3.55	Sue Eastman
13.67	Richard Clark	3.55	Anne Lapinski
13.67	Gloriana Clark	3.55	Len Lapinski
9.12	Arlene Duboff	3.55	Diane Alexander
9.00	Judi Radin	2.73	John Riopelle
8.99	Robert Valenti	2.67	Peter Wick
8.99	Ross Lounsbury	2.67	Munir Jabbur
8.89	Maxim Siline	2.67	Joe Rizzuto
8.89	Stephen Paskin	2.67	Ellen Jabbur
8.13	Robert Klopp	2.24	Rhoda Levine
7.85	William Teiper	2.20	Roger Woodin
6.50	Nancy Hayden	1.95	Norma Shelly
6.50	Mary Fredrick	1.80	John Matuszek
5.95	Judith Hess	1.80	Roberta Matuszek
5.70	Mabel Siler	1.62	Carolyn Combi
5.70	Alice Zayac	1.61	Sandra Gould
5.12	Charlene Sunderland		

STACs (top 100)

3	22.71	Edna Doigan
9	15.79	Walter Smith
11	14.37	Blaise Reinhart
20	12.98	Rhoda Levine
24	12.33	Richard Clark
25	12.33	Gloriana Clark
30	10.97	Arthur Bernhardt
31	10.85	Robert Valenti
32	10.80	Harold Bigelow
34	10.42	Patricia Feulner
72	6.74	Lois August
78	6.57	Peter Wick
79	6.56	Stephen Paskin
85	6.37	Lee Pearson
86	6.33	James Ackerman
88	5.95	Lawrence Berman
91	5.65	Charles August
95	5.58	Diane Alexander
100	5.50	Mary Anne Pickett



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Effective Monday, Nov. 26, the Monday & Wednesday
games will begin at 12:00 pm. Lunch will be at 11:30 am.

Coming Events

Sybil's Christmas Party [Dec 16, Sunday] is a Charity
game. Our charity is the Ronald McDonald House. Bring
canned or packaged food for the food pantry in
Schenectady.

Personal Notes

Our condolences we send to the friends and family of Corena Graham on her recent death.

Our heartfelt wishes and condolences go to Fran Leary and family and to all the players and friends who knew and loved Gene Leary. He will not be forgotten. Gene served on our Capital District Board of Directors and on the District 3 Board.

Some Thoughts on Defense

There are three messages you can send--attitude, count, or suit preference. However, only one message is possible with each card. Mainly signal partner in the following order: (1) attitude, (2) count, (3) suit preference. Cannot give count until you have given attitude, and cannot give suit preference until attitude and count are known.

Think about ducking a trick when you don't know what to do. It often

helps to see partner's second card before making a decision.

When declarer leads a suit, you cannot give attitude in that suit—your play shows count.

If you are on lead in the middle of a hand, the lead of a low card implies that you hold an honor. Do not lead low from 3 small in the middle of a hand.



Thank you Note

Marian Sheehan thanks all the volunteers who have done the hospitality at the Sectionals. She has done a superb job for several years. She still needs people to volunteer. The Unit supplies money to defray the costs involved. They also receive a free entry to a Unit game. Please let her know that you are available. Mention it when you see her, or phone her at 372-1010. Thanks for your help.



A "Let's Play Bridge" opportunity for beginners and intermediate and higher bridge players will be offered on Wednesdays in January via the Niskayuna Continuing Ed Program. It is a chance to play and to meet new people. There is no formal instruction but questions will be answered. Ask

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Nancy Streeter

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Joseph Herman
Stephanie B Mason

Regional Masters (100 MPs):

Gloriana Clark
Eleanor Lubiner
Jack A Baugh
Patricia M Baugh
Mary-Eliz Fitzgerald
Patricia Klimchak

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District 3 NAP Flight C Winners

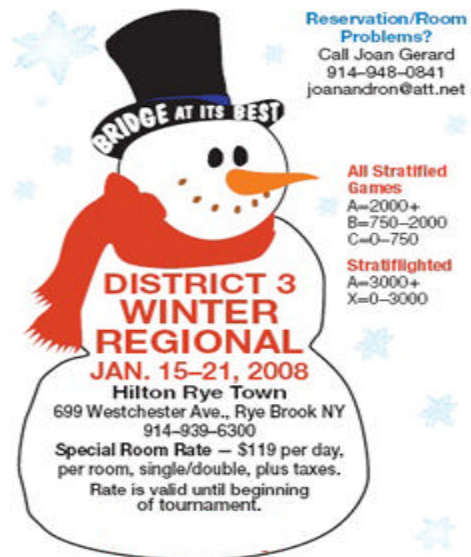
Rank	MPs		%
3	5.63	Gene Vennesland -Harold Bigelow	62.53
4	4.22	Patricia Feulner -Ken Balch	58.99
7	2.03	Judith Ludwig - Tom Ludwig	57.70

Edited Note from Joan Gerard to Sue Eastman

One of the more pleasant jobs I have as District Director is to make yearly appointments to the National Goodwill Committee. As I think you are aware, these are honorary appointments. Following in the tradition started in 1955, we in District 3 try to select people from each of our seven units on a rotating basis. I am both pleased and proud that I have selected you this year to be "one of the chosen".

At each of the three NABC's there is a Goodwill Committee meeting chaired by our very wonderful Aileen Osofsky. Goodwill members gather from all over North America. It is fun meeting exchanging ideas with your fellow good will members.

There are no tough jobs that come with this appointment, only a necessity to spread goodwill and encourage our members to enjoy the game that we all love. Not too difficult for you - you have served as the Editor of the Newsletter for Unit 115 for many years - a thankless job. Dedicated volunteers are hard to find and even harder to keep. You have some yeoman service and we want you to know that it is appreciated. The bridge world is a better place because you are part of it. Keep on supporting our game!



Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115 (as of Nov 6, 2007)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Richard Bobilin Joanne Dechants Judi Jacquin	JoAnne Dechants Richard Bobilin Patricia Williams
5-20	Harold Bigelow Stan Felland John Loeber	John Loeber Stan Felland Harold Bigelow
20-50	Gloriana Clark Harry Landry Frances Cuerdon	Gloriana Clark Harry Landry Frances Cuerdon
50-100	Jack Baugh Patricia Baugh Paul Cuerdon	Pat Exner Maria Joyner Jacqueline Allgaier
100-200	Len Lapinski Ellen Finch Lew Millenbach	Ellen Finch Mary Ellen Nevin Barbara Zautner
200-300	Ulla Sattinger Bonnie Taylor Michael Sattinger	Lois Tuohey Ulla Sattinger Michael Sattinger
300-500	Judy & Richard Hill Sue Eastman Diane Alexander	Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander Conrad Bader
500-1000	Robert Valenti Andrew Dubay Lou Urbano	Robert Valenti Louis Urbano Dorothy Kraus
1000-2500	Robert Neuhart Diane Burger Robert Donald	Donald Cohen Joan Meyer Charles Schmidt
2500-5000	Lucy & Gary Spongberg Arthur Bernhardt Edna Doigan	Arthur Bernhardt Edna Doigan June Barach
5000-7500	Bill Dubay Walter Smith Judy Dubay	Stephen Paskin Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann
7500-10000	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Al Ross	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas

Sectional Results Nov 2-4, 2007

Friday afternoon Strat Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Sandra and Bill Nelson
2	1	1	Delores Inzero- Gerald Kaufman
3			Edna Doigan - Marilyn Beames
4			Mary Williams - Carol Chandler
5	2	2	Anne Marie Gapp - Stan Felland
6	3		Charles Schmidt - Ellen Finch
	4	3	Sharon Lyons - Diana Lack
	5/6	4/5	Richard & Gloriana Clark
	5/6	4/5	John & Patsy Schulenberg

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1			Judith & Tom Ludwig
2/3	1/2	1/2	Sandra Ostrelch - Martha Precheur
2/3	1/2	1/2	Barbara & John Flynn
4	3		Eleanor & Joe Lisuzzo
5			David Funk- Margaret Lavelle

Friday evening Pro-Am Swiss

A	B	C	
1	1		Arnold Christensen - Stan Felland Diana Lack- Gary Belcher
2			Rich Kasprowicz - Marion Sheehan Pat & Jack Baugh
3			Bonnie Taylor - Daniel Wulff Michael & Ulla Sattinger

Saturday Blue Ribbon Pairs

A	X	
1		Anthony Prindle - Albert Ross
2		Bob Feller - Lynn Deas
3	1	Gary & Lucy Spongberg
4		Betty & Steve Bloom
5	2	Bernard Neuhart - Robert Neuhart
6	3	Roger Woodin - Sue Eastman
	4	Joe Phillips- Morris Cramer
	5	Morton Friedman - Satya Pabuwal
	6	Robert Donald - Diane Burger

999'er Morning Pairs

B	C	D	
1	1		Richard & Gloriana Clark
2	2		Judy & Richard Hill
3	3	1	Pat & Jack Baugh
4	4	2	Harry & Louise Landry
5	5		Ed Hornidge - Richard Bobilin
6	6		Lois Tuohey - Lee Tabner
		3	Judith & Tom Ludwig
		4	Joyce & Robert Mass

999'er Afternoon Pairs

B	C	D	
1	1		Jill & Arnold Factor
2	2		Judy & Richard Hill
3	3	1	Jean Drake - Peggy Mount
4	4		Arnold Christensen - Stan Felland
		2	Harry & Louise Landry

Sunday Swiss

Bracket 1

1	Steve & Betty Bloom Neil & Donna Chambers
2	Maxim Siline - Stephen Paskin Rick Underwood- Lawrence Berman
3	Bill & Judy Dubay Bernie & Robert Neuhart

Bracket 2

1	Bill Teiper - John Riopelle Peter Wick - Andrew Archibald
2	Ross Lounsbury- Robert Valenti Charles Schmidt- Dorothy Kraus
3/5	Lou & Myra Brickman Richard & Gloriana Clark
3/5	Sue Eastman - Marigay Harkins Glenn White - Phyllis French
3/5	Ellen Finch - Margaret Lavelle Fran & Eugene Leary

Bracket 3

1	Rosemary Isele - Patricia Feulner Harold Bigelow - Gene Vennesland
2	Patricia & Jack Baugh Joyce and Robert Mass
3	Chris Almy - Sandra Graper Len & Anne Lapinski



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Thurs-Sunday	Nov 22-Dec 2	NABC, San Francisco
Wed-Sunday	Dec 26-30	New York City Regional
Fri-Sunday	Jan 4-6	Newton, MA Regional
Fri-Sunday	Jan 11-13	Sturbridge, MA Sectional
Tues-Sunday	Jan 15-21	Rye, NY Regional
Thurs-Sunday	Mar 6-16	NABC Detroit, Mich

Club Events

Sunday	December 16	Sybil's Christmas Party
Fri-Sunday	February 8-10	Sectional Schenectady



Deadline for submission for February Newsletter:

Jan 18, 2008

We appreciate your contributions