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Schenectady Sectional (at the Studio) November 6-8, 2009

Friday November 6 (NOTE: NEW TIMES)

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| Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+) | 12:30 pm |
| Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-299) | 12:30 pm |
| Pro/Am Dual Scored -Pair game movement with Pro-Am Team | 6:30 pm |

Saturday November 7

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| BLUE RIBBON PAIRS (2 Sessions) (0-5000, 5000+) | 10 am and 3 pm |
| (Single Session Entries will be sold) | |
| BCD PAIRS (0-300, 300-750, 750-1000) | 10 am and 3 pm |
| (2 One Session Games) | |

Sunday November 8

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| Swiss Teams (1- Session Bracketed) | 1 pm |
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For Partnerships: Call Bernie Neuhart 518.372.3936 or bhnewhart@nycap.rr.com

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President's Message

As we enter the Holiday Season I would like to extend my best wishes to all. Two thousand nine has been a good year for our bridge community, Sectionals have had a very good attendance and our Saratoga Regional is a gem. A special thank you goes to the members of the Board who serve the bridge community. A job well done! Two thousand ten looks to be a banner year, with five Sectionals, four Regionals, three weeks of STAC games, and much much more.

Special congratulations to Bernie Neuhart who is our nominee for the "Goodwill Member of the Year" for 2010.

Those who serve Unit 115 Board of Directors are elected every two years. The election to determine the makeup of the Board for the two year term Jan. 2010- Dec. 2011 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 Oct. 29 to Unit 115

secretary Barbara McDonald by e-mail to Bmcdona1@nycap.rr.com or by mail to her at 74 Grant Street, Cohoes, NY 12047. If there are more than 25 people that submit their names, there must be an election by the Unit. All current members of the Board must meet the same requirements.

Upcoming Events for 2009 are: The District final of the NAP, for Flights B & C, will be held at two sites on Sunday, Oct. 25. The northern site is the Studio of Bridge & Games in Schenectady. This is a two session event starting at 12:30 with the 2nd session TBA. Flight B is for players with under 2000 MPs as of June 1, 2009. Flight C is for non-LMs with fewer than 500 MPs as of June, 1 2009. Both Flights will be played separately & both will be awarded some gold points. For more information and complete conditions of contest, see the district web site at <http://www.bridge-district3.org> or call Bill Dubay, 765-4426. Other Events: Sectional Nov. 6-8, and Sybil's XMAS Party Dec. 5th. Sectionals for 2010 are Feb. 10-21, Apr. 16-18, July 16-18, Sept. 10-12, and Nov. 5-7, Saratoga Regional June 14-21, and ACBL World Wide Pairs June 5th at Avila (see Rhoda).

The Board is seeking your input regarding the Sunday Swiss Team event at our Sectionals. Many players would like a two session event. A survey will be taken at our next Sectional Nov. 6-8.

Have a Happy Holiday Season and a great 2010.

Ross Lounsbury

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Welcome to Rich Underwood, your new editor of the Newsletter. I am certain that you have chosen well but also certain that Rich will have a tough act to follow. Sue Eastman has done a wonderful job for many years. She was terrific in reminding everyone that their articles were due, always certain to include all necessary information which is key to a good Newsletter and the format was interesting and readable. I want to express my deep appreciation to Sue as one of the very dedicated volunteers. As you all know caring and dedicated volunteers are hard to come by. Thanks Sue for all you did and good luck to you Rich, as the new Editor for a great publication.

I have just returned from Brazil and the World Championships. Once again, Lynn Deas partnered with her long time favorite, Beth Palmer came home with a medal. This time it was a Silver Medal for second place in the Venice Cup. A very strong team from China beat the US ladies to win the Gold. Lynn's team included two other members from District 3 – Irina Levitina and Kerri Sanborn both from our North Jersey unit and Lynn Baker and Karen McCallum. Congratulations Lynn! Well done!!!

The summer NABC in Washington DC was terrific. The host group provided super entertainment, great food, and good playing conditions. Everything was located in the hotel, and there were many good restaurants within walking distance from the hotel. At the Board meetings, the Board voted to establish an ACBL-wide Ace of Clubs e-Race effective 1/1/10. Most of you are probably aware that our three on-line bridge clubs rank 1, 2, and 3 in most tables of bridge run in 2008,

I hope you are all planning to be at District 3's Fall Foliage Regional in Danbury, Ct. October 12-18. Jerry Fleming, ACBL president and his wife will be attending as well as Patty Tucker, Youth Coordinator for the ACBL. Patty will be

running a seminar discussing ways to involve young people in bridge on Friday morning at 10:30am. We are also hoping to attract young people under 18 with less than 20 MPs to our special youth game and light supper on Thursday from 5 - 7:45 pm. A great opportunity for new young players to get to know each other in a fun bridge game

You B&C players are really lucky. You can play the District Finals of the North American Pairs right in your own backyard on Sunday, October 25th at the Studio of Bridge and Games. The Studio is guaranteed at least one winner in each flight. All Flight A players will have to drive a bit to Allendale to the Guardian Angel Church but that's really not that far. Please come out and show your support for this great event. Norma Shelly works really hard to make sure all you Flight B&C players really have a great time.

Hope to see you all this Fall. We count on your participation in District 3 events.

Joan Gerard, District Director

North American Open Pairs Flight B & C will be held at the Studio of Bridge and Games on Saturday, October 25. It is a 2 session event and is open only to those players that qualified at the club level. The first session is at 12:30, the second session TBA. Supper will be served between sessions. Total entry fee, including supper, is \$26.00 per person. You may partner with anyone else that qualified in your category. This will be a 2 site event with other players participating in New Jersey. Everyone will play the same hands and be scored across the 2 sites. Overall awards will be part gold.

If you are not certain you qualified contact Norma (518) 346-3773 or (home-372-4216).

Helping Hands Needed!

Volunteers are needed to prepare food for the November sectional. Money is allocated by the unit to defray the cost of the food.

Please contact Marion Sheehan at 372-1010 if you are able to help.

Sectional Results

Sept 11 - 13, 2009

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

| A | B | C | |
|-----|-----|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | | | Sandy & Bill Nelson |
| 2 | 1 | | Katie & Gino Scalamandre |
| 3 | 2 | | Richard & Judy Hill |
| 4 | 3 | | Lois Lyon – Janice Woodbury |
| 5/8 | | | Betty & Steve Bloom |
| 5/8 | | | Stephen Paskin – Al Ross |
| 5/8 | 4/5 | | Morris Cramer – Joseph Phillips |
| 5/8 | 4/5 | 1 | Marilyn Soffer – Sadie Schneider |
| | 6 | 2 | Linda & Lew Millenbach |
| | | 3 | Anne Marie Gapp – Carolyn Combi |
| | | 4 | Vanessa & Michael Gruen |
| | | 5 | Frances & Paul Cuerdon |

Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Mary Ann Suen - Sandra Rohner |
| 2 | | | John Loeber – Mark Hartley |
| 3 | | | Peggy Fitzpatrick – Robert Hoffman |
| 4 | 2 | | Sandra Ostrellich – Barry Ikler |
| 5 | | | Peggy Mount – Bette Sovik |
| | 3 | 2 | Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni |
| | 4 | | Mary Jean Church – M. Lois Novak |

Friday evening BAM

| | | | |
|-----|-----|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | William Teiper – Donald Bathrick |
| | | | Christopher Almy – Leonard Lapinski |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | Jill & Arnold Factor |
| | | | Patricia & Jack Baugh |
| 3 | 3 | | Robert Neuhart – Mary Ann Suen |
| | | | Bernie Neuhart – Sandra Rohner |
| 4 | | | Judy Dubay – Sudhir Kulkarni |
| | | | Sheela Kulkarni – Dianne Darling |
| 5/6 | 4/5 | | Louise & Harry Landry |
| | | | Sherrill & Ernest Bartholomew |
| 5/6 | 4/5 | 3 | John Riopelle – Diane Alexander |
| | | | Kathy Needham – Marilyn Hart |

Saturday morning Open Pairs

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | | Ross Lounsbury - Louis Urbano |
| 2 | | | Judy & Andrew Dubay |
| 3 | | | Rita Redlich – Edward Hornidge |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | Harold Bigelow – Rosemary Isele |
| 5 | | | Al Ross – Don Cohen |
| 6 | | | Walter Smith – Anthony Prindle |
| | 3 | | Clementina Di Carlo-Marion Sheehan |
| 4 | 2 | | Tonette De Angelis – Marilyn Riecke |
| 5 | | | Lois Lyon – Joseph Phillips |
| 6 | | | Vito Ramundo – Charlene Sunderland |
| | 3 | | Gary Belcher – Diana Lack |
| | 4 | | Rhoda Levine – Bonnie Taylor |
| | 5 | | Linda & Lew Millenbach |

Saturday morning 299ers

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|---|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | | Sandra Ostrellich – Barry Ikler |
| 2 | | | John Loeber – Mark Hartley |
| 3 | | | Tom & Judith Ludwig |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | John O'Donnell – Victor Turaew |
| | 3 | 2 | Joanne Dechants – Carol Weaver |

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

| | | | |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 | | | Vito Ramundo – Judy Dubay |
| 2 | | | Lucy & Gary Spongberg |
| 3 | | | Bernie & Robert Neuhart |
| 4 | | | Sandy & Bill Nelson |
| 5 | | | Mary Williams – Phyllis French |
| 6 | 1 | 1 | Arnold & Jill Factor |
| | 2 | | Donald Bathrick – Andrew Archibald |
| | 3 | 2 | Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni |
| | 4 | | Geraldine Krawitz – Jean Drake |
| | 5 | | Richard & Judy Hill |
| | 6 | 3 | John Loeber – Mark Hartley |
| | | 4 | Linda & Lew Millenbach |
| | | 5 | Harold Bigelow – Rosemary Isele |

Sunday Swiss

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|--|-----------|---|----------------------------------|
| | Bracket 1 | | Betty & Steve Bloom |
| | | | Donna & Neil Chambers |
| | | | Sandy & Bill Nelson |
| | | | Albert Ross – Stephen Paskin |
| | Bracket 2 | | |
| | | 1 | Janice Woodbury – Lois Lyon |
| | | | Mary Anne Pickette – Lee Pearson |
| | | 2 | Richard & Judy Hill |
| | | | Jill & Arnold Factor |
| | Bracket 3 | | |
| | | 1 | Leonard Lapinski – Lois Touhey |
| | | | Anne Lapinski – Sandra Graper |
| | | 2 | Michael & Ulla Sattinger |
| | | | Linda & Lew Millenbach |
| | Bracket 4 | | |
| | | 1 | Tom & Judith Ludwig |
| | | | Jean Drake – Charles Close |
| | | 2 | Harry & Louise Landry |
| | | | Ann McDowell – Marcia Metzger |
| | | 3 | Margaret Lavelle – David Funk |
| | | | Carole Paskin – Germaine Graf |

Club Corner

The Studio

October is Club Appreciation Month
More masterpoints available on the following dates:

Sat. Oct. 10 12:30 Open Pairs
Mon. Oct. 12 12:00 Invitational Pairs
Tues. Oct. 20 7:00 Non-Lm Pairs
Thurs. Oct. 22 12:00 Open Pairs

Thurs. Nov. 12 12:00 Open CC
Mon. Nov. 16 12:00 Invitational CC
Wed. Dec. 9 12:00 Invitational CC
Tues. Dec. 15 7:00 Non-LM CC
Sat. Dec. 19 12:30 Open CC

Studio will be closed
Thurs. Nov. 26 & Sat. Nov. 28
Thurs. Dec. 24, Sat. Dec. 26, Thurs. Dec. 31 &
Sat. Jan 2.

The **Avila** Saturday game will be a WEEKLY game (rather than monthly), beginning October 3rd. Game time is 1pm, no reservations required. Contact Judi Shulman (813-4545) www.bridgescore.com/rhoda for game info and results.

Notices

Players need to have their dues paid through January 1, 2010 or they will be subject to the new upgraded requirements to become a life master.

Congratulations on the marriage of Lois Lyons and Joe Phillips.

If you are interested in ordering bidding boxes, contact Marion Clowe 887-5707.

RANK CHANGES

New Junior Masters

Patricia Boyd, Judith Ciccio, Liz Foster, Sheila Lang, Victor Turhew

New Club Masters

Eleanor Georgopoulos, Charles Mantia
Miriam Netter

New Sectional Masters

Niki Belleville, Nancy Streeter,
Mary Ann Suen

New Regional Masters

Barry Ikler, Judy Krueger,
Nancy Nitzberg, John Vary

New NABC Masters

Myra Brickman, Willma Delucco
Marilyn Hart, Harry Landry
John Loeber, James Morrison
David Nerrow, Suellen Stuart

New Life Master

Rosemary Isele

New Silver Life Masters

Louis Brickman, Ellen Jabbur

New Gold Life Master

Donna Chambers

Condolences

To the family of **Arlene Belott**
To the family of **Marilyn Beames**

Get Well Wishes

To **Diana Lack, Mary Frederick, Nancy Hayden, and Sandy Quinn**

**Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings
Unit 115 (as of Sept 7, 2009)**

| | <u>Mini-McKenney</u> | <u>Ace of Clubs</u> |
|-------------------|--|---|
| 0-5 | Charles Mantia Victor Turhew Robert Brodeur | Charles Mantia Victor Turhew Robert Brodeur |
| 5-20 | Firm Weaver Carol Weaver Carolyn Accardi | Firm Weaver Carol Weaver Carolyn Accardi |
| 20-50 | Terry Bentley Nancy Streeter Susan Klein | Terry Bentley William Kelsey Justine Cook |
| 50-100 | Sandra Ostrellich Joanne Dechants Martha Precheur | Joanne Dechants Sandra Ostrellich Carole Baker |
| 100-200 | Harold Bigelow Rhoda Levine Richard Bobilin | Rhoda Levine John Loeber Harold Bigelow |
| 200-300 | Linda Millenbach Robert Nevin Louise Landry | Louise Landry Stanley Cohen Marcia Metzger |
| 300-500 | Lew Millenbach Mary Ellen Nevin Rosemary Isele | Rosemary Isele Gloriana Clark Ann McDowell |
| 500-1000 | Judy & Richard Hill Ulla Sattinger Michael Sattinger | Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander Joseph Phillips |
| 1000-2500 | Satya Pabuwal Diane Burger Robert Valenti | Satya Pabuwal Lois August Joan Meyer |
| 2500-5000 | Bob Donald Bob Feller Donald Cohen | Donald Cohen Arthur Bernhardt Bob Donald |
| 5000-7500 | Walter Smith Harry Kaufmann Judy Dubay | Harry Kaufmann Walter Smith Stephen Paskin |
| 7500-10000 | William Nelson Sandra Nelson Al Ross | William Nelson Sandra Nelson Albert Ross |
| Over 10000 | Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas Neil Chambers | Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas Neil Chambers |

OPENING 1-OF-A-SUIT LIGHT IN THIRD SEAT

Louis Brickman

POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES

- (a) LEAD DIRECTION: Your bid could help partner if, as often happens, LHO becomes declarer.
- (b) PREEMPTION: Your bid, especially if it is 1-of-a-major, will often thwart an intended opening bid by LHO.
- (c) BUYING THE CONTRACT: Your bid, especially 1-of-a-major, could uncover an 8⁺-card fit, and you might make a part-score or a worthwhile sacrifice.

REQUIREMENTS

- (1) You have 9-11 high card points. (Open all 12-point hands in third seat.)
- (2) You expect at least one of the advantages (a)-(c) listed above.
- (3) Assuming the opponents pass, you and partner must reach a contract below 2NT. You can pass a 1NT response by partner if you have no singletons or voids. You can pass a suit bid if you expect a 7⁺-card fit. If you cannot reach such contracts by passing, you and partner are allowed one more round to do so.

EXAMPLES OF THIRD SEAT OPENING DECISIONS

Axx-xxx-KQJx-xxx: Open 1D for advantage (a). You will pass any bid by partner. In fact you should open 1D even with the hand Axx-xxx-KQJ-xxxx.

AJx-xxxxx-xx-Axx: Open 1H for advantages (b) and (c). You will pass any bid by partner. (You can't pass 2-of-a-minor if you play 2-way reverse Drury, but then you're happy about partner's heart support.)

Axxxx-AJxx-xxx-x: Open 1S. If partner bids 1NT you will rebid 2H. Partner will then take a 2-level preference. You expect a 7⁺-card fit.

Q-QJxx-Qxx-Axxxx. Pass. If you open 1C you have no adequate call if partner¹ responds 1S or 1NT.

AKx-xxxx-Qxx-Qxx: Pass. Opening 1C is unlikely to confer any of the advantages (a)-(c). On defense you'd much prefer a spade lead to a club lead.

KQJx-xxx-Axx-xxx: Open 1S even though you play 5-card majors!

K-KJxxx-xxxx-KJx: Do not open 1H vulnerable. You cannot comfortably pass if partner bids 1S or 1NT, and rebidding 2C is too dangerous.

KJxxx-Q-xxxx-KJx: Do not open 1S vulnerable. Partner might bid 1NT or 2H.

Axx-xx-AQxxx-xxx: Open 1D. If partner responds 1H you will rebid 1NT.

xxxxx-Ax-xxx-AQx: Open 1S. If partner bids 2H, promising 5⁺ hearts, you will pass.

Axxxx-Axxxx-x-xx: Open 1S nonvulnerable. Your shape and your 8 points are extraordinary.

¹ Many thanks to Tony Prindle for improvements

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Mon – Sun | Oct 12 – 18 | Regional, Danbury, CT |
| Sun | Oct 25 | NAP District Final, Studio(B&C) Flight A - Allendale |
| Wed – Tue | Nov 18 – 24 | Unit STaC |
| | Nov 26 – Dec 6 | Fall NABC, San Diego, CA |
| Sat | Dec 5 | Sybil's Christmas Party |