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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

**Sybil's Christmas Party
Sunday December 6, 2009
Noon (at the Studio)**

**The Studio
1639 Eastern Parkway
Schenectady, NY**

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President's Message

At our Unit Board meeting held on November 8, 2009 a couple of changes were made to our Sectional. (1) There is a new format for Partnership Stratification. The average number of points will determine the Strat rather than the Partner with the most points. (2) A survey was conducted at our November Sectional and a change will be made in the format of the Sunday Swiss Team Game. This will start with the February, 2010 Sectional.

Starting in 2010 The President's Cup will now be run by Diane Burger and Mary Williams. Please thank Lorrie and Norma who have handled this Event with great skill over the years.

Paul Meier will have a Presentation for 0-299 bridge players at our February Sectional.

A new committee has been formed to study our Units financial needs and the development of a long term Financial Plan.

Walter Smith will be taking orders for Smith's Delicious Pies. The Unit makes money on every pie sold. Please buy Smith's Pies from Walter.

We need a couple of volunteers to help out Marion at our February, 2010 Sectional, especially on Friday afternoon. Please step forward and volunteer.

Please visit our Unit's Web Site, operated by Charlene, for useful information.

Happy Holidays

Ross Lounsbury

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

It's the end of another year. It's time to think back and reflect on how things went.

District 3's four regionals – Hilton Rye Town, Saratoga Springs Hilton, Crowne Plaza in Fairfield and Danbury Hotel and Convention Center – all went well but all four were under expectation in participation. The same held true for the GNT and NAP District Finals. While this is not reason to be concerned, we are surely trying to analyze why this might have been. It's for sure that all who attended loved the playing conditions and the hospitality. The pre-dealt boards that we have been using now for more than a year are loved by all; the new bracketed RR Teams with the top group being run as a Swiss gives slews of MP's and is well received by the players.

Starting at the Hilton Rye Town this January, there is a new event for players with 0-750 points. It is a 2 session Pair game. The winners and those who earn section tops in the top bracket all receive Gold Points. What a bonanza for you folks who are still looking for Gold. Come dig for it in our Golden Opportunity Pairs on Friday, January 15.

District 3's Regional directing staff is tops!!! Most of them should be familiar to you. Sol Weinstein is Head Director for all District 3 Regionals. He is always there when we need guidance, trains directors and caddies, helps the volunteers, gives us reports to help with our advertising, stays up to all hours of the night eating pistachio nuts and working on the tournament schedules with us. He chooses the staff – not always the same people because they are not always available but the staff includes: Millard Natchway, Doug Grove, Chris Patrias, Terry Lavender, Micael Carrod, Candy Kushner, Anita Goldman, Marilyn Wells, Frank Allison, David Metcalf, Peter Marcus, Bernie Gorkin, David Marshall, Alan Miller, Greg Reich, Joe Byrnes. Bill Dubay, Cheryl Porter-Garofalo and probably a few names that I have forgotten to mention. Directing is a thankless job but District 3 is very proud of the staff and the job that they do. Perhaps while you're waiting to go to the next table, you might want to take the time to tell a director that he is appreciated.

Special thanks to those in your unit who help to make District 3 the success that it is... Fran Leary – she and I have worked together forever and what a joy Fran is. She is a tireless and dedicated worker. I can't think of a Regional held in 115 over the last 25 years that Fran as not worked day and night to make a success. John Riopelle who represents your unit on the District Board along with Fran has been great as well. Norma Shelley – is not even a member of the District 3 Board anymore, and she's always there for us. For the past three years she has taken on the responsibility of running Flights B&C of the NAP's at the Studio along with Bill Dubay, so that all of you Flight B&C players have an opportunity to win Gold Points and a chance to win a trip to participate on the National Finals of the NAP's. Also thanks to your unit board, who supported the By-Law changes that the District wished to make. Cooperation is what it's all about.

Congratulation go to Joseph Phillips and Lois Lyon who finished 3rd in Flight B, and to Gene Vennesland and Charles Mantia in Flight C who also finished 3rd. Both of these pairs will be representing District 3 in Reno next Spring.

Both Ron and I wish all of you and your families what you wish for yourselves. Good health, happiness and a bag full of MP's. Happy Holidays. Hope to see you all at the Hilton Rye Town, January 12-18, 2010

Joan Gerard, District Director, District 3

BRIDGE TIPS PRESENTATION

On Friday, February 19, 2010, at the next Unit 115 Sectional Tournament, (just prior to the 0-199 Game), Paul Meier will give a free presentation on tips to improve your bridge scores. Although primarily intended for beginning and intermediate players, some more experienced players may also benefit.

Bridge lessons generally focus on bidding conventions, hand evaluation, and card playing strategy, either as declarer or when defending. Those are the sexy topics. Solid partnership agreements and effective use of modern bidding conventions are necessary, but there are other important factors that are required for consistent above-average results. This talk will focus on two aspects of winning bridge that are seldom emphasized in typical bridge lessons.

Table Habits: Providing unauthorized information to your partner is not only unethical, but may also result in an adjusted score in favor of your opponents. On the other hand, information inadvertently provided by opponents is yours for the taking. This part of the presentation will help you to avoid giving away the contents of your hand and adversely affecting your score.

Doing the Math: One golden rule of bridge is, "***Do unto your opponents that which you hate to have done unto you.***" This part of the presentation will describe one opportunity to apply this golden rule by using some simple math and score-keeping knowledge. Hand examples from actual play will be included.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation if time allows. There will be handouts related to both parts of the presentation.

THANK YOU

Susan Cohen enjoyed playing bridge. What was most important to her however, were the friends that she made. The Cohen family sincerely appreciates the messages of sympathy that they received from the bridge community upon her death.

Don Cohen

Sectional Results Nov 6 - 8, 2009

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Betty & Steve Bloom
2			Lawrence Berman – Blaise Reinhart
3	1		Morris Cramer – Joseph Phillips
4			Don Cohen – Corrado Baglioni
5			Joan Harvey – Edward Hornidge
6			Satya Pabuwal – Arthur Bernhardt
	2		Mary Fredrick – Nancy Hayden
	3	1	Marilyn Hart – Jack Baugh
	4		Ross Lounsbury – Lew Urbano
	5/6		Ray Ratte – Frank Legnard
	5/6		John Riopelle – Kawther Jabbur
		2	Lee Tabner – Camille Wick
		3	Frances & Paul Cuerdon
		4	Sandra Graper – Marigay Harkins
		5	Charles Mantia – Gene Vennesland
		6	Sadie Schneider – Marilyn Soffer

Friday evening BAM

1	1	1	William Teiper – Donald Bathrick
			Patricia & Jack Baugh
2	2	2	Marion Kuritz – David Buchyn
			Bonnie Taylor – Daniel Wulff
3			Margaret Lavelle – Satya Pabuwal
			Carol Paskin – Walter Smith
4/5	3/4		Tom & Judy Ludwig
			Marion Sheehan – Rich Kasprowicz
4/5	3/4		William Wade – Layton Davis
			Ulla & Michael Sattinger

Saturday Morning 999er Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Diane Alexander – Conrad Bader
2	1	1	Wilma Delucco – Susan Klein
3	2	2	Mary Squire – Donald Bly
4			Frank Legnard – Ray Ratte
5	3		Carol Weaver – Leonard Lapinski
6	4	3	Patricia & Jack Baugh
	5	4	Mary Jean Church – Louis Novak

Blue Ribbon Pairs

A	X	
1	1	Bernie & Robert Neuhart
2	2	Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus
3	3	Ross Lounsbury – Lew Urbano
4		Betty & Steve Bloom
5		Al Ross – Arthur Bernhardt
6		Marty Birnby – Walt Smith
7		Judy Dubay – Vito Ramundo
	4	Louis Brickman – Mary Fredrick
	5	Norma Shelly – Charlene Sunderland
	6	Satya Pabuwal – Don Cohen

Saturday Afternoon 999ers pairs

A	B	
1		Diane Alexander – Conrad Bader
2	1	Larry Smith – Sandra Ostreich
3	2	Mary Squire – Donald Bly
	3	Bonnie Taylor – Daniel Wulff

Sunday A/X Swiss

A	X	
1		Roger Woodin – Bibs Pankin
		Bob Valenti – Walter Smith
2/4	1/2	Ross Lounsbury – Mary Anne Pickett
		Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus
2/4		Stephen Paskin – Albert Ross
		Larry Berman – Rich Underwood
2/4	1/2	Joseph Phillips – Morris Cramer
		S Michael & Nancy Sharp

Sunday B/C Swiss

B	C	
1		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
		Linda & Lew Millenbach
2		Marion Kuritz – Valdean Mosier
		David Buchyn – Gary Taylor
3		Lois Tuohey – Sandra Graper
		Ann & Leonard Lapinski
	1	Margaret Lavelle – David Funk
		Carol Paskin – Germaine Graf

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

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Victor Turhew Robert Brodeur Pricilla Yadegari	Victor Turhew Robert Brodeur Pricilla Yadegari
5-20	Firm Weaver Carol Weaver Carolyn Accardi	Firm Weaver Carol Weaver Carolyn Accardi
20-50	Charles Mantia Terry Bentley r Susan Klein	Charles Mantia Terry Bentley William Kelsey
50-100	Sandra Ostrellich Donna Cooperman Joanne Dechants	Joanne Dechants Sandra Ostrellich Carole Baker
100-200	John Loeber Rhoda Levine Richard Bobilin	Rhoda Levine John Loeber Harold Bigelow
200-300	Linda Millenbach Robert Nevin Louise Landry	Louise Landry Stanley Cohen Berne Kouba
300-500	Lew Millenbach Rosemary Isele Mary Ellen Nevin	Gloriana Clark Rosemary Isele Bonnie Taylor
500-1000	Judy & Richard Hill Ulla Sattinger Michael Sattinger	Judy & Richard Hill Dorothy Kraus Diane Alexander
1000-2500	Satya Pabuwal Diane Burger Robert Neuhart	Satya Pabuwal Joan Meyer Charles Schmidt
2500-5000	Bob Donald Bob Feller Donald Cohen	Donald Cohen Arthur Bernhardt Bob Donald
5000-7500	Walter Smith Judy Dubay Stephen Paskin	Harry Kaufmann Stephen Paskin Walter Smith
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

PIE FUND RAISER

For Saratoga Regional Hospitality

From now until January 29 we will be taking orders for 10" frozen pies which come with easy baking instructions, at a price of \$10 each or 5" for \$5 each. **The 5 inch pies must be ordered in groups of three, all the same flavor.** Unit 115 will make \$2.50 on each pie sold; the money will be used for hospitality at the Saratoga Regional. The pies will keep in your freezer until you are ready to bake and serve them, so you can order several.

To order, please use the attached order form or pick up an order form at any club game. You can turn in your order at any local bridge game up until January 29. You must make full payment when you turn in your order. **Checks may be made payable to CDBA or ACBL Unit 115.** You must choose to pick up your order on any of the times and locations listed below. Please be sure to provide your phone number in case delivery date changes due to weather. We encourage you to solicit additional pie orders from your friends and relatives and include them in your order. The more pies we sell, the more money we make!

NOTE: It is critical that the pies remain frozen until you are ready to bake them. We cannot be responsible for deterioration of quality of pies that are allowed to thaw prior to baking.

	10" Regular Crust	10" Crumb Top	Sugarless (Regular top only)	5" Regular Top (in set of 3)	5" Crumb Top (in set of 3)	5" Sugarless (in set of 3)
Apple						
Apple Blackberry						
Apple Blueberry						
Apple Cherry						
Apple Cranberry						
Apple Peach						
Apple Raisin Walnut						
Apple Raspberry						
Blackberry						
Blueberry						
Blueberry Peach						
Cherry						
Peach						
Pecan		Not available	Not available		Not available	Not available
Pineapple						
Pumpkin		Not available	Not available		Not available	Not available
Raspberry						
Raspberry Peach						
Rhubarb						
Strawberry Rhubarb						
Tollhouse		Not available	Not available		Not available	Not available
Very Berry						

NAME _____

Phone _____

CIRCLE PICK UP POINT

Mon. Feb. 1 ROCC 3-4 PM
 Tues. Feb 2 JCC 3-4 PM
 Wed. Feb. 3 Malta 3-4 PM
 Wed. Feb 3 B'nai Shalom 10-11 PM

Fri. Feb 5 ROCC 3-4 PM
 Mon. Feb. 8 Studio 3-4 PM
 Mon. Feb. 8 JCC 10-11 PM
 Tues. Feb. 9 Clifton Park 3-4 PM

Club Corner

THE STUDIO

Wednesday Dec. 9 12:00 Invitational CC
 Tuesday Dec. 15 7:00 Non-LM CC
 Saturday Dec. 19 12:30 Open CC
 Monday Jan. 11 12:00 Invitational CC
 Thursday Jan. 21 12:00 Open CC
 Tuesday Feb. 9 7:00 Non-LM CC
Studio will be closed
 Thurs. Dec. 24, Sat. Dec. 26,
 Thurs. Dec. 31 & Sat. Jan 2.

Rhoda has informed me that **Aliva games are suspended** until further notice.

Personal Notices

Condolences to the family of **Marje Barton**

Get well wishes to **Evelyn Fletcher** and to **John McDonald**

RANK CHANGES

New Junior Masters

Robert Brodeur, Ann Hart, Pricilla Yadegari,
 Mohammad Yadegari, Euthemia Matsoukas

New Club Masters

Lois Griffen, Maria Heverly

New Sectional Masters

Justine Cook, William Kelsey, Susan Klein,
 Charles Mantia, Sadie Schneider, Carol Weaver

New Regional Masters

Donna Cooperman

New NABC Masters

Richard Bobilin, Robert Cooperman
 Frances Curdon

New Bronze Life Masters

Carolyn Combi

New Silver Life Masters

Judy Hill, Richard Hill, Andy Archibald

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sun	Dec 6	Sybil's Christmas Party Studio
Sat – Wed	Dec 26 – 30	New York Winter Regional New York, NY
Tue – Sun	Jan 12 – 18	District 3 Winter Regional Rye, NY
Fri – Sun	Feb 19 – 21	Sectional, Studio