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Schenectady Sectional (at the Studio) July 16-18, 2010

Friday July 16

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	12:30 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-199, 200-299)	12:30 pm
Pro/Am Dual Scored -Pair game movement with Pro-Am Team	6:30 pm

Saturday July 17

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	10 am and 3 pm
(2 One Session Games)	
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-199, 200-299)	10 am and 3 pm
(2 One Session Games)	

Sunday July 18 (NOTE: NEW FORMAT and TIME)

Swiss Teams (2- Session stratiflighted play through; 42 boards)	12 pm
(1/2 hour break between sessions)	

Need Help: Call Robert Neuhart (518) 279-3705 or rneuhart@nycap.rr.com
For Partnerships: Call Bernie Neuhart (518) 372-3936 or bhneuhart@nycap.rr.com

NOTE: For stratified pair events, the strat will be based upon the average MPs for the pair. For events less than 300MPs, each player must have fewer than 300 MPs.

Event to be held at:

The Studio
1639 Eastern Parkway
Schenectady, NY

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President's Message

The Saratoga Regional is June 14-20. Let's make this annual event the most wonderful experience for all Bridge Players who attend our Regional. Please come and play bridge as often as you can during this special week. We still need some volunteers to help out with various jobs. Please let me or one of our board members know if you have some time to help. Our registration gift this year will be a Saratoga appliqué sticker, a great souvenir.

We had a successful President's Cup Bridge Game on May 15th. Twenty four teams were in the competition. Thank you to Mary Williams and Diane Burger for organizing this event.

Most players I have talked to had favorable opinions of our new format for the Swiss Team Game on the Sunday of our Sectional.

Our Sectional dates for 2011 are: Jan. 28-30, April 1-3, July 8-10, Sept. 9-11, and Nov. 18-20. Please mark these dates on your Bridge calendar.

I hope everyone is getting ready for Saratoga! John O'Brien will do the scheduling for Hospitality at our Regional, please take a turn at the Hospitality Desk if you can.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Bridge Table!

Ross Lounsbury

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Summer is fast approaching. Our wonderful Saratoga Springs Regional ends the day before summer begins. We are expecting a great turnout especially with the addition of the Golden Opportunity pairs. In the next issue I'll write up all the details about the tournament.

For those who don't know, the ACBL has moved its headquarters to Horn Lake, Mississippi about twenty minutes down the road from their previous location in Memphis. We bought a beautiful new building that had no construction done to the inside so we were able to design the office space to meet our exact needs. Change is never easy but the employees seem to love their new home. The Board of Directors will be going to Memphis in order to attend an opening ceremony give to us by the city of Horn Lake. I'll tell you all about it in the next issue of your Newsletter.

District 3 Spring Regional



*Race
for
the
Points*

June 14 – 20, 2010

The Saratoga Hilton

534 Broadway • Saratoga Springs NY 12866
518-584-4000
\$128 single/double, plus tax.

Reserve now!! Rooms at bridge rate go quickly.

Rooms also available at Courtyard by Marriott
(5-minute walk from the Saratoga Hilton)
11 Excelsior Ave. • Saratoga Springs
518-226-0538 \$111 single/double, plus tax.
Free parking at both locations.

DIRECTIONS

From the South and West: NY Thruway to Exit 24. North on Route 87 (Northway) to Exit 15. South (and West) on Route 50, 1½ miles to Broadway. Hotel on left.

From the East: West on Route 90 to Exit 1. North on Route 87 as above.

From the North: South on Route 87 to Exit 15 as above.

Room Problems?

Call Joan Gerard
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Tournament Manager

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Pairing

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Monday, June 14

Bracketed KO Tms I 7 pm
Continues Tues. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series I (1st) 7 pm

Tuesday, June 15

Side Game Series I (2nd) 9 am

Bracketed Round Robin Tms 1 & 7 pm

Top bracket played as Swiss - Open to all teams

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 1 pm

Side Game Series I (3rd) 1 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 7 pm

Side Game Series I (4th) 7 pm

Wednesday, June 16

Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm

Open Prs 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 1 pm

Side Game Series II (1st) 1 pm

1 Session Swiss Tms (Red) 1 pm

Bracketed KO Tms II 7 pm

Continues Thurs. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 7 pm

Side Game Series II (2nd) 7 pm

Thursday, June 17

Senior Prs 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Swiss Tms 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series II (3rd) 1 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 1 pm

Side Game Series II (4th) 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 7 pm

Compact Teams: 12-board matches,
4-person teams only

Friday, June 18

Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm
NEW Golden Opportunity Prs

750/300/100 MPs 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Prs (2000+, 0-2000) ... 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series III (1st) 1 pm

1 Session Swiss Tms (Red) 1 pm

Bracketed KO Tms III 7 pm

Continues Sat. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series III (2nd) 7 pm

Saturday, June 19 — Unit 115 Day

Senior Swiss Tms 10 am & 3 pm

Side Game Series III (3rd) 9 am

Open Prs 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 1 pm

Side Game Series III (4th) 1 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 7 pm

Side Game Series III (5th) 7 pm

Sunday, June 20

Stratified Open Swiss Tms 10:30 am

Playthrough: 7 8-Board Matches

Subsidized refreshments available

NEW! GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS
(two session event) Friday 10 am & 3 pm
750/300/100 MPs Stratified Open Prs
GOLD POINTS for overalls and
section tops in top strat

Stratified Games

A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)
All Pair events are stratified

A list of nearby motels will be posted at bridge-district3.org.

THIS 'N THAT (contd.)

June, July and August are club qualifying months for the NAPs. Be sure to qualify and then if you're a Flight B or C player you will be able to play your District Final at the Studio. Norma has again graciously agreed to host the B&C flights at her club. This means a chance for you to earn Gold Points in Schenectady and perhaps win the right to represent District 3 at the NABC in Louisville next Spring.

District 3 is going to have a District 3 GoodWill Committee. Eli Schneider suggested this several years ago and we are finally getting it started. A beautiful pin has been designed by Eli to be given to all those that have been chosen to be on the GoodWill Committee. People given the honor of being selected for this committee will be those who exemplify all the traits of an upstanding member of our bridge community. There are no limitations as to the number who can be selected.

If any of you have a suggestion you can either e-mail it to me or tell Fran Leary or John Riopelle. They will forward the name to me or to Glenda Calkins. There is no guarantee that your suggestion will be appointed but certainly consideration will be given to all names submitted.

I hope that our paths cross this summer either in Saratoga Springs; New Orleans at the NABC in July or at our Fairfield, New Jersey Regional in August.

Joan Gerard
District Director, District 3

Sectional Results Apr 16 - 18, 2010

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Blaise Reinhart – Larry Berman
2	1		William Peruzzi – Martin Birnby
3			Diane Burger – Bob Donald
4			Arthur Bernhardt – Satya Pabuwal
5	2		William Teiper – Andrew Archibald
6			Albert Ross – Stephen Paskin
	3		Joseph Phillips – Morris Cramer
	4		Yvonne Mendleson – Bibs Pankin
	5/6		Charlene Sunderland – Lois Phillips
	5/6		Mary Frederick – Nancy Hayden
		1	James Patterson – Howard Gates
		2	Renie Federighi – Marie Felthousen
		3	Anne & Leonard Lapinski
		4	Richard Bobilin – Delores Inzero
		5	Martha Precheur - Sandra Ostrelch



Friday evening BAM

A	B	C	
1	1		Robert & Bernie Neuhart
			Martha Precheur - Sandra Ostrelch
2	2		S Michael & Nancy Sharp
			Diana Lack – Daniel Wulff
3/4			Stephen Paskin – Satya Pabuwal
			Carol Weaver – Harry Landry
3/4	3	1	Michael & Ulla Sattinger
			Richard Hurd – Eleanor O'Connor
	4		Matthew Lahut – Samuel Hill
			Rich Kasprovicz – Marion Sheehan
		2	William Teiper – John Riopelle
			Bonnie Taylor – Eugene Pellegrino

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Arlene & Ronald Sahr
2	2		S Michael & Nancy Sharp
3	3		Lee Pearson – Maryclare Devlin
4			Joan Meyer – Larry Berman
5	4		Fran Leary – Phyllis French
6	5	2	Richard Hurd – Eleanor O'Connor
	6	3	Anne & Leonard Lapinski
		4/5	Lee Tabner – Alma Pusateri
		4/5	Bonnie Taylor – Eugene Pellegrino
		6	Diana Lack – Daniel Wulff

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Richard Hurd – Eleanor O'Connor
2			Arthur Bernhardt – Albert Ross
3			Steve & Carol Paskin
4	2	2	Michael & Ulla Sattinger
5	3		Charlene Sunderland – Norma Shelly
6			Diane Burger – Bob Donald
	4		Fran Leary – Phyllis French
	5	3	Diana Lack – Daniel Wulff
	6		Diane Alexander – Conrad Bader
		4	Richard Bobilin – Lois Tuohey
		5	Marion Kuritz – David Buchyn

Sunday Swiss

A	X	
1		Betty & Steve Bloom
		Donna & Neil Chambers
2		Judy Dubay – Vito Ramundo
		Robert & Bernie Neuhart
3		Larry Berman – Satya Pabuwal
		Albert Ross – Stephen Paskin
	1	Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus
		Louis Urbano – Teresa Fenimore
	2	Joseph Phillips – Morris Cramer
		S Michael & Nancy Sharp

B	C	D	
1			William Teiper – Andrew Archibald
			Marilyn Hart – Lucas Fekete
2	1	1	Diane Alexander – Conrad Bader
			Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
3/4	2/3		Michael & Ulla Sattinger
			Linda & Lew Millenbach
3/4	2/3	2	Gary Taylor – Valdean Mosier
			Martha Precheur - Sandra Ostrelch
	4		George Halbinger – Marion Sheehan
			Marion Kuritz – Evelyn Fletcher
		3	David Cohen – Doris Nussbaum
			Rhoda Levine – Nancy Nitzberg

**Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings
Unit 115 (as of May 6, 2010)**

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Margaret & John Dillon Shirley Lavine Rosemary Munter	Margaret & John Dillon Shirley Lavine Rosemary Munter
5-20	Joan Weaver Samuel Hill Anne Beard	Joan Weaver Anne Beard Samuel Hill
20-50	James Beard Carolyn Accardi Ellen Larson	James Beard Carolyn Accardi Miriam Netter
50-100	Firm Weaver Carol Weaver Terry Bentley	Firm Weaver Carol Weaver William Kelsey
100-200	Charles Mantia Joanne Dechants Sandra Ostrellich	Charles Mantia Joanne Dechants Sandra Ostrellich
200-300	John Loeber Rhoda Levine Paul Cuerdon	Rhoda Levine John Loeber Stanley Cohen
300-500	Andrea Berlent Rosemary Isele Harold Bigelow	Rosemary Isele Harold Bigelow Ann McDowell
500-1000	Bonnie Taylor Diane Alexander Joseph Phillips	Diane Alexander Charlene Sunderland Vito Ramundo
1000-2500	Judy & Richard Hill William Teiper Janice Woodbury	Judy & Richard Hill Marty Brinby Bibs Pankin
2500-5000	Satya Pabuwal Lucy & Gary Spongberg Bob Feller	Satya Pabuwal Lois August Donald Cohen
5000-7500	Judy Dubay Walter Smith Stephen Paskin	Judy Dubay Stephen Paskin Bill Dubay
7500-10000	Bill Nelson Albert Ross	Bill Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Sandra Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Sandra Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom

Club Corner

THE STUDIO

Mon. Jul. 12 - 12:00 Invitational CC
Tue. Jul. 13 - 7:00 Non-LM CC
Thurs. Jul. 22 - 12:00 Inter-Club Championship

NAOP Qualifying Dates:

Wed. Jul 7 - 12:00 Mon. Jul 26 - 12:00
Thur. Aug 12 - 12:00 Sat. Aug 28 - 12:30

AVILA

July 3	NAOP
July 10	Charity
July 17	NO GAME due to Schenectady Sectional
July 24	regular game
July 31	NAOP
August 7	NAOP

RANK CHANGES

New Junior Masters

Shirley Lavine Rosemary Munter
James Miller

New Club Masters

Rita Goldstein Joan Weaver

New NABC Master

Rhoda Levine

New Life Masters

Jack Baugh Patricia Baugh
Marcia Metzger

New Bronze Life Master

Gloriana Clark

New Silver Life Master

Charlene Sunderland

New Gold Life Masters

Martin Birnby Joan Meyer
Carol Chandler

Helping Hands Needed!



Volunteers are needed to prepare food for the July 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.

Personal Notices

Condolences to the family of **Corrado Baglioni**

Get well wishes to **Lee Tabner**

Condolences to **Vic Ramundo** on the loss of his father, to **Hugo Orloff** on the loss of his wife, and to **Bette Mitchell** on the death of her husband

Awards Dinner

Saturday, August 14th at noon.
Food, awards and bridge!!!

Chairman: Lois Touhey
Co – chair: Lois Phillips

Questions ? email -
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A TWO-EDGED SWORD

By: Brian Gunnell

E-W Vulnerable

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
	Pass	Pass	1NT #
2♥	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

15-17 HCP

	♠ T762 ♥ 43 ♦ Q654 ♣ Q64	
♠ J4 ♥ 85 ♦ K9832 ♣ J975	North West East Declarer	♠ K53 ♥ AT2 ♦ AT7 ♣ AT83
	♠ AQ98 ♥ KQJ976 ♦ J ♣ K2	

West boldly competed to 3♦, but South pushed on to 3♥, a precarious contract which depended on playing the Spades for one loser. Given the apparent lack of entries to Dummy, that was likely to be problematic.

West led his 4th best Diamond and, as this was the Three, it was clear that West had led from a five-card suit. East won his Ace, and Declarer ruffed the Diamond continuation. Before drawing trumps, Declarer played the ♣K, hoping to force an entry to Dummy. But E-W were up to the challenge. West followed with the Club Nine, the start of a high-low count signal, telling East that West had started with an *even* number of Clubs. Armed with that information, East could duck the trick, safe in the knowledge that Declarer was not trying to sneak through her singleton King. Then Declarer played the ♥K losing to the Ace, ruffed the Diamond return, and drew the remaining trumps.

The play in the Diamond suit had made it clear that West started with the ♦K, so East needed to hold the ♠K to make up his 15-17 HCP. Should Declarer play ♠A followed by a *low* Spade (hoping that East had started with Kx)? Or ♠A followed by the *Queen* (hoping that West had started with Jx)?

How was Declarer to know? West's Club count signal (which had helped East to find the correct play when the ♣K was led) was a two-edged sword, as it also gave away the distribution to Declarer. By now West was known to have started with five Diamonds, an even number of Clubs (surely four), and two Hearts. That left two Spades, and Declarer's only chance was to play ♠A followed by the Queen, hoping that West had started with ♠Jx. Making 9 tricks!

Visit www.acbl.org for more about the fascinating game of bridge or email marketing@acbl.org

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DEADLINE for the next newsletter is July 31

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Mon – Sun	Jun 14 – 20	District 3 Regional Saratoga Springs
Fri – Sun	July 16 – 18	Sectional, The Studio
Thu – Sun	Jul 22 – Aug 1	Summer NABC New Orleans
Sat	Aug 14	Awards Dinner
Mon – Sun	Aug 9 – 15	District 3 Regional Fairfield, NJ