

# Capital District Bridge Association

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### Sectional Schenectady (at the Studio) January 28-30, 2011

#### Friday January 28

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| 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 January 29

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 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 January 30

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

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### **President's Message**

As this message is being written the NABC is being held in Orlando and our area is well represented by great players such as Lynn Deas, Judy Shulman, Neil Chambers, Steve & Betty Bloom, Bernie & Robbie Neuhart, Diane Burger & Bob Donald, and others **BRING HOME THE GOLD!**

Sybil's Christmas Party was held on Sunday December 5th and we had an excellent turnout for this event. During the party I brought attention to the fact that we have in excess of \$12000 in our treasury and should consider reducing this amount by asking our membership for suggestions. Some of the suggestions are: Dinners for people who receive awards at the Awards Banquet be paid for by the Unit, we reduce or eliminate the charge for the Christmas Party, or possibly reduce the charge for entry fees at our Sectionals. If you have suggestions let board members know!

This is my last message and I feel it an honor to have served the bridge players in the capital district. **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to

everyone, and I will see you at one of our great games.

**Ross Lounsbury**

### **THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

The Holiday season has arrived and with it the end of the old year and the start of a new one. The last NABC of the season, Orlando last month was a bit of a disappointment. The table count was 12,647 - just about 2000 tables down from 2004. The Marriott is a wonderful hotel, playing space was all under one roof, the local hospitality was great including free orange juice and coffee almost all day and of course there were late night snacks and afternoon goodies as well. The nationally rated events held their own except that the new Super Senior Pairs for those over 70 years old drew a very small crowd. It was not promoted well so that might have been the reason. We will run it again in Seattle and see. There are several restaurants in the hotel; a small but adequate Food Court and the large coffee shop had a reasonably priced buffet dinner each evening, but there were no supermarkets or nearby restaurants to either walk to or take a short cab ride. However, nothing was different than six years ago except that our bridge playing population is older, air travel is difficult and believe it or not there are even more regionals to go to now than there were in 2004. Some of this might explain what is happening but it happened in New Orleans in July and in Reno in March. Time to figure out what will make our traveling bridge players come to the NABC's. Anyone with ideas please get in touch with me. I would love to hear your suggestions.

The Board elected some folks you might be interested in hearing about: Craig Robinson from District 4 will be our new president; Rose Meltzer was elected to fill the unexpired term of Aileen Osofsky as Goodwill Chairman; Larry Cohen was elected Honorary Member of the Year and I was nominated from the floor of the Board to run for World Bridge Federation Representative and was elected. Several future sites for NABC's were selected: 2015 in the Spring in New Orleans; 2015 Summer in Chicago and 2016 Summer in Washington – all good sites, don't you think?

District 3 starts off the bridge cycle with our traditional Hilton Rye Town Tournament January 11-17. Don't forget to plan to spend time with us... Try the 0-750 Golden Opportunity Pairs. Big MP's there for the taking!!! and plenty of Compact KO's ; Bracketed Round Robins; Bracketed KO's and pre-duplicated hands for all Pair Games. Bring your children and grandchildren to our free under 19 Youth Championship on Martin Luther King Day. Pizza and soda party after the game. Spend a few days and join us in the now famous District 3 Hospitality Suite every evening after the session for snacks, wine, beer and soda. Check our web site: [www.bridge-district3.org](http://www.bridge-district3.org) for all the details.

As the year ends, I would like to say a special thank you to Rich DeMartino who did an outstanding job as president of the ACBL and to his wonderful and delightful wife Sandy who accompanied Rich on all his trips and was loved by all. Thanks too, to Fran Leary, Norma Shelly, Mary Williams, Bob & Bernie Neuhart, and all those who work at the Saratoga Springs Regional as well as Sol Weinstein and Doug Grove our head directors. Ron and I wish all of you and your families good health and happiness in 2011. This is the Year Of The Master Point! Be sure you get your share!

**Joan Gerard - District Director , District 3**

## Rank Changes

### New Junior Master

Winifred Brady

### New Club Masters

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Pricilla Yadegari | John Leslie |
| Mohammad Yadegari | Sarah Hoy   |

### New Regional Masters

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Sheela Kulkarni | Sudiher Kulkarni |
| Charles Mantia  | Steve Stapholz   |
| Firm Weaver     |                  |

### New Life Master

John Loeber

### New Bronze Life Masters

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Lew Millenbach | Arnold Factor |
|----------------|---------------|

Get well wishes to **Amelia Urbano** and **Al Ross**

Sympathy to **Paul Meier** on the death of his mother

## Club Corner

### The Studio

Studio will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan 1  
 Monday January 3 11:30 New Year's Party  
 Complimentary lunch  
 12:00 Charity Club Championship  
 Donations for Food Pantry appreciated.  
 Tuesday January 18 7:00 Non-life master CC  
 Saturday February 5 11:15 CC  
 Wednesday February 9 12:00 CC  
 Monday February 28 12:00 ACBL-wide Senior CC

### Avila

Dec. 25th NO GAME Christmas  
 Jan. 1st NO GAME New Year's Day  
[www.bridgescore.com/rhoda](http://www.bridgescore.com/rhoda) for game info and results.

## Sectional Results Nov 5 - 7, 2010

### Friday afternoon Open Pairs

| A | B | C |                                  |
|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 |   |   | Joan Meyer – Judy Dubay          |
| 2 |   |   | Stephen Paskin – Richard Lee     |
| 3 |   |   | Lucy & Gary Sponberg             |
| 4 | 1 |   | Louis Urbano – Bob Valenti       |
| 5 |   |   | Rodger Woodin – Edward Hornidge  |
| 6 |   |   | Marty Birnby – Rita Redlich      |
|   | 2 |   | William Teiper – Charles Schmidt |
|   | 3 | 1 | Patricia & James Ackerman        |
|   | 4 | 2 | Barbara & John McDonald          |
|   | 5 |   | Delores Inzero – Gerald Kaufman  |
|   | 6 | 3 | Peggy Mount – Bette Slovik       |
|   |   | 4 | Linda & Lew Millenbach           |
|   |   | 5 | Frances & Paul Cuerdon           |

### Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

|     |  |                                  |
|-----|--|----------------------------------|
| 1/2 |  | Mary Jean Church – M. Lois Novak |
| 1/2 |  | William Kelsey – Daniel Kelsey   |

### Friday evening BAM

| A   | B   | C |                                   |
|-----|-----|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1/2 | 1/2 |   | Mark Rosenholtz – Wilma Delucco   |
|     |     |   | S Michael & Nancy Sharp           |
| 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | Lincoln Brown – June Meyer        |
|     |     |   | Diane Alexander – Sue Eastman     |
| 3/4 | 3/4 |   | Bonnie Taylor – Eugene Pellegrino |
|     |     |   | Diane Burger – Bob Donald         |
| 3/4 | 3/4 |   | Louise Landry – Rich Kasprowicz   |
|     |     |   | Marion Sheehan – Evelyn Markowitz |
|     |     | 2 | Barbara & John McDonald           |
|     |     |   | William Teiper – Marilyn Hart     |

### Saturday morning 299er Pairs

| B | C | D |                                     |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 |   |   | John Gazak – Lucas Fekete           |
| 2 |   |   | Lincoln Brown – June Meyer          |
| 3 | 1 |   | Diana & Jonathan Lack               |
| 4 |   |   | Ann & Leonard Lapinski              |
| 5 |   |   | Lee Tabner – Jane Collins           |
| 6 | 2 | 1 | Charles Mantia – John Loeber        |
|   | 3 | 2 | Christine Converse – Victor Turhew  |
|   | 4 | 3 | Vanessa & Michael Gruen             |
|   | 5 | 4 | Martha Precheur – Sandra Ostrellich |
|   |   | 5 | Wilma Delucco – Susan Klein         |

### Saturday Blue Ribbon Pairs

| A | X |                                 |
|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 |   | Diane Burger – Bob Donald       |
| 2 |   | Robert & Bernie Neuhart         |
| 3 |   | Betty & Steve Bloom             |
| 4 |   | Marty Birnby – Walter Smith     |
| 5 |   | Wayne Hersey – June Dorion      |
|   | 1 | Linda & Lew Millenbach          |
|   | 2 | Richard Bobilin – Matthew Lahut |
|   | 3 | Phyllis French – Fran Leary     |
|   | 4 | S Michael & Nancy Sharp         |

### Saturday afternoon 999er Pairs

| B   | C   | D |                                    |
|-----|-----|---|------------------------------------|
| 1   | 1   | 1 | Paula Dambrauskas – Sandra Walters |
| 2   |     |   | Lincoln Brown – June Meyer         |
| 3   | 2   | 2 | Wilma Delucco – Susan Klein        |
| 4/5 | 3/4 |   | Bonnie Taylor – Eugene Pellegrino  |
| 4/5 | 3/4 | 3 | Charles Mantia – John Loeber       |

### Sunday Swiss

| A   | X |                                     |
|-----|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1   |   | Walt Smith – Bob Valenti            |
|     |   | Rodger Woodin – Linda Strosberg     |
| 2/3 | 1 | Robert & Bernie Neuhart             |
|     |   | Satya Pabuwal – Larry Berman        |
| 2/3 |   | Diane Burger – Bob Donald           |
|     |   | Vito Ramundo – Judy Dubay           |
|     |   | Diana Lack – Daniel Wulff           |
|     |   | Matthew Lahut – Richard Bobilin     |
|     |   | William Teiper – Frank Legnard      |
|     |   | Raymond Ratte – John Riopelle       |
|     |   | Louise & Harry Landry               |
|     |   | Martha Precheur – Sandra Ostrellich |

### Sunday Bam Pairs

| A | B | C |                                   |
|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 |   |   | Satya Pabuwal – Walt Smith        |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | Diana Lack – Daniel Wulff         |
| 3 |   |   | Diane Burger – Bob Donald         |
| 4 | 2 |   | Paul Meier – Beth Snyder          |
| 5 | 3 | 2 | Lincoln Brown – June Meyer        |
| 6 | 4 |   | S Michael & Nancy Sharp           |
|   | 5 | 3 | Barbara & John McDonald           |
|   |   | 4 | Bonnie Taylor – Eugene Pellegrino |
|   |   | 5 | Evelyn Markowitz – Louise Landry  |

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

|                   | <u>Mini-McKenney</u>                                  | <u>Ace of Clubs</u>   |
|-------------------|---|---|
| <b>0-5</b>        | Christine Converse<br>John Leslie<br>James Bornheim   | Christine Converse<br>Margaret & John Dillon<br>Edward DeFranco |
| <b>5-20</b>       | Joan Weaver<br>Samuel Hill<br>Priscilla Yadegari      | Joan Weaver<br>Samuel Hill<br>Anne Beard                        |
| <b>20-50</b>      | James Beard<br>Carolyn Accardi<br>Jerry Lipfeld       | James Beard<br>Carolyn Accardi<br>Jerry Lipfeld                 |
| <b>50-100</b>     | Firm Weaver<br>Carol Weaver<br>Terry Bentley          | Firm Weaver<br>Carol Weaver<br>William Kelsey                   |
| <b>100-200</b>    | Charles Mantia<br>Sandra Ostrellich<br>Barry Ikler    | Charles Mantia<br>Sandra Ostrellich<br>Barry Ikler              |
| <b>200-300</b>    | Richard Bobilin<br>John Loeber<br>Evelyn Markowitz    | John Loeber<br>Evelyn Markowitz<br>Mark Hartley                 |
| <b>300-500</b>    | Harold Bigelow<br>Rosemary Isele<br>Lois Tuohey       | Harold Bigelow<br>Rosemary Isele<br>Lois Tuohey                 |
| <b>500-1000</b>   | Diane Alexander<br>Joseph Phillips<br>Ulla Sattinger  | Diane Alexander<br>Joseph Phillips<br>Conrad Bader              |
| <b>1000-2500</b>  | Robert Neuhart<br>Bernie Neuhart<br>Diane Burger      | Judy & Richard Hill<br>Bibs Pankin<br>Joan Meyer                |
| <b>2500-5000</b>  | Satya Pabuwal<br>Bob Donald<br>Lucy & Gary Spongberg  | Satya Pabuwal<br>Donald Cohen<br>Larry Berman                   |
| <b>5000-7500</b>  | Judy Dubay<br>Walter Smith<br>Stephen Paskin          | Judy Dubay<br>Stephen Paskin<br>Bill Dubay                      |
| <b>7500-10000</b> | Bill Nelson<br>Albert Ross                            | Bill Nelson<br>Albert Ross                                      |
| <b>Over 10000</b> | Betty & Steve Bloom<br>Sandra Nelson<br>Neil Chambers | Sandra Nelson<br>Betty & Steve Bloom<br>Lynn Deas               |

**WHAT'S YOUR PLAN B?**

By: Brian Gunnell

|                                   |                                     |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                   | ♠ QJ732<br>♥ AQ6<br>♦ J98<br>♣ A3   |                                   |
| ♠ AT964<br>♥ 97<br>♦ T7<br>♣ QJ92 | North<br>West      East<br>Declarer | ♠ 85<br>♥ T32<br>♦ K32<br>♣ KT754 |
|                                   | ♠ K<br>♥ KJ854<br>♦ AQ654<br>♣ 86   |                                   |

***E-W Vulnerable***

|              |             |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| <i>South</i> | <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> |
| 1♥           | Pass        | 1♠           | Pass        |
| 2♦           | Pass        | 4♥           | All Pass    |

West leads the ♣Q, won in Dummy. You are playing a duplicate event, meaning that an overtrick will be well rewarded in the scoring. What is your Plan A for making as many tricks as possible? When Plan A doesn't work, you'll need to follow up with a well-reasoned Plan B.

Plan A must surely be to set up the Spades. If Declarer can lose a Spade, ruff a Spade, and draw trumps ending in Dummy, then there are 10 tricks (assuming that Spades are 4-3 and trumps 3-2), with a valuable overtrick in the offing if the ♦K is onside. But Declarer cannot draw trumps before playing on Spades, she needs the ♥A and ♥Q as later entries to the board. So, Declarer loses the ♠K to West's Ace, after which West cashes the ♣J and exits a trump, won in Dummy. Declarer ruffs a Spade, cashes a high trump and crosses to Dummy's last trump. But that well-timed play comes to naught when Spades turn out to be 5-2.

Goodbye Plan A, hello Plan B. This requires playing Diamonds correctly, with Dummy's ♦J98 opposite Declarer's ♦AQ6, and with ♦KT732 somehow distributed between the defenders. There are two certain tricks here, but what's the best play for three? Should you finesse the ♦Q and cash the Ace, hoping that East has ♦Kx? ... or should you lead the ♦J, playing for East to have Kxx and West to have ♦Tx? As West has the long Spades it makes sense to play for East to have the longer Diamonds. With that in mind, Declarer plays East to hold ♦Kxx rather than ♦Kx, which means that leading the ♦J from Dummy is the route to the coveted overtrick.

Visit [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) for more about the fascinating game of bridge or email [marketing@acbl.org](mailto:marketing@acbl.org)

## PIE FUND RAISER

### For Saratoga Regional Hospitality

From now until February 13 we will be taking orders for 10" and 5" (sets of 3 of same flavor) frozen pies which come with easy baking instructions, at a price of \$10 each or 5" for \$5 each. 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 February 13. 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**

Tues. Feb. 22 Clifton Park 3-4 PM  
 Wed. Feb. 23 Studio 3:30 – 4:30 PM  
 Wed. Feb. 23 B'nai Shalom 10 - 11 PM  
 Fri. Feb 25 ROCC 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Mon. Feb. 28 ROCC 3:30 – 4:30 PM  
 Tues. Mar 1 JCC 3:30 – 4:30 PM  
 Wed. Mar 2 Clifton Park 3:30 – 4:30 PM  
 Mon. Mar 7 Studio 3:30 – 4:30 PM  
 Mon. Mar 7 JCC 10 - 11 PM

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**Schedule of Upcoming Events**

|                  |                    |   |
|------------------|--------------------|---|
| <b>Tue – Mon</b> | <b>Jan 11 – 17</b> | <b>District 3 Winter Regional<br/>Rye, NY</b>   |
| <b>Fri – Sun</b> | <b>Jan 28 – 30</b> | <b>Sectional, Studio</b>                        |
| <b>Tue – Mon</b> | <b>Feb 15 – 21</b> | <b>Knockout Team Regional<br/>Cromwell, CT</b>  |
| <b>Thu – Sun</b> | <b>Mar 10 – 20</b> | <b>NABC Spring Nationals<br/>Louisville, KY</b> |