

# Capital District Bridge Association

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### District 3 Spring Regional



*Race  
for  
the  
Points*

**June 13 – 19, 2011**

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way) 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.

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*\*If needed a list of nearby motels will be posted at [bridge-district3.org](http://bridge-district3.org).*

#### Monday, June 13

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

Side Games Series I (1st)..... 7 pm

#### Tuesday, June 14

Side Game Series I (2nd)..... 9 am

Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 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

Side Game Series I (4th)..... 7 pm

#### Wednesday, June 15

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*

Side Game Series II (2nd)..... 7 pm

#### Thursday, June 16

Side Game Series II (3rd)..... 9 am

Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 10 am

Senior Prs..... 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Swiss Tms..... 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series II (4th)..... 1 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 3 pm

Side Game Series II (5th)..... 7 pm

*Intermediate Pairs: Please note new and  
different game times each day.*

#### Friday, June 17

Bracketed Compact KO Tms..... 9 am & 1 pm

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 18 — Unit 115 Day

Senior Swiss Tms..... 10 am & 3 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 (3rd)..... 1 pm

Side Game Series III (4th)..... 7 pm

#### Sunday, June 19

Bracketed Round Robin Tms..... 10 am

*Top bracket played as Swiss-Open to all teams, 7*

*8-Board matches – short break for lunch*

**GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS**  
(two-session events) Fri. & Sat. 10 am & 3 pm  
750/300/100 MPs Stratified Open Prs  
**GOLD POINTS** for overalls and  
section tops in top strat

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

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

**Need Help: Call Lois Phillips (518) 793-3375 or [Malois1539@aol.com](mailto:Malois1539@aol.com)**  
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**Event to be held at:**  
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### President's Message

Last month at the Gatlinburg regional I had the pleasure of chatting with Harry Falk. Harry is a full time tournament director for the ACBL, and when not out-of-town on ACBL business, serves as an instructor and director for local games in his adopted home of Palm City, Florida. Many of us will remember Harry as a former player, Board member, and President of Unit 115.

To be honest, running into Harry was accidentally-on-purpose, with my intentions not exclusively designed to exchange updates on what's been happening in our respective home areas. Harry had written an article for his Florida players on a new policy passed by the ACBL regarding slow play, and I wanted to ask Harry for permission to use some of his material for this message (I did not want to pull a Mary Tyler Moore when she told Mr. Grant she had "appropriated" material from another reporter). He gave me his permission, so with full attribution to Harry for whatever material I "appropriated" from him, here goes.

In a nutshell, ACBL's new policy is "*When a pair has fallen behind, it is incumbent upon*

*them to make up the time lost as quickly as possible whether at fault or not.*" In other words, if the round has been called and you're waiting to play at the next table while the people in front of you have just put their bids back in their boxes, you must catch up even though it's not your fault. Penalties may be assessed against you if you don't.

Although late play penalties are far more likely to be assessed at tournaments and not at our local club games, players falling behind and not making an attempt to pick up the pace result in agonizingly slow games, especially those club games not controlled by a play clock. If we modify our behaviors even slightly, we can cut back on these 4 hour events and have our players home before rush hour. Here are a few suggestions on speeding up the game:

1. Table the opening lead before entering the contract in your personal score, pick-up slip, or computerized scoring box. Same thing for the dummy, table your hand as soon as the opening lead is made, then tend to any paperwork.
2. When behind, the east-west pair leaving the table should do so as soon as practical. Don't spend time memorizing the traveler or discussing results of the other tables. Remember, when behind you're holding up two tables, the table you're leaving and the table where your next opponents are waiting.
3. Accept the fact you're not always going to make your contract or secure that elusive overtrick. In the end game, when you're running trumps or a long suit, and you have no legitimate squeeze (requiring threat cards in two or more suits and entries to both hands where counting or observing discards is necessary), play out your cards in tempo. Agonizing between leads while just hoping one of your opponents discards the wrong king is not only unfair but a big usurper of time. Harry refers to this line of play as the

Sominex coup, because you're unnecessary "thinking" between plays has put one of your opponents to sleep.

4. Make sure both partners have filled out a duplicate convention card. No opponent wants to call the director because they're not sure whether the jump to four hearts was a splinter or choice of games. Director calls take time (reminder, call the director when necessary), but unneeded director calls are time bandits.

None of us are immune to habits which slow down the game we love. But if we can each do our part in keeping the game moving, late plays and four-hour sessions may become relics of the past.

Bob Valenti

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

The Spring NABC in Louisville was wonderful. Good playing conditions, restaurants nearby, happy volunteers and of course Churchill Downs, the Louisville Slugger Museum, horse farms and lots of bridge. Although attendance was well below estimate, probably because of the high room rate and people saving up for Toronto this summer, those that came had a terrific time.

I was personally disappointed that once again the subject of not remaining part of the World Bridge Federation and not supporting our players to go to International Competition and questioning why so much money is spent on the training of juniors came up. To belong to the WBF, the ACBL plays \$1 a member so this means that a dollar of everyone's dues goes to dues for the WBF. This is less than a cup of coffee. I can't imagine that we have a player in District 3 that would think this was

wrong. If you think it is wrong, I would love for you to tell me. Write me at:

[joanandron@att.net](mailto:joanandron@att.net) I would love to hear from you with your reasons. The International Fund supports sending our player to International Competition as well as those players who play in NABC+ games at NABC's. There is a \$1.50 surcharge to support the International Fund because it is those players who go to the World Competitions. There were motions to pay the WBF dues out of the monies raised in the International Fund and there was a motion to take the \$50,000 that is given to the United States Bridge Federation out of the monies raised in Junior Fund games and see if it is necessary to spend. The Junior Fund raises over \$200,000 a year and most of it is used to support other activities for young people, which is OK but perhaps should come out the general funds monies. The Junior Fund motion was deferred until the summer for more information.

Have you noticed the new face of the ACBL web site? It is much better and the Search engine is also improving. We are working on a new ACBL Score program – should be ready in a year or so. Online MP's were discussed and yes, you can still win MP's playing in the Robot games but the number of games per day that you can play in will be a bit limited. Finances continue to be good. ACBL lost \$61,000 in 2010 – far less than had been budgeted. The ACBL continues to be in excellent shape financially. Many of you may know that we are searching for a new CEO. Jay Baum is retiring after 10 years of service. I am on the Search Committee and we have now narrowed the field down to several good candidates. We are hopeful to be able to ask for the approval of the board for one candidate this July in Toronto although that certainly might not happen.

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## Sectional Results Apr 1 - 3, 2011

### Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Ed Hornidge – Gregg Deitch
2			Roger Woodin – Bernard Neuhart
3	2		Paul Meyer – Beth Snyder
4			Steve Paskin – Richard Lee
5			Gary & Lucy Spongberg
6	3		Lou Urbano – Teresa Fenimore
	4	1	Matthew Lahut – Richard Bobilin
	5	2	Diana Lack – Mark Rosenholz
	6		Bibs Pankin – Yvonne Mendleson
		3	Berne Kouba – Sarah Hoy
		4	Marion Kuritz – Vince De Pasquale
		5	Joan & Firm Weaver
		6	Lois Tuohey – George Halbfinger

### Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	
1	1	Sandra Ostrellich – Martha Precheur
2	2	Mary Jean Church – M. Lois Novak
3	3	Richard Hall – Barbara Monie
4		Judith & James Miller

### Friday evening BAM

A	B	C	
1	1		Judith Shulman, Glen Perry, Bonnie Taylor, Kay Lang
2	2		S Michael & Nancy Sharp, Maria Heverly, Mabel Siler
3	3		Carol Weaver, Rob Neuhart, Carolyn Accardi, Bernie Neuhart
4/6	4/6		Hendrik Bos, Julianne Dickinson, Stephen & Carol Paskin
4/6	4/6		Mark Rosenholz, William Teiper, Wilma Delucco, Donald Bathrick
4/6	4/6	1	Patricia Baugh, Jack Baugh, Ulla Sattinger, Michael Sattinger

### Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	David Nerrow – Barbara Wolner
2	2		Joe Rizzuto – Peter Wick
3	3		Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus
4			Blaise Reinhart – Bibs Pankin
5	4		Lou Urbano – Teresa Fenimore
6/7	5	2	Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
6/7			Joan Meyer – Larry Berman
	6		Fran Leary – Phyllis French
		3/4	Christine Converse – Victor Turaew
		3/4	Peter Mitchell – Robert Dickson
		5	Sandra Ostrellich – Barrk Ikler
		6	Patricia & James Ackerman

### Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Peter Mitchell – Robert Dickson
2/3	2		Nancy Hayden – Mary Fredrick
2/3			Satya Pabuwal – Lois Phillips
4			Rita Redlich – Ed Hornidge
5			Roger Woodin – Lois Tuohey
6			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
	3		William Teiper – John Riopelle
	4	2	Diana Lack – Daniel Wulff
	5	3	Wilma Delucco – Susan Klein
	6		Charlene Sunderland – Norma Shelly
		4	Matthew Lahut – Richard Bobilin
		5	Firm Weaver – Charles Mantia

### Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Rich Underwood, Larry Rosen, Sonja Smith, David Rock
2	1	1	Matthew Lahut, Richard Bobilin, Glen Perry, Kay Lang
3			Bob Donald, Diane Burger, Bernard Neuhart, Robert Neuhart
4	2		Joe Phillips, Daniel Robertson, Morris Cramer, Lois Tuohey
5/6			Walt Smith, Rodger Woodin, Linda Strosberg, Art Bernhardt
5/6			Satya Pabuwal, Larry Berman, Steve Paskin, Richard Lee
	3		William Teiper, John Riopelle, Dorothy Kraus, Charles Schmidt
	4		Lois Phillips, Maryclare Devlin, Ruth Anderson, Mary Williams,
		2	Paula Dambrauskas, Coreen Nejame, Barbara Kolodkin, Margaret Winslow

**Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings  
Unit 115 (as of May 6, 2011)**

	<u><b>Mini-McKenney</b></u>	<u><b>Ace of Clubs</b></u>
<b>0-5</b>	Aggie O'Brien Phil Ulrich Robert Hanley	Phil Ulrich Robert Hanley Aggie O'Brien
<b>5-20</b>	Barbara Wolner Margaret Dillon Judith & James Miller	Margaret Dillon Judith & James Miller John Dillon
<b>20-50</b>	Joan Weaver Christine Converse Ellen Larson	Joan Weaver Anne Beard Ellen Larson
<b>50-100</b>	Glen Perry Susan Klein Jerry Lipfield	Judith Parker Victor Turaew Jerry Lipfield
<b>100-200</b>	Terry Bentley Daniel Robertson James Beard	Terry Bentley James Beard Carol Weaver
<b>200-300</b>	Wilma Delucco Harry Landry Firm Weaver	Firm Weaver Harry Landry Marilyn Hart
<b>300-500</b>	Matthew Lahut Richard Bobilin Marcia Metzger	Harold Bigelow Rhoda Levine Charles Mantia
<b>500-1000</b>	Bonnie Taylor Ulla Sattinger Michael Sattinger	Rosemary Isele Janet Bender Lukas Fekete
<b>1000-2500</b>	Judy Hill Richard Hill Charles Schmidt	Charles Schmidt Diane Alexander Bibs Pankin
<b>2500-5000</b>	Lucy Spongberg Gary Spongberg Lois August	Lois August Don Cohen Larry Berman
<b>5000-7500</b>	Judy Dubay Bill Dubay Walter Smith	Judy Dubay Bill Dubay Walter Smith
<b>Over 10000</b>	Bill & Sandy Nelson Lynn Deas Neil Chambers	Bill & Sandy Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom

## Club Corner

### THE STUDIO

Thu. May 26 – 12:00 Club Championship

Sat. May 28 – Studio Closed

Sat. Jun. 11 - 12:00 Club Championship

#### NAOP Qualifiers:

Mon. Jun 6 12:00 – Wed Jun 29 12:00

Wed. Jul 13 12:00 – Mon. Jul 25 12:00

Mon. Aug 15 12:00 – Thu. Aug 25 12:00

Wed. Aug 31 12:00

### AVILA

**Worldwide Pairs: FRI EVENING JUNE 3rd** at 7:00pm and **SATURDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 4th** at 12:30pm.

**NAOP Qualifiers: Saturdays 12:30**

June 11, July 2, July 30, Aug. 6, Aug 20

Contact Rhoda Kratenstein  
(518) 640-9553

## RANK CHANGES

### New Junior Master

Robert Hanley – Aggie O'Brien

Phil Ulrich

### New Club Masters

John Dillon – Margaret Dillon

James Miller – Judith Miller

Rosmary Munter – Marion Whitten

### New Sectional Master

Joan Weaver

### New Regional Master

Sandra Rohner

### New Life Masters

Carolyn Accardi – Jonathan Lack

Eugene Pellegrino – Glen Perry

Nancy Streeter – Wilma DeLucco

## This N That (from pg 3)

SARATOGA SPRINGS - a favorite location. I know you will all be there June 13 – 19; lots and lots of choices of events to play in and a second Golden Opportunity Pairs on Saturday – Great hospitality and of course Fran Leary doing all the work.

Make sure you play at a club game in the North American Pairs. It's easy to qualify – 50% of every game rounded up qualifies and then you can play in the District Finals. Flights B& C will once again, be held at the Studio hosted by Norma Shelly with a fabulous dinner in between sessions. At least one pair is guaranteed to go to the National Finals. (The other pairs might come out of the other location, Allendale) The District Finals are September 18th so make your plans now to participate.

And lastly, District 3's Summer Regional will be back at a former location, The Sheraton Parsippany, which is the former Sheraton Tara – August 8-14. Stop thinking you can't drive that far... It's not so far and a great schedule of bridge.

See you all in Saratoga. It's going to be great!!!

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

## Personal Notices

Condolences to the family of **Evelyn Fletcher**

Get well wishes to **Nancy Hayden**

## EXCLUSION KEY-CARD BLACKWOOD

You are contemplating a suit slam, and you have a side-suit void. You need to know how many key-cards partner holds **not counting the ace of your void suit**. We shall refer to the other three aces and the king of the future trump suit as **working key-cards (WKC)**. To ask how many WKC partner holds, and simultaneously show your void, **you bid your void suit as cheaply as possible above 4 of the trump suit**:

Trump Suit	Possible Void Bids
SPADES	5C,5D,5H
HEARTS	4S,5C,5D
DIAMONDS	4H,4S,5C
CLUBS	4D,4H,4S

Partner has four possible responses, beginning with the bid directly above your void-suit bid:

Cheapest: zero or three WKC (usually zero)  
Second cheapest: one or four WKC (almost always one)  
Third cheapest: two WKC without the trump queen  
Fourth cheapest: two WKC with the trump queen

This “3014” system is employed even if you use “1430” responses to 4NT.

(See Example 1 below.) The partnership normally needs three WKC for a small slam, and all four for the grand. The void-suit bidder most often has 2 WKC.

**Example 1.** With KQTx-Void-AKQxxx-KQx opposite Jxxxx-AJx-xx-xxx the auction is 1D, 1S, 5H, 5S. The jump to 5H confirms spades as trump and shows the heart void. Partner’s 5S response shows zero WKC. Opener then passes and makes 5S. (Using 1430 instead of 3014 responder would have to rebid 5NT, thereby going beyond a makable contract. Such 1430 mishaps can occur whenever the void suit is one rank below the trump suit.)

**Example 2.** With Kxxx-Void-AKQxxx-KQx you open 1D and partner responds 1S. With these weak spades do not rebid 5H. You are too likely to reach a 5S or 6S contract with too many spade losers. Settle for a 4H splinter.

**Example 3.** Partner opens 1H and you hold Void-KQx-KQxx-KQxxxx. The bidding proceeds 1H, 2C, 3C. You are now interested in a club slam. Jump to 4S even though you have only one WKC (the club king). Partner, with opening values, almost certainly has at least one non-spade ace. Therefore, if partner bids 4NT, assume all three such aces and bid 7C. If partner jumps to 5C, showing just one such ace, you will pass. If partner responds 5D, bid 6C.

Thanks to Myra Brickman for expository comments.

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**Schedule of Upcoming Events**

<b>Tue – Mon</b>	<b>Jun 13 – 19</b>	<b>District 3 Summer Regional Saratoga Springs, NY</b>
<b>Wed – Tue</b>	<b>Jul 6 – 12</b>	<b>Unit STaC</b>
<b>Fri – Sun</b>	<b>Jul 15 – 17</b>	<b>Sectional, Studio</b>
<b>Thu – Sun</b>	<b>Jul 21 – 31</b>	<b>NABC Summer Nationals Toronto, Ontario</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>Awards Luncheon, Studio</b>
<b>Fri – Sun</b>	<b>Sep 9 – 11</b>	<b>Sectional, Studio</b>