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Lewis Golub Memorial Sectional Schenectady (at the Studio) November 18-20, 2011

Friday November 18

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 19

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 20

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

Need Help: Call Lois Phillips (518) 793-3375 or Malois91539@aol.com

For Partnerships: Call Bernie Neuhart 518.372.3936 or bhnewhart@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

Here are a number of unrelated items which may be of interest to the membership:

First, Glenda Calkins, currently President of District 3, was elected to succeed Joan Gerard as Director of the District. Both Glenda and challenger, Mike McNamara, brought some wonderful ideas to the table while campaigning for the Director's position. Joan will be missed, but the Unit looks forward to Glenda's leadership in the future.

As has been our tradition when changing the office of Unit treasurer, we arranged for an audit of the Unit's books. Many thanks, mine especially, go to Beth Snyder, who agreed to perform the audit. Beth's report found no major or systemic issues, but did make some recommendations for improving our record-keeping, notably for some of our smaller dollar-amount expenditures. The Board and its officers have been apprised of and discussed her findings, and expect the books to be more compliant with GAAP in the future. Thanks again, Beth, for the time, effort, and good recommendations.

I really enjoyed hosting the Awards Ceremony in August. As usual for this event,

there was an upbeat atmosphere within the room. Perhaps it was because everyone was looking forward to the wonderful food to be served after the ceremony (it did not disappoint, come next year, see for yourself), or because everyone knew I was pressed for time to attend a wedding and had to minimize my jokes. I prefer to think everyone who came, award recipients or otherwise, were happy for the recognition bestowed upon their friends for their successes at the table. Bridge is obviously competitive, but competition is short-term, goodwill and friendship longer-term.

More good news regarding the Awards Ceremony, as the Unit was able to collect \$125 in a fish bowl for the Homeless Veterans Program sponsored by Stratton VA Hospital. This money stays at home to help vets and their families cope with issues that seem routine to you and me. We'll keep future charitable donations "at home" whenever possible.

Finally, this sectional will be the last one directed by Bill Dubay. Bill has worked hard for the unit, succeeding in being the sole director for games when more than one director was suggested (note to members, second directors cost money). It was frequently tough on Bill, almost always flawlessly handling by himself open games with, say, two open sections of 12 1/2 and 13 tables, a 299er game with 8 tables, selling most entries, getting the movements and duplication of boards correctly, to say nothing of "Bill, can you change a twenty?" We all owe a debt of gratitude to Bill for years of service, and wish him well in the future in his favorite activity in bridge, playing with his wife, Judy.

Everyone, have an enjoyable and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

Bob Valenti

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

This newsletter being your last newsletter of the year, and I can proudly say that I have written articles for all your Newsletters for the last 26 years giving you all the news from the ACBL Board meetings, District 3 updates and praising your unit for all the great volunteers that you have and the interest that you show in making certain that the Regional awarded to your unit is a big success. Over the many years we have been in Albany at the Albany Hilton and at the Egg , we have been on Wolf Road and we have now settled happily and successfully in Sara toga Springs; a lot of hard work and dedication from your volunteers and your players.

This will be my last article. On December 31, I will be stepping down as the District Director for District 3 after 26 years. ...that's a long time. I am proud of all that I have been able to accomplish serving on the ACBL Board of Directors and I think our District is one of the best , if not the best. (do you think am partial – you bet I am!). I do plan to continue with all other bridge activities.. I will continue to negotiate all our hotel space for our four regionals and help to run them , I will continue to serve as the president of the United States Bridge Federation and also serve on the World Bridge Federation Executive Council where I co-chair the Appeals Committees.

Norma Shelly once again ran Flights B&C of the NAP's at the Studio along with Bill Dubay. While the turnout was not as good as the last two years the folks that played had a good time, enjoyed Norma's great food and had a winner in each flight that will go to play in the National Finals in Seattle at the Fall NABC. Thanks Norma for all the work you do to try and make this event special for the players in your unit , Poughkeepsie and the Adirondack unit.

And you should all know that the Sara toga Spring Regional in June was up 93 tables. Wow! You folks are really getting your players out to play. Thanks!!!!

Jay Baum. Our current CEO is retiring on November 7th after 10 years of dedicated service. The League is in good shape financially and we have more members than when he came on board – not a bad record... We welcome David Hartman from California. A bridge player with a strong financial and marketing background I am proud that I was on the Search Committee that presented him to the Board as our 1st choice candidate.

I'm sad – the tears are running down my face as I end this article. Good luck to the incoming District Director. They are lucky to be representing District 3. WE ARE THE BEST! Happy Holidays to all from Ron and me and thank you all for all the support you have given me these last 26 years.

With Love,
Joan Gerard, District Director, District 3

Bridge Tips

You should try to play against good opponents. You will learn a lot faster. If you play against less experienced players you will not really know if your success was a function of your play or a function of their soft defense. As your opponents get better and better you will discover that your learning curve will improve dramatically.

BRIDGE HINT #1: Do not be afraid to ask a better player how a hand should have been bid or played. Good players love to get questions like this.

Sectional Results Sept 9 - 11, 2011

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Betty & Steve Bloom
2	1		Louis Urbano – Ross Lounsbury
3	2	1	James Bornheim – James Beard
4			Larry Rosen – Steve Shaye
5	3	2	Patricia & James Ackerman
6			Gerald Cohen – Ron Harvey
	4		Diane Alexander – Sue Eastman
	5	3	Lois Tuohey – George Halbfinger
	6		Gregg Dietch – Edward Hornidge
		4	Patsy & John Schulenberg
		5	Carole & Gerald Goldberg
		6	Bonnie Taylor – Eugene Pellegrino

Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Jerry Lipfeld – Barry Ikler
2	1	1	C Thomas Corwin – Ellen Larson
3/4	2	2	Roger Price – Doris Licht
3/4			Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
5	3	3	W Daniel Kelsey – Barbara Wolner
	4		Renie Federighi – Marie Felthousen

Friday evening BAM

A	B	C	
1	1		James Bornheim – James Beard
			Rich Kasprowicz – Marion Sheehan
2			Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
			Gregg Dietch – Harry Kaufmann
3	2	1	Patricia & Jack Baugh
			Ulla & Michael Sattinger
4/6	3/5		Carol & Stephen Paskin
			Jerry Lipfeld – Barry Ikler
4/6	3/5		Diane Burger – Bob Donald
			W Daniel Kelsey – William Kelsey
4/6	3/5		Bernie & Rob Neuhart
			Carol Weaver – Martha Precheur

Saturday morning 299er Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Sandra Ostrellich – Barry Ikler
2	1	1	Mark McDermott – Ernest Venerus
3	2		Liz Foster – Dorothy Shelly
4	3		Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
		2	Margaret Winslow – Barbara Kolodkin

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Louis Brickman – Mary Fredrick
2	2	1	Bonnie Taylor – Kamal Gupta
3	3		Katie & Gino Scalamandre
4			Martin Birnby – Walt Smith
5			Bernie & Rob Neuhart
6	4		Louis Urbano – Ross Lounsbury
	5		Diana Lack – Anne Lapinski
	6	2	Linda & Lew Millenbach
		3	Patricia & Jack Baugh
		4	Barbara & John McDonald
		5	Justine Cook – Harry Salmin
		6	Gloria Rosenthal – Annette Gordin

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Diane Burger – Bob Donald
2			Roger Woodin – Edward Hornidge
3			Lucy & Gary Sponberg
4			Rhoda Kratenstein – Judy Dubay
5	1		Sue Eastman – Ulla Sattinger
6	2		Janice Woodbury – Lois Phillips
	3		Ross Lounsbury – Mary Fredrick
	4	1	Lois Tuohey – Richard Bobilin
	5		Ellen & Munir Jabbur
	6		Diane Alexander – Conrad Bader
		2	Bonnie Taylor – Kamal Gupta
		3	John Vary – Jonathan Insel
		4	Kay Lang – Glen Perry

Saturday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	
1		Sandra Ostrellich – Barry Ikler
2	1	Margaret Winslow – Barbara Kolodkin
	2	Martha Precheur – Sarah Hoy

Sunday Swiss

A	X	
1		Donna & Neil Chambers
		Betty & Steve Bloom
2	1	Bob Valenti – Marty Birnby
		Satya Pabuwal – Walter Smith

B C D

1	1		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
			Linda & Lew Millenbach
2	2	1	Louise & Harry Landry
			Evelyn Markowitz – John Vary
3	3		Anne & Leonard Lapinski
			Diane Alexander – Conrad Bader
4	4	2	Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele
			Marcia Metzger – Ann McDowell

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

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Ernest Venerus Trudy Lacroix Aggie O'Brien	Ernest Venerus Aggie O'Brien Richard Zak
5-20	Barbara Wolner W Daniel Kelsey Judith & James Miller	Barbara Wolner Judith & James Miller Margaret Dillon
20-50	Joan Weaver Christine Converse James Bornheim	Joan Weaver Anne Beard Christine Converse
50-100	Glen Perry Carolyn Accardi Jerry Lipfield	Susan Klein Glen Perry Carolyn Accardi
100-200	Terry Bentley James Beard Carol Weaver	Terry Bentley Carol Weaver James Beard
200-300	Firm Weaver Harry Landry Wilma Delucco	Firm Weaver Harry Landry Mark Hartley
300-500	Charles Mantia Harold Bigelow Richard Bobilin	Harold Bigelow Charles Mantia Evelyn Markowitz
500-1000	Rosemary Isele Ulla Sattinger Lois Tuohey	Rosemary Isele Lois Tuohey Conrad Bader
1000-2500	Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander Charles Schmidt	Judy & Richard Hill Charles Schmidt Diane Alexander
2500-5000	Satya Pabuwal Lucy & Gary Spongberg Arthur Bernhardt	Satya Pabuwal Lois August Arthur Bernhardt
5000-7500	Judy Dubay Bill Dubay Walter Smith	Judy Dubay Bill Dubay Stephen Paskin
7500-10000	Albert Ross	Albert Ross
Over 10000	Bill & Sandy Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Bill & Sandy Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas

Club Corner

THE STUDIO

Wed. Nov. 9 – 12:00 Open Club Championship
Wed. Nov. 23 – 12:00 Interclub Championship
Mon. Nov. 28 – 12:00 Inv. Club Championship
The Studio will be closed Nov. 24 & 26

Sat. Dec. 3 – 12:00 Club Championship
Tue. Dec. 6 – 7:00 Non-LM Club Championship
Thu. Dec. 15 – 12:00 Club Championship
Mon. Dec. 19 – 12:00 Interclub Championship
The Studio will be closed Dec. 24 & 31

AVILA

Sat. Nov. 5 – 12:30 Charity Club Championship
Sat. Nov. 12 – 12:30 Charity Club Championship
Sat. Dec. 3 – 12:30 Club Championship
Sat. Dec. 10 – 12:30 Charity Club Championship
Sat. Dec. 17 – 12:30 Charity Club Championship
NO GAMES on Dec. 24 & 31

Contact Rhoda Kratenstein
(518) 640-9553

Personal Notices

Condolences to the families of **Ed Winke**
and **Mary Ellen Nevin**

Sybil's Christmas Party

Come one, come all to your Unit 115 Xmas party on Sunday December 4th, 2011. The party begins at noon, at the Studio, with bridge to follow at 1p.m. Each person is asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Last year, we had 6 newcomer tables and 12 ½ A & B tables. You'll enjoy good food and good bridge!

Fran Cuerdon & Fran Leary

Co-chairs

RANK CHANGES

New Junior Masters

Catherine Brazelton	Karen Martin
Barbara Fallone	Rupinder Puri
Lynn Reuss	

New Club Master

Edward DeFranco

New Sectional Masters

Anne Beard	Lori Werblow
Mary Jane Gilet	

New Regional Master

Joan Weaver

New Life Master

Firm Weaver

New Bronze Life Master

Marigay Harkins

New Silver Life Masters

Yvonne Mendleson	Stanley Ball
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New Gold Life Masters

Diane Burger	Steven Shaye
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DUMMY REVERSAL

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ 8642 ♥ KQ9 ♦ KJ6 ♣ AKQ	
♠ AQJT53 ♥ 542 ♦ T42 ♣ 4	North West East Declarer	♠ K97 ♥ 6 ♦ 9873 ♣ J9853
	♠ ♥ AJT873 ♦ AQ5 ♣ T762	

E-W Vulnerable

South West North East

1♥ 2♠ 3♠ Dbl

Rdbl Pass 4NT Pass

5NT Pass 7♥ All Pass

N-S do well to reach 7♥. North’s 3♠ said “Good hand with Heart support”, South’s Redouble showed a control in Spades, 4NT asked for Aces, and the 5NT response said “Two Aces and a void”. That void was clearly in Spades, so North took a shot at the grand slam.

Trusting that the ♠A was not cashing, West led a trump, at which point Declarer could see 12 top tricks. The 13th might come from the Club suit (if the Jack would come down in three rounds), or, if trumps were 2-2 then the 13th trick would come from a Club ruff in Dummy. As you can see, both these lines of play were doomed to failure, but there was a another line available, in the form of a so-called dummy reversal. Instead of counting six trump tricks in her hand plus maybe a single (Club) ruff in Dummy, Declarer reversed her thinking and went for no fewer than four Spade ruffs in her own hand.

Here’s how the play started: opening trump lead won in Dummy, Spade ruff, trump to Dummy (East showing out, and putting paid to any ideas of a Club ruff in Dummy) and another Spade ruff. Back to Dummy with a Club, another Spade ruff, back to Dummy with the ♦J, and a fourth Spade ruff. Declarer had negotiated all the required ruffs but still had to get back to Dummy to draw that last enemy trump. As there were more Diamonds out than there were Clubs, Declarer reckoned that returning to Dummy with Diamonds was less likely to run into a defensive ruff. And so it was, with the dummy reversal bringing in 13 tricks.

P.S. If trumps had been 2-2 then Declarer would have abandoned the dummy reversal, counting up to 13 tricks with six trumps plus six side-suit tricks plus one ruff in the short hand. But when the dummy reversal became necessary the arithmetic changed to only three trump tricks (in Dummy) plus six side-suit tricks plus four ruffs in the long hand.

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

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Mon – Sun	Oct 24 – 30	Unit STaC
	Nov 24 – Dec 4	Fall NABC, Seattle, WA
Sun	Dec 4	Sybil’s Christmas Party
Tue – Mon	Jan 10 – 18	District 3 Winter Regional Rye, NY