

# Capital District Bridge Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### Schenectady Sectional (at the Studio) April 13-15, 2012

#### Friday April 13

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 April 14

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 April 15

Swiss Teams (2- Session stratiflighted play through; 42 boards)	11 am
(1/2 hour break between sessions) <b>NOTE NEW TIME !</b>	

Need Help: Call Lois Phillips (518) 793-3375 or [Malois1539@aol.com](mailto:Malois1539@aol.com)

For Partnerships: Call Bernie Neuhart (518) 372-3936 or [bhnewhart@nycap.rr.com](mailto: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**

The 2012 Board of Directors held its initial meeting on January 29, and here are several items which may be of interest to the membership.

First, we welcomed new members Rick Bobilin, Tonette DeAngelis, Marilyn Hart, and Diana Lack, while sadly saying goodbye to members who contributed a lot of time and ideas to the Unit, Fran Cuerdon, Charles Mantia, Martha Precheur, Marion Sheehan, and past Presidents Ray Ratte and Ross Lounsbury.

Continuing members include Jack Baugh, Lorrie Chamberlain, Joan Harvey, Fran Leary, Barbara and John McDonald, Bernie Neuhart, Lois and Joe Phillips, John Riopelle, Charlene Sunderland, Lois Tuohey. The 2012 slate of officers are Secretary Marilyn Hart, Treasurer Paul Cuerdon, Membership Secretary Renie Federighi, Vice President Rich Underwood, and President Bob Valenti.

The Board decided to change the time of its meetings from the Sunday morning of each of our five scheduled sectionals to between

sessions on the Saturdays of our sectionals. For those members who play in our traditional Sunday Swiss team event, the day could be particularly long, and for those that didn't play, coming to Schenectady just for a meeting might be slightly inconvenient. Moving the meetings to Saturday will be very convenient for any member playing in either Saturday session. Also, we won't have as much time to dedicate to the meeting as we did on Sunday morning, so we'll learn to complete all our business in a shorter time window, a definite side benefit of the change. If this change in time inspires anyone to consider serving on the Board, let Marilyn Hart or me know of your interest. We can always use additional help and ideas.

Finally, I would like to give particular thanks for many years of service to the membership of the Unit to Barbara McDonald as out-going Secretary and Marion Sheehan as out-going member and Hospitality Committee Chairperson. Both Barbara and Marion worked tirelessly and were completely dedicated to their respective positions, and always worked with skill and quiet confidence. We on the Board know how much Barbara and Marion did for the betterment of the Unit, and hope many members will offer both women the thanks they truly deserve. As mentioned earlier, Marion has resigned from the Board but leaves hospitality in the capable hands of John Riopelle. Barbara remains on the Board, and will be invaluable to the learning curve of new member and newly elected Secretary, Marilyn Hart.

Spring is nearly here, so enjoy the improving weather and frequent our local clubs, sectional events, and the upcoming Saratoga Regional when possible.

Bob Valenti

## President's Cup

The Unit has scheduled the 2012 President's Cup for Saturday May 5th at the Studio. This annual event is a single-session Swiss team game where each team is comprised of players with different masterpoint levels. This year, teams will include one team member with unlimited point totals, normally the captain, one player who is a life master with fewer than 750 points or non-life master at any masterpoint level, one player with fewer than 300 masterpoints, and one player with fewer than 200 masterpoints. Eligibility for any of the three limited player categories is based on 2011 year-end masterpoint totals.

## Courtesy Guidelines For Bridge Players

1. Be courteous and patient
2. Do not review the bidding or the play of a hand until the round
3. Partnership discussions should be held in private
4. Examine the traveler quietly, do not read it aloud.
5. Do not criticize.
6. Do not snap your cards.
7. Keep the noise down.
8. Be quiet while announcements are made.
9. Be responsible for your litter.
10. Turn off cell phones and pagers.

## District 3 Spring Regional



Race  
for  
the  
Points

June 11 – 17, 2012

The Saratoga Hilton

534 Broadway • Saratoga Springs NY 12866  
518-584-4000 \$135 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.

**Room Problems?** Call Joan Gerard 914-948-0841  
or email: joanandrongerard@gmail.com

### 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.

**GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS**  
(two-session events) Fri. & Sat. 10 am & 3 pm  
750/500/200 MPs Stratified Open Prs  
**GOLD POINTS for overalls and section tops in top strat**

### Tournament Managers

Jerry Goodman 201-346-5390  
redouble@webtv.net  
Deborah Wasik 973-762-2908  
dwasik@metrographusa.com

### Monday, June 11

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

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

### Tuesday, June 12

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 13

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 14

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

### Tournament Contact

**On-site:**  
Joan Gerard  
914-393-3024

### Pairing

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### Friday, June 15

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

### Golden Opportunity Prs

750/500/200 MPs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0-2500) .... 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 16 — Unit 115 Day

Senior Swiss Tms ..... 10 am & 3 pm

### Golden Opportunity Prs

750/500/200 MPs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0-2500) .... 1 & 7 pm  
Side Game Series III (3rd) ..... 1 pm  
Side Game Series III (4th) ..... 7 pm

### Sunday, June 17

Bracketed Round Robin Tms ..... 10 am  
*Top bracket played as Swiss-Open to all teams, 7  
8-Board matches — short break for lunch*

All Pair events are stratified  
A (2500+) B (1000-2500) C (0-1000)  
All team events are stratified by average MPs  
Compact KO Teams — 4 players only

For a list of motels and train service from  
NYC visit [bridge-district3.org](http://bridge-district3.org)

# Sectional Results

Jan 27 - 29, 2012

## Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Gregg Deitch – Edward Hornidge
2			Walter Smith – Satya Pubuwal
3			Judy & Bill Dubay
4	2		Charlene Sunderland – Vito Ramundo
5	3		Louis Urbano – Ross Lounsbury
6			Betty & Steve Bloom
	4		Maryclare Devlin – Lee Pearson
	5		Joseph Salamone – Norma Shelly
	6	1	James Bornheim – James Beard
		2	Mark Rosenholz – Diana Lack
		3	Vince De Pasquale – Barbara Fallone
		4	George Halbfinger – Lois Tuohey
		5	David Funk – Conrad Bader
		6	Carol Weaver – Carolyn Accardi

## Friday afternoon Newcomer Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Justine Cook – Richard Hall
2	1		John Flynn – Barbara Flynn
3	2	1	Jo Freedman – Rosalie Pitnell
4	3		Marie Felthousen – Renie Federighi
		2	Nancy Angus – Mary Jane Garner

## Friday evening Duel BAM

A	B	
1		Walter Smith, James Beard, Satya Pabuwal, James Bornheim
2/3	1/2	Susan Eastman, Carol Weaver, Diane Alexander, Carolyn Accardi
2/3	1/2	Diana Lack, Daniel Wulff, S Michael Sharp, Nancy Sharp
4		Bob Donald, Diane Burger, Mary Jane Garner, Barbara Fallone

## Friday evening Duel Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Walter Smith – Satya Pubuwal
2	1	1	James Bornheim – James Beard
3	2		Namcy & S Michael Sharp
4	3		Gregg Deitch – Edward Hornidge
5			Bob Donald – Diane Burger
6	4	2	Carol Weaver – Carolyn Accardi
	5		Sue Eastman – Diane Alexander
		3	Diana Lack – Daniel Wulff
		4	Mary Jane Garner – Barbara Fallone

## Saturday morning Newcomer Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Barbara Monie – Paula Matteson
2			John Venditti – Carol Paskin
3			Justine Cook – Richard Hall
4	2		Priscilla & Mohammad Yadegari
	3	2	Judith & James Miller

## Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
2	1	1	Dave Gray – Sandra Beach
3	2	2	Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele
4	3		Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus
5			Judy & Bill Dubay
6	4	3	Patricia & James Ackerman
	5		Joe Rizzuto – Peter Wick
	6	4	Peter Mitchell – Robert Dickson
		5/6	Jim Knowels-Tuell – Kamal Gupta
		5/6	Diana Lack – Glen Perry

## Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
2	1		Diane Alexander – Conrad Bader
3			Satya Pabuwal – Richard Lee
4			Judy & Bill Dubay
5			Bob Donald – Diane Burger
6	2		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
	3		Ross Lounsbury – Louis Urbano
	4	1	Anne & James Beard
	5	2	Dave Gray – Sandra Beach
	6		John Conova – Norma Jakominich
		3	Jim Knowels-Tuell – Kamal Gupta
		4	Peter Mitchell – Robert Dickson
		5	Justine Cook – Richard Hall
		6	Diana Lack – Gary Belcher

## Saturday afternoon Newcomer Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Justine Cook – Richard Hall
2			Dewitt Hendricks – Louise Butler
3			Barbara Monie – Paula Matteson

## Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Bill Dubay, Judy Dubay, Bob Donald, Diane Burger
2			Satya Pabuwal, Stephen Paskin, Larry Berman, Kamal Gupta
3			Steve Bloom, Betty Bloom, Neil Chambers, Donna Chambers
4	1		Harold Bigelow, Rosemary Isele, Diane Alexander, Conrad Bader
5	2	1	Diana Lack, Jonathan Lack, Kay Lang, Glen Perry
6	3	2	James Bornheim, James Beard, Gary Taylor, Valdean Mosier
	4		Mary Williams, Joel Prescott, Bonnie Taylor, Daniel Wulff
	5/6	3	Jeremy Adelman, Yinghan Ding, Robert Huben, Joshua Snyder
	5/6		Joseph Phillips, Morris Cramer, S Michael Sharp, Nancy Sharp

**Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings**  
**Unit 115 (as of Mar 6, 2012)**

	<u><b>Mini-McKenney</b></u>	<u><b>Ace of Clubs</b></u>
<b>0-5</b>	Julie Shapiro Betty Seeley Rosalie Pitnell	Julie Shapiro Betty Seeley Ruth Phillips
<b>5-20</b>	Catherine Brazelton Jill Paltrowitz Phil Ulrich	Catherine Brazelton Phil Ulrich Stephen McQuide
<b>20-50</b>	Margaret Dillon John Dillon Sarah Hoy	Margaret Dillon John Dillon Ernest Venerus
<b>50-100</b>	James Bornheim Barbara Wolner Anne Beard	Barbara Wolner James Bornheim Christine Converse
<b>100-200</b>	James Beard Kay Lang Carolyn Accardi	James Beard Martha Precheur William Kelsey
<b>200-300</b>	Glen Perry Terry Bentley Carol Paskin	Carol Paskin Carol Weaver Glen Perry
<b>300-500</b>	Kamal Gupta Charles Mantia Marcia Metzger	Charles Mantia Rhoda Levine John Loeber
<b>500-1000</b>	Bonnie Taylor Edward Hornidge Rosemary Isele	Edward Hornidge Rosemary Isele Lois Tuohy
<b>1000-2500</b>	Diane Alexander Charles Schmidt Gregg Dietch	Ruth Anderson Charles Schmidt Diane Alexander
<b>2500-5000</b>	Satya Pabuwal Lucy Spongberg Gary Spongberg	Satya Pabuwal Lucy Spongberg Gary Spongberg
<b>5000-7500</b>	Walter Smith Judy Dubay Stephen Paskin	Judy Dubay Walter Smith Stephen Paskin
<b>7500-10000</b>	Bill Dubay	Bill Dubay
<b>Over 10000</b>	Steve Bloom Betty Bloom Neil Chambers	Betty Bloom Steve Bloom

## Club Corner

### THE STUDIO

Wed. Apr. 18 - 12:00 Club Championship  
 Tue. Apr. 24 - 7:00 Non-LM CC  
 Sat. May 5 President's Cup  
 Sat. May 12 12:00 Club Championship  
 Thurs. May 17 - 12:00 Club Championship  
 Mon. May 21 - 12:00 Inv. Club Championship  
 Wed. May 30 - 12:00 Open Club Championship

### AVILA

Charity Club Championships on 3/31, 4/7, 4/21,  
 4/28, 5/12, and 5/19

Worldwide Pairs Fri. June 1 - 7PM and Sat. June  
 2 at 12:30PM

Please contact Rhoda Kratenstein (after May  
 1st) to reserve a seat for the Worldwide Pairs.  
 (518) 640-9553

## Puzzle Corner

♠ KQ3 ♥ ♦ AKT8652 ♣ 542	<i>North</i> ♠ 5 ♥ T8652 ♦ Q93 ♣ 9873	
♠ J86 ♥ AKJ97 ♦ J5 ♣ KJ6	<i>West</i> <i>East</i> Declarer	
♠ AT9742 ♥ Q43 ♦ 4 ♣ AQ10		

**You South are in 6♠.**

**West Leads the ♥A. Should you duck the  
 lead, West continues the ♥K.**

(answer next issue)

## RANK CHANGES

### **New Junior Masters**

Suzanne Darves - Sandy Mackay  
 June McQuide - Stephen McQuide  
 Nancy Van Dusen

### **New Club Masters**

George Liebowitz  
 Phil Ulrich

### **New Sectional Masters**

Uday Chandra - Samuel Hill  
 Betty Paul - Barbara Wolner

### **New Regional Masters**

Terry Bentley - Mary Jean Church  
 Kamal Gupta - Lois Novak  
 Joseph Salamone

### **New NABC Masters**

James Beard  
 Mary-Elizabeth Fitzgerald

### **New Bronze Life Masters**

Jim Knowles  
 Daniel Wulff

### **New Silver Life Master**

Richard Stearns

## Personal Notices

Get well wishes to **Emily Rapoport** and  
**Bill Teiper**

# BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

## A SURPRISING DUCK

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ 8432 ♥ AJ43 ♦ J62 ♣ K2	
♠ KT76 ♥ 72 ♦ T9854 ♣ 63	North West East Declarer	♠ J9 ♥ T9865 ♦ 73 ♣ JT98
	♠ AQ5 ♥ KQ ♦ AKQ ♣ AQ754	

### Both Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

South's 2♣ bid was artificial and strong, and North's 2♦ was also artificial, showing a hand without a suit worth bidding. Then common sense took over, and N-S blasted into 6NT. Can you make 12 tricks? Be warned, this one's not easy!

West led the Diamond Ten and Declarer could count 11 top tricks. Where was the 12<sup>th</sup>? One possibility was the Spade finesse but that was only a 50% proposition and Declarer knew that a 4-2 or 3-3 Club break was more likely. So Declarer's general plan was to unblock the ♥KQ, cross to the ♠K, cash Dummy's Heart winners (pitching Spades), and play on Clubs, hoping for a reasonable break in the suit.

But Declarer had neglected to think about the consequences of a bad *Heart* break. That's right, when Dummy's Heart winners were cashed the suit proved to be 5-2. Even worse, it turned out that the defender with the long Hearts also had the long Clubs. Declarer could set up his 12<sup>th</sup> trick alright, but the defense scored a Heart and a Club first. Down one!

We'll admit that Declarer was most unlucky with that line of play, it only failed because Hearts were 5-2, Clubs were not 3-3, *and* the long Hearts and long Clubs were in the same hand. But good players make their own luck and Declarer had a most surprising play at his disposal. Remember, he had won the opening Diamond lead, and unblocked the ♥KQ. Now at Trick 4 he ducks a Club! See the difference? Yes, the Club trick that he could afford to lose is now lost before Dummy's Hearts have been cashed (in other words, before East's long Heart has become a winner). That's a difficult play to find at the bridge table, did you find it at your breakfast table?

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)

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**Schedule of Upcoming Events**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>Grand National Teams White Plains, NY</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>President's Cup</b>
<b>Mon – Sun</b>	<b>Jun 4 – 10</b>	<b>Unit STaC</b>
<b>Mon – Sun</b>	<b>Jun 11 – 17</b>	<b>Saratoga Regional</b>