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Lewis Golub Memorial Sectional Schenectady (at the Studio) November 2 - 4, 2012

Friday November 2

| | |
|---|---------|
| Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+) | 1:00 pm |
| Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-299) | 1:00 pm |
| Pro/Am Dual Scored -Pair game movement with Pro-Am Team | 6:30 pm |

Saturday November 3

| | |
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| 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 4

| | |
|---|-------|
| Swiss Teams (2- Session stratiflighted play through; 42 boards) | 11 am |
| (1/2 hour break between sessions) | |
| (Strats: 0-3000, 3000-8000, and over 8000) | |

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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Presidents Message

No doubt, the news no one wanted to hear or write about was the loss of our dear friend, Norma Shelly, in September. As many of you, I was fortunate enough to be able to attend her services in September as well as the October 6 celebration of her life at the Studio. I would not presume to be able to add words here about her life or what she meant to so many people and animals, as everyone's sentiments have already been so eloquently stated by many of her friends and extended family. Suffice it to say, she will be missed by everyone, bridge player or not, and I am deeply saddened that I will never again hear on the telephone "Hi, Bob, it's Norma".

By this time, you probably have heard the activities at the Studio will be taken over by a consortium of our bridge-playing friends. I prefer not to list their names, as I'm sure I will miss one or two and, who knows, maybe some would prefer to remain "silent partners".

In any case, the new managers expect to keep all current club games going, with, perhaps, a tweak in the eligibility requirements of one or two of their weekly

games. Vito Ramundo has taken the directors exam, and will be added as a director to the club as soon as his passing grade is announced (my presumption). Until then, the club has several qualified directors to keep their games running smoothly. I wish the new managers best of luck, but would like to remind everyone all club games in the Unit are well-run and deserve our attendance.

Here's an update on a couple of items regarding our sectionals. First, many of you have inquired about having pre-dealt hands, and we will have them for matchpoint games, including Saturday's two-session Blue Ribbon Pairs, at the November sectional at a reasonable cost to the Unit of \$12 per section. The duplicating machines which generate and sort pre-dealt hand are not cheap, and at this point the Unit is not contemplating their purchase. Pre-dealt hands will be available at sectional events when the ACBL assigns a director who owns or has access to a machine, as is the case for the upcoming sectional. Secondly, we're aware of the problem experienced at the September sectional with the Bridge-Mates. So we're going to first try a low-tech and cheap fix, we're changing computers. We hope (expect?) a newer computer will be able to handle all the concurrent data coming in at the conclusion of each hand. Stay tuned.

Finally, some of you may remember when our clubs ran "Unit-rated" games. Seems we haven't run any of these for some time. Unit Treasure Paul Cuerdon is looking into what it takes for the Unit to sponsor these games again. Once we determine ACBL sanction fees, master point awards, allowable frequency of games, how a club gets to sponsor a game, etc., we'll be in better position to offer "Unit-rated" games to the membership through its clubs. My thanks to Ray Ratte for bringing our attention to their possibility.

Bob Valenti

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

All of us from the District 3 Board share your deep sense of loss at the passing of Norma Shelley; she did so much to make bridge "happen." I remember being so touched when she brought a group of beginners to play at the last Saratoga Springs Regional feeling it would be a good experience for them; not only did they enjoy the experience of playing, she took them all out for a meal following the game. This kind of devotion is very special, and she will be greatly missed. We will all miss her, but I am sure that all of you will try to keep up some of her traditions. This was evidenced in the way in which the plans for the Flight B and C NAP finals were carried out.

I leave for San Francisco on November 17, for the Board meetings before the NABC starts on Thanksgiving Day. We will continue the planning process which is helping to sharpen our focus on strategic priorities. I will report more about this process and other Board actions in your next newsletter. The Junior Task Force, of which I am a member, is working to create more opportunities for youth under the age of 19 to compete in different venues at the truly gratifying to see so many youngsters enjoy this game we all love. During the summer it was my pleasure to appoint Bob Valenti as a lifetime member of the ACBL Goodwill Committee. He is most deserving of this honor. When you have a chance, please congratulate him. The first Regional of the year will be in Rye Brook, NY in January and I hope to see many of you there. In the meantime, I would like to wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Glenda Calkins

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Sectional Results Sept 7 - 9, 2012

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|-----|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | | | Betty & Steve Bloom |
| 2 | | | Ron Harvey – Donna Chambers |
| 3 | | | Judy & Bill Dubay |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | Johnathan Insel – John Vary |
| 5 | | | Don Cohen – Albert Ross |
| 6 | 2 | | Mary Anne Pickett – Lee Pearson |
| | 3 | | Judy & Richard Hill |
| | 4 | | Yvonne Mendleson – Bibs Pankin |
| | 5 | | Esther Roche – Richard Egelston |
| | 6 | 2 | Mary-Eliz Fitzgerald – Barbara Parks |
| | | 3 | Margaret Lavelle – Mary Murphy |
| | | 4 | Dona & Robert Letoumeau |
| | | 5 | Artie Cohen – Sandra Patack |
| | | 6/7 | Diana Lack – Richard Bobilin |
| | | 6/7 | Susan Klein – Wilma Delucco |

Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

| A | B | |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Mary Jean Church – M. Lois Novak |
| 2 | 2 | Alice & Michael Olson |
| 3 | | James Bornheim – Ernest Venerus |

Friday evening BAM (Teams)

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | | Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni Carol & Stephen Paskin |
| 2 | 2 | | Diane Burger – Bob Donald James Bornheim – Ernest Venerus |
| 3 | 3 | 1 | Patricia & Jack Baugh Ulla & Michael Sattinger |
| 4 | | | W Daniel Kelsey – Harry Kaufmann Barbara Wolner – Gregg Deitch |

Friday evening BAM (Pairs)

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | | | Carol & Stephen Paskin |
| 2 | | | Bill Dubay – Roger Woodin |
| 3 | | | Diane Burger – Bob Donald |
| 4 | 1 | | Lois Tuohey – Richard Bobilin |
| 5 | 2 | | Bonnie Taylor – Eugene Pellegrino |
| 6 | 3 | 1 | W Daniel Kelsey – Barbara Wolner |
| | 4 | 2 | James Bornheim – Ernest Venerus |
| | 5 | | Nancy & S Michael Sharp |
| | | 3 | Glen Perry – Kathleen Carr |
| | | 4 | Patricia & Jack Baugh |

Saturday morning 299er Pairs

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | | James Bornheim – Ernest Venerus |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | Alice & Michael Olson |
| 3 | 3 | | Claire Wengraf – Kay Duncan |
| 4 | | | Justine Cook – Richard Hall |
| 5 | 4 | | Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni |
| | | 2 | Nancy Van Deusen – Sandy Mackay |

Saturday morning Open Pairs

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | | | Lucy & Gary Sponberg |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | Glen Perry – Richard Bobilin |
| 3 | | | Satya Pabuwal – Arthur Bernhardt |
| 4 | | | Gregg Deitch – Harry Kaufmann |
| 5 | | | Joan Meyer – Larry Berman |
| 6 | | | Gerald Cohen – Stephen Paskin |
| | 2 | | Rich Underwood – Kerry Cotterell |
| | 3 | | Louis Urbano – Ross Lounsbury |
| | 4 | | Louis Brickman – Mary Fredrick |
| | 5 | | Janice Woodbury – Lois Phillips |
| | 6 | | Gerald Kaufman – Bob Valenti |
| | | 2 | Daniel Wulff – Bonnie Taylor |
| | | 3 | Margaret Lavelle – Mary Murphy |
| | | 4 | Frances & Paul Cuerdon |

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

| | | | |
|---|---|-----|----------------------------------|
| 1 | | | Bill Dubay – Gregg Deitch |
| 2 | | | Lucy & Gary Sponberg |
| 3 | 1 | | Judy & Richard Hill |
| 4 | 2 | | Janice Woodbury – Lois Phillips |
| 5 | | | Diane Burger – Bob Donald |
| 6 | | | Bernie & Rob Neuhart |
| | 3 | | Ulla & Michael Sattinger |
| | 4 | | Diane Alexander – Conrad Bader |
| | 5 | 1 | James Bornheim – Ernest Venerus |
| | 6 | 2 | Justine Cook – Richard Hall |
| | | 3 | Richard Bobilin – Barbara Wolner |
| | | 4/5 | Carolyn Accardi – Carol Weaver |
| | | 4/5 | Coreen Nejame – Margaret Winslow |

Saturday afternoon 299er Pairs

| A | B | |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | | James Bornheim – Ernest Venerus |
| 2 | 1 | Justine Cook – Richard Hall |
| | 2 | Coreen Nejame – Margaret Winslow |

Sunday Swiss

| A | B | C | |
|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | | | Donna & Neil Chambers |
| | | | Betty & Steve Bloom |
| 2 | | | Rich Underwood – Kerry Cotterell |
| | | | Satya Pabuwal – Stephen Paskin |
| 3 | | | Bob Valenti – Walter Smith |
| | | | Bernie & Rob Neuhart |
| 4 | | | Judy & Bill Dubay |
| | | | Harry Kaufmann – Gregg Deitch |
| 5 | 1 | | Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus |
| | | | Diane Alexander – Sue Eastman |
| 6 | 2 | | Lois & Joe Phillips |
| | | | Morris Cramer – Janice Woodbury |
| | 3 | 1 | Ray Noonan – Linda Johnson |
| | 4 | 2 | Patricia & Alexander Jardin |
| | | | Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele |
| | 5 | | Marcia Metzger – Ann McDowell |
| | | | Diana & Jonathan Lack |
| | | | Joyce & David Lack |

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings
Unit 115 (as of October 6, 2012)

| | <u>Mini-McKenney</u> | <u>Ace of Clubs</u> |
|-------------------|---|---|
| 0-5 | Betty Seeley Timothy Briney Norah Fredrickson | Betty Seeley Norah Fredrickson Julie Shapiro |
| 5-20 | Richard Zak Aggie O'Brien Catherine Brazelton | Richard Zak Aggie O'Brien Catherine Brazelton |
| 20-50 | Ernest Venerus John Dillon Margaret Dillon | Ernest Venerus John Dillon Liz Foster |
| 50-100 | James Bornheim Barbara Wolner Anne Beard | Barbara Wolner James Bornheim John Leslie |
| 100-200 | James Beard Carolyn Accardi William Kelsey | James Beard Carolyn Accardi Joan Weaver |
| 200-300 | Glen Perry Terry Bentley Carol Weaver | Carol Weaver Terry Bentley Carol Paskin |
| 300-500 | Kamal Gupta Charles Mantia Richard Bobilin | Charles Mantia Firm Weaver John Loeber |
| 500-1000 | Rosemary Isele Edward Hornidge Ulla Sattinger | Rosemary Isele Harold Bigelow Edward Hornidge |
| 1000-2500 | Diane Alexander Judy & Richard Hill Charles Schmidt | Charles Schmidt Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander |
| 2500-5000 | Satya Pabuwal Lucy & Gary Spongberg Bob Donald | Satya Pabuwal Arthur Bernhardt Don Cohen |
| 5000-7500 | Judy Dubay Walter Smith Stephen Paskin | Judy Dubay Walter Smith Stephen Paskin |
| 7500-10000 | Bill Dubay Albert Ross | Bill Dubay Albert Ross |
| Over 10000 | William Nelson Sandra Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom | William Nelson Sandra Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom |

Club Corner

THE STUDIO

Following Norma's death, the financial status of the Studio is being reorganized and should start regular club games shortly.

AVILA

(all games start 12:30 PM)

Sat. Oct. 27 - Club Appreciation Pairs (save \$1)

Sat. Nov. 3 - No Game

Sat. Nov. 10 - Charity CC

Sat. Nov. 17 - Charity CC

Sat. Nov. 24 - CC (save \$1)

Sat. Dec. 1, Dec 8, Dec 15 - Grass Roots (extra points)

Contact Rhoda Kratenstein
(518) 640-9553

RANK CHANGES

New Junior Masters

Norah Fredrickson

Kathleen Kaplowitz

Michael Seife

Agie Seife

New Club Masters

Philip Pearson

Rupinder Puri

New Regional Master

Anne Beard

New NABC Master

Carolyn Accardi



Personal Notices

Condolences to the families and friends of **Rosemary Mullaney** and **Norma Shelley**

Get Will wishes to **Rene Federighi**, **Marie Felthausen**, and **Ann Marie Gapp**.

Condolences to **Gregg Deitch** and his family on the death of his father.

Condolences to **Dominic Papa** and his family on the death of his wife.

Sybil's Christmas Party

All Unit members are welcome to attend the Unit 115 Xmas party on Sunday December 9th, 2012. The party begins at noon, at the Studio, with bridge to follow at 1p.m. Each person is asked to bring a main dish or appetizer or dessert to share. You'll enjoy good food and good bridge!

Fran Cuerdon & Fran Leary

Questions? call 783-8094

BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

A MATTER OF ENTRIES

By: Brian Gunnell

N-S Vulnerable

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| <i>South</i> | <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> |
| 1NT | 2♠ | 3♥ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | ♠ Q ♥ QJT95 ♦ A642 ♣ 865 | |
| ♠ KT9543 ♥ 862 ♦ 9 ♣ KJ2 | <i>North</i> West East Declarer | ♠ 876 ♥ K74 ♦ QJT8 ♣ Q74 |
| | ♠ AJ2 ♥ A3 ♦ K753 ♣ AT93 | |

West's frisky 2♠ overcall is brushed aside and South becomes Declarer in 3NT. West leads the Spade Ten, won in Dummy. There's a trap for the unwary on this deal, and today's Declarer fell right into it. But our readers won't, will they?

Dummy's ♠Q won the opening lead and Declarer could see that it was plain sailing to at least nine tricks, his minimum haul being two Spades, four Hearts, two Diamonds and a Club. Never one to turn up his nose at an overtrick or two, Declarer ran the ♥Q at Trick 2. It seemed like good news when that finesse won, but in fact Declarer had just bungled the contract. He crossed to the ♥A and, when the King did not fall he needed two entries to the board, one to knock out the ♥K, the other to enjoy the established Hearts. Alas, he had only one such entry, and was destined for an ignominious down two. Yes, the winning line was simple enough, Declarer must play the ♥A at Trick 2, then a low Heart to the board.

Now, let's replay the hand with the Heart King and Eight exchanged between the E-W hands. Let's say that, as before, Declarer goofs mightily by running the ♥Q at Trick 2. West must duck the trick! If West makes the mistake of grabbing his King then Declarer's misplay will go unpunished.

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| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Mon – Sun | Oct 22 – 28 | District 3 Fall Regional Danbury, CT |
| | Nov 22 – Dec 2 | Fall NABC, San Francisco, CA |
| Sun | Dec 9 | Sybil’s Christmas Party Studio |
| Tue – Mon | Jan 15 – 21 | District 3 Winter Regional Rye, NY |