

# Capital District Bridge Association

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### Schenectady Sectional (at the Studio) July 19-21, 2013

#### Friday July 19

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	1:00 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-199, 200-299)	1:00 pm
Pro/Am Dual Scored -Pair game movement with Pro-Am Team	6:30 pm

#### Saturday July 20

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 July 21

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

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**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

The District 3 Norma Shelley Saratoga Regional was a successful one. Eighty-five more tables were in play this year over last year, a 7 percent increase. It's more than increased attendance that make a tournament successful, however. In great part, it's the people who are the face of the tournament, for example at the registration desk, partnership table, or hospitality room, that make players feel welcome. Once again, our people did a terrific job representing Unit 115 and District 3. So, thanks to Terry Bentley for managing the partnership desk, to Mary Williams for managing the registration table, to the omnipresent Fran Leary, our District 3 representative, and to all the volunteers who so capably provided both up front and behind-the-scenes services throughout the seven day event.

The one down-side of the tournament seems to have been the \$15 per session fee. District 3 Director Glenda Calkins had to explain to many players the fees are based primarily on hotel costs for rental of the playing areas and on the number of occupied hotel rooms the

District has to guarantee. The session fee was only one dollar more than the fee charged at the District 25 Sturbridge Regional the week following Saratoga, but I'm guessing everyone has their own tipping point, and \$15 dollars, being a nice round number, was it for many. Hopefully, the District can charge a lower entry fee next year, and if so, advertise these lower fees to keep as many returning players as possible.

By the way, the second annual District 3 Norma Shelley Saratoga Regional will be played one week earlier in 2014, so for those without a digital or e-calendar, make a mental note.

As of now, I know of only one player who made Life Master during the tournament, so congratulations to Louise Landry. If there are others, I'll note their accomplishment in my message for the September Newsletter. However, I know of several players who earned their first gold points at the tournament. Earning your first gold points is not as exciting as earning enough to make you Life Master, but exciting nonetheless. Congratulations to all of you, keep up the good work.

Finally, District 3 is proud to serve as host to ACBL CEO Robert Hartman, from August 19 to 21, at the next District 3 Regional in Fairfield, NJ. He's interested in meeting as many players from our area as possible. I'm going down to meet him, combining this with a visit to my daughter, son-in-law, and new grandson. If you planning on playing during his time there, I'll pass on your plans to District Director Glenda Calkins in hopes she can arrange a quick introduction to CEO Hartman.

Bob Valenti

# District 3 Summer Regional Aug. 19–25, 2013



## Crowne Plaza

690 Route 46 East • Fairfield, NJ 07004 • 973-227-9200

Room rate is \$119 single/double plus taxes

Cut off is August 5.

## Tournament Manager:

Deborah Wasik 973-699-5902 dwasik@metrographusa.com

## Directions

*From NYC* - Lincoln Tunnel to Rt. 3 West to Rt. 46 West. Hotel is ½ miles ahead on left. Use Passaic Ave. exit for the U-Turn onto Rt. 46 East. *From GW Bridge* - Rt. 80 West to Exit 52. Right turn under bridge. Follow Passaic Ave. onto Rt. 46 East. Hotel on right.

*From Garden State Pkwy. northbound* - Exit 153B puts you on Rt. 3 West. Follow directions above from NYC.

*From Garden State Pkwy. southbound* - Exit 159. Follow signs to Rt. 80 West. Follow directions above from GW Bridge.

*From Connecticut/upstate NY* - Rt. 287 West over TZ Bridge or NY State Thruway South into NJ. Take Rt. 287 South to Rt. 23 South to Rt. 46 West and follow directions above from NYC.

**FUN! YOUTH BRIDGE FUN!**  
(19 and under, 0–50 MPs) **Saturday: 10 am – 12:30 pm**  
Trophies • Refreshments • No fees  
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## Monday, August 19

**NEW!** Fast Pairs (Quick Break).....5 pm & TBA

*Light supper available between sessions*

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

## Tuesday, August 20

Stratified Open Pairs ..... 10 am & 3 pm

Bracketed Round Robin Teams ..... 1 & 7 pm

*Top bracket played as Swiss\* - Open to all teams*

Side Game Series I (2nd & 3rd)..... 1 & 7 pm

## Wednesday, August 21

Bracketed Compact KO Teams\* ... 9 am & 1 pm

Stratified Senior Swiss Teams ..... 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Pairs ..... 1 & 7 pm

One-Session Open Swiss Teams (red) ..... 1 pm

Side Game Series II (1st & 2nd)..... 1 & 7 pm

## Thursday, August 22

### Golden Opportunity Pairs

750/500/200 MPs ..... 10 am & 3 pm

Strat. Open Pairs (2500+, 0–2500) 10 am & 3 pm

Bracketed Round Robin Teams ..... 1 & 7 pm

*Top bracket played as Swiss\* - Open to all teams*

Side Game Series II (3rd & 4th) ..... 1 & 7 pm

## NEWPLICATED GAMES (Red) (0–200 MP)

One-session Pair Games

Tues. and Wed. – 10 am & 3 pm

Sun. — 10 am & 2:30 pm

Play both sessions Tues. and Wed. and get free

snack, soda and mini-lesson between sessions.

No Newuplicate games on Thurs., Fri. and Sat.

Play in the **Golden Opportunity Pairs**

and win **GOLD** points.

Contact: Cheryl Porter-Garofalo 201-641-8055

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## Friday, August 23

Bracketed Compact KO Teams\* ... 9 am & 1 pm

### Golden Opportunity Pairs

750/500/200 MPs..... 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Senior Pairs ..... 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Pairs (2500+, 0–2500)... 1 & 7 pm

One-Session Open Swiss Teams (red) ..... 1 pm

Side Game Series III (1st & 2nd)..... 1 & 7 pm

## Saturday, August 24

Bracketed Compact KO Teams\* ... 9 am & 1 pm

### Golden Opportunity Pairs

750/500/200 MPs..... 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Pairs (2500+, 0–2500)... 1 & 7 pm

One-Session Open Swiss Teams (red) ..... 1 pm

Side Game Series III (3rd & 4th)..... 1 & 7 pm

## Sunday, August 25

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams ..... 10:30 am

Flight A/X Swiss\* unlimited/4000 Separate

(7 8-board matches — short break for lunch)

Flight B: Bracketed Round Robin Teams 0–2500

(7 7-board matches — short break for lunch)

All Pairs stratified: A (2500+) B (1000–2500) C (0–1000)

All team strats based on average for the team.

In any event or flight with an upper limit, no individual

player's MP total may exceed that upper limit.

Compact KO Teams - 4 players only

\*Mid-Chart (except multi) permitted in top flight

†In all KOs Top Bracket may be handicapped

## SOLLY SPEAKS

**Mon. Aug. 19, 1:30-3:30 pm**

National Tournament Director

Sol Weinstein will hold a Q&A for

directors, club managers, and anyone who

wants to know more about the fine points

of ACBL rules and regulations.

## THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

What else should we expect from Unit 115 – the largest Saratoga Springs Regional in history. Next year the timing will change so that we no longer end on Fathers' Day, and hopefully the attendance in years to come will be even bigger.

It was my first full time Regional since my illness, and I was very happy to be there. The outstanding work of the volunteer force from your Unit and your overall hospitality are greatly appreciated. With heavy rains for most of the week it was as if Mother Nature was weeping over the absence of two very important people in District 3 – Norma Shelley, for whom your tournament has been renamed, and Joan Gerard who will always be remembered in the bridge world as an outstanding leader locally, nationally and internationally.

I look forward to attending the ACBL Board meetings in Atlanta at the end of July, and to staying on for a few days of bridge when the meetings are over. I hope many of you will be

able to attend. There will be a special memorial service for Joan on Saturday evening, August 3, from 7- 9 p.m. in the Regency Room. Any of you who are able to attend will be most welcome.

Our next Regional will be back in Fairfield, New Jersey, at the Crowne Plaza. There is a special event called "Solly Speaks" on Monday, the opening day, from 1:30 – 3:30 pm where Sol Weinstein, our head director, will hold a Q&A for directors, club managers, and anyone else who wants to know more about the fine points of ACBL rules and regulations. The session will be followed by a fast pairs game at 5 pm with a light supper available between sessions.

The CEO of ACBL, Robert Hartman will be with us from Monday afternoon through Wednesday. He is very personable, and I hope many of you will have the opportunity to talk with him.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Fairfield if not before. Thanks again for all your hard work.

Glenda Calkins  
District 3 Director

**Saratoga Regional (June 10 – 16)  
Unit Winners**

**Mon – Tue KO Bkt 1**

Betty Bloom – Steve Bloom,  
Donna Chambers – Neil Chambers

**Fri Compact KO Bkt 3**

Raymond Ratte – Ross Lounsbury  
Louis Urbano – Michael Urbano

**Tue 9am Norma Shelly 0-20**

Flight A – Linda Estes – Claire Brunkhorst

**Fri Compact KO Bkt 4**

Ellen Cotterell – Kerry Cotterell  
Bruce Williams – Jacquelyn Williams

**Tue 1pm 299er Pairs**

Flight B – Phyllis Levy – Liz Foster

**Fri Compact KO Bkt 5**

William Kelsey – W Daniel Kelsey  
Diana Lack – Johnathan Lack

**Wed Compact KO Bkt 2**

Satya Pabuwal – Kerry Cotterell,  
Glen Perry – Richard Bobilin

**Fri 1 PM Side Game**

Flight B – A Hallerstein – Leslie Herzfeld

**Wed Golden Opp Pairs**

Flight B – Timothy Briney – David Howorth

**Sat Golden Opp Pairs**

Flight A – Timothy Briney – David Howorth

**Wed 1pm Swiss Side Game**

Flight A – Mary Frederick – Ross Lounsbury  
Louis Urbano – Michael Urbano

**Sat 1 PM Side Game**

Flight B – Jacquelyn Williams – Ellen Cotterell

**Wed 7 PM Side Game**

Flight C – Glen Perry – Charles Herding

**Fri 1 PM Swiss Side Game**

Flight B – Anne Beard – James Beard  
Joan Weaver – Firm Weaver

**Wed – Thu KO Bkt 1**

Betty Bloom – Steve Bloom,  
Donna Chambers – Neil Chambers

**Fri – Sat KO Bkt 1**

Betty Bloom – Steve Bloom,  
Victor King – Alan Applebaum

**Tue 1pm Side Game**

Flight C – Kamal Gupta – Malik Magdon-Ismail

**Fri – Sat KO Bkt 2**

Bruce Williams – Kerry Cotterell,  
Glen Perry – Richard Bobilin

**Thu Open Pairs**

Flight B – Katie Scalamandre – Gino Scalamandre

**Sun RR Teams Bkt 1**

Betty Bloom – Steve Bloom,  
Victor King – Alan Applebaum

**Thu Open Swiss**

Flight C – Diana Lack – David Lack,  
Joyce Lack – Gary Belcher

**Sun RR Teams Bkt 2**

Diane Burgeri – Bob Donald,  
Satya Pabuwal – Kamal Gupta

**Fri Compact KO Bkt 1**

Lynn Deas – Mark Dahl,  
John McLaughlin – Courtney Nelson

**Sun RR Teams Bkt 4**

Ulla Sattinger – Michael Sattinger,  
Linda Millenbach – Lew Millenbach

**Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings**  
**Unit 115 (as of July 6, 2013)**

	<u><b>Mini-McKenney</b></u>	<u><b>Ace of Clubs</b></u>
<b>0-5</b>	Margaret Quinn Scott Shevy John Battenfield	Scott Shevy John Battenfield Nancy Walko
<b>5-20</b>	Timothy Briney Jill Paltrowitz Selena Balick	Jill Paltrowitz Selena Balick Catherine Brazelton
<b>20-50</b>	Kathleen Carr Phil Ulrich Phyllis Levy	Phil Ulrich Richard Zak Kathleen Carr
<b>50-100</b>	W Daniel Kelsey John Dillon Margaret Dillon	John Dillon Margaret Dillon Liz Foster
<b>100-200</b>	Ellen Cotterell Christine Converse Anne Beard	Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell Barbara Wolner
<b>200-300</b>	William Kelsey Joan Dobert Jane Carusone	William Kelsey Jane Carusone Joan Dobert
<b>300-500</b>	Glen Perry Firm Weaver Terry Bentley	Arlene Sahr Jean Drake Glen Perry
<b>500-1000</b>	Kerry Cotterell Richard Bobilin Rosemary Isele	Rosemary Isele Harold Bigelow Lois Tuohey
<b>1000-2500</b>	Judy & Richard Hill Ulla Sattinger Michael Sattinger	Diane Alexander Judy & Richard Hill Louis Urbano
<b>2500-5000</b>	Bob Donald Satya Pabuwal Rob Neuhart	Satya Pabuwal Don Cohen Rob Neuhart
<b>5000-7500</b>	Stephen Paskin Walter Smith Judith Shulman	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Judith Shulman
<b>7500-10000</b>	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay Al Ross	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay Al Ross
<b>Over 10000</b>	Steve & Betty Bloom Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom

## Club Corner

### AVILA

Fri. July 26 - 7:00 International Fund Game

Sat. July 27 - 12:30 Membership Game

Meet Shannon Cappelletti; she'll be at both games to answer your bridge questions!

**NAOP Qualifiers: Saturdays 12:30**

July 13, Aug. 3, Aug 31

Contact Rhoda Kratenstein

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## Personal Notices

Get well wishes to **Ros Weiss, Clare Beams, Don Bathrick**

## Don't Forget Awards Dinner

The Unit's annual awards dinner will be held at the Studio on August 17 at 12 noon. Dinner will be served, followed by the awards presentation, and then bridge.

## Rank Changes

### New Junior Masters

Joelle Adler                      John Battenfield

Carol Godette                      Nancy Walko

### New Club Masters

Timothy Briney                      Norah Fredrickson

### New Sectional Master

Kathleen Carr

### New Regional Masters

Daniel Kelsey                      Ernest Venerus

### New NABC Master

Joan Weaver

### New Silver Life Masters

Gloriana Clark                      Susan Eastman

Peggy Mann

### New Diamond Life Master

Arthur Bernhardt

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## BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

### DASTARDLY DECEPTION

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ Q4 ♥ J93 ♦ AQJ5 ♣ 7643	
♠ K852 ♥ K862 ♦ 9 ♣ A985	North West      East Declarer	♠ AT973 ♥ T75 ♦ 842 ♣ T2
	♠ J6 ♥ AQ4 ♦ KT763 ♣ KQJ	

#### **N-S Vulnerable**

South West North East  
 1NT Pass 3NT Pass  
 Pass Pass

When this was played in a team game, 3NT was reached at both tables, and both West players failed to find the lethal opening Spade lead. Instead, they led their fourth-best Heart, and we can report that one Declarer made her contract, the other didn't. Here's how.

At Table 1, the opening Heart trick went: Two, Nine, Ten, Queen. Declarer could count just seven top tricks and at Trick 2 he played the ♣K in an attempt to set up two more. It was a futile effort, of course. West took his Ace and, not wanting to give Declarer a third Heart trick, he shifted to a Spade. Down two.

At Table 2, Declarer was more resourceful. She realized that, if she took that first trick with the ♥Q, the defense would probably find the Spade shift. So, in an attempt to muddy the waters, she squandered the ♥A! Now Declarer played a Club to West's Ace. Picturing East to have started with ♥QTx and Declarer with ♥Axx, West continued with a low Heart to East's supposed Queen. But it was Declarer who produced that card, and who promptly claimed nine tricks.

That was dastardly play by Declarer, but could West have seen through the deception? To West it seemed that Declarer might well have held something like: ♠Axx, ♥Axx, ♦Kxxx, ♣KQJ. Would Declarer not hold up in Hearts with such a hand? Not necessarily, if she did she might fall prey to a deadly Spade shift, allowing West to win his King and revert to Hearts for down one.

**Postscript:** There is a signaling device that could have saved E-W. It's the Smith Echo, whereby at Trick 2 East gives his attitude to the opening lead ... he plays a high Club to say "I like the opening lead" ... and a low Club to say "I don't" Here the message will be "I don't", so East plays the Two, after which West will presumably shift to a Spade. Or maybe not as, after the play to Trick 1, he might already have lapsed into auto-pilot mode.

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>Thu – Sun</b>	<b>Aug 1 – 11</b>	<b>Summer NABC Atlanta, GA</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Aug 17</b>	<b>Awards Dinner Studio</b>
<b>Fri – Sun</b>	<b>Sep 13 – 15</b>	<b>Sectional Studio</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Oct 26</b>	<b>NAP Finals</b>