

Capital District Bridge Association

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Sectional Schenectady (at the Studio) November 15-17, 2013

Friday November 15

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 Teams	6:30 pm

Saturday November 16

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 17

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)	

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 12309

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Presidents Message

As I near the end of my term as president, I thought it appropriate to bring to your attention some of the issues facing not only the Board but all members of Unit 115.

First, after many years of service as board member and unit historian, past-president Lorrie Chamberlin has resigned her duties. I have cherished her guidance, and will miss her, personally, but she has done so much for the Unit over the years she has earned her time "in the sun".

What this means is the Board is down another member and we need to reach out to the membership and find a successor historian, whose duties involve keeping records of the unit not kept by the ACBL, such as the Marvin Friedman and Mr/Mrs. Bridge Awards.

Secondly, although remaining on the Board, Lois Phillips will be giving up her duties as tournament coordinator and we are looking for her successor. The tournament coordinator works with the ACBL to schedule our five sectional tournaments and three unit sponsored games (President's Cup, Awards Dinner, and Christmas party). Once the games are scheduled, the coordinator

becomes the main contact with the sectional director assigned by the ACBL. Lois has already scheduled our games for 2014, so her successor will have a leg up going into the job (and will have Lois as a tutor). Thanks, Lois, for the years you have served as our tournament coordinator.

With Lorrie's resignation, the Board is down to 17 members, room for eight more without the need for the Unit to hold a special election. Unfortunately the old adage "many hands make for a lighter load" is working in reverse, as the load on the Board members gets heavier as its numbers shrink. More Board members are needed, so if you would like to help out, or make your voice heard regarding the schedule and type of games we hold, let us know.

Finally, several of you have asked who selects the charities when we hold unit charity games. It turns out, when we hold these games, the ACBL gets all the charity money, paid with your entry fee for the game, for the first, third, and every successive "odd" numbered charity game sponsored by the Unit. Since we have only three charity games scheduled, the ACBL gets the money for two-thirds of them. In the past, the Board has always preferred to collect for local charities, such as Gilda's Club, homeless veterans, a VA sponsored charity, Schoharie County Relief Fund, and the local food pantry. Unfortunately, selected local charities are in play for but one in three charity games.

As we have occasionally done in the past, we will now regularly have a fishbowl available for your out-of-pocket and voluntary contributions to a local charity, the specific charity to be named the day of the event. For the "odd" numbered charity games, we will collect and forward \$4.00 per table to the ACBL, but any money collected in the fishbowl will stay locally.

Bob Valenti

Celebrate
Joan Gerard's
life and
dedication to
bridge!
8 pm Sunday
(after the game)
Refreshments
& Revelry

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web page at
www.bridge-district3.org

Hilton Rye Town
699 Westchester Ave. • Rye Brook NY • 914-939-6300
Rate: \$129 per day, per room, single/double, plus taxes
Rate is valid until beginning of tournament.
Room problems: Glenda Calkins
201-825-1936 • glendabark@aol.com
Tournament Manager: Deborah Wasik
973-699-5902 • dwasik@metrographusa.com

DIRECTIONS: From the West — Cross Westchester Expressway (287) to Exit 10, Follow Route 120A to Port Chester. Hotel entrance is ½ mile ahead on your left.
From the East — Cross Westchester Expressway (287) to Exit 10. At 2nd traffic light turn right. Hotel is on your left at the 2nd traffic light.

Compact KO Tms: 12-board matches, 4-person Tms only,
All KO Tms are random draw within brackets.

TUESDAY, JAN. 14
Fast Pairs (Quick Break).....5 pm & TBA
RED POINTS • Lite Supper Served between sessions.
Stratified Side Game Series I (1st) 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15
Stratified Side Game Series I (2nd) 9 am
Stratified Senior Pairs.....10 am & 3 pm
Flight A/X Swiss* unl/4000 1 & 7 pm
Bracketed Round Robin Teams (0-2500) 1 & 7 pm
Stratified Side Game Series I (3rd).....1 pm
Stratified Side Game Series I (4th).....7 pm

THURSDAY, JAN. 16
Stratified Side Game Series II (1st)9 am
NEW! Golden Opportunity Pts 750/500/200 MPs...10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams 1 & 7 pm
Stratified Side Game Series II (2nd) 1 pm
Stratified Side Game Series II (3rd).....7 pm

FRIDAY, JAN. 17
Stratified Side Game Series II (4th) 9 am
Bracketed Compact KO Teams* 9 am & 1 pm
Golden Opportunity Pts 750/500/200 MPs...10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (2500+, 0-2500)1 & 7 pm
Single-Session Swiss Teams (Red Points) 1 pm
Stratified Side Game Series II (5th)1 pm
Stratified Side Game Series II (6th) 7 pm

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS (2-session events)
Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 am & 3 pm
750/500/200 MPs Stratified Open Pts
GOLD POINTS for overalls & section tops in top strat

FUN! YOUTHBRIDGE FUN! (19 & under, 0-50 MPs)
Monday 10:30 am to 1 pm • Trophies, refreshments, no fees
Barbara Clark • 973-736-1969 • bsyllab@aol.com
Betty Cox • 973-895-3506 • bcox10@optonline.net

SATURDAY, JAN. 18
Stratified Side Game Series III (1st)..... 9 am
Bracketed Compact KO Teams*.....9 am & 1 pm
Golden Opportunity Pts 750/500/200 MPs...10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Side Game Series III (2nd) 1 pm
Single-Session Swiss Teams (Red Points)..... 1 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (2500+, 0-2500) 1 & 7 pm
Stratified Side Game Series III (3rd).....7 pm

SUNDAY, JAN. 19
Stratified Swiss Teams10:30 am & 5 pm
Flight A/X separate, Strats B & C*
Fast Pairs (Quick break).....11 am & 2 pm
Stratified Side Game Series III (4th)11 am
Stratified Side Game Series III (5th) 3:30 pm
Celebration of Joan Gerard's Life..... 8 pm
Speedball KO Teams 9 pm

MONDAY, JAN. 20 — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Stratified Open Pairs10:30 am & 3 pm
Bracketed Compact KO Teams*10:30 am & 3 pm
Stratified Side Game Series III (6th)10:30 am
Single-Session Swiss Teams (Red Points)3 pm
Stratified Side Game Series III (7th) 3 pm
Subsidized food available Monday between sessions

Stratified Games: A (2500+) B (1000-2500) C (0-1000)
Stratified: A (4000+) X (4000) B (2500)
All team games stratified by average MPs.
*Mid-Chart (except multi) permitted in top flight
In all KOs Top Bracket may be handicapped

NEWPLICATE GAMES (Red) (0-200 MP)
One Session Pair Games — Wed. 10 am & 3 pm
Sunday & Monday: 10:30 am & 3 pm
Play both sessions Wed, and/or Sun, and get free snack,
soda and mini-Hesson between sessions.
No Newuplicate games on Thurs., Fri. & Sat.
Contact: Cheryl Porter-Garofalo 201-641-8055
Cherylmagic7nt@aol.com

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

2013 has been a year of significant changes in the District. We now have events named for two women who were most important to our success – Norma Shelly and Joan Gerard. They will be missed, but their significant contributions will be memorialized through these events.

We continue to face the challenges posed by the movement of many of our members to warmer climes. Encouraging teaching programs for all ages will continue to be an important priority for us.

I will be leaving for Phoenix in a few weeks for the ACBL board meetings and the winter NABC where there is much important business pending. Developing membership is a key ACBL priority and over the past year I have been privileged to serve on the Membership Acquisition and Retention Committee, or MARC. MARC will be recommending five key initiatives for 2014 including 1) learn to play bridge online, 2) member get-a-member incentives, 3) membership rank recognition, 4) joining with a lifelong learning institute, and 5) a program to encourage bridge on college campuses. When I write to you in January, I look forward to reporting on the actions taken on these, and many other fronts.

Our next tournament will be the Joan Gerard District 3 Winter Tournament in Rye Brook, New York January 17-20, 2014 and I hope to see many of you there. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who volunteer to keep things running smoothly in District 3 and for the support that I feel from all of you. Barkley joins me in wishing all of you a healthy and happy holiday season..

Glenda Calkins, Director
ACBL District 3

Sectional Results Sept 20 - 22, 2013

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Sandy & Bill Nelson
2			Betty & Steve Bloom
3			Stephen Paskin – Rich Underwood
4			Diane Burger – Bob Donald
5			Mary Fredrick – Bernie Neuhart
6	1	1	Diana Lack – Kay Lang
	2	2	Linda & Lew Millenbach
	3		Louis Urbano – Ross Lounsbury
	4		Susan Eastman – Diane Alexander
	5		Amelia Urbano – Mary Williams
	6		Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus
		3	Bonnie Taylor – Eugene Pellegrino
		4	Susan Klein – Phyllis Levy
		5	Barbara & John McDonald

Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	
1	1	Norah Fredrickson – Margaret Quinn
2	2	Michael Kindlon – William Hughes

Friday evening Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Satya Pabuwal – Kamal Gupta
2			Lucy & Gary Sponberg
3			Gregg Deitch – Harry Kaufmann
4			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
5			Diane Burger – Bob Donald
6			Rita Redlich – Nele Rzad
	1		John Conova – Liz VonReisenfelder
	2		Kerry Cotterell – Rich Underwood
	3		Susan Eastman – Diane Alexander
	4	1	John Leslie – Vito Ramundo
		2	William Wade – Layton Davis
		3	Diana Lack – Gary Belcher

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Gregg Deitch – Bob Donald
2			Satya Pabuwal – Art Bernhardt
3			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
4	1		Diana Lack – Mark Rosenholz
5	2		Louis Urbano – Ross Lounsbury
6	3	1	Linda & Lew Millenbach
	4		Xiaoqian Liu – Max Siline
	5		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
	6	2	Barbara & John McDonald
		3	Christine Converse – William Kelsey
		4	Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele
		5	Frances & Paul Cuerdon

Saturday morning 299er Pairs

A	B	
1	1	Richard Hall – Virginia Brewer
2	2	Priscilla & Mohammad Yadegari

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Lucy & Gary Sponberg
2			Satya Pabuwal – Art Bernhardt
3			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
4			Judy Dubay – Harry Kaufmann
5	1		Xiaoqian Liu – Max Siline
6/7			Sandy & Bill Nelson
6/7	2		Lois & Joe Phillips
	3		Louis Urbano – Ross Lounsbury
	4		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
	5		Diane Alexander – Sue Eastman
	6		Jon Fink – Mary Williams
		1	Dorothy Shelly – Kathleen Carr
		2	Sandra & Stanley Cohen
		3	Christine Converse – William Kelsey
		4	William Wade – Layton Davis
		5	Phyllis Levy – Susan Klein

Saturday afternoon 299er Pairs

1	John Leslie – Liz Foster
2	Richard Hall – Virginia Brewer

Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Bernard Neuhart, Robert Neuhart, Satya Pabuwal, Kamal Gupta
2			Sandy & Bill Nelson, Bob Feller, Judith Shulman
3	1		Arlene & Ronald Sahr, Judy & Richard Hill
4	2		Susan Eastman, Diane Alexander, Anne & Leonard Lapinski
5			Diane Burger, Bob Donald Xiaoqian Liu, Max Siline
		3	Lois Tuohey, Lynda Flanger, Lois & Joe Phillips
		4	Diana Lack, Jonathan Lack, Joyce Lack, David Lack
		1	Margaret Lavelle, David Funk, Cranie Werbitt, Paula Baker
		2	Terry Bentley, Rosemary Isele, Valdean Mosier, Gary Taylor
		3	Jill & Arnold Factor, Gunilla & Frank Starkey

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings
Unit 115 (as of October 6, 2013)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Chunyu Wang Margaret Quinn Patricia Berrian	Susan Penny Nancy Walko Margaret Quinn
5-20	Jill Paltrowitz Timothy Briney Betty Seeley	Jill Paltrowitz Betty Seeley Norah Fredrickson
20-50	Kathleen Carr Barbara Fallone Phyllis Levy	Phil Ulrich Kathleen Carr Richard Zak
50-100	W Daniel Kelsey John Dillon A. Hallenstein	John Dillon Margaret Dillon A. Hallenstein
100-200	Ellen Cotterell Christine Converse Joan Weaver	Ellen Cotterell Christine Converse Joan Weaver
200-300	William Kelsey Joan Dobert Carolyn Accardi	William Kelsey Joan Dobert Carolyn Accardi
300-500	Glen Perry Firm Weaver Terry Bentley	Glen Perry Firm Weaver Arlene Sahr
500-1000	Kerry Cotterell Richard Bobilin Rosemary Isele	Rosemary Isele Harold Bigelow Gloriana Clark
1000-2500	Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander Ulla Sattinger	Diane Alexander Louis Urbano Judy & Richard Hill
2500-5000	Bob Donald Satya Pabuwal Rob Neuhart	Satya Pabuwal Don Cohen Rob Neuhart
5000-7500	Stephen Paskin Walter Smith Judith Shulman	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Judith Shulman
7500-10000	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay Al Ross	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay Al Ross
Over 10000	Steve & Betty Bloom Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom

Club Corner

AVILA

AVILA Duplicate Bridge Sat at 12:30pm

See www.acbl.org Club Results for our schedule and game results.

No game Nov. 16th (Schdy Sect.)

We do have a Saturday game Thanksgiving weekend.

Contact Rhoda for partners (email: rhodakratenstein@msn.com or phone: 561-495-6470).



Sybil's Christmas Party

All Unit members are welcome to attend the Unit 115 Xmas party on Sunday December 8th, 2013. 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

Rank Changes

New Junior Masters

Pat Berrian
Don Snyder
Michael Kindlon

New Club Masters

Melissa Kopp
Sandy Mackay

New Sectional Masters

Barbara Fallone
Phyllis Levy

New Life Master

Rhoda Levine

New Silver Life Masters

Kerry Cotterell
Ronald Sahr
Ray Ratte

New Diamond Life Master

Roger Woodin

Personal Notices

Condolences to the family of
Priscilla Cleary

Get Well wishes to **Dan Wulff, Delores Inzero, Father Balise Reinhart, Dorothy Shelly, and Charlene Sunderland**

BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

HELPING PARTNER

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ KT6 ♥ 4 ♦ 75 ♣ T876542	
♠ 853 ♥ 983 ♦ JT943 ♣ J3	North West East Declarer	♠ AQJ42 ♥ 762 ♦ Q86 ♣ K9
	♠ 97 ♥ AKQJT5 ♦ AK2 ♣ AQ	

Both Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
			1♠
Dbl	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

3NT is cold, but our South was in 4♥. That would have succeeded against some E-W pairs, but not against this E-W. Watch how West wakes up her partner and persuades him to make the right play in Diamonds.

West leads a Spade, low from Dummy, won by East's Jack. East looks at Dummy and realizes that it's useless for Declarer's purposes. Well, almost! There is that doubleton Diamond, a potential ruffing value if Declarer happens to have ♦AKx. So, East promptly shifts to a trump, snuffing out that threat.

Declarer still has four potential losers, with no way of reaching Dummy for the Club finesse. He may decide that the best chance now is to play for East to have Qxx in Diamonds. So he draws trumps, and plays ♦AK and a low Diamond, hoping to throw in East. If the plan works then East will be forced to give Declarer his 10th trick in one of the black suits. But our E-W are made of sterner stuff and you can be sure that East will jettison his ♦Q under the Ace or the King, allowing West to win the third Diamond trick. You can also be sure that West will play the ♦J on the first round of Diamonds. That says (a) I can afford to play the Jack, (b) I don't have the Queen, if I did I could have afforded to play it, (c) I have the Ten, otherwise I could not afford the Jack. That considerate play by West should persuade even the sleepest East to dump the Queen.

Here's a little twist. If those defenders are so confoundedly smart, then most of the time they will be able to arrange for West to win the third Diamond. That being so, Declarer might try a swindle. Look at what happens if, instead of playing Diamonds, Declarer cashes the ♣A. Now, a clued-in East will be seriously tempted to dump the ♣K, playing Declarer to hold ♦AKJ and ♣AJ!

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

	Nov 28 – Dec 8	Fall NABC Phoenix, AZ
Sun	Dec 8	Sybil's Christmas Party Studio
Tue – Mon	Jan 14 – 20	District 3 Winter Regional Rye, NY
Fri – Sun	Jan 24 – 26	Sectional Studio