

# Capital District Bridge Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### Sectional Schenectady (at the Studio) April 4-6, 2014

#### Friday April 4

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 April 5

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 6

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 Bob Valenti (518) 326-3829 or [Lasrav@yahoo.com](mailto:Lasrav@yahoo.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.**

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### Presidents Message

Writing my first message as President of Unit 115, I would like to thank Bob Valenti for the past three years of outstanding service as your President. Bob has agreed to remain on the board, and also take over the role as the Unit's Tournament Coordinator. I also wish to thank Lois Phillips for her past service as Tournament Coordinator for the past three years.

I welcome new members of the board; Dave Buchyn, Bill Kelsey, and Glen Perry. Glen will also serve as the Vice President of the Unit.

Marilyn Hart will remain as Correspondence Secretary; Paul Cuerdon will remain as Treasurer; and Renie Federighi will stay on as Membership Secretary.

For the time being, I will continue to write the Newsletter, but I am asking the membership if someone would be interested in taking over the Newsletter.

I also thank the other board members and volunteers, both long serving and relatively new members, for their service. The Unit would not run as smoothly as it does without

them.

Please read the following article about the President's Cup, and consider playing in the event.

See you at the bridge table

Rich Underwood

### The President's Cup

The Unit's fun event of the year, The President's Cup team game, will be held Saturday, **May 17** at the Studio.

As reported in the Newsletter for the January sectional, the Board decided to change how the teams will be made up. In the past, teams were made up of players representing four different masterpoint levels. This year, come with a partner, the total masterpoints of the partnership will be added together, and the field quartiled. Teams will then be selected by random draw, with partnerships from the top quartile teamed with a partnership from the fourth or partnerships from the second quartile teamed with one from the third.

How does this differ from a traditional pro-am team game held at clubs? At club pro-am team games, you play with the same partner for all the matches. At the President's Cup, you will play with your partner for only one of the four matches and with one of your teammates for the other three matches. Each player will play with all their teammates for at least one match, but will not be allowed to play with their "brung" partner more than once.

It had become difficult to formulate teams under the old rules. We did our best to establish masterpoint levels for each of the four players based on the demographics of the Unit, but demographics can't predict who will play and we often ran into a shortage of players for one or two of the levels. The randomness of the draw is also seen by many as a fairer way to establish teams for what we bill as the Unit's fun event of the year.

So, come with a partner or come alone. We'll have people at the front desk who can pair you with a compatible player. Then go out and enjoy the game.

### **THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

As I am preparing for the Board meetings for ACBL in Dallas, I cannot help but remember that when we were in Phoenix last November, there were rather severe problems with the behavior of some of our players. We were at the Sheraton in Phoenix and will again be in a Sheraton in Dallas. In Phoenix there was abuse of hotel staff and stealing from concession stands along with other unknown acts not acceptable from our players. I sincerely hope that nothing like this occurs in Dallas or in any of our future venues. Please, if you see players misbehaving, I hope that you will find an official of ACBL and report the incident. After all, bad behavior by a few reflects poorly on all of us.

The next special event in District 3 will be the GNT finals which will be held in White Plains, NY, on Saturday April 12, at St. Gregory's Armenian Church. Brunch will be served at

11:30 am with the game starting at 12:30 pm. The new stratifications are in effect for this event:

Championship Flight - No masterpoint restrictions

Flight A - 0-6000 masterpoints

Flight B - 0-2500 masterpoints

Flight C - 0-500 Non Life Master

In the March Bulletin our ad mistakenly showed the old strats, so please spread the word that changes have been made.

As always I look forward to attending your Regional in Saratoga Springs, which is earlier this year – the first week in June, so that we will not be finishing our tournament on Father's Day. We hope with this new schedule, we will increase weekend participation and surpass last year's attendance, which you will remember was a record breaker.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the tables, and will give a full report of actions taken by the Board upon my return from Dallas

Glenda Calkins, Director  
ACBL District 3

## Sectional Results Jan. 24 - 26, 2014

### Friday afternoon Strat Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Joan Meyer – Arthur Bernhardt
2			Gregg Deitch – Bob Donald
3			Stephen Paskin – Walter Smith
4	1	1	Ellen & Kerry Cotterell
5	2	2	Anne Marie Gapp – John Leslie
6			Larry Berman – Rita Redlich
	3		Ray Ratte – Frank Legnard
	4		Joan Fisher – Peggy Mann
	5		Ross Lounsbury – Lou Urbano
	6		Lois & Joe Phillips
		3	Barbara Wolner – Richard Bobilin
		4	Joan Dolbert – Sara Hoy
		5	Renie Federighi – Marie Felthausen

### Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	A I Sandy Mackay – Nancy Van Dusen
2	2		Robert Butterfoss – Judy Goff
3	3	2	Claire Brunkhorst – Linda Estes
4	4		Mary Jean Church – M Lois Novak

### Friday evening BAM (Teams)

A	B	
1	1	Satya Pabuwal – Kamal Gupta, Eugene Pellegrino – Bonnie Taylor
2	2	Rob & Bernie Neuhart, Betty Seeley – Nora Fredrickson
3		Bill Dubay – Roger Woodin, James Bornheim – James Beard

### Friday evening (Pairs)

A	B	C	
1			Satya Pabuwal – Kamal Gupta
2			Rob & Bernie Neuhart
3			Michael Rogers – Peter Allen
4			Bill Dubay – Roger Woodin
5/6	1/2	1/2	W Daniel Kelsey – Barbara Wolner
5/6	1/2	1/2	James Bornheim – James Beard
	3	3	Eugene Pellegrino – Bonnie Taylor
	4		Diana Lack – Daniel Wulff

### Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Rob & Bernie Neuhart
2			Kerry Cotterell – Stephen Paskin
3	1	1	David Buchyn – Evelyn Markowitz
4	2		Vito Ramundo – Jon Fink
5	3		Ellen Cotterell – Lynda Flanger
6	4	2	Stephanie Beling – Frank Morgan
	5	3	Malik Magdon-Ismael – Kamal Gupta
	6		Glen Perry – Diana Lack
		4	W Daniel Kelsey – Mark Rosenholz
		5	Judy & Tom Ludwig
		6	Marigay Harkins – Phinindra Chakraborty

### Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Roger Woodin – Richard Bobilin
2			Rita Redlich – Carol Chandler
3			Georger Onni – Michael Rogers
4			Judy & Bill Dubay
5			Carol & Stephen Paskin
6	1		Babette & Peter Samsel
	2	1	Stephanie Beling – Frank Morgan
	3	2	David Buchyn – Evelyn Markowitz
	4		W Daniel Kelsey – Lynda Flanger
	5		Glen Perry – Diana Lack
	6	3	Marigay Harkins – Phinindra Chakraborty
		4	Anne & James Beard
		5	Susan Klein – Phyllis Levy

### Saturday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	
1	Janet & Robert Kristel
2	Paula Matteson – Barbara Monie

### Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Betty & Steve Bloom Donna & Neil Chambers
2	1		Rob & Bernie Neuhart
3/4	2		Malik Magdon-Ismael – Frank Morgan Daniel Wulff – Bonnie Taylor
3/4			Mary Williams – Joel Prescott
5	3		Bob Valenti – Arthur Bernhardt Stephen Paskin – Walter Smith
	4		W Daniel Kelsey – Lynda Flanger Ellen & Kerry Cotterell
			Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus Sue Eastman – Diane Alexander
		1	Gladys Brooks – Martha Precheur Anne & James Beard

**Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings**  
**Unit 115 (as of March 6, 2014)**

	<u><b>Mini-McKenney</b></u>	<u><b>Ace of Clubs</b></u>
<b>0-5</b>	Louis Fisher Janet & Robert Kristel Michelle Monticup	Louis Fisher Michelle Monticup & Barbara Quick Anne Parker
<b>5-20</b>	Anne Bokan Suzanne Darves Bill Hughes & Michael Kindlon	Anne Bokan Suzanne Darves Bill Hughes & Michael Kindlon
<b>20-50</b>	Catherine Brazelton Jill Paltrowitz Norah Fredrickson & Betty Seeley	Catherine Brazelton Jill Paltrowitz Norah Fredrickson & Betty Seeley
<b>50-100</b>	Phil Ulrich Phyllis Levy Barbara Fallone	Phyllis Levy Phil Ulrich Barbara Fallone
<b>100-200</b>	John Dillon Margaret Dillon A. Hallenstein	A. Hallenstein John Dillon Margaret Dillon
<b>200-300</b>	Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell Martha Precheur	Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell Martha Precheur
<b>300-500</b>	William Kelsey James Beard Eugene Pellegrino	James Beard William Kelsey Terry Bentley
<b>500-1000</b>	Glen Perry Arlene Sahr Gerald Kaufman	Arlene Sahr Gerald Kaufman Charles Mantia
<b>1000-2500</b>	Kerry Cotterell Sue Eastman Ross Lounsbury	Linda Stosberg Roland Sahr Bob Valenti
<b>2500-5000</b>	Satya Pabuwal Lucy and Gary Spongberg Rob Donald	Don Cohen Satya Pabuwal Lucy and Gary Spongberg
<b>5000-7500</b>	Arthur Bernhardt Walter Smith Roger Woodin	Arthur Bernhardt Walter Smith Roger Woodin
<b>7500-10000</b>	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay	Judy Dubay Bill Dubay
<b>Over 10000</b>	Steve & Betty Bloom Neil Chambers	Betty & Steve Bloom

## Club Corner

### AVILA

#### AVILA Duplicate Bridge Sat at 12:30pm

See [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) / Club Results for our schedule and game results.

All games in April thru October award extra master points.

Unit rated games on Mar 22, May 24, Nov 1, and Dec. 20

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

## Personal Notices

Condolences to **Helen Adams** on the death of her husband

Condolences to the families of **Eugene Weiss, and Louise Landry**

Get Well wishes to **Marty Birnby**

## Rank Changes

### New Junior Masters

Janet Kristel           Michelle Monticup  
Barbara Quick

### New Club Masters

Janet Christman   Lynn Reuss

### New Sectional Masters

Stephen McQuide   Angie O'Brien

### New NABC Masters

Daniel Kelsey       Susan Klein  
Joel Prescott       Barbara Wolner

### New Life Master

Kay Lang

## Silver Point Special Game

Every Friday evening of our sectional, we run a special game oriented toward our C and lower B flight players. The game is called a Board a Match team game although it more closely resembles a standard pair event in its execution. The special part of this event lies in the masterpoint awards structure. It is possible for a lower level pair to get an award that is often in the four to six point range, all in desirable silver points.

Players come as a pair, register with the director and are randomly paired with a higher level pair as their teammates. The randomness insures there is no "stacked teams" as sometimes happens in other team events. You and your new teammates arrive at your home table and the director moves the E-W to a higher numbered table just like a pair event. Your N-S teammates will play the same boards as you do until all 24-27 boards are played.

The game continues until the end and then the game is scored via two different methods. The first is the regular pair event scoring, but the second method provides for team event scoring. In Board a Match scoring, each board is a win (1), loss (0), or tie (1/2). For 26 boards, average is 13.

This is the best of possible worlds as the lower pair with about a 50% game has a good chance for a substantial silver point awards. The format and movement is sometimes confusing to newer players, but the execution is fairly simple. Just listen to the director. (Note I recently played a Board a Match game at the Phoenix National and even experienced players had a hard time at the start.)

Nonetheless this type of game is a great opportunity for our C and B players as we offer very few opportunities for less experienced players to gain substantial silver points without directly competing head to head with A players. Come out and see at our upcoming sectional on FRIDAY nights. The next sectionals will be April 4<sup>th</sup> and July 18 in 2014.

YOU CAN DO IT!!!

# BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

## HERO OR ZERO

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ 75 ♥ A52 ♦ K72 ♣ AJT62	
♠ K3 ♥ KQT8 ♦ T986 ♣ 853	North West                  East Declarer	♠ T86 ♥ J643 ♦ QJ3 ♣ Q74
	♠ AQJ942 ♥ 97 ♦ A54 ♣ K9	

### Both Vulnerable

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

4♠ is an iron-clad contract, and the play is simply a battle for overtricks. Not a big deal if you are playing rubber bridge, but in the world of duplicate bridge, overtricks are important. You are West, do something brilliant!

All the West players led the ♥K (nothing brilliant there), won by Dummy's Ace, after which it was a routine matter for Declarer to lose the Spade finesse. West cashed a Heart, and Declarer won the Diamond shift in her hand. Trumps were drawn, then came the ♣K, the ♣A and the ♣J. When the ♣Q tumbled down, Declarer had 11 tricks.

The resulting -650 was the standard E-W score around the room, except at one table, where West did something wickedly clever. Yes, no doubt you spotted it right away, West ducked the ♠K on the first round of trumps! Of course, Declarer had no way of knowing that West now had the unprotected King, so she crossed to Dummy's ♦K and repeated the finesse. West won the King, cashed a Heart, and shifted to a Diamond and, although Declarer had made her contract, there were no overtricks and her score of +620 was worth zero matchpoints. That diabolical duck by West had persuaded Declarer to waste a valuable Dummy entry on a futile finesse.

However, West's play was not without risk, and he would hardly have been a hero if his Partner's trumps were, for example, Jx or JT<sub>x</sub>. But, if that had turned out to be the case, then at least he would have had an amusing story to tell on himself later. And he could no doubt count on Partner's legendary sense of humor as they ruefully scored -680 and zero matchpoints.

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>Mar 20 – 30</b>	<b>NABC – Spring Nationals Dallas</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Apr 12</b>	<b>Grand National Teams White Plains, NY</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>President’s Cup</b>
<b>Mon – Sun</b>	<b>Jun 2 – 8</b>	<b>Saratoga Regional</b>
<b>Mon – Sun</b>	<b>Jun 9 – 15</b>	<b>Unit STaC</b>