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SARATOGA REGIONAL

June 2–8, 2014

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From the North: South on Route 87 to Exit 15 as above.

4 GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS!!

(two-session events) Wed. – Sat. 10 am & 3 pm
750/500/200 MPs Stratified Open Pairs
Gold points for overalls and section tops in top strat

Tournament Manager: Jon Green
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Pairing: Terry Bentley
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Monday, June 2

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

Side Games Series I (1st) 7 pm

Tuesday, June 3

Norma Shelly Novice Game (0-20 MPs) 9 am

Side Game Series I (2nd) 9 am

Intermediate Pairs (0–300) 9 am

Bracketed Round Robin Teams 1 pm & TBA

Top bracket played as Swiss — Open to all teams

Intermediate Pairs (0–300) 1 pm

Side Game Series I (3rd) 1 pm

Side Game Series I (4th) 7 pm

Wednesday, June 4

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

Side Game Series II (1st) 1 pm

One Session Swiss Teams (Red) 1 pm

Bracketed KO Teams II 7 pm

Continues Thurs. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series II (2nd) 7 pm

Thursday, June 5

Side Game Series II (3rd) 9 am

Golden Opportunity Pairs

750/500/200 MPs 10 am & 3 pm

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

Stratified Open Swiss Teams 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series II (4th) 1 pm

Side Game Series II (5th) 7 pm

Friday, June 6

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

Side Game Series III (1st) 1 pm

One Session Swiss Teams (Red) 1 pm

Bracketed KO Teams III 7 pm

Continues Sat. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series III (2nd) 7 pm

Saturday, June 7 — Unit 115 Day

Open Swiss Teams 10 am & 3 pm

Golden Opportunity Pairs

750/500/200 MPs 10 am & 3 pm

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

Side Game Series III (3rd) 1 pm

Side Game Series III (4th) 7 pm

Sunday, June 8

Bracketed Round Robin Teams 10 am

Top bracket played as Swiss-Open to all teams

– short break for lunch

Pair strats: A (2500+) B (1000–2500) C (0–1000)
All team stratification 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

In all KOs top bracket may be handicapped
Mid-Chart (except Multi) permitted in top bracket of all bracketed team events

For more info on transportation and amenities, see:
<http://discoversaratoga.org/acbl14>

Need Help: Call Bob Valenti (518) 326-3829 or Lasrav@yahoo.com

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Presidents Message

The Norma Shelley Saratoga Regional is June 2nd – 8th this year. We are very fortunate to have a regional tournament annually in our backyard. Let's make this annual event the most wonderful experience for all Bridge Players who attend our Regional. The district will continue to keep the regional here as long as the attendance is good. Please come and play bridge as often as you can during this special week.

We still need some volunteers to help out with various jobs. Rosemary Isele will do the scheduling for Hospitality at our Regional, please take a turn at the Hospitality Desk if you can. Please let me or one of our board members know if you have some time to help. Our registration gift this year will be the Saratoga appliqué sticker used in past regionals, a great souvenir.

Be sure to stop up at the hospitality suite after the game. There will be great food and conversation.

The President's Cup will be held at the bridge studio May 17. Find a partner and come to the event if you can.

I hope everyone is getting ready for Saratoga! I am looking forward to seeing you at the bridge table.

Rich Underwood

Schedule of Upcoming Events

As the calendar approaches June, no doubt our players are focusing on the upcoming Normal Shelley Spring Regional in Saratoga. Hopefully, partnerships and teams have long been established, with most Unit 115 members planning on supporting our home town tournament.

Once the Regional ends, it's important for members to, once again, play in Unit sanctioned games and, as importantly, local club games. Information regarding the schedule and location of all local games is available on the Unit's website, www.cdbanet.org.

The schedule for all remaining 2014 games sponsored by the Unit has been approved by the ACBL. These are:

Sectionals: July 18-20, September 19-21, and November 21-23 (Lewis Golub Memorial Sectional.)

Charity games: August 23 - Awards Dinner, and December 14 - Christmas Party.

We expect to keep the sectionals on the same schedule as recent events, Pairs Friday afternoon, Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon, Swiss teams on Sunday, and a Pro/Am, scored separately as pairs and board-a-match, on Friday evening. The Friday Pro/Am in our April 2014 sectional was well attended. Please refer to the article in our Newsletter for the April sectional on the advantages of playing in a Pro/Am, especially for "Am" partnerships.

In addition to the Unit events remaining for 2014, most of the Unit's 2015 schedule has been approved by the ACBL. These include:

Sectionals: February 6-8, April 24-26, and July 24-26.

Charity games: May 6 - President's Cup, and August 22 - Awards Dinner.

We will publish a complete listing of 2015 Unit events as soon as the ACBL has approved dates for the September and November sectionals and the December Christmas Party.

This 'n That

It seems impossible to believe that we are already preparing for our spring tournament in Saratoga Springs. After such a difficult winter, I am really looking forward to the better weather, the beauty of the location, the friendliness of the people, and the bridge.

The Dallas NABC was quite successful. At the NAP there, District 3's Flight A Pair, Richard Zucker and Ethan Stein, finished third. Congratulations!!!

The finals for the GNTs will be in Las Vegas in July. I hope to see a number of District 3 teams there.

Some new developments from ACBL headquarters:

- As you have seen, our Bridge Bulletin has a new look this year. I like it very much myself; I welcome comments.
- If you have not yet done so, look at the new ACBL web page. There have already been some significant improvements, and soon, there will be a fully functional "Learn to Play Bridge" program available there.
- Players who have tested the program are excited about it; hopefully it will

stimulate interest in bridge and bring in more members.

- The new edition of ACBL SCORE has been delayed due to some persistent technical problems. The new and improved version is expected to be ready for use later this year.

I am pleased that Sylvia Hardin, ACBL's Director of Human Resources and Organizational Excellence, will be with us in Saratoga Springs on the weekend. As OE Director, her priorities include the recruitment of tournament directors, and enhancing the working relationships between the TDs and key volunteers such as tournament chairs, and Unit and District Board members. She also welcomes opportunities to talk with club owners about programs that "work."

While in Saratoga, she hopes to hear from as many people as possible. In the next few weeks, I will be working on her schedule; please let me know if you have issues you would like to raise with her.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Saratoga Springs, if not before.

Glenda

A History of Unit 115

The documents of the CDBA only go back to 1960, but there are a few mentions of it earlier in the 1930's. It's too bad that any info of it before 1960 has been lost, or misplaced. The newsletters back then were very chatty letters that were sent monthly.

One item says that the category of Life Master was created by the American Bridge league in 1936. Selection was based on tournament successes, although a master point program had been in effect since 1934.

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Sectional Results

Apr 4 - 6, 2014

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Betty & Steve Bloom
2	1		Susan Eastman – Diane Alexander
3			Mary Fredrick – Ruth Anderson
4	2		Yvonne Mendleson – Bibs Pankin
5			Larry Berman – Rita Redlich
6	3		Ramesh Abhiraman – Paul Lord
	4		Lois & Joe Phillips
	5		Linda Strosberg – Louis Urbano
	6		Mary Williams – Amelia Urbano
		1	Kay Lang – Diana Lack
		2	Carolyn Accardi – Joan Dolbert
		3	W Daniel Kelsey – Barbara Wolner
		4	Linda & Lew Millenbach

Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Richard Zak – Aggie O Brien
2	2		Barbara & John Flynn
3	3	2	Susan Penny – Neil Morrone
4			Glenys Mountford – Patricia Favreau
	4	3	Norah Fredrickson – Betty Seeley

Friday evening Dual Pro Am Teams

A	
1	Carolyn Accardi, Joan Dolbert, Susan Eastman, Diane Alexander
2	Phyllis French, Bernie Neuhart, Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
3/4	Richard Bobilin, Glen Perry, William Wade, Layton Davis
3/4	James Bornheim, James Beard, Ulla & Michael Sattinger

Friday evening Dual Pairs

A	B	C
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Sorry, Results Not Posted

Saturday morning 299er Pairs

A	B	
1	1	David Benoit – Mary Walker-Dagesse
2	2	Priscilla & Mohammad Yadegari

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Rich Underwood – Kerry Cotterell
2			Judy & Bill Dubay
3	2		Arlene & Ronald Sahr
4	3		Diana Lack – Daniel Wulff
5			Gregg Deitch – Glen Perry
6			Gerald Cohen – Stephen Paskin
	4		Larry Rosen – Jerry Weiss
	5/6		Susan Eastman – Diane Alexander
	5/6	1	Fran & Paul Cuedon
		2/3	William Wade – Layton Davis
		2/3	Justine Cook – Sandra Ostrellich
		4	Judy & Tom Ludwig
		5	Susan Klein – Wilma Delucco

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Judy Shulman – Michael Klein
2			Diane Burger – Robert Donald
3			Satya Pabuwal – Arthur Bernhardt
4/5	1/2		Linda Strosberg – Louis Urbano
4/5	1/2		Rich Underwood – Kerry Cotterell
6	3		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
	4		Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele
	5		Ramesh Abhiraman – Paul Lord
	6		Susan Eastman – Diane Alexander
		1	William Wade – Layton Davis
		2	Justine Cook – Sandra Ostrellich
		3	William Kelsey – W. Daniel Kelsey
		4	David Benoit – Mary Walker-Dagesse

Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1	1		Michael Rogers, George Onni, Robert Dickson, Peter Mitchell
2			Diane Burger, Robert Donald, Lynda Flanger – Gregg Deitch
3			Betty & Steve Bloom, Donna & Neil Chambers
4			Satya Pabuwal, Kamal Gupta, Judy & Bill Dubay
5			Stephen Paskin – Arthur Bernhardt, Bob Valenti, Walter Smith
	2		Arlene & Ronald Sahr, Rosemary Isele, Terry Bentley
	3	1	Diana & Jonathan Lack, Kay Lang, Mary Ryder Wright
	4		Lois & Joe Phillips, Richard Bobilin, Lois Tuohey
		2	Carolyn Accardi, Joan Dolbert, Sarah Hoy, Martha Precheur

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

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Kenneth Cohen Marjaa Zachary Janet Kristel	Kenneth Cohen Marjaa Zachary Louis Fisher
5-20	Susan Penny Patricia Berrian Neil Morrone	Susan Penny Patricia Berrian Margaret Quinn
20-50	Catherine Brazelton Betty Seeley Norah Fredrickson	Catherine Brazelton Betty Seeley Jill Paltrowitz
50-100	Kathleen Carr Barbara Fallone Phil Ulrich	Kathleen Carr Barbara Fallone Phil Ulrich
100-200	John Dillon Margaret Dillon A. Hallenstein	John Dillon Margaret Dillon A. Hallenstein
200-300	Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell W. Daniel Kelsey	Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell Kay Showalter
300-500	William Kelsey James Beard Terry Bentley	William Kelsey James Beard Terry Bentley
500-1000	Glen Perry Arlene Sahr Gerald Kaufman	Arlene Sahr Gerald Kaufman Charles Mantia
1000-2500	Sue Eastman Kerry Cotterell Bob Valenti	Ronald Sahr Bob Valenti Diane Alexander
2500-5000	Satya Pabuwal Bob Donald Lucy and Gary Spongberg	Don Cohen Satya Pabuwal Lucy and Gary Spongberg
5000-7500	Arthur Bernhardt Walter Smith Roger Woodin	Arthur Bernhardt Walter Smith Roger Woodin
7500-10000	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay
Over 10000	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Steve & Betty Bloom	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelso 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.

All games in May thru October award extra master points.

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

NAOP Qualifier June 21 & 28

No games on May 17, and June 7

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

Personal Notices

Condolences to **Vito Ramundo** on the death of his daughter

Condolences to the family of **Marty Birnby**

Get Well wishes to **Liz Foster**

Rank Changes

New Club Masters

Patricia Berrian Suzanne Darves

New Sectional Masters

June McQuide Jill Paltrowitz
Betty Seeley Phil Ulrich

New Regional Masters

Kathleen Carr Alex Hallenstein

New Silver Life Master

Lucas Fekte

A History of Unit 115 contd. from P3

Master points were much harder to earn then. Many games awarded points once a month. There were no gold points, but the red were harder to come by than the gold today. In 1937, two ladies from CDBA won a Central New York Championship in Syracuse, and received 2 MPs! (Bread was \$.11 then.) In 1943, there was a 3 day tournament at the Ten Eyck and they awarded a total of 16 MPs for the whole tournament.

In 1960, the big 5-day Sectional Tournament was held at The Adirondack Inn in Sacandaga Park. VIPs that were there were Jacoby, Sobel, Kaplan and Sheinwold. There was only one event that was segregated by point count, so the novices had to play against the big guys. The entry fee was \$2.25. There was a problem of securing adequate accommodations for tournaments. The Unit had seven areas: Albany, Schenectady, Glens Falls/Saratoga, Amsterdam, Johnstown/Gloversville, and Troy. There were 452 members, and 13 Life Masters.

1961 had the Regional at the Ten Eyck Hotel. It was 4 days with 777 tables. It was noted that "waiters will be on hand at all times in playing rooms, water and coffee will be available, and the bar close at hand." There were 2 cocktail parties and a Saturday Night dance party.

In the early '60's some of the tournaments had commercial sponsors. The membership fee was \$2 a year, which included ACBL. Dues were paid to CDBA, and the included the ACBL. In 1962, 2 sessions of bridge at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls cost \$3.00, and that included dinner. There were 17 club games, and the bank balance was \$2535.62.

BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

A COUPLE OF UPPER-CUTS

By: Brian Gunnell

This month we take a look at “trump promotion”. Put yourself in the West seat, defending 4♠.

	♠ T9 ♥ J ♦ AQJ32 ♣ Q5432	
♠ J87 ♥ A ♦ 98754 ♣ AKT8	North West East South	♠ 64 ♥ KQ986532 ♦ 6 ♣ 76
	♠ AKQ532 ♥ T74 ♦ KT ♣ J9	

Both Vulnerable

South West North East

1♠ Pass 2♦ 4♥

4♠ All Pass

To start with, please locate a sheet of paper or your morning slice of toast (marmalade side facing up). Place it diagonally across the diagram, so that only the West and North hands are showing. As West, your opening lead is the ♣A on which Partner plays the Seven and Declarer the Nine. Next, you cash the ♣K (everyone following the suit), then the ♥A. You’ve cashed your three winners, where’s the setting trick? A

Diamond ruff? No, Partner had two Clubs, and can hardly have more than two Spades. He cannot have 2=9=0=2 distribution, with that shape he would surely have pushed on to 5♥. The only other possibility is a trump trick. Yes, indeed! The magic card here, amazingly enough, is the Spade Six! You lead another Club, and if East ruffs with the Six he forces Declarer to overruff with an honor, promoting a trick for your ♠J! This form of trump promotion is known as an upper-cut, and East must ruff with the Smashing Six to deliver the knock-out blow. Ruffing with the Feeble Four would be no more than a tickle under Declarer’s chin.

A Second Upper-Cut! Next, imagine that *East* is Declarer, playing in 4♥. South cashes the ♠A, ♠K, and leads a third Spade, which North ruffs with the ♥J. Another upper-cut, promoting South’s ♥T? No, Declarer simply pitches away his Diamond loser and makes his contract. Let’s have a do over. After cashing the top two Spades, South cashes the ♦K, and *then* leads the third Spade. Now Declarer really is done for, this time the upper-cut sets the contract.

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

Mon – Sun	Jun 2 – 8	Saratoga Regional
Mon – Sun	Jun 9 – 15	Unit STaC
Fri – Sun	Jul 18 – 20	Sectional Studio
Thu – Sun	Jul 17 – 27	Summer NABC Las Vegas