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Sectional Schenectady (at the Studio) September 19-21, 2014

Friday September 19

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 September 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 September 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)	

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

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**Studio to Host District 3 Flight B/C NAP
Finals September 27**

The Studio of Bridge and Games has been selected by District 3 as one of the two hosts for the District's North American Pairs 2014 finals for flights B and C. Game time is 12:00 on Saturday, September 27.

The finals are a two-session event, and the entry fee includes food and drink supplied by the Studio between sessions. The District's three top finishing pairs will have the opportunity to play for the NAP championship to be held at ACBL's 2015 Spring Nationals in New Orleans. The ACBL will provide a subsidy to some pairs qualifying to compete in New Orleans, based on their finish in the District finals, and they will notify those pairs who have earned a subsidy.

The NAP has been a major ACBL championship since 1979, perhaps because of the grassroots nature of the event which begins at local clubs in June and proceeds through July and August. Each sanctioned club may hold up to two qualifying rounds each month. If you tie or beat at least 50% of the field in your flight at any local qualifying game, you may compete in the finals

partnering with any other player qualifying in your flight.

If you are a regular player in the Unit's clubs, no doubt you have played in at least one of the club's qualifying games. If you did qualify, and are a B/C player, please consider playing in the District finals. The Studio has hosted the B/C finals for a number of years, with a disappointing turnout last year. Originally, District 3 was going to schedule the 2014 finals in another venue, but in the end, decided to have the Studio host them another year. Many players have reported they would have played last year had they known of its scheduling. Hopefully, this article, plus word of mouth, will be sufficient to encourage many qualifying players to compete in the District finals.

Here's another reason to consider playing, all master point awards will be red or gold. If you need pigmented points, here's a chance to get them while playing against your peers.

If you're wondering, to qualify as a B player, you must have fewer than 2500 master points as published in the June ACBL Bulletin. C players must be non-life masters with fewer than 750 master points as published in the June ACBL Bulletin.

The 2014 District 3 finals for flight A players will be held the same day in Allendale, New Jersey.

Bob Valenti

Bridge Class

Beginning Bridge Class will be offered at Cohoes Senior Center. It will begin on Thursday, September 4 through October 2. It will run for 5 weeks from 9:30-11:30 am. The cost will be \$40 for the five weeks.

Call Marilyn at 326-1988 for more details

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Having just been elected for a new three year term as District 3 Director, I want to take this moment to say how much I value the confidence you have placed in me. Please know that I am always happy to hear from any of you, whether with joys or concerns. The spring tournament in Saratoga Springs was delightful in so many ways; the weather was mostly great, the setting beautiful, and your volunteers were – as always – outstanding. Still, the turnout was quite disappointing, particularly since this was the first year in which your regional did not compete with Fathers Day.

And participation was down again in our most recent regional in Fairfield. The trend toward less participation in regional tournaments is an ACBL-wide phenomenon, not something peculiar to District 3.

I hope all of you will join the District leadership in encouraging broad participation in future regionals; they really do benefit all of us.

We were pleased that Sylvia Hardin, ACBL's Director of Human Resources and Organizational Excellence, visited with us at your regional; one of her activities while there was a Saturday morning "listening session." As OE Director, one of her key priorities is the recruitment and development of tournament directors. A new Tournament Director University is about to convene its first class. The shortage of TDs is increasingly a critical issue for all of ACBL, as well as for us here in District 3 and I expect to have much to report on this front in the future. Sylvia always welcomes opportunities to hear from club owners about programs that "work."

We were pleased that eight of our youth traveled to Las Vegas for the Youth NABC in July; a portion of their financial support came through stipends from District 3. Youth from the Park Avenue School in Orange also held fund raisers during the school year to help

with expenses. In addition to participating in the youth bridge events, they spent a day on a bus trip visiting the Hoover Dam, the Grand Canyon and other interesting sites.

Congratulations to Barbara Clark, and to everyone who has worked with her to help make our youth program so dynamic. 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 plans for a new ACBL SCORE PLUS program have been dropped. Instead we will be making improvements to SCORE, the program we already have. Although we spent time and money on the new system, we have determined that what is already in place is a very good, usable program which only needs a few improvements, and these are now in the works. Among the many benefits to this approach, it will not be necessary for our directors and club owners to learn an entirely new program.

Our next Regional is in Danbury in October. I will hope to see many of you there

Glenda Calkins, Director
ACBL District 3

Awards Dinner

The Awards Dinner was held at the Studio Saturday August 23. There were about fifty people attending the event which featured great food, presentation of the awards, followed by a unit rated charity game. A “fish bowl” was placed out to collect money for the homeless vets.

Pictured below are **Marilyn Hart** who has done much to promote bridge in the Capital District and **W. Daniel Kelsey** who exemplifies excellent bridge behavior at the table.

Special thanks go to **Lois Tuohey** and **Joe Phillips** for hosting a wonderful event.

2013 Unit Awards Winners

Rising Star Award
Norah Fredrickson

Ken Pruyn Award
W. Daniel Kelsey

Edwin Marks Award
Kerry Cotterell

Willis Barnet Award
Kamal Gupta

Maury Braunstein Award (tie)
Kerry Cotterell
Roger Woodin

Mr/Mrs Bridge Award Winner Marilyn Hart



Marvin Friedman Award Winner W. Daniel Kelsey



Sectional Results July 18 - 20, 2014

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Michael Rogers – Peter Allen
2	1	1	A. Hallenstein – Christine Converse
3	2		Ray Ratte – Barbara Burgess
4	3		Gloriana Clark – Diane Alexander
5			Betty & Steve Bloom
6			Gregg Deitch – Rich Underwood
	4	2	Anne & James Beard
	5		Joe Rizzuto – Peter Wick
	6		Lois Tuohey – Mary Fredrick
		3	Fran & Paul Cuerdon
		4	Sandra Patack – Rhoda Levine

Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	
1	1	Aggie O Brien – Richard Zak
2		Patricia Finkle – Joyce Zweibel

Friday evening Duel Pro Am Teams

A	B	
1	1	Michael Rogers, Peter Allen, Alice Weagle, Howard Canan
2		Ellen Cotterell, Christine Converse, Satya Pabuwal, Bernie Neuhart

Friday evening Duel Pairs

A	B	
1	1	Alice Weagle – Howard Canan
2		Diane Burger – Bob Donald
3/4	2	Anne & James Beard
3/4		Michael Rogers – Peter Allen
	3	Ellen Cotterell – Christine Converse

Saturday morning 299er Pairs

A	B	
1	1	Elaine Van Biggle – Robert Anastasi
2	2	David Benoit – Buffy Walker-Dagesse
3		Eleanor Long – Paula Pendergast

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Harry Kaufmann – Jerry Weiss
2			Judy & Bill Dubay
3	1		Ross Lounsbury – Lou Urbano
4	2		Irene Bonner – Frank Farrell
5			Bernie Neuhart – Frank Morgan
6	3		Phyllis French – Fran Leary
	4	1	C Thomas Corwin – A Hallenstein
	5	2	Bill Kelsey – Christine Converse
	6		Linda & Lew Millenbach
		3	Anne & James Beard

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Bernie Neuhart – Bernie Neuhart
2			Gregg Deitch – Harry Kaufmann
3			Sandy & Bill Nelson
4	1		Anne & James Beard
5	2		Alice Weagle – Howard Canan
6			Satya Pabuwal – Arthur Bernhardt
	3	2	C. Thomas Corwin – A. Hallenstein
	4		Ed Midgley – Laura Midgley
	5	3	Alka & Kamal Gupta

Saturday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	
1	1	Elaine Van Biggle – Robert Anastasi
2		Eleanor Lorig – Paula Pendergast
	2	Catherine Loew – Jean Godnick

Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Rich Underwood, Gregg Deitch Sandy & Bill Nelson
2			Rob Newhart, Bernie Neuhart, Kamal Gupta, Satya Pabuwal
3			Judy & Bill Dubay, Rhoda Kratenstein, Harry Kaufmann
4	1		Charles Schmidt, Dorothy Kraus, Lou Urbano, Ross Lounsbury
5			Betty & Steve Bloom, Michael Rogers, Peter Allen
	2		Diane Alexander, Gloriana Clark, Myra & Lou Brickman
	3		Lois & Joe Phillips, Lois Tuohey, Richard Bobilin
	4		Ulla & Michael Sattinger, Ellen Cotterell, Barbara Wolner
		1	Glenys Mountford, Patricia Berrian, A. Hallenstein, Patricia Favreau
		2	Gunilla & Frank Starkey, Jill & Arnold Factor

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

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Kenneth Cohen Marjaa Zachary Joyce Zweibel	Kenneth Cohen Marjaa Zachary Lynne Francey
5-20	Patricia Berrian Susan Penny Julia Kilby	Susan Penny Patricia Berrian Margaret Quinn & Julia Kirby
20-50	Timothy Briney Betty Seeley Catherine Brazelton	Jill Paltrowitz Catherine Brazelton Norah Fredrickson
50-100	Kathleen Carr	Kathleen Carr
50-101	Barbara Fallone Phil Ulrich	Phil Ulrich Maria Heverly
100-200	A. Hallenstein John Dillon Margaret Dillon	A. Hallenstein John Dillon Margaret Dillon
200-300	Ellen Cotterell Christine Converse Jane Carusone	Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell Jane Carusone
300-500	Terry Bentley William Kelsey James Beard	William Kelsey Terry Bentley James Beard
500-1000	Glen Perry Arlene Sahr Firm Weaver	Arlene Sahr Gerald Kaufman Charles Mantia
1000-2500	Kerry Cotterell Sue Eastman Diane Alexander	Diane Alexander Louis Urbano Ronald Sahr
2500-5000	Satya Pabuwal Bob Donald Lynda Flanger	Don Cohen Satya Pabuwal Larry Berman
5000-7500	Arthur Bernhardt Walter Smith Stephen Paskin	Arthur Bernhardt Walter Smith Stephen Paskin
7500-10000	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay
Over 10000	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Lynn Deas	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom

Club Corner

Shelley Studio

Open pairs games every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at noon and Tuesday 7PM.

On Thursday's there will be a post game discussions/lessons to highlight strategies and bidding conventions that get you the best score. Thursday's game is only \$5 if you have played at the Studio during the week.

Contact Lynda Flanger if you need a partner (518) 874-4368

AVILA

AVILA Duplicate Bridge
Sat at 12:30pm & Thurs at 7pm

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

All games in thru October award extra master points.
Unit rated games on Nov 1, and Dec. 20
No game on Sep 20

Contact Rhoda for partners (email: rhodakratenstein@msn.com or phone: 518-640-9553).

Personal Notices

Condolences to the family of **Mark McDermott**
Condolences to **Peter Wick** on the death of his son

Get Well wishes to **Rosemary Isele**

Rank Changes

New Junior Masters

Kenneth Cohen	Monika Bulman
Linda Estes	Lynne Francey
Eileen Grant	John Settanny
Rosemary Tucci	Marjaa Zachary

New Club Masters

Susan Penny
Margaret Quinn

New Sectional Masters

Richard Zak	Catherine Brazelton
Rupinder Puri	Norah Fredrickson

New Regional Masters

Liz Foster
Samuel Hill

New NABC Master

Anne Beard

New Advanced NABC Masters

Ellen Cotterell
Jon Fink

New Life Masters

Carolyn Accardi
Evelyn Markowitz

New Bronze Life Masters

Vince De Pasquale
William Kelsey

New Silver Life Master

Glen Perry

New Gold Life Master

Bibs Pankin

BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

TRUMP CONTROL

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ QT9 ♥ QT874 ♦ 9 ♣ A863	
♠ 7643 ♥ K65 ♦ QJT7 ♣ 74	North West East South	♠ 85 ♥ AJ3 ♦ AK8652 ♣ 52
	♠ AKJ2 ♥ 92 ♦ 43 ♣ KQJT9	

Both Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
			1♦
2♣	2♦	3♣	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

N-S stretch to reach 4♠ here. Even though it is a 4-3 fit, it's the only game with a chance of making. As is often the case with 4-3 fits, the success of the contract depends on trump control. Which side will prevail?

One (rather feeble) line of defense would be to play two rounds of Diamonds, forcing Dummy to ruff. But that gets the defense nowhere, Declarer simply draws trumps and runs the Clubs. That is 10 tricks, made up of nine black suit winners plus that Diamond ruff in the short hand.

Forcing Dummy to ruff a Diamond was not a good defensive strategy, for two reasons. Firstly, the ruff in the short hand added to Declarer's trick total, and secondly it did nothing to threaten Declarer's trump control. East missed his chance to defeat the contract, do you see it? That's right, after winning the opening Diamond lead, East must force *Declarer* to ruff. A ruff in the long hand does not add to Declarer's trick total, but it does threaten her trump control. So, at Trick 2, East shifts to a *low* Heart. West wins that and fires back another Heart. Then the third round of Hearts does in Declarer. Declarer must ruff that in her hand, but now has fewer trumps than West. Goodbye trump control, hello down one!

Declarer can count herself a little bit unlucky if she goes down on this deal. The defense had to find the right plan, *and* the ♥J had to be with East, *and* the E-W trumps had to be 4-2 (if they had been 3-3 then Declarer could have withstood the ruff in her hand).

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

Sat	Sep 27	NAP Finals Flight A Allendale, NJ Flights B&C Studio
Mon – Sun	Oct 13 – 19	Unit STaC
Tue – Sun	Oct 21 – 26	Fall Regional Danbury, CT
Fri – Sun	Nov 21 – 23	Sectional