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The District 3

**NORMA SHELLEY**



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for the  
Points*

**SARATOGA REGIONAL**

**June 1–7, 2015**

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West) on Route 50, 1½ miles to Broadway. Hotel on left.  
*From the East:* West on Route 90 to Exit 1. North on  
Route 87 as above.  
*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

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**Monday, June 1**

*NEW!* Charity Fast Pairs..... 3 pm & TBA

Bracketed KO Teams I ..... 7 pm

*Continues Tuesday 9 am, 1 & 7 pm*

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

**Tuesday, June 2**

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

Side Game Series I (2nd)..... 9 am

Intermediate Pairs (0–300)..... 9 am

*NEW!* Open Pairs..... 10 am & 3 pm

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 & 4th)..... 1 / 7 pm

**Wednesday, June 3**

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

**Golden Opportunity Pairs**

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

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

Side Game Series II (1st)..... 1 pm

One Session Swiss Teams (Red)..... 1 pm

Bracketed KO Teams II..... 7 pm

*Continues Thursday 9 am, 1 & 7 pm*

Side Game Series II (2nd)..... 7 pm

**Thursday, June 4**

Side Game Series II (3rd) ..... 9 am

**Golden Opportunity Pairs**

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

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

Stratified Open Swiss Teams..... 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series II (4th & 5th)..... 1 / 7 pm

**Friday, June 5**

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

**Golden Opportunity Pairs**

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

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

Side Game Series III (1st)..... 1 pm

One Session Swiss Teams (Red)..... 1 pm

Bracketed KO Teams III..... 7 pm

*Continues Saturday 9 am, 1 & 7 pm*

Side Game Series III (2nd) ..... 7 pm

**Saturday, June 6 — Unit 115 Day**

Open Swiss Teams ..... 10 am & 3 pm

**Golden Opportunity Pairs**

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

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

Side Game Series III (3rd) ..... 1 pm

Side Game Series III (4th) ..... 7 pm

**Sunday, June 7**

Bracketed Round Robin Teams..... 10 am

*Top bracket played as Swiss-Open to all teams  
– short break for lunch*

All Pair events are stratified  
A (2500+) B (1250–2500) C (0–1250)  
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>

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**Event to be held at:**  
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### **Tournament Director's Message**

Despite the warm temperatures in the playing area Saturday afternoon, the sectional held May 1-3 at a new venue, the Shenendehowa Adult Community Center, was a success with 102 table in play over the three day event. The Shen Center staff, who were very accommodating in making the room available to us by arranging for the rescheduling of the all the other events originally scheduled at the Center that weekend, will work with the Town to ensure the climate controls are properly programmed for our sectional in July.

Now we look forward to the upcoming Norma Shelley Saratoga Regional. As host of the Regional, we encourage everyone to play. Saratoga is an expensive destination to hold the tournament, and low attendance may cause District 3 to consider a new location for future spring regionals. So if you want to play in regionals without the cost of lodging, significant travel expenses, or significant food expenses, this is it.

Although the Unit is annually responsible for five sectionals, three charity games, and hosting the Saratoga Regional, we do not want to forget the importance of our local clubs to our game. Our local clubs are the lifeblood of duplicate bridge, and their success is vital to the survival of the

game we love. There are more than 10 clubs in the unit, with games every day, except Sunday, and Monday through Thursday evenings. Several games are "invitational," and except for the games held at country clubs, "invitational" means master point limited. So if you're climbing the ladder, playing at an "invitational" game means you'll be playing against your peers. Clubs, game times, and type of game (invitational or open) can be found on the ACBL website <<acbl.org>>. Go to their homepage, click on **Clubs** in the green banner near the top of the page, then **Find a Club** on the white menu on the left. Then enter "115" on the drawdown menu under **Unit** (no need to enter State, City, or anything else on this page,) and a list of our clubs will be displayed.

Speaking of clubs, the Shelley Studio of Bridge will be on the move. They have identified a location on British American Boulevard in Latham (off Route 7 just west of the airport road near Keeler Motors) with a playing area of 2100 square feet and a separate area for refreshments, plenty of parking, both regular and handicap, and two entrances for convenience. It will take time to prepare the room and secure occupancy permits, but if all goes well and a lease agreement is signed, the relocated Shelley Studio will be open for business mid-August.

This means the Shelley Studio will be hosting "The Longest Day," a charity event sponsored by the ACBL to benefit Alzheimer's Association, at their current location on New Karner Road on Sunday, June 21. The Studio is a registered "team" with ACBL, and will hold separate 18-board sanctioned games starting at 10:00, with new games starting every two and one-half hours thereafter through late afternoon. Bridge lessons and rubber bridge games will be offered in a separate conference room for non-duplicate players. All proceeds will be donated to Alzheimers Association to assist in their mission, including research, care giving, and education. Spread the word about the event, so the Studio can raise as much money as possible to combat the onset and debilitating effects of this dreaded disease.

## THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

As I write this, I am looking forward to joining you for the Norma Shelly Saratoga Regional. This is always a popular event; if the advance room bookings are any indication, the turnout this year should be excellent.

Suzi Subeck, the ACBL president for 2015, will be with us for most of the week together with her husband Stan. They are delightful, high energy people and I hope many of you will have the opportunity to speak with them as they welcome contact with the players.

It was with considerable sadness that I learned that John Riopelle and Fran Leary will no longer be serving on the District 3 board. They are both long time, faithful board members; in fact Fran has been on the board much longer than I have. They will both be missed.

We are pleased to welcome Glen Perry and Susan Eastman as the new representatives of Unit 115. I look forward to working with them both.

The next District 3 Regional will be held from July 13 to 19 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Fairfield, New Jersey. And our next ACBL Board meeting and NABC will be in Chicago covering the first two weeks in August. I will hope to see many of you at one or both of these events, and will be reporting to you on the Board activities and actions.

Glenda Calkins  
District 3 Director

## Newsletter to become Electronic Only

The board of directors has decided that the Newsletter will be published in an electronic only format starting January 2016. The costs of printing and mailing the newsletter have gone up significantly. For the past two years, the newsletter has been emailed and printed simultaneously with an option to get an electronic only copy.

The membership will have access to the electronic newsletter in two ways. An emailed copy will be sent to you by the newsletter editor, if he/she has your email address. Additionally, the newsletter will also be published on the CDBA website ([www.cdbanet.org](http://www.cdbanet.org)).

The Unit is requesting the membership to supply your current email address. Presently, we have about two thirds of the membership's email addresses. If you are receiving this newsletter electronically, then you need do nothing. If you are NOT receiving this newsletter electronically, then the easiest way to receive the newsletter, is to send an email to the newsletter editor, ([richu12065@nycap.rr.com](mailto:richu12065@nycap.rr.com)) requesting an electronic copy of the newsletter. The editor will reply with the most recent issue of the newsletter. This will verify that you can receive the newsletter by email.

Your email address will be protected by the Unit, and not distributed. Only the President, Newsletter Editor, and the Membership Secretary will have access to your email address.

Rich Underwood  
President, Newsletter Editor

## Sectional Results

May 1 - 3, 2015

### Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Bernie Neuhart – Rob Neuhart
2			Joan Meyer – Arthur Bernhardt
3			Satya Pabuwal – Malik Magdon-Ismail
4			Larry Berman – Rita Redlich
5			Betty & Steve Bloom
6	1		Larry Berman – Rita Redlich
7			Mary Frederick – Ruth Anderson
	2		Joanne Schlang – Rich Underwood
	3		Dorothy Kraus – Charles Schmidt
	4		Ellen COTterell – Ulla Sattinger
	5		Arlene & Ronald Sahr
	6	1	Alex Hallenstein – Bill Kelsey
		2	Carolyn Accardi – Joan Dolbert
		3	Sysan Klein – Wilma Delucco
		4	Dave Buchyn – Peggy Greenwalt

### Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

D	E	F	
1	1	1	Norah Fredrickson – Betty Seeley
2	2	2	Richard Zak – Aggie O'Brien
3	3		Kathleen Carr – Charles Harding
4	4	3	Jay Portnoy – Robert Carter
5			Barbara & John Flynn
	5/6	4/5	Lisa Thaler – Susan Wold
	5/6	4/5	Patricia Detoffol – Joyce Zweibel

### Friday evening Dual Pro Am Teams

A	B	
1	1	Bernie Neuhart, Rob Newhart, Sarah Hoy, Martha Precheur
2		Eugene Pellegrino, Bonnie Taylor, Carol & Stephen Paskin
3	2	Malik Magdon-Ismail, Satya Pabuwal, Barbara Wolner, Dan Kelsey

### Friday evening Dual Pairs

A	B	C
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### Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Judy & Bill Dubay
2			Rich Underwood – Stephen Paskin
3			Bernie Neuhart – Rob Neuhart
4	1	1	Bill Kelsey – Dan Kelsey
5			Arthur Bernhardt – Satya Pabuwal
6	2		Diana Lack – Kay Lang
7	3		Linda Flanger – Charles Harding
	4	2	Marigay Harkins – Phanindra Chakraborty
	5	3	Carol Paskin – Gene Vennesland
	6	4	Richard Hall – Michael Mihevc
		5	Margaret Lavelle – David Norrow

### Saturday morning 299er Pairs

D	E	
1		Peggy Greenwalt – Anne Bokan
2	1	Norah Fredrickson – Betty Seeley
3	2	June & Steve McQuide
4	3	Joyce Zweibel – Susan O'Bryan

### Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Ross Lounsbury – Lou Urbano
2			Bernie Neuhart – Rob Neuhart
3			Judy & Bill Dubay
4			Diane Burger – Robert Donald
5			Satya Pabuwal – Arthur Bernhardt
6	2	1	Marigay Harkins – Phanindra Chakraborty
	3		Rich Underwood – Bob Valenti
	4		Susan Eastman – Esther Roche
	5		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
	6		Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele
		2	Richard Hall – Michael Mihevc
		3	Anne & James Beard
		4	Norah Fredrickson – Betty Seeley

### Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Saurav Dutta, Kamal Gupta, Satya Pabuwal, Arthur Bernhardt
2			Betty & Steve Bloom, Donna & Neil Chambers
3	1		Harold Bigelow, Rosemary Isele, Lois & Joe Phillips
4	2		Bill Kelsey, Dan Kelsey, Esther Roche, Susan Eastman
5	3		Chaeles Schmidt, Dorothy Kraus, Ross Lounsbury, Lou Urbano
	4		Ulla & Michael Sattinger, Linda & Lew Millenbach
		1	Richard Hall, Michael Mihevc, Alex Hallenstein, Kay Lang

Sorry, Results Not Posted

**Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings  
Unit 115**

	<u><b>Mini-McKenney</b></u>	<u><b>Ace of Clubs</b></u>
<b>0-5</b>	Warren & Janice Taylor Lisa Thaler Patricia Detoffol	Warren & Janice Taylor Patricia Detoffol Marjorie Zak
<b>5-20</b>	Robert Carter & Jay Portnoy Tage Andersson Alka Gupta	Robert Carter & Jay Portnoy Robert Carter Tage Andersson Jane Friend
<b>20-50</b>	Jinny Morgan Alice Colley Susan Penney	Jinny Morgan Alice Colley Judy Rosenblum
<b>50-100</b>	Richard Zak June & Steve McQuide Jean Cockcroft	Richard Zak Jean Cockcroft Catherine Brazelton
<b>100-200</b>	Margaret Dillon Barbara Fallone Sarah Hoy	Margaret Dillon Ernest Venerus Kathleen Carr
<b>200-300</b>	A. Hallenstein John Dillon Susan Klein	A. Hallenstein John Dillon Phanindra Chakaborty
<b>300-500</b>	Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell Sandra Ostrellich	Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell Sandra Ostrellich
<b>500-1000</b>	Malik Magdon-Ismail Kamal Gupta Harold Bigelow	Malik Magdon-Ismail Charles Mantia John Loeber
<b>1000-2500</b>	Glen Perry Kerry Cotterell Lou Urbano	Lou Urbano Diane Alexander Gerald Kaufman
<b>2500-5000</b>	Rob Newhart Bernie Neuhart Gary Spongberg	Rob Newhart Gary Spongberg Lucy Spongberg
<b>5000-7500</b>	Satya Pabuwal Arthur Bernhardt Walter Smith	Satya Pabuwal Arthur Bernhardt Stephen Paskin
<b>7500-10000</b>	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay	Judy Dubay Bill Dubay
<b>Over 10000</b>	Lynn Deas Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom

## Club Corner

### AVILA

Thurs eve game will be held at the Studio thru end of May, returning back to Avila on June 11th.

No Sat game at Avila on 6/6 and 7/25.

See [www.acbl.org/Club Results](http://www.acbl.org/Club Results) for specific special games schedule.

### Shelley Studio

Games Mondays @ 11:30 AM, Tuesdays @ 7 PM & Wednesdays @ Noon. Judi's free lessons will precede Monday's game @ 10:45 AM. Other games held at Shelly Studio of Bridge: Thursdays @ 7 PM through May (Rhoda's ) & Fridays @ Noon (Judi's).

Come celebrate **The Longest Day** event June 21. Duplicate games at 10am, 12:30 pm, 3 pm, and 5:30 pm; extra points and special prizes. Judi Shulman, Terry Bentley, and Marilyn Hart will offer lessons to beginners and intermediates

See [clubresults.acbl.org/](http://clubresults.acbl.org/) for game results, hand records and our club messages.

## RANK CHANGES

### New Junior Master

Elizabeth Cook

### New Sectional Masters

Patricial Boyd

Charles Harding

### New Regional Masters

Mohammad Yadegari

Priscilla Yadegari

### New NABC Master

Elden Gray

## 2014 Unit Awards

On Saturday May 16, the unit made its annual awards presentation at the Shelly Studio. In addition to the Unit's Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs Awards winners, the unit based award winners are listed as follows:

### New Life Masters

Carolyn Accardi

Judy Dobert

Evelyn Markowitz

### Rising Star Award

Patricia Berrian

### Ken Pruyn Award

Betty Seeley

### Edwin Marks Award

Betty Bloom - Steve Bloom

### Willis Barnet Award

Satya Pabuwal

### Maury Braunstein Award

Kamal Gupta - Malik Magdon-Ismail

### Marvin Friedman Award

Margaret Lavelle

### Mr./Mrs. Bridge Award

Rich Underwood

## Unit Treasurer Needed

Paul Cuerdon, our Unit Treasurer, is leaving the area. We need a volunteer to replace him. Please contact Rich Underwood, [richu12065@nycap.rr.com](mailto:richu12065@nycap.rr.com) if you are interested.

Paul will be available for a little while to show you the details of being Treasurer.

**DON'T OVERRUFF!**

By: Brian Gunnell

This week you are South, defending 3♠. You must make *three* good plays in order to beat this contract. Are you up to the challenge?

	♠ K5 ♥ AKT98 ♦ J ♣ KJ985	
♠ 2 ♥ Q764 ♦ KQ752 ♣ QT4	North <i>Dummy Declarer</i> South	♠ QJT9743 ♥ 53 ♦ AT3 ♣ A
	♠ A86 ♥ J2 ♦ 9864 ♣ 7632	

**Both Vulnerable**

West	North	East	South
		1♠	Pass
1NT	2♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♣	3♠	All Pass

Before you take your place in the South seat, let's admire Declarer's robust Spade suit. The ♠T and ♠9 are big cards! After the high enemy Spades have been knocked out, those intermediates can look after the rest of the suit. In fact, even if the trumps split 4-1, that lovely Spade Nine will come to the

rescue and make sure that the enemy ♠8 does no damage. Well, "Phooey!" is what N-S have to say to about that. They are about to score their lowly ♠8, even though trumps are 3-2!

Sitting South, you lead the ♥J. That holds the trick, Partner playing the Ten. You lead another Heart, this one being won by Partner's Eight. Declarer ruffs the third round with the ♠9, and it's time for your first good play. *Don't overruff!* Now Declarer leads the ♠Q, and you make your second good play, *you duck your Ace!* Well, perhaps that play was not so brilliant, there was no rush to take that trick. And, anyway, you would look extremely foolish if your Ace crashed Partner's singleton King! As it happens, Partner wins the trick with the ♠K and, with relentless single-mindedness, leads another round of Hearts. Declarer ruffs with the Ten and it's time for the third good play. *Don't overruff!* That's right, your stubborn refusal, on three occasions, to play the ♠A has orchestrated a trump promotion! The defense scores two Hearts and three trumps for down one. Who would have thought that **A86** would produce *two* natural trump tricks?

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>Mon – Sun</b>	<b>Jun 1 – 7</b>	<b>Saratoga Regional</b>
<b>Mon – Sun</b>	<b>Jun 15 – 21</b>	<b>Unit STaC</b>
<b>Fri – Sun</b>	<b>Jul 24 – 26</b>	<b>Sectional</b>
		<b>Clifton Park</b>
<b>Thu – Sun</b>	<b>Aug 6 – 16</b>	<b>Summer NABC</b>
		<b>Chicago</b>