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Sectional Clifton Park (at the Shenendehowa Adult Community Center) July 24-26, 2015

Friday July 24 NOTE TIMES

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 July 25

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+) (2 One Session Games)	10 am and 3 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-199, 200-299) (2 One Session Games)	10 am and 3 pm

Sunday July 26

Swiss Teams (2- Session stratiflighted play through; 42 boards) (1/2 hour break between sessions) (Flights: 0-3000, 3000-8000, and over 8000)	11 am
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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.

Event to be held at:

**Shenendehowa Adult Community Center
6 Clifton Common Court
Clifton Park, NY 12065**

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Tournament Director's Message

The ACBL completed its third "Longest Day," a day-long bridge game to benefit Alzheimers's Association. As of now, the ACBL has yet to announce the amount of money collected nationally through the clubs participating in the event, but locally, we are proud to announce the Shelley Studio of Bridge and Games collected over \$1000 which will be sent to the ACBL and then on to Alzheimer's Association to assist in research and care-giving in the fight against this insidious disease. Many thanks to those who came out to play and donate, but especially the Shelley Studio, Lynda Flanger in particular as lead person, for donating not only the venue but their time to sponsor the event. Calendars being what they are, next year June 21, the longest calendar day of the year, is Tuesday. Should the ACBL sponsor the event for a fourth year, hopefully one of our member clubs will volunteer to represent the Unit on a date Father's Day will not be a conflict.

On a less positive note, the recently concluded Norma Shelley Saratoga Regional drew around 90 tables fewer than the 2014 regional. No doubt, attendance at regionals has been dwindling, and if attendance at Saratoga continues to decline, there's a chance District 3 will seek a different venue for its late spring regional in hopes of increasing attendance. The 2016 Norma Shelley Regional is scheduled for

June 6-13, and it's not too early to start emphasizing the importance of maximizing attendance by players in the Unit.

The next event sponsored exclusively by the Unit following the July sectional is the August 22 President's Cup, a fun pro-am type team game where you not only get to team with different partners but play with them. Come with a partner, or alone, as we will have extra players to pair you up with, and, as we did last year, we will divide the field into four brackets based on the total masterpoints of the partnerships. We will then randomly team pairs from bracket one with pairs from bracket four, and randomly team pairs from bracket two with pairs from bracket three, then conduct a six board, four match Swiss team event. The difference from a traditional pro-am is you will play at least one match with each of your teammates. So come alone, or with a partner, to enjoy 24 boards of really fun, no pressure bridge. After the President's Cup, the next non-sectional unit event is the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 13. Both events are scheduled for the Shelley Studio of Bridge and Games, location TBD.

Here are some upcoming post-July sectional special games sponsored by our local clubs or District 3:

Unit Championships:

Avila: (Th) July 30, October 29, (Sat) Oct 17, Dec 19

Saratoga: (Fr) November 13

Sectional tournaments at clubs (STACs):

October 19-26

Frequent your local clubs; they are our front line to success.

Note to bridge managers:

We still have a number of available dates for additional unit championships, contact Bob Valenti should you want to schedule any.

Bob Valenti

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

The Norma Shelly Saratoga Regional was outstanding, as always. Attendance was close to the 2014 level, the weather cooperated, and your volunteers did an outstanding job of making us all feel welcome. I particularly want to thank Rich Underwood and Bob Valenti for a great job with the hospitality suite, and Terry Bentley for her excellent work with pairings, as well as with all aspects of volunteer management.

Suzi Subeck, the ACBL president for 2015, and her husband Stan enjoyed being there and meeting so many District 3 people. In her monthly report to the board, Suzi raved about their Saratoga experience.

As chair of ACBL's Junior and Education Committee, I am actively seeking feedback regarding the effectiveness of a number of the new programs which are now available to our players. If any of you have used a) ACBL Live (receiving results on your cell phone), b) The Online Partnership Desk, c) Learn to Play Bridge, and/or d) The Resource Center, all of which are now available through ACBL, I would be very interested in hearing from you. What has been your experience, both the positives and negatives?

I expect there will be discussion of these new technologies during the ACBL board meetings in August. Your comments will help me bring real world experience to the evaluation process.

A major change is coming to our January regional. After more than 25 years holding that tournament at the Rye Hilton, in January of 2016 it will be moved to the Hilton Hotel in East Rutherford, NJ, across from Met Stadium. The change was unavoidable given changes in the management philosophy of the hotel in Rye.

Periodically, the ACBL Charity Foundation gives each District the opportunity to choose charities to receive a total of \$30,000 and 2015 is District 3's year. The District Board decided to give

\$6,000 to each of five worthy charities that District 3 members have volunteered with. They are:

Canine Companions for Independence

Canine Companions enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing them with highly trained assistance dogs.

Heroes to Heroes H2H supports veterans suffering from moral injury and PTSD by taking groups of them to Israel where they interact with Israeli veterans, and are offered the opportunity for various experiences designed to foster spiritual healing.

Camp Quality USA Camp Quality promotes hope and inspiration for children with cancer and their families by providing year round programs, experiences, and companionship at no cost.

Grace Church Community Center Located in White Plains, the Center restores hope to Westchester County's neediest and most at-risk citizens by providing them with food, shelter and support while lifting them to greater self-sufficiency.

Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York The Food Bank alleviates hunger and prevents food waste by collecting large donations of food from the food industry and distributing them to charitable organizations serving disadvantaged people in 23 counties.

I hope it is as gratifying for you as it is for me, to know that our ACBL dues not only support the advancement of the game of bridge, but also permit us to support such worthy causes as these.

By the time you read this I will have returned from our Regional in Fairfield, New Jersey. I hope I will have seen many of you there.

Glenda Calkins
District 3 Director

**Saratoga Regional (June 1 – 7)
Unit Winners**

Mon – Tue KO Bkt 2

Charles Mantia - Gene Vennesland,
Ellen Cotterell - Firm Weaver

Mon – Tue KO Bkt 3

Wilma Delucco - Mark Rosenholz,
Sheela and Sudhir Kulkarni

Tue AM 0-20 Pairs

Marjorie Zak - Barbara Calhoun

Tue 1pm Side Game

Flight B - Dolly & Jessie Stornelli

Tue Open Pairs

Flight A - Rich Kasprovicz - David Standig
Flight B - Bimal & Kamal Gupta

Tue Eve Side Game

Flight A - Ron Harvey - Pat McDevitt

Tue Teams Bkt 1

Satya Pabuwal, Arthur Bernhardt,
Malik Magdon-Ismail, Ron Nelken

Tue Teams Bkt 4

Dave Buchyn, Evelyn Markowitz,
Sarah Hoy, Martha Precheur

Wed Aft Swiss Teams

Ross Lounsbury, Mary Anne Pickett,
Lou Urbano, Lee Pearson

Wed 1pm Side Game

Flight A - Bimal & Kamal Gupta

Wed Open Pairs

Flight A - Malik Magdon-Ismail - Gregg Deitch
Flight C - Mark Rosenholz - Saurav Dutta

Thu 1pm Side Game

Flight A - Bernie Neuhart - Rob Neuhart

Thu AM Side Game

Flight B- Malik Magdon-Ismail - Chunyu Wang

Thu Open Swiss

Judy & Bill Dubay,
Ellie Hanlon - Mary Savko

Fri 1 PM Side Game

Flight B - Anne & Leonard Lapinski

Fri Golden Opportunity Pairs

Marigay Harkins - Phanindra Chakraborty

Fri CKO Bkt 1

Betty Bloom - Steve Bloom,
Victor King - Lewis Gamerman

Fri CKO Bkt 3

Richard Bobilin, Glen Perry,
Barbara Wolner, Sue Eastman

Sat 1pm Side Game

Flight A - Mary Fredrick - Ruth Anderson

Sat Golden Opp Pairs

Flight A - Timothy Briney - David Howorth

Sat 1 PM Open Swiss

Flight B - Glen Perry - Lynda Flanger,
David Funk - Margaret Lavelle
Flight C - Ellen & Kerry Cotterell,
Jaquelyn & Bruce Williams

Sun Swiss Bkt 1

Betty Bloom - Steve Bloom,
Victor King - Lewis Gamerman

Sun Swiss Bkt 3

Dan Kelsey - Bill Kelsey,
Charles Harding - Lynda Flanger

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

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

Club Corner

AVILA

Games: Thurs eves 7PM and Saturday afternoons 12:30PM.

No Sat game at Avila on 7/25.

See www.acbl.org/Club Results for specific special games schedule.

Shelly 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: Fridays @ Noon (Judi's)

The studio will be moving to a great new location at 6 British American Blvd, Suite D, Latham, NY. This new facility is close to the Airport at the corner of Cornell Rd and British American Blvd. We will have over 900 sq ft more playing area and lots more parking. We do not have a moving in date as yet, but we expect it will be sometime in August or early September. Keep an eye on our website for the latest news.

See clubresults.acbl.org/ for game results, hand records and our club messages.

Unit Treasurer Still Needed

The Unit still needs a volunteer to be treasurer. Paul Cuerdon has moved out of the area. Rich Underwood is temporarily filling in as treasurer until a replacement is found.

Please contact Rich Underwood, richu12065@nycap.rr.com if you are interested.

Personal Notices

Joan Meyer passed away on June 1st. I received the following email to the Unit from her son Mike:

My mother truly enjoyed playing bridge in the Capital District for the past 18 years. She was very concerned about finding good bridge games when she moved up here from Long Island in 1997 following my father's death. The players and games here were a source of social and intellectual stimulation for her. Please express my appreciation to all who played with and against her.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mike Meyer

RANK CHANGES

New Junior Masters

Patricia Detoffel
Warren Taylor
Janice Taylor

New Club Masters

Robert Carter
Jay Portnoy

New Advanced NABC Master

Barbara Wolner

New Life Masters

Joan Dolbert
Barbara Parks

New Bronze Life Master

Barbara Parks

FROZEN SUIT

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ 542 ♥ AQ87 ♦ AK7 ♣ T32	
♠ QT83 ♥ 64 ♦ QJ98 ♣ Q98	North West East Declarer	♠ J96 ♥ 932 ♦ T54 ♣ K764
	♠ AK7 ♥ KJT5 ♦ 632 ♣ AJ5	

Both Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

3NT would have been an easy contract but South found herself in 4♥, where there are the same nine winners. N-S have mirror distributions, so there are no ruffs to add to that total. Where is the 10th trick?

This deal is all about the Club suit. On the lie of the cards, if Declarer breaks open the suit, she will score just the Ace and will lose the other two tricks. But if the defense breaks open the suit then Declarer will make two tricks. In other words, it's a frozen suit, and whoever plays Clubs first loses. But Declarer has the majority of the high cards and the trumps, let's see how she uses them to make the defense blink first.

West leads the ♦Q which is won in Dummy, and trumps are drawn in three rounds. Declarer avoids playing Clubs, of course, instead she cashes her Spade winners and her second Diamond winner, and exits with a Diamond. The defense can safely cash a Spade, but now they will be faced with unpleasant alternatives:

- *Either* they can play a Spade or a Diamond, giving Declarer a ruff and discard (one hand ruffs, the other discards a Club loser)
- *Or* they can break open the frozen Clubs and give up the 10th trick that way.

That line of play was not guaranteed to succeed. Imagine West with ♣KQx, and further suppose that East is able to win the third round of Spades and of Diamonds. Now, when Declarer exits a Diamond, East wins and fires a Club through, won by West. Back comes a Spade to East and another Club through, and that's down one. Declarer can avoid this grisly fate by ducking the opening Diamond lead (now East gets in only once and cannot lead Clubs twice), but that play will not be a great success if East is able to ruff the second round of Diamonds.

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Thu – Sun	Aug 6 – 16	Summer NABC Chicago
Sat	Aug 22	President’s Cup Shelley Studio
Fri – Sun	Sep 25 – 27	Sectional Clifton Park
Sat	Sep 12	NAP Finals Allendale, NJ