

Capital District Bridge Association

November 2025 Newsletter



President's Message...

Hello "Bridge-Mates"... The clocks may have been turned back but we look forward to exciting F2F and online games and Thanksgiving. It is not too soon to schedule yourself to attend our annual **Sybil's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14th**. Signup sheets for the potluck lunch will be available at our in-person club games. Our goal is to have 15 tables and fun for all, especially the one-third of our members who have less than 100 master points.

Please read the rest of the monthly newsletter to see who is new to our unit or has advanced to a new level. Also, the list of the four officer candidates recommended by our Nominating Committee is presented below. The election will take place just prior to the start of the Christmas party as part of our required annual meeting.

Nominees for Unit 115 2026 Officers:

President - John Templin
VP - John Barnes
Secretary - Andrea Campbell
Treasurer - Joanne Schlang

John Templin

Congratulations to November Rank Achievers

Diane Palmer

NABC Master

Barbara DelCogliano

Regional Master

IN & OUT

Welcome...

Corey Curran

New member

Leslie Rohrabacher

from Unit 114

Stephen Rohrabacher

from Unit 114

Farewell...

Leslie Berlin

to Unit 243

SHELLY STUDIO

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

INVITATIONAL GAME Mondays 11:30 AM, no experts unless mentoring. Join us Mondays and help build up the game!! November 24th game will award **50% GOLD** points.

CHAT BRIDGE on Mondays 3 -5 PM. Your opportunity to practice in a casual environment. Fee is \$5 per session. After bidding and playing the hands, we discuss what the club players did on the hands and explain the scoring.

LESSONS

Wednesday November 12, December 3rd & 17th,
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, \$10/class. November classes will be on **Finessing**.

Every Friday 11 AM – 1 PM, \$10/class. Improve your play by **Simplifying Entries**. **NO LESSON November 28th**.

Saturdays 12:30 – 2:30 PM, Beginning Bridge Lessons – Ongoing through December 13th. Prorated at \$10/lesson for students who want to join now.

NO LESSON November 29th.

MORE **SHELLY STUDIO**

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Our next Saturday Course will be teaching **Competitive Bidding** starting January 10th, 2026.

IF you are interested in a course in bidding “**Two Over One Game Forcing**”,

Please contact Diana Lack,
nydiana@mac.com

(518)-424-8240

Editor’s Note: “2/1 GF” recommended by most 21st century teachers and experts is superior to and easier than “standard”. Even if you don’t use it, you want to understand what your opponents are bidding.

2025 NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01 Avila 12:00pm Open
02	03 SS 11:30A INV RSVP GF 11:30AM Open SS 6:30PM Open	04 CP 11:30AM Open Online BBO 7:10PM	05 LG 12:00PM Open	06 SS 11:00AM Lesson SS 11:30AM Open Online BBO 7:10PM	07 SS 11 AM Lesson - Simplify Entries	08
09	10 SS 11:30A INV RSVP GF NO GAME SS 6:30PM Open	11 (CP) Veterans Day @Shelly Studio 11:30AM Open Online BBO 7:10PM	12 LG 12:00PM Open SS 10:30AM Finessing \$10/lesson	13 SS 11:00AM Lesson SS 11:30AM Open Online BBO 7:10PM	14 SS 11 AM Lesson - Simplify Entries	15 Avila 12:00pm Open SS Beginning Bridge 12:30-2:30 PM
16 Harvest Regional Norwich, CT	17 SS 11:30A INV RSVP GF 11:30AM Open SS 6:30PM Open	18 CP 11:30AM Open Online BBO 7:10PM	19 LG 12:00PM Open	20 SS 11:00AM Lesson SS 11:30AM Open Online BBO 7:10PM	21 SS 11 AM Lesson - Simplify Entries	22
23 SS 11/24/25 F2F games 50% GOLD FALL 2025 NABC San Francisco	24 SS 11:30A INV RSVP GF 11:30AM Open SS 6:30PM Open	25 CP 11:30AM Open Online BBO 7:10PM	26 LG 12:00PM Open	27 NO GAME	28 NO LESSON	29 NO LESSON
SS = Shelly Studio Director Diana Lack	GF = Glens Falls Senior Center Director Terry Bentley	CP = Clifton Park Senior Center Director Terry Bentley	LG = Lake George Holiday Inn Director Terry Bentley		Online Game BBO vacb270942 Dir Rob Neuhart Tues Dir Diana Lack Thurs	

Improve your Defense!!

Although less glamorous than being Declarer, the opening lead often determines the outcome of the board. You are on defense 50% of the time and choosing the opening lead 25% of the time. Therefore you should:

- (1) Listen to the auction!
- (2) Lead Partner's suit. (Partner should not overcall a suit that he will be embarrassed to play when you lead it.)
- (3) Lead top of a sequence of touching honors.
- (4) Lead the unbid suit.
- (5) Lead a singleton.
- (6) Lead a trump if you expect Declarer to be trumping losers in Dummy and you are not giving away a natural trump trick.

Sybil's Christmas Party

Sunday December 14th

11:30 AM Potluck Lunch

Contact Jean Roy @518-542-3816 to let her know what you are bring or if you need suggestions.

Signup sheets will also be posted at our F2F games.

12 Noon Annual Meeting

Voting for slate of Unit 115 Officers.

12:30 PM Open Pairs Game

Need a Partner for Bridge Games?

Diana Lack – Shelly Studio – Monday, Thursday

518-424-8240

Terry Bentley – Glens Falls - Monday

518-796-2481 Clifton Park Senior Center – Tuesday

Lake George – Wednesday

Rhoda Kratenstein – Saturday

561-252-0517

Unit Officers

John Templin, Jr., President

Dave Buchyn, Vice President

Andrea Campbell, Secretary

Agie Seife, Treasurer

