

Capital District Bridge Association

December 2025 Newsletter



President's Message...

Hello "Bridge-Mates"... I hope you are looking forward to attending Sybil's Christmas party on December 14 at the Studio. Wondering who Sybil is? Read this newsletter to find out.

At the start of the party, we'll have a short, required annual unit meeting and election of officers. The list of candidates is shown below. Make sure you sign up for a pot luck item or to assist with setup or take down. Good luck with your special award game following lunch.

Nominees for Unit 115 2026 Officers:

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

John Templin

Sybil's Christmas Party

Several folks asked "Who is Sybil?", so we did some investigating and Bill Dubay provided the following:

Sybil Barnet was a popular club director in the Capital District. She ran games from at least the 1950s through the 1970s. I can't narrow it down more than that.

The high point of the year was her Christmas party. She baked a table full of cakes and pies for the game. It was the largest club game of the year. She was also a very good duplicate bridge player and was one of the top ten masterpoint holders at the time.

Sunday December 14th

11:30 AM Potluck Lunch

12 Noon Annual Meeting

12:30 PM Open Pairs Game

Congratulations to Recent Rank Achievers

Terry Bentley	Ruby Life Master
Andrea Campbell	Advanced NABC Master
Jesse Stornelli	NABC Master
Lori Werblow	Regional Master
Evelyn Pitt	Club Master

IN & OUT

Welcome...

Anne-Marie Gorman Doyle	New member
Margaret Snowden	Reinstated
Lori Werblow	Reinstated

Snowbirds...

Gerald Kaufman
Firm Weaver

REMINDERS...

Glens Falls Duplicate Bridge.

No Game Monday December 15th.

Check notes on results page for schedule updates.

Lake George Duplicate Bridge

Annual Christmas Dinner Wednesday,
December 17th, following the game at the
Holiday Inn, 99 Canada Street.

Game starts at 12:00 noon.

Date Change:

UNIT 115 FALL SECTIONAL

September 25-27, 2026

2025 DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08 SS 11:30A INV RSVP GF 11:30AM Open SS 6:30PM Open	09 CP 11:30AM Open Online BBO 7:10PM	10 LG 12:00PM Open	11 SS 11:00AM Lesson SS 11:30AM Open RED points Online BBO 7:10PM	12 SS 11 AM Lesson - Simplifying Defense	13
14 GOLD points 12/15, 12/18, & 12/20	15 SS 11:30A INV RSVP GF NO GAME SS 6:30PM Open	16 CP 11:30AM Open Online BBO 7:10PM	17 LG 12:00PM Open	18 SS 11:00AM Lesson SS 11:30AM Open Online BBO 7:10PM	19 SS 11 AM Lesson - Simplifying Defense	20 Avila 12:00pm Open SS Beginning Bridge 12:30-2:30 PM
21	22 SS 11:30A INV RSVP GF 11:30AM Open SS 6:30PM Open	23 CP 11:30AM Open Online BBO 7:10PM	24 LG 12:00PM Open	25 NO GAME	26 NO LESSON	27 NO LESSON
28	29 SS 11:30A INV RSVP GF 11:30AM Open SS 6:30PM Open	30 CP 11:30AM Open Online BBO 7:10PM	31 LG 12:00PM Open	01 NO GAME	02 NO LESSON	03 Avila 12:00pm Open
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	

SHELLY STUDIO

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

INVITATIONAL GAME Mondays 11:30 AM, no experts unless mentoring. Join us Mondays and help build up the game!!

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.

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

Need a Partner for Bridge Games?

Diana Lack – 518-424-8240

Monday & Thursday - Shelly Studio, Latham

Terry Bentley – 518-796-2481

Monday - Glens Falls Senior Center

Tuesday - Clifton Park Senior Center

Wednesday - Lake George Holiday Inn

Rhoda Kratenstein – 561-252-0517

Saturday - AVILA Retirement Community

Albany

Unit Officers

John Templin, Jr., President

Dave Buchyn, Vice President

Andrea Campbell, Secretary

Agie Seife, Treasurer

