

THE CAPITAL DISTRICT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

JUNE 2026 Newsletter



President John Templin's Message...

Hello "Bridge-Mates"...

We had a good spring sectional tournament with the highlight being 12 teams for the Sunday Swiss Team game. In the May newsletter I commented that 90% of the teams could earn silver points. I was wrong. **All 12 teams or 100% of the players earned silver points.** Sunday featured a free lunch half-way through the game. Special recognition goes to Jean Roy and her team for the lunch and daily snacks and beverages.

On Sunday June 14 we will hold our annual awards ceremony. Please join us in recognizing our new Life Masters. Also, leaders in face-to-face and online points for all 13 master point levels. After the ceremony and lunch we will play 24 boards. As June 14 happens to be Flag Day, please wear your red, white and/or blue clothing to honor America.



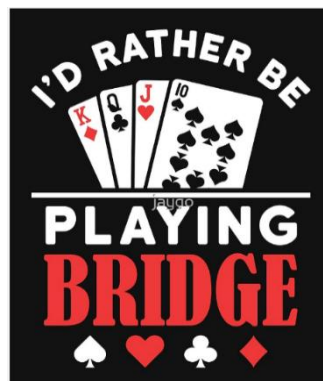
Save the Date Sunday, June 14th

At the Shelly Studio

Award Ceremony at 12:00 noon

Free Lunch

Game at 12:30 pm



Capital District Spring Sectional Results

Fri Morning Open Pairs - 14.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
5.50	1	1		Glen Perry, Selkirk NY; Justin Mucelli, Troy NY	60.26%
4.13	2	2		Richard Underwood - Joanne Schlang, Voorheesville NY	59.18%
3.09	3	3	1	Steve Sills, Diamond Point NY; Richard Smith, Wynantskill NY	55.86%
2.32	4			Gregg Deitch, Mayfield NY; Edward Zecchini, Bolton Landing NY	55.61%
2.75	5	4		Linda Millenbach - Lew Millenbach, Albany NY	55.58%
1.93	6	5	2	Richard Laplante, Albany NY; Dan DiTursi, Troy NY	55.55%
0.94	6			Alka Gupta - Kamal Gupta, Latham NY	55.23%
1.20		3		Christopher Almy, Scotia NY; Diane Palmer, Round Lake NY	54.25%
0.90		4		Steve Garcia, Mechanicville NY; Bonnie McCullough, Schenectady NY	52.32%
0.71		5		Agie Seife, Catskill NY; Judith Ciccio, Delmar NY	51.93%

Fri Aft Open Pairs - 13.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
5.27	1			Edward Zecchini, Bolton Landing NY; Malik Magdon-Ismail, Albany NY	68.75%
3.95	2	1	1	Steve Sills, Diamond Point NY; Richard Smith, Wynantskill NY	60.23%
2.96	3	2	2	Parmelee Tolkan, Lake Placid NY; David Wolff, Saranac Lake NY	58.71%
2.22	4	3		Justin Mucelli, Troy NY; Glen Perry, Selkirk NY	58.14%
1.67	5			Michael Rogers, Ticonderoga NY; Robert Dickson, Silver Bay NY	57.95%
1.59	6	4		Alka Gupta - Kamal Gupta, Latham NY	57.58%
1.20		5		Alex Hallenstein, Niskayuna NY; Joel Prescott, Rexford NY	56.06%
1.32		6		Terry Bentley, Lake George NY; Rosemary Isele, Saratoga Spgs NY	53.03%
1.28		3		Timothy Lawliss, Peru NY; Jacqueline Walker, Plattsburgh NY	52.46%
0.96		4		Michael Hauser, Nassau NY; Mary Ryder Wright, Loudonville NY	52.08%
0.72		5		Christopher Almy, Scotia NY; Diane Palmer, Round Lake NY	50.38%

Sat Morn Open Pairs - 10.0 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
4.58	1	1		Glen Perry, Selkirk NY; Justin Mucelli, Troy NY	64.12%
3.44	2	2		Diane Burger, Troy NY; Beverly Schultz, Clifton Park NY	58.10%
2.58	3			Kamal Gupta, Latham NY; Malik Magdon-Ismael, Albany NY	57.94%
1.93	4			Peter Allen, Plattsburgh NY; Michael Rogers, Ticonderoga NY	57.05%
1.84	5	3		Alex Hallenstein, Niskayuna NY; Joel Prescott, Rexford NY	54.26%
1.38	6	4		Barbara Wolner, Menands NY; Richard Laplante, Albany NY	53.06%
1.15	5			Thomas Levanduski - Jim Reed, Schenectady NY	52.92%
2.02	1			Betty Seeley - Karen Pranchak, Albany NY	52.66%
1.52	2			Steve Sills, Diamond Point NY; Andrea Campbell, Saratoga Spgs NY	51.70%
1.14	3			Murray Deathe, Saratoga Spgs NY; Julianne Dickinson, Cohoes NY	50.98%
0.85	4			Michael Esposito MD, Guilderland NY; Veerabhadh Bheemineni, Latham NY	48.17%

Sat Aft Open Pairs - 7.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
4.13	1	1		Richard Laplante, Albany NY; Barbara Wolner, Menands NY	60.72%
3.10	2	2		Alex Hallenstein, Niskayuna NY; Joel Prescott, Rexford NY	59.37%
2.32	3			Peter Allen, Plattsburgh NY; Michael Rogers, Ticonderoga NY	58.68%
1.89	4	3	1	Joseph Miranda, Clifton Park NY; John Templin Jr, Greenfield Ctr NY	57.54%
1.42	5	4	2	Jean Roy, Clifton Park NY; Barbara Delcogliano, Schenectady NY	51.39%
0.92	5			Justin Mucelli, Troy NY; Glen Perry, Selkirk NY	51.04%
1.06	3			Michael Esposito MD, Guilderland NY; Veerabhadh Bheemineni, Latham NY	48.01%
0.80	4			Steve Garcia, Mechanicville NY; Bonnie McCullough, Schenectady NY	47.57%

Sun Swiss Teams - 12 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
6.05	1			Edward Zecchini, Bolton Landing NY; Rhoda Kratenstein - Malik Magdon-Ismael, Albany NY; Gregg Deitch, Mayfield NY	101.00
4.54	2	1		Christopher Almy, Scotia NY; Elliott Glansberg, Saratoga Spgs NY; Barbara Wolner, Menands NY; Ellen Jabbur, Slingerlands NY	78.00
3.40	3			Peter Allen, Plattsburgh NY; Michael Rogers, Ticonderoga NY; Robert Dickson, Silver Bay NY; Robert Valenti, Adirondack NY	74.00
3.10	4	2		Michael Sattinger - Ulla Sattinger, Slingerlands NY; Lew Millenbach - Linda Millenbach, Albany NY	73.00
2.32	3			David Buchyn, Troy NY; Mary Williams, Schenectady NY; Alex Hallenstein, Niskayuna NY; Joel Prescott, Rexford NY	68.00
1.97	4	1		Dan DiTursi - Justin Mucelli, Troy NY; Corey Curran, Gloversville NY; Richard Laplante, Albany NY	64.00

Diana Lack Shelly Studio

Summer Bridge Lessons

Lessons 2 hours for \$10 no lesson 5/19.

Eddie Kantar Bridge Lessons

Course Overview

Enhance your Bridge skills by joining us for a series of advanced lessons. This program is tailored for advancing players and focuses on practical strategies for bidding, playing, and defending contracts. The lessons cover a wide range of topics to help improve your overall game.

Next topics

- Common Bidding Errors

Class Schedule

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Bridge Play of the Hand Course

Course Overview

Enhance your skills as a Bridge declarer by enrolling in the *Play of the Hand Course*. This program is designed to provide players of all levels with practical strategies for successful contract play. Across eight focused lessons, you will learn how to create and implement effective plans that maximize your chances of fulfilling your contracts. \$80 for eight two-hour lessons.

Key Topics Covered

- Planning your play effectively
- Developing additional tricks
- Eliminating losers from your hand
- Identifying and avoiding dangerous opponents

- Managing entries between hands
- Integrating the above skills for cohesive play

Class Schedule

Classes will be **Saturdays, 12:30 to 2:30 PM, \$10/class.**

Bridge Basics classes

starting Saturday June 6, 3-5 PM Tell your friends who wish to learn this great game.

The card game of bridge is mentally challenging and provides ongoing learning, social interaction and is fun. Life Masters Diana & Jonathan will share the basics of hand evaluation, bidding and play. Whether you have never played the game or have not played in many years and would like a refresher, this is the course for you. You need not bring a partner to attend. Just bring a good attitude and a desire to learn the game.

Congratulations Recent Rank Achievers!

Rosalie Fadem	New Club Master
Kenneth Johnson	New Club Master
Kristine Johnson	New Club Master
William Rudolph	New Club Master

John Templin, Unit 115 President

I was born and raised in New Jersey and was the first in my extended family to attend college. I came to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy and graduated with a BS in Management Engineering. I was a member of the Army ROTC and upon graduating entered active duty as a 2nd Lt. I spent most of my active duty time in Germany followed by 11 years in the reserves.

After my active duty I went to work at Norton Abrasives in Watervliet as a management engineer. I became manager of the home office. After 5 years, there was a mass layoff of 200 of 800 office personnel and I was one of the 200. A week later I became a management engineering consultant for the Hospital Association of New York State. I stayed there 13 years and left as a senior director. I left to become a part owner of a New Jersey-based human resources consultancy. Three years later I started my own company. All this time was spent consulting with hospitals on staffing and human resource issues. I worked with about 200 different hospitals in 28 states. The hospitals ranged in size from major New York City medical centers to rural hospitals. With the start of the pandemic in 2020 I finally retired after 50 years of consulting. Along the way I earned many honors including Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Senior Healthcare Executive of the Year (2000), Fellow of the Institute of System Engineers, and Fellow of the Healthcare Management and Information Systems Society.

I was married for 43 years before my wife passed to due cancer. Together we raised four sons and two daughters. We have 10 grandchildren. Barbara loved to paint and I loved to play golf. My golf stopped three years ago.

I played a little bridge as a college freshman. For years I read some of the bridge columns in the papers. Nine years ago I was visiting a friend who had a copy of the *ABCL Bulletin* on her coffee table. I leafed through it and ended up calling ACBL to find that Terry Bentley was director of a game two miles from my home. I called Terry and she invited me to play. I joined ABCL and got hooked, especially after getting three trophies at a sectional in Poughkeepsie. After retirement I started playing many days a week. In 2023 I joined the unit 115 board as vice president. In mid-2024 the president left office and I assumed the duties of president. At the last annual meeting I was elected to a full term as president. In January I attended a regional tournament in Suffern where I earned enough gold to become a Life Master. As I had 900 master points I automatically also became a Bronze Life Master. I am now 30 master points away from Silver Life Master and I have set a goal of making it this year, Thank you all for your support.

UNIT 115 Duplicate Bridge Games...

Avila Retirement Community

100 White Pine Drive, Albany
Saturday 12:00 noon - Game Dates
June 6 & 27 NAOP

Clifton Park Duplicate Bridge

Senior Center, 6 Clifton Common Blvd
Tuesday 11:30 AM

Glens Falls Duplicate Bridge

Senior Center, 380 Glen St.
Monday 11:30 AM

Lake George Duplicate Bridge

Holiday Inn, 99 Canada Street.
Wednesday 12:00 noon.

Shelly Studio Duplicate Bridge

6 British American Blvd
Monday 11:30 AM no experts unless mentoring
& 6:30 PM Open
Monday 3-5 PM Chat Bridge come and practice in
non-competitive situation.
Thursday 11:30 AM Open

BBO Games under Competitive, ACBL e-Clubs, search for
"Shelly".

Tuesday & Thursday 7:10 PM

Need a Partner for Bridge Games?

Diana Lack – 518-424-8240

Monday & Thursday - Shelly Studio, Latham

Terry Bentley – 518-796-2481

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

John Barnes, Vice President

Andrea Campbell, Secretary

Joanne Schlang, Treasurer