THE CAPITAL DISTRICT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2026 Newsletter



UNIT 115 ACBL

President John Templin's Message…

Hello "Bridge-Mates"…

We had a great Fall Sectional Tournament. The new format of a separate stratified section for players with less than 750 master points was a success. We will keep the same format for the 2027 Spring and Fall Sectionals. We have tentative dates but will not announce them until approved by the ACBL. On Sunday only one team was not successful mining for silver. Our special thanks go out to tournament chair, Barbara DelCogliano, and hospitality chair, Jean Roy. As always, thanks to tournament director in charge Rob Neuhart.

When you are reading this newsletter several unit members will be in Poughkeepsie playing in the District 3 Autumn Regional. I will provide a report in the next newsletter.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Holiday Party on **Sunday December 13**. It will start at 11:30 with our annual meeting required by our bylaws. We will recognize our new 2025 Life Masters and they will receive their engraved coffee mugs. Lunch will be served following the meeting and bridge will start at 12:30. Instead of a pot luck meal, we will have a boxed lunch with the menu still to be finalized. The cost will be $20 per person and will include both the lunch and bridge fee. Reservations will be necessary. Details will be available in our November newsletter.



Summary of Unit 115 Fall Sectional

Total Tables = 66

Friday AM: 10 in Open / 4 in 750er

Saturday AM: 7 in Open / 6.5 in 750er

Friday PM: 8 in Open / 3.5 in 750er

Saturday PM: 6 in Open / 3 in 750er

Sunday (Teams): 9 in Open (18 total for the day)

77 players were awarded a total of 276.06 Silver MPs.

Thank you to everyone who participated to make this a successful event!

Here is your opportunity to earn Red and Gold points, only 85 minutes south of Albany. District 3 needs Unit 115 members to attend this Regional Tournament so that they can continue to bring a Regional to our area. There are pair and team games each day with lower masterpoint limits!



Enjoy the Fall Foliage

District 3 Autumn Regional

Oct 4 – Oct 7, 2026

Double Tree Inn Poughkeepsie

40 Civic Center Plazza 845-485-5300

https://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2026/10/2610116.pdf

Celebrating Ruth Anderson, Gold Life Master

Please join us in congratulating Ruth Anderson on becoming a Gold Life Master, a distinguished bridge achievement requiring 2,500 masterpoints, including 500 silver, red, gold, and platinum masterpoints.

At 101, Ruth is Unit 115's oldest active bridge player and continues to be a valued presence in the bridge community. I have had the pleasure of playing with her over the years at B'nai Sholom in Judy Shulman's Wednesday evening game and since COVID in the Shelly Studio online game on Tuesday evenings.

Ruth was an elementary school teacher. She also is an avid flower gardener. A kind of funny story, I made Ruth a birthday cake. Unfortunately, when I tried to show it to her the pan slipped out of my hands. Of course it had to fall frosting side down. So we didn't get to have any.

Diana Lack





Meet **Bill Dubay, our Member of the Month**

I grew up in North Creek and then attended Syracuse University where I learned to play bridge.
After school I was employed as a research analyst in the State Comptroller's Office. I started playing with many partners, several in my office. At some point, Bill Woodard was leaving the area and wanted to sell his Tuesday night game. I bought the game and learned how to direct a club game. I enjoyed the directing and asked Maury Braunstein about working at tournaments. He got me employed by the ACBL and I worked some at our sectionals and occasionally at a regional.
Meanwhile, I met Judy who soon became my partner at the bridge table and in the rest of my life. We played often locally and at may regionals and nationals, the highlight being a fifth overall in the 3 day National Swiss in Miami Beach. Our son Andrew was born in 1989 and we played a little less for a few years.

After almost 30 years working for the State, they offered early retirement packages for some people. I found out that if I was available more often, I would be able to direct at many more tournaments than I had been, so I applied for the early retirement and got it. I soon was working at about 20 sectionals or regionals a year, mostly in the Northeast with a few Nationals farther away.
When Andrew was in high school, he showed an interest in bridge so he took lessons and made Life Master in about one year. So now I had a new partner.
Even though I enjoyed directing a lot, I was getting old and the work is hard at times, so I retired to play mostly with Judy or Andrew. Judy died this June and the number of people who have let me know how much they will miss her is overwhelming.

Stage 2 of the ACBL NAP grassroots competition --- Compete for your opportunity to play at the Dallas NABC!

The ACBL **District 3 North American Pairs Finals** will be played on **Saturday, October 10** in **Ridgewood NJ**.

You MUST pre-register if you want to play. It's an excellent opportunity for GOLD points!

Please see the attached flyer for all the details!

Players qualified for this upcoming District 3 Final by doing well in Club games in June, July, and August. The full list of players who are qualified is on the ACBL website - click here: https://www.acbl.org/nap-qualifiers/ and select 'District 3'

You'll play TWO sessions: 10 am and in the afternoon
Bagel brunch between sessions is included with your entry fee
Christ Church, 105 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, NJ 07450
Cost: $40 per person ($80 per pair)

For more information ***and to register*** please call or e-mail:
Farley Mawyer
516-987-7785 (phone)
Farley.Mawyer@gmail.com (e-mail)

District 3 includes seven 'units' - the website is here: http://www.bridge-district3.org/

NAP

North American Pairs

2026 District 3 Final

Saturday, October 10th, 2026
2-sessions: 10:00 and TBD*



Bagel brunch between sessions

Flights (Open/0-6000/0-3000/0-750-non LM)
$45 per person/$90 per pair for both sessions

Location: Christ Church
105 Cottage Place
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Excellent opportunity for GOLD POINTS!
Pre-registration required.

Details and further information on the District 3 website:
http://bridge-district3.org/

The NAP is an ACBL-wide grassroots competition that is held each year to encourage all members – from non-Life Masters to top players – to compete for significant masterpoints and the possibility of a North American bridge title. This highly prestigious tournament will begin with qualification sessions in bridge clubs (June through August), continue with the District 3 Finals in October, and end with the ACBL Finals at the Spring NABC in March 2027.



Participants must qualify at a club in North America, be a resident of District 3, and be a paid-up member of the ACBL.

https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/NAP_Qualifiers/NAP_D3.htm

First and second place pairs who qualify for the National event will receive a stipend from the ACBL to play at the March NABC in Dallas.

*For preregistration and other information, contact:

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Vermont Bridge Association

Halloween Sectional

October 23 - 25, 2026 sanction # 2610340

Burlington Bridge Club, 600 Blair Park Road
Suite 150, Williston, VT 05495
http://burlingtonbridgeclub.org/
(802) 872-5722

Friday, October 23, 2026
These are Grass Roots games, supporting Youth Bridge and International Competition.
10:00 am, 2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs
10:00 am, 2:30 pm Stratified 499er NLM Pairs

Saturday, October 24, 2026
10:00 am, 2:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs
10:00 am, 2:30 pm Stratified 499er NLM Pairs

Sunday, October 25, 2026
10:00 am Stratified Open Swiss Teams, 1st Session
10:00 am Stratified 499er NLM Swiss Teams (one session only)
TBA Stratified Open Swiss Teams, 2nd Session

Stratifications are based on the average of players' masterpoints.
Stratifications may be adjusted at game time to optimize playing conditions.
All pairs games are single session.

Open Strats: A: 2000+ B: 1000 to 2000 C: 0 to 1000
499er Strats: A: 200 to 499 B: 50 to 200 C: 0 to 50
499er games require a 3-table minimum.
Entry Fee: $12 per session, $13 for Grass Roots games.
Players under 100 MPs, play one session and the next session of your choice is free.

All entries must be ACBL members. A non-member may obtain a free guest membership at https://www.acbl.org/guest-join.

Tournament Chair: Donna Hale, email: haledonnab@gmail.com
Tournament Partnerships: Donna Hale, email: haledonnab@gmail.com
Partnerships in advance only. There are no stand-by partners.

Mark your calendar for these Bridge Dates.

October 4-7, District 3 Fall Regional,

Poughkeepsie, NY

October 10th, NAP, Ridgewood NJ

October 19th & 22nd Royal STAC

@ Shelly Studio (gold, red, silver & black mps)

October 23 – 25, Halloween Sectional, Williston, VT

December 13th, Unit 115 Christmas Party & Game @ Shelly Studio

December 16th, Lake George Game and Holiday Dinner Party @ Holiday Inn

Congratulations Recent Rank Achiever!

Guy Roemer **Junior Master**

UNIT 115 Duplicate Bridge Games…

Wolfert's Roost Bridge Club

Lunch and Sanctioned games are held on Wednesdays, alternating between the Mohawk Golf Club & Wolfert's Roost. Game starts at 10:30, Lunch break at 12:15. Usually finished by 3:00.

October 7th @ Wolfert's Roost
October 21st @ Mohawk Golf Club

Reservations are required. Cost $35

Contact Diane Burger 518-273-5371 (home) 518-669-0177 (cell)
dijean7@yahoo.com

Avila Retirement Community Duplicate Bridge

100 White Pine Drive, Albany

Saturday 12:00 noon - Game Dates
October 17th Club Appreciation game
October 24th STAC (Silver points)

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 Very casual.
Thursday 11:30 AM Open

Online Bridge Games BBO vacb270942 Search for "Shelly" under Competitive, ACBL e-Clubs.
Tuesday & Thursday 7:10 PM

Shelly Studio Bridge Lessons

Tuesday -- Lessons suspended until November.

Saturday, 10:30 - 12:30 PM More Advanced Declarer Play
October 3rd & 10th, then suspended until November

Saturday, 1:00 – 3:00 PM Basic Bridge Lessons
October 3rd & 10th, then suspended until November

Extra lessons playing additional hands.
10/3 & 10/10

If interested….

Call or Text Diana Lack – 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

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