THE CAPITAL DISTRICT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 2026 Newsletter



UNIT 115 ACBL

President John Templin's Message…

Hello "Bridge-Mates"…

I hope you were able to reset all your clocks and successfully weathered the change back to standard time. With colder weather and shorter days you have more time available to play bridge.

Several of our unit members traveled to Poughkeepsie to play in the 4-day district regional tournament. While the total number of tables for the four days was a little low it was a great way for our unit members to play for gold less than 100 miles from home. Congratulations go to Rhoda Kratenstein and her partner, Corey Krantz, for being the top team with each earning over 62 gold points.

I hope you have marked your calendars for our annual Sybil's Christmas party and our annual unit membership meeting on Sunday December 13. The annual meeting will start at 11:30 and should be finished quickly followed by lunch and then bridge at 12:30. Our hospitality team is finalizing plans for the box lunch which will be included in the price for the game. The price will be $20 per person with part of the total cost underwritten by the unit.

As you play either in person or online these last two months many unit members are in the race for the three categories of annual awards. The races include the Mini-McKenney, the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs, and the Virtual Ace of Clubs. As of the end of September there are 10 races where the second-place player is within 3 master points of the category leader.

Our hats are off in salute of our many members who are veterans. And to our members who will be preparing and sharing at Thanksgiving.

Meet **John Barnes,** Unit 115 Vice-President

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John grew up in Whitesboro, a suburb of Utica. After high school, he attended West Virginia University where he earned BS and MS degrees in Chemical Engineering. In 1987, he began a 32-year career with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. At DEC, he was involved in remediating superfund sites and later regulating major air pollution sources and developing the state's air emission inventories.



John learned to play bridge at the kitchen table – playing games with his parents and grandfather who also taught him how to play chess. He started playing duplicate bridge while in graduate school – but didn't join ACBL until the mid-1990s. He plays regularly online using the handle "FieldSpa2". He has played in several national chess tournaments and reached the rank of expert in the 1990s. He served as the vice-president of the Schenectady Chess Club for several years where he directed USCF-rated tournaments as well as blitz/handicap blitz tournaments.

John and his wife Jeanne live in Colonie with their yellow lab Bryce and field spaniel Nestle. Outside of bridge, he enjoys fly fishing, hiking/photography in national parks and chasing Bryce around an agility course.

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.

November 4th @ Wolfert's Roost
November 18th @ 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
November 7th Membership game (extra points)
November 21st Unit Championship (extra points)

Clifton Park Duplicate Bridge

Senior Center, 6 Clifton Common Blvd
Tuesday **12:00** noon **(Please note time change)**

Lake George Duplicate Bridge

Holiday Inn, 2223 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

Mark your calendar for these Bridge Dates.

Shelly Studio

December 13th, Christmas Party & Game

11:30 Lunch & Game $20

Lake George Holiday Inn

December 16th, Game starts at 12:00 noon followed by Holiday Dinner Party

2027 Unit 115 SECTIONALS

@ Shelly Studio

April 23-25

September 24-26

Congratulations Recent Rank Achievers!

Linda Millenbach	Ruby Life Master
Carolyn Accardi	Silver Life Master
Jean Roy	Sectional Master
Judy Halstead	Sectional Master
Arleen Brilliant	Club Master
Janet Geduldig	Club Master
Alan Weaver	Junior Master
Edward Woodhouse	Junior Master
Elizabeth Law	Junior Master
Janet Geduldig	Junior Master
Trudy Arnold	Junior Master

Please note: The Monday game at The Glen Falls Senior Center is **cancelled** until further notice.

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