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Happy Valentine's Day



UNCLE SAM SECTIONAL

Studio of Bridge & Games
1639 Eastern Parkway
Schenectady, NY 12309

Friday, February 20, 2004

Stratified Open Pairs.....1:00 pm
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(Strat A: 1500+ Strat B: 500-1500 Strat C: 0-500)
Stratified 0 – 300 Pairs7:00 pm

Saturday, February 21, 2004

Stratified Open Pairs.....10:00am
Stratified 0 – 300 Pairs.....10:00am
Stratified Open Pairs 3:00pm

Sunday, February 22, 2004

Bracketed Swiss Teams1:00pm

For partnership information, please call Bernie Neuhart: 372-3936

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President's Message

We're more than half way to Spring now, and I hope our snowbirds are thinking of us fondly. Getting out to play bridge has been my salvation during this frozen time.

Get ready for the special bridge events that Spring will bring. The annual **book and non-bake sale** will take place during the **April sectional**. This year we will include audio/visual materials. So remember us during Spring-cleaning. Thanks to Fran Leary and Marion Clowe who will be running the sale. All proceeds will benefit hospitality at the Saratoga Regional.

Plan to play in the annual **President's Cup on Saturday May 1**. This is a non-threatening team event consisting of four players, including a life master and people who have attained various masterpoint levels. You can form your own team, or sign up and we will get you a winning team. It's a great way to learn and try out the team format. Remember, knockout teams and Swiss teams are good ways to win gold points in Saratoga.

Also, plan on the **annual awards dinner**, with a **probable date of Saturday June 5**. Maryclare Devlin and her committee have been looking into new ideas for this. The goal is to have the luncheon price at \$10. Hopefully, more people will be able to attend and celebrate with our award winners and newest life masters.

Soon we will have our first board meeting for 2004. **Mary Frances Collins**, membership secretary, and **Mary Williams**, treasurer, will be retiring as officers.

They have both been steadfast in their efforts for Unit 115. Thank you to both of you. Mary, it's been a long while. How will we manage without you? Thankfully, Mary will continue to offer her experience and expertise as a board member.

At our last board meeting, we came up with some guidelines for good behavior at the bridge table. Hopefully, we will have some visual reminders in place at our next sectional.

I'd like to close with a good-bye to a "gentle" man at the bridge table, Norb Kremer. An expert player, he always found time for the newer player, and I appreciated that. Thanks, Norb. We'll miss you.

My best to everyone,
Diane

This 'n That from your District director

2004 started off with some good news from our CEO, Jay Baum. There was a increase in total membership and total paying members in the ACBL in 2003, and the goal is to increase this by 1% in '04. This means that there has to be an overall increase in paid members of 1500 and total members of 1670. District 3 has been doing their share mostly due to our 3 largest units.... the two Jersey's and Westchester. Time for Capital District to bring in enough new members to turn the trend in your unit.... Just think, if each one of you signed up one new member this year? Your unit would be close to 1500 members!!!! Give it a try!

None of you prayed hard enough to the Snow Gods and we had more than our share of snow and ice and freezing temperatures. However, like the mailman, everyone came out as soon as they could and our attendance was almost up to last year's.

It was our 25th Anniversary at the Hilton Rye Town and the hotel celebrated with us by serving an anniversary cake to all our players on Saturday afternoon. Very special and yummy too! Those of you who didn't venture down to be with us, you missed a great tournament.

On **April 17th**, the District will again be running the **Grand National Teams** at the United Methodist Church on Bryant Avenue in **White Plains**. But we are sporting a different format. Flights B and C will play a 2 session Swiss, and the winners of the Swiss will be declared our Champions. One day only for the event. For A and the Championship Flight, it continues to be a straight KO but if it continues past the first day, the teams can select when they will play. And this year, \$500 per team per flight plus entries at the NABC will be given to the winning teams in each flight.

Exciting news! We've moved out of the Catskills. New England has graciously lent us the State of Connecticut to run our **October Regional** and we will be at the beautiful **Sheraton Danbury** on **October 18th-24th**. You will be seeing lots of information about this tournament, and we know that you will come and have a great time. The room rates are so low that you can't afford to stay home and turn on your lights. It will be less expensive to stay at the hotel:)

And please make plans to be with us this Summer at the

Greatest Show on Earth
the New York NABC
at the Hilton, NY
July 8-18

No one needs to travel very far, so we are expecting a huge attendance. See our Conditions of Contest and any updated information about this fun event at our web site:

www.bridge-district3.org.

There will be discounted daily parking, entertainment, games for everyone. We are going to need loads of volunteers for Pairing, Intermediate/Novice Program, Registration gifts, and Hospitality. See the blurb in this issue of your Newsletter and send your name to our Volunteer Chairman. It has been 30 years since New York City has hosted an NABC. Don't miss this one!

Bridge is alive and well. It's a great sport! Fun, challenging and a great leisure time activity. Just ask any of us. We're hooked! See you at the tables.

Joan Gerard
District Director

Great news! Now you can make definite plans on what events to play in at the New York City Summer NABC July 8-18. The schedule of events has been posted on our website.

Jerry Goodman
Billy Rosenbaum
Tournament Co-Chairpersons

http://zeus.7nt.com/NABC_Elements

Jim Schneider
Volunteer Chairperson
NABC Summer
New York City

**New York, New York: A WONDERFUL SUMMER
NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP**

For the first time in more than 30 years, the New York Metropolitan area will host the ACBL Summer North American Bridge Championships this year on July 8-18, 2004 at the New York Hilton Hotel, NYC.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help us at the Partnership, Registration, Hospitality and Intermediate/Newcomer desks during the tournament. If you have not yet advised us, please let us know if you are interested in joining our efforts to make our 2004 Summer NABC the best ever.

Please contact: Jim Schneider, Volunteer Chairperson at: 614-754-7194 or at: jschneider@eop.com

Come on Board. Be part of our Team!

**This year's STaC games
are scheduled
for
June 7-13
and
October 18-24**

Club Corner

The Studio

Mon. 2/23 Noon ACBL-wide Senior Game
Wed. 3/3 Noon Local Rated team game
Invitational
Wed. 3/17 Noon Invitational CC
St. Patrick's Day Party
Wed. 4/7 Noon CC Team Game
Invitational

And don't forget the **President's Cup**
Saturday, May 1st
Get your teams together

Good News / Bad News from the Studio

Good News

6 of our Wednesday morning Easybridge players have graduated to our Wednesday afternoon Invitational Game.

Bad News

We are now left with 1 ½ tables on Wednesday mornings.

Solution

Recruit more new players for Easybridge

On Wednesday, April 7 from 9:30am to 11:30 am we will look forward to seeing players who have taken or are taking lessons, players who would like to give duplicate a try. If you haven't played in a long time, we'd like you too.

Entry fee is \$5 for the game and refreshments.

We will be doing a mailing in 2 or 3 weeks. If you do not receive a notice, give us a call for information.

Norma
at the Studio - 346-3773
at home - 372-4216

**The deadline for the next newsletter
is April 5, 2004**

Personal Notes

Condolences to Diane Burger on the death of her father; to Louis and Myra Brickman on the death of Louis's sister; to Honey Teresi on the death of her husband; to Gert Fialkoff on the death of her husband; to Judy Gluck on the death of her brother.

Get well wishes to Suellen Stuart who is recovering from surgery; to Marge Gavin; and to Dot Fineberg.

Congratulations to Bob and Rosanne Kistler on the arrival from China of their new granddaughter, Lianne.

Bridge Classes **Niskayuna**

Classes start the first week in March
All classes are 7pm-9pm

Monday – Advanced Beginners

Topics include
Forcing vs. Non-forcing bids
Stayman
Defensive Bidding
Leads
Bidding slams
Introduction to Signaling

Tuesday – Introduction to Duplicate

Topics include
The difference between duplicate and social bridge
Scoring and related strategies
The Convention Card
The importance of overtricks
The role of the director

Wednesday – Play of the Hand

This course also includes some conventions in common use

Thursday – Advanced Bridge

Topics include
2 over 1
Squeezes
Dummy Reversals
Dangerous Opponents
Advanced Signals
Competitive Bidding

For more information, call Fran or Gene Leary (372-7806)

Unit 115

Book Sale

We will have an expanded book sale in **April**. We will include **videos, tapes, and CDs**. Save your used copies and donate them to Unit 115. Save your money and come and buy at our April tournament.

Awards Dinner

A committee is investigating having the Awards Dinner at the Studio this year. We are in the process of examining menus from catering establishments.

We are trying to keep the cost down to \$10, with the expectation of a higher attendance.

If you have some input, please contact Diane Burger, Maryclare Devlin, or Fran Leary.

Congratulations

to our Unit 115 members who earned master points at the Rye Regional in January

Pricilla Cleary
Phyllis Manley

2nd Place in Bracket A of the Wednesday evening side game, 26 pairs

Ross Lounsbury
Marigay Harkins
Carolyn Combi
Brian Sann

4th Place in Bracket 2 of the Friday Compact KO, 12 teams

Andrew Dubay
Bill Dubay

3rd Place in Bracket A of the Sunday morning side game, 28 pairs

Rank Changes

The following Unit members have attained new master point levels
Congratulations!

Junior Master (5MPs)

Diane Alexander
Ruth Dinowitz
George Zautner

Club Master (20 MPs)

Ulla Sattinger
Patricia Dorsey
Diann Gates

Sectional Master (50MPs, includes 5 silver)

Jean Drake
Michael Esposito
Marcia Metzger
Joseph Phillips

Regional Master (100 MPs, includes 15 silver)

Sharon Farley
Adele O'Leary
Joyce Mass

NABC Master (200-300 / 5 gold, 15 red)

Munir Jabbur
Rosanne Kistler
Dorothy Kraus
Anne Lapinski
Sandra Patack
Amelia Urbano

Life Master (300 MPs, includes 50 black, 25 gold)

Sandra Graper
Donald Bathrick
Anne McAteer

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)

Donald Bathrick
Marilyn Boyd

Silver Life Master(1,000 MPs)

Ruth Anderson

Diamond Life Master(5,000 MPs)

Judy Dubay

STaC of
January 26-February 1, 2004

Congratulations

**to the 83 players
who earned master points in
CDBA events**

**31 players received more than
3 Master Points**

**Those receiving 4 or more
Master Points are**

Bill Dubay	14.69
Steve Paskin	12.94
Judy Dubay	8.75
Al Ross	8.50
Judy Meyer	8.25
Charles Schmidt	7.61
Norma Shelly	6.56
Winifred Tyrell	6.56
Margaret Morgan	5.88
Frances Stone	5.88
Erwin Mosher	5.87
Richard Shuey	4.54

Think Spring!



2003 Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings - Unit 115
(updated 2/6/2004)

In 1974 the ACBL Board of Directors voted to recognize the masterpoint achievements of all players. Thus arose the Mini-McKenney races. The winners at each level of achievement (Rookie, Junior Master, etc.) are recognized by the ACBL each year in the March issue of The Bridge Bulletin.

To recognize achievement at the Club level, in 1984 the Ace of Club competition was created. These club championships are recognized at the unit level and ACBL-wide. All points won at the club level are counted in this contest with the exception of those won in StaCs, progressive sectionals, NABC fund-raiser events, the North American open pairs, and the Grand National Teams.

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
Rookie	Judy Hill Richard Hill	Joseph Phillips Barbara Zautner Mary-Eliz Fitzgerald
Junior Master	Joseph Phillips Barbara Zautner Paul Cuerdon	Louise Landry Bette Sovik Berne Kouba
Club Master	Bette Sovik Lois Tuohey Louise Landry	Amelia Urbano Anne Lapinski Myra Brickman
Sectional Master	Amelia Urbano Anne Lapinski Barbara McDonald	Charles Schmidt Ruben Aboody Louis Urbano
Regional Master	Charles Schmidt Louis Urbano Dorothy Kraus	William Teiper Erwin Mosher Lee Pearson
NABC Master	William Teiper Shirley Grady Erwin Mosher	Andrew Archibald Louis Brickman Andree Glansberg
Life Master	Ross Lounsbury Andrew Archibald Andree Glansberg	Robert Neuhart Mary Anne Pickett Mary Fredrick
Bronze Life Master	Robert Neuhart Bernard Neuhart Mary Fredrick	Lois August June Barach Joan Meyer
Silver Life Master	Lucy Spongberg Gary Spongberg Donald Cohen	Harry Kaufman Judy Dubay Anthony Prindle
Gold Life Master	Walter Smith Harry Kaufmann Stephen Paskin	Albert Ross William Dubay William Nelson
Diamond Life Master	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Steve Bloom	Lynn Deas
Grand Life Master	Lynn Deas	
Andrew Dubay	Andrew Dubay Judy Hill Richard Hill	

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Fri-Sun	Feb 20-22	Electric City Sectional, Studio
Thurs-Sun	Mar 18-28	Spring NABC, Reno, Nevada Hilton
Wed evening	Mar 24	ACBL-Wide Charity Game #1
Wed-Sun	April 21-25	North Falmouth, Mass. Senior Regional
Fri-Sun	April 23-25	Uncle Sam Sectional, Studio
Saturday	May 1	President's Cup, Studio

Club Events

Monday	Feb 23	Noon	ACBL-wide Senior Game, Studio
Wednesday	March 3		Unit Championship (Local Rated), participating clubs
Wednesday	March 17	Noon	Invitational CC & St. Patrick's Day Party, Studio
Friday	March 19		Unit Championship (Local Rated), participating clubs
Wednesday	April 7	Noon	Invitational Club Championship, Team Game, Studio

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Remember the Book Sale
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President's Message

At our first meeting of 2004, the unit board welcomed two new board members and officers. Tom Ludwig replaced Mary Williams as treasurer, and Renie Federighi replaced Mary Frances Collins as membership secretary. Welcome "aboard".

Maryclare Devlin continues as correspondence secretary, and Marian Clowe remains as vice president. Thank you board members and officers for your service. You have all helped my first year as president go smoothly, at least from my perspective. There is still space available on the board for someone who might be interested in contributing. Let me know and we'll talk about it.

I'd like to also thank our hard working newsletter editor, Rosanne Kistler. She welcomes your contributions.

The "Daily Gazette" has begun running local bridge results in the Thursday edition. This is happening as a direct result of the volunteer efforts of Clem Di Carlo. Thanks, Clem. Letters, e-mails and telephone calls of support for the column to the newspaper would be appreciated.

I hope everyone plans to support the **book/media sale** during the **April sectional**. Proceeds will benefit the Saratoga regional hospitality fund. Thanks to Mary Williams, Fran Leary and Lorrie Chamberlin who are in charge this year. Also, thanks to Norma and Glenn who graciously help and let us use their space.

I'm sad to say that the April sectional will be Bill Dubai's last time directing at one of our sectionals. Bill wants to be able to play more bridge himself, so I guess we have to forgive him for retiring. We have been very fortunate to have his expertise at the helm. Thank you, Bill.

May Day, **Saturday May 1**, brings the **President's Cup**. This is a one-session team event where each team consists of four players who have attained different masterpoint levels. This is a great way to familiarize yourself with team strategy, learn a bit, and get to know one another. I missed playing in this just once; it is perhaps my favorite unit event. You may sign up yourself, form your own team or part of a team if you wish. Norma Shelly and Lorrie Chamberlin who work very hard on this every year, will help round out the teams. Please, if you agree to play and then find yourself unable to, let someone know as soon as possible.

Please join us **Saturday, June 1**, at the **Studio** for the **Awards Dinner** where we will honor our 2003 awards winners and new life masters. A nice (and inexpensive) menu is planned. The dinner will be followed by a charity game.

Several people have asked for the Marvin Friedman award, given for good conduct and ethics at the bridge table to be reinstated. The Board voted to do this at the last board meeting.

The **Saratoga Regional** is around the corner - **June 14 - 20**. The schedule is in the April bridge bulletin and on the ACBL web site, www.acbl.org. Great location, great time of year, great hospitality, great partnership desk, and great bridge. Gold points ...let's make Saratoga the June place to be.

Now that Spring has finally sprung, let's all spring to the bridge table.

Diane Burger

New Dates!

There is a change in the dates of our
September Sectional:

original date Sept. 17-19, 2004

new date Sept. 10-12, 2004

The NAOP Final will be held in New Jersey on
September 18, 2004 which is the reason for the
change in our Sectional date.

This 'n That from your District Director

As I am writing this article, the Reno Spring NABC is drawing to an end, breaking all records along the way. Six years ago. Reno had 13,996 tables and as of this morning (last day to still count) the table count is 14,207 tables.... the largest Spring NABC on record! Congratulations to a great group of volunteers!

I think the best news from this tournament is that our very own Lynn Deas has been named the 2004 Recipient of the Sydney Lazard Jr. Sportsmanship Award. This award will be officially presented to Lynn at the Hall of Fame Banquet at the NABC in New York this summer. Sydney Lazard created this award several years ago when his son passed away. It is to recognize great sportsmanship at the highest level of bridge competition. Lynn is the fourth player to receive this special honor. The others were Paul Soloway, Rose Meltzer and Larry Cohen...note that 3 out of the four had their roots in District 3..... Congratulations Lynn.... a well deserved honor.

Our membership continues to grow. We have 167,231 members of which 149,855 are paid members. ... 561 more paid members than last year. Slow but steady wins the race! Regionals and Sectionals and STaC's also are continuing to grow and club attendance is healthy as well.

Our Saratoga Springs Regional is just around the corner. We are expecting great things this year. We have even taken a few extra rooms to handle the overflow from the Prime Hotel at the brand new Courtyard By Marriott which will be opening June 1st. We have extra morning Side Game Series Games this year and wonderful hospitality. Make sure you plan to spend lots of days with us. We're hoping for 1200 tables this year. Help us reach our goal!

Make sure to check our web site:

www.bridge-district3.org

to see updates on the Grand National Teams to be held on April 17th; the Saratoga Spring Regional in June; and click on the NY NABC logo to see all the great plans for the NABC in New York City in July.

See you soon,
Joan Gerard

Club Corner

The Studio

Wed April 28	Noon	Local-rated
Wed May 5	Noon	Inv CC Team Game
Thurs May13	Noon	International Fund Game
		Pre-dealt hands-Hand records
		\$6.75 entry fee
Mon May 17	Noon	Inv CC
Tues May 25	7pm	Non-LM CC
Thurs May 27	Noon	CC

**Studio will be closed
Saturday May 29 and Monday May 31**

Reminder

The week of May 2 - 8
all local clubs will charge \$1
to benefit the Regional Fund

Awards Banquet / Charity Game

at the Studio, 12 Noon

Saturday

June 5, 2004

The menu will consist of Green Salad, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Lemon Chicken Cutlets, Beef Burgundy, Green Beans in butter sauce, Baked Ziti rolls, butter, dessert, coffee and soft drinks. The cost is \$10. After lunch, dessert will be served and the Awards presented. A charity bridge game will follow.

personal Notes

Get well wishes to Anne Marie Gapp and Eleanor Miller.

Speedy recovery to Fran Leary **who had shoulder surgery.**

Condolences to Judy August **on the death of her mother; to the family of Dorothy Fineberg; and to Larry Berman on the death of his niece.**

Electric City Sectional

Results

February 20-22, 2004

FRIDAY AFTERNOON strat open (38 pairs)

A	B	C
1		Lynn Deas, Judith Shulman
2		Joan Meyer, Judy Duban
3		Marilyn Beames, Phyllis Manley
4		Arthur Bernhardt, David Standig
5		Pricilla Cleary, Carol Chandler
6	1	Bibs Pankin, Martin Birnby
	2	1 Amelia Urbano, Louis Urbano
	3	2 Richard Clark, Louis Brickman
	4	Peter Wick, Edward Wink
	5	Morris Cramer, Joseph Phillips
	6	3 Erwin Mosher, Germaine Graf
		4 John O'Brien, David Nerrow

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 299er (10 Pairs)

A	B
1	1 John McDonald, Barbara McDonald
2	Anne Lapinski, Dorothy Kraus
3	2 Jean Drake, Bette Sovik
4	3 Roberta Berk, Sadie Schneider

FRIDAY EVENING strat open (12 Pairs)

A	B	C
1	1	Brian Schroeder, David Standig
2	2	Gary Spongberg, Lucy Spongberg
3		Stephen Paskin, Walter Smith
4		Arthur Bernhardt, Albert Ross
	3	1 Ulla Sattinger, Michael Sattinger
	4	Rita Redlich, June Barach
		2 Louis Urbano, Amelia Urbano

SATURDAY MORNING strat open (31 Pairs)

A	B	C
1		Anthony Prindle, Albert Ross
2		Rita Block, Rita Redlich
3		Martin Birnby, Carol Chandler
4		Gary Spongberg, Lucy Spongberg
5		Brian Schroeder, David Standig
6		Stephen Paskin, Gerald Cohen
	1	1 John Gazak, Lukas Fekete
	2	Bernard Newhart, Robert Neuhart
	3	William Teiper, Charles Schmidt
	4	Diane Burger, Mary Fredrick
		2 Anne Lapinski, Sandra Graper

SATURDAY MORNING 299ers (10 Pairs)

A	B	C
1	1	Barbara McDonald, John McDonald
2	2	Frances Corbett, Jane Meharg
3/4	3/4	David Funk, Conrad Bader
3/4	3/4	1 Ulla Sattinger
		Michael Sattinger
		2 Charles Close, Owen Smith

SATURDAY AFTERNOON strat open (22 Pairs)

A	B	C
1	1	Diane Burger, Mary Frederick
2		Stephen Paskin, Robert Donald
3		Nicholas Ecker Racz, Norma Shelly
4		Brian Schroeder, David Standig
5		Lynn Deas, Courtney Nelson
6	2	1 John Gazak, Lukas Fekete
	3	Bernard Neuhart, Robert Neuhart
	4	2 Amelia Urbano, Louis Urbano
		3 William Wade, Andrew Dubay

SUNDAY - Bracket I Swiss (5 Teams)

1	Anthony Prindle, Martin Birnby, Albert Ross, Bibs Pankin
2	Donna Natili, Neil Chambers, Judy Dubay, Robert Neuhart

SUNDAY - Bracket II Swiss (5 Teams)

1	Nicholas Ecker Racz, Norma Shelly, Mary Frederick, Bernard Newhart
2	Diane Burger, Diana Gravlin, Ruth Anderson, Maryclare Devlin

SUNDAY - Bracket III Swiss (8 Teams)

1/2	William Teiper, John Riopelle, Shirley Grady, Joseph Phillips
1/2	Dorothy Kraus, Charles Schmidt, Anne Lapinski, Sandra Graper
3/4	John O'Brien, Dorothea Tobin, Germaine Graf, David Nerrow
3/4	Louis Urbano, Amelia Urbano, Myra Brickman, Louis Brickman



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

The deadline for the next newsletter is
May 15th

Rank Changes

The following Unit members have attained new master point levels

Club Master

(20 MPs)

William Freedman

Sectional Master

(50 MPs, includes 5 silver)

Rosemary Grant

Regional Master

(100 MPs, includes 15 silver)

Christopher Almy

Life Master

(300 MPs, includes 50 black, 25 gold)

Louis Urbano

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)

Louis Brickman

Silver Life Master

(1,000 MPs)

John Rose

Grand National Teams

Saturday

April 17

Memorial United Methodist Church

White Plains, NY

Now is the time to form teams for District 3's **Grand National Teams** to be held **Saturday, April 17** at the Memorial United Methodist Church in White Plains, NY.

Game time is **12:30 pm** with a complimentary brunch available at 11:30am.

The details, including format, masterpoint restrictions for the 4 flights, and driving directions, can be found at District 3's website:

www.bridge-district3.org

President's Cup

The President's Cup Tournament

will be held

Saturday

May 1

at the Studio

at 1 PM

It will be a Unit Charity Game. The format is the same as previous years. Each 4-person team will consist of a Life Master, one person having fewer than 500 MPs, one having fewer than 300 MPs, and the fourth having fewer than 100 MPs.

We will have signup sheets at all games. If you get a team of your own together, please let us know ASAP. It will save us a lot of time on the telephone. If you are looking for a team, sign up on the sheet or let us know. We will get you a team.

It's a fun format, so reserve the date!

Questions & teams:

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bridgestudio@hotmail.com

or

Lorrie Chamberlin: 286-2851

lorcham3@aol.com

Art Bernhardt has found the secret to big scoring games. He recently underwent jaw surgery and is recovering well. Well enough that he scored two 70% plus club games, one with Al Ross and one with David Standig. Maybe if we break our jaws

D. Burger

Book Sale Reminder

Our annual book sale will take place at

the Studio during the

Uncle Sam Sectional, April 23-25

Donated books may be delivered to the Studio after April 15th

PARTNER OPENS 1-OF-A-SUIT AND RHO DOUBLES

Bridge logic requires that your responses after the takeout double not be identical to those when RHO passes. First of all, raising partner's suit is more urgent in a competitive auction, and doing so after the double often makes it more difficult for LHO to act. You should raise 1H to 2H, for example, with hands as weak as

7532-974-5-QJT85, 9854-874-63-KJT9, or T8-QT9-Q862-T953

even when vulnerable. Secondly, you are responding under the assumption that RHO has 10 or more HCP's and at least 3 cards in every unbid suit. One consequence of this is that you must be wary of introducing weak new suits. For example with 9643-K6-K94-QT95 and the auction 1H-X, bid 1NT rather than 1S. Doubler probably has more spades than partner and better spades than you. Beyond such logical adjustments in your responses, there are some real innovations that enable you to describe your hand rather precisely. The four agreements below provide a short basic system. If you are interested in other methods or additional subtleties, please read the concluding paragraph of the article.

Responses Over RHO's Takeout Double

1. A new suit at the 1-level, but not the 2-level, is forcing (for 1 round).
2. Redouble promises 10 or more HCP's and "implies no fit" with opener's suit: fewer than 3 cards if the suit is a major, fewer than 5 if it is a minor.
3. "Jordan" 2NT (alertable) shows a limit raise or better: at least 3 cards if opener's suit is a major, at least 5 if it is a minor.
4. Jump raises and jump shifts are weak, rarely more than 6 or 7 points.

Explanations and Examples

1. *1-level new suit:* 1C-X-1H with 3-KJ984-J75-AQT2. Your 1H is forcing. You have enough points to redouble but that would be unwise: the opponents may bid spades and shut you out.

2-level new suit: 1S-X-2D with 7-98-KQT954-9863. You are able to show your diamonds at the 2-level with only 5 HCP's! Your 2D bid is nonforcing, shows 6 diamonds (or perhaps 5 excellent ones), fewer than 10 HCP's, and fewer than three spades to support opener's suit.

2. Redouble (XX) announces your points, but also implies that you have no good bid. You will rarely allow the opponents to play undoubled. Opener should pass unless extremely offense-oriented.

Examples: 1S-X-XX with 62-KJ94-AJT-QJ93, 1H-X-XX with 8432-75-KJ64-AK4, and 1H-X-XX with 9-A6-AK8743-JT85. In the last example, 2D is a poor bid because it is passable and because it suggests fewer than 10 HCP's. Therefore you redouble and hope to *rebid* 2D. The fact that you may not get the opportunity to do so shows the *disadvantage* of our agreement concerning 2-level bids.

3. *Jordan Major:* 1H-X-2NT with A4-KQ7-T762-J854, *Jordan Minor:* 1D-X-2NT with A6-J43-KQJ65-974
4. *Jump raise:* 1D-X-3D with 86-743-QJT95-974.
(1D-X-2D with the stronger hand 86-K43-KQ952-974. Be willing to rebid 3D.)
Jump shift: 1D-X-2S with QJT954-743-974-8.

Bridge experts are sharply divided on the issue of whether your Jordan 2NT should promise 3 or 4 of partner's major. If you promise only 3, partner will sometimes want to know, in vain, whether you actually have 4. Another problem is the riskiness of a 3-level contract with only a 3-card limit-raise: the "law of total tricks" is often violated, a bad trump split occurs when doubler is very short in partner's suit, and partner sometimes opens light in third seat. There is also a risk with promising 4: you have to start with a redouble when you have only 3, and the opponents' bidding could prevent you from making a suitable rebid. An uncertainty of both approaches is whether you have a limit raise or a game forcing raise. Innovations by Marty Bergen enable you to replace Jordan by *safer and more informative bids*. First, to show 4 hearts, say, use Bergen raises, 3C, 3D, 3H, with 3C as limit raise. (We consistently reverse

Bergen's original uses of clubs and diamonds in order to follow "the more you have, the less you bid.") Next, let 2C = 3-card limit-raise, and 2NT = *Jacoby* forcing raise. If you can remember the artificial 2C bid, you will rarely miss the natural 2C response. We now have a big improvement over Jordan in safety and precision. There remains one inaccuracy, resulting from the (desirable) weak raises of 1H to 2H (and, of course, similarly for spades). If you also bid 2H with, say, 8-10 HCP's, the range of the 2H raise can be too large for partner's accurate planning. Bergen's solution is make 2D another artificial bid, and use the bids 2C, 2D, 2H analogously to 3C, 3D, 3H. Specifically, these 2-level bids promise exactly 3 hearts with the respective HCP's, roughly, 11-12, 8-10, and 3-7. In other words, 2C is a limit-raise, 2D is a "constructive raise," and 2H is a (mildly) preemptive raise. Such a system of 2-level bids is sometimes called BROMAD, or Bergen raises of major after double.

Thanks to Marty Bergen, Tony Prindle, the 2001 Bridge Encyclopedia, and a book by Max Hardy.

Submitted by Louis Brickman

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Summer NABC
July 8 - July 18
New York City

Among the many preparations for this event,
the Hospitality Committee
has put together
an array of subsidized tours for all ACBL guests.
Please visit
www.newyorknabc.com
for ticket forms and comprehensive tour descriptions

There will be a Program / Restaurant Guide that will be given to all the players at Registration. It will contain the complete Schedule of Events the Celebrity Speaker Program a list of all Seminars and a restaurant guide.

It will also show many of the highlights of touring in New York City, as well as ways to get around !

Reinstatement of the Marvin Friedman Award

At the last meeting of the Board of directors, the Board voted to reinstate the Marvin Friedman award. This award was eliminated in 1998 (along with several others).

However, several people have approached various Board members suggesting that it be reinstated.

The Marvin Friedman Award was initiated in 1986 after Marvin's death in 1985. It is to be given to the player whose conduct best exemplifies those standards that Marvin represented.

Marvin had many accomplishments, including being a Johns Hopkins graduate, a WW2 veteran, a Rotarian, and founder and owner of the Van Dyke Restaurant. He served on the boards of SCCC, HVCC, and Proctor's Theater (just to name a few). He served as host at his home and restaurant for many parties and dinners for CDBA. He was named a Patroon by Mayor Karen Johnson.

Marvin was a gentleman, and was the epitome of graciousness and good manners. It is fitting that the award that bears his name should continue.

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Saturday	April 17	Grand National Teams District Final, White Plains, NY
Wed-Sun	Apr 21-25	Cape Cod Senior Regional, North Falmouth, Mass.
Fri-Sun	April 23-25	Uncle Sam Sectional, Studio
Saturday	May 1	President's Cup, Studio
Saturday	June 5	Awards Banquet, Bridge Game, Studio
Mon-Sun	June 7-13	STaC, participating clubs
Mon-Sun	June 14-20	SARATOGA REGIONAL
Wed-Sun	June 23-27	Sturbridge, Mass - Regional
Thurs-Mon	July 8-18	Summer NABC, New York City Hilton

Club Events

Wednesday	April 28	Unit Championship (Local Rated), participating clubs
Mon-Sun	May 2-8	Regional Support Week - all Clubs
Wednesday	May 5	Noon Invitational Club Championship, Team Game, Studio
Thursday	May 13	Noon International Fund Game, Studio
Monday	May 17	Noon Invitational Club Championship, Studio
Tuesday	May 25	7pm Non-life master Club Championship, Studio
Thursday	May 27	Noon Club Championship, Studio
Monday	May 31	Unit Championship (Local Rated), participating clubs

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Look inside for information on the
Danbury, Connecticut Regional



Falling Leaves Sectional
Studio of Bridge & Games
1639 Eastern Parkway
Schenectady, NY 12309

Friday, September 10, 2004

Stratified Open Pairs.....1:00 pm
(Strat A: 1500+ Strat B: 500-1500 Strat C: 0-500)

Stratified 0 – 300 Pairs.....1:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs.....7:00 pm
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Saturday, September 11, 2004

Stratified Open Pairs.....10:00am

Stratified 0 – 300 Pairs.....10:00am

Stratified Open Pairs 3:00pm

Sunday, September 12, 2004

Bracketed Swiss Teams1:00pm

For partnership information, please call Bernie Neuhart: 372-3936

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President's Message

It's August and once again it's the Saratoga place to be. It was great to see so many area bridge players support the Saratoga Regional in June. Thanks to Anne Lapinski and her group of volunteers who manned the hospitality desk. Thanks also to Fran Leary who organized the caddies and manned the hospitality suite.

Thanks to Maryclare Devlin and her committee for putting on the awards dinner. The food (Roma's) was quite delicious. Congratulations to all our award winners.

Speaking of awards, our Lynn Deas keeps on topping herself - she really is the Queen of tops. She was on a team that won the mixed teams in the NYC NABC. Also, she recently went over 25,000 masterpoints. Lynn is the first woman ever to do this. What a remarkable player she is.

It was nice to see that so many of our players supported the NYC NABC. Our unit contributed an ad to the restaurant pamphlet which was given to players with their welcoming gift. The ad was designed by our newsletter editor, Rosanne Kistler.

Well, we survived our first sectional without **Bill Dubay** directing for us. It was nice to see him playing a lot, though. Bernie Gorkin did a great job, and I thank all our players who gave him a hand. Susan Patricelli will be directing in September. Bernie tells me he and Susan will probably be alternating sectionals for us.

At our last meeting, several board members noted that players have been behaving better at the bridge table recently. This is a trend we'd sure like to see continue. We have been seeing new faces and want to keep them.

Early autumn brings lots more bridge events. Our next sectional is Sept 10-12. On Saturday, September 18, the district North American Open Pairs 2 session finals will be held in Mahwah, NJ beginning with brunch at 11:30am, game at 12:30pm, and second session to be announced. There is no Unit final. so if you have qualified in a club game, you are eligible. Directions can be found at the district 3 website

www.bridge-district3.org

This event pays lots of points and the top three winners get invited to the finals at one of the NABCs.

Saturday **October 2nd** is the date for our **second annual life master / nonlife master pair event** for \$10.02 / pair, at the Studio. Our next **STaC** is scheduled for October 11-17; and finally, District 3's autumn regional has been changed from Kerhonkson to Danbury, Conn. running October 18-24.

So make your plans to play. I'll see you at the bridge table.

Diane Burger

Club Corner

The Studio

August 19, Thursday, Noon

NAOP qualifying

August 24, Tuesday, 7pm

Non Life-master CC

August 28, Saturday, 12:30 pm

NAOP qualifying

August 30, Monday, Noon

Invitational Charity CC

September 1, Wednesday, Noon

Game time for team game

September 4, Saturday

September 6, Monday

September 27, Monday, Noon

Invitational CC

September 30, Thursday, Noon

CC

October 2, Saturday, 12:30PM

Pro-Am 10/02 Pair Game

Come play in the Pro-Am Pair game

at 12:30 at the Studio

for \$10.02 per pair.

Pair up yourself or let

Diane Burger (273-5371) or

Norma Shelly (346-3773)

help find you a partner.

We'll match life masters with

pre-life masters.

Fun and learning guaranteed !

October is Club Appreciation Month.

More points for the usual entry fee.

October 6, Wednesday, Noon

CA Team Game

October 9, Saturday - **Studio closed**

October 19, Tuesday, 7pm

CA Non-life masters

October 25, Monday, Noon

Invitational CC

October 28, Thursday, Noon

CA Open

October 30, Saturday, 12:30

CA Open

Ray Ratte'

August 11, Wednesday, Noon

Local Rated Game at

Malta Ridge Methodist Church

Judi Shulman

"Third Thursday at Lake George Club"

Thursday

August 19th

Lesson at 10am

Lunch and duplicate

Topic: Slam Bidding

Cost: \$40 for the day

NAOP qualifying

All games at JCC, ROCC, B'NAI SHALOM

Sunday, August 22 thru Friday, August 27

Instant Match Point Game

Thursday

September 9

ROCC

GOLD points

Bridge Lessons

Gene Leary will be teaching 2
courses at **Boscov in Clifton Park.**

Look for an announcement in early September.

Tuesdays
Beginners at 10:15
and Play of the hand at 1:15.

Classes will run for 5 weeks.

Fran Leary will be teaching 3 courses at **Niskayuna**.

Beginning Bridge - Mondays
starting Sept. 20
Play of the Hand - Wednesdays starting
Sept. 22

Advanced - Thursday
starting Sept. 22.

Classes will run for 6 weeks.

Please contact Vickie Holley or Fran Leary
372-7806

North American Open Pairs (NAOP)

This year there will **NOT** be Unit finals for the **NAOPs**. Members will qualify at the Club level and go directly to the District finals which will be held this year on

**Saturday,
September 18, 2004
at**

**The Immaculate Conception
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Mahway, New Jersey**

Information about this event is posted on the district website
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personal Notes

Congratulations to **Myra and Louis Brickman** on their son David's marriage.

Best wishes to **Frank Mastrianni** and **Andrea Spiciarich** on their marriage.

Best wishes to the following members and friends who have been ill: **Marion Sheehan, Anthony Prindle, Fran Leary, Winifred Tyrell.**

Condolences to the families of **Sybil Harvey, Barbara Beebe, and Bertha Malmed.**

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From Marion Sheehan:

To my many friends in the bridge world who visited me, brought surprises, sent greetings -- I sincerely thank you all. It was a joy to be the recipient of your thoughtfulness. And it's good seeing you at the bridge table again.

Marion Sheehan

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We'd like to thank **Bill Dubay** for his excellent directing these past many years. We will certainly miss his directing, but we're glad to have him playing again.

Rank Changes

The following Unit members have attained new master point levels

Junior Master(5 MPs)

**Susan Eastman
Mary Ryder Wright**

Club Master (20 MPs)

**John Matuszek
Roberta Matuszek
Nancy Nitsberg
Joseph Russo**

Sectional Master **(50 MPs, includes 5 silver)**

**Berne Kouba
Evelyn Markowitz
Dick Shuey
Lisa Weaver**

Life Master **(300 MPs, includes 50 black, 25 gold)** **Shirley Grady**

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)

**Ruth Bickel
Anne McAteer
Marian Webster**

Silver Life Master (1,000 MPs)

**Diane Burger
Glenn Creath
Joan Fisher
Mary Anne Pickett**

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115

as of August 1, 2004

In 1974 the ACBL Board of Directors voted to recognize the masterpoint achievements of all players. Thus arose the Mini-McKenney races. The winners at each level of achievement (Rookie, Junior Master, etc.) are recognized by the ACBL each year in the March issue of The Bridge Bulletin. To recognize achievement at the Club level, in 1984 the Ace of Club competition was created. These club championships are recognized at the unit level and ACBL-wide. All points won at the club level are counted in this contest with the exception of those won in StaCs, progressive sectionals, NABC fund-raiser events, the North American open pairs, and the Grand National Teams.

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
Rookie	Susan Eastman Daniel Wulff Ellen Finch	Ellen Finch Mary Ryder Wright Francis Lordi
Junior Master	Diane Alexander Michael Sattinger Roberta Matuszek John Matuszek	Diane Alexander Michael Sattinger Conrad Bader
Club Master	Judy Hill Richard Hill Richard Shuey	Judy Hill Richard Hill Richard Shuey
Sectional Master	Andrew Dubay Joseph Phillips Jill Factor	Andrew Dubay Keam Drale Jill Factor
Regional Master	Barbara McDonald John McDonald Ruben Aboody	Ruben Aboody Donald Klimchak Robert Freer
NABC Master	Charles Schmidt William Wade Margaret Peruzzi	Charles Schmidt Amelia Urbano Dorothy Kraus
Life Master	Louis Urbano William Teiper Louis Brickman	Louis Urbano William Teiper Louis Brickman
Bronze Life Master	Diane Burger Robert Neuhart William Peruzzi	John Riopelle Mary Anne Pickett Andree Glansberg
Silver Life Master	Gary Spongberg Lucy Spongberg Mary Fredrick	Mary Fredrick Donald Cohen Joan Meyer
Gold Life Master	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Harry Kaufman	Stephen Paskin Harry Kaufman Phyllis Manley
Diamond LifeMaster	Betty Bloom Steve Bloom Sandra Nelson	Albert Ross William Dubay Judy Dubay
Grand Life Master	Lynn Deas	Lynn Deas

Majestic Adirondack Sectional

Results
July 23-25, 2004

FRIDAY AFTERNOON strat open (43 pairs)

A	B	C	
1			Stefan Rzas, Nele Rzas
2	1	1	Rosemary Mullaney, Sandra Quinn
3	2		Ross Lounsbury, Robert Valenti
4			Donna Natili, Ronald Harvey
5	3		Gino and Katie Scalamandre
6	4		Edward Supple, Rita Block
	5		Charles Schmidt, Lorrie Chamberlin
	6		Harvey Kevorkian, Mary Williams
	2		Carolyn Combi, Lukas Fekete
	3		Kathy Needham, Marilyn Hart

FRIDAY AFTERNOON non-masters (8 Pairs)

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Judy Hill, Richard Hill
2	2		Barbara McDonald, John McDonald
3			Lorraine Waite, Elizabeth Mitchell
	3	2	Renie Federighi, Carol O'Connor

FRIDAY EVENING strat open (20 Pairs)

A	B	C	
1			Morton Friedman, Satya Pabuwal
2			Richard Underwood, Stephen Paskin
3	1		Robert Neuhart, Bernard Neuhart
4			Roger Woodin, Mary Gorkin
5			Diane Burger, Robert Donald
6			Arthur Bernhardt, Albert Ross
	2		Paul Meier, Beth Snyder
	3	1	Susan Eastman, Mary Ryder Wright
	4	2	Robert Baker, Melissa Baker
	5	3	Mary Ellen Nevin, Robert Nevin
	4		Diana Lack, Gary Belcher

SATURDAY MORNING strat open (32 Pairs)

A	B	C	
1			Betty Bloom, Steve Bloom
2			Steven Shaye, Donna Natili
3			Gerald Cohen, Stephen Paskin
4	1		Joanne Schlang, Teri Landin
5			Anthony Prindle, Albert Ross
6/7			Morton Friedman, Satya Pabuwal
6/7	2	1	Robert Baker, Melissa Baker
	3		William Peruzzi, Margaret Peruzzi
	4		Patsy and John Schulenberg
	5		Robert Kistler, Rosanne Kistler

SATURDAY MORNING 299ers (10 Pairs)

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Robert & Mary Ellen Nevin
2	2	2	Daniel Wulff, Bonnie Taylor
3			Judy Hill, Richard Hill
4			Judith Ludwig, Tom Ludwig

SATURDAY AFTERNOON strat open (34 Pairs)

A	B	C	
1			Morton Friedman, Satya Pabuwal
2			Nicholas Ecker Racz, Norma Shelly
3			Robert Donald, Stephen Paskin
4	1		Harvey Kevorkian, Peter Wick
5	2		Nancy Hayden, Mary Fredrick
6			William Dubay, Harry Kaufmann
	3		Gino and Katie Scalamandre
	4	1	Judy Hill, Richard Hill
	5		William & Margaret Peruzzi
	2		Robert Baker, Melissa Baker
	3		Doris Yolish, Michael Soobitsky
	4		Stanley Cohen, Sandra Cohen

SUNDAY - Bracket I Swiss (5 Teams)

1	Ronald Harvey, Lynn Deas, Betty Bloom, Steve Bloom
2	William Dubay, Judy Dubay, Sandra Nelson, William Nelson, Harry Kaufmann

SUNDAY - Bracket II Swiss (5 Teams)

1	Diane Burger, Mary Williams, Janice Farrell, Bibs Pankin
2	Robert Neuhart, Bernard Neuhart, Gino Scalamandre, Katie Scalamandre

SUNDAY - Bracket III Swiss (7 Teams)

1	Diana Lack, Jonathan Lack, David Lack, Joyce Lack
2	Mabel Siler, Barbara McDonald, John McDonald, Marilyn Hart
3	Susan Eastman, Mary Ryder Wright, Robert Baker, Melissa Baker



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Thurs. eve.	Sept. 9	ACBL Instant Match Point Game - participating clubs
Fri-Sun	Sept. 10-12	FALLING LEAVES SECTIONAL, Studio
Saturday	Sept. 18	NAOP District Finals, 1st Session, Mahwah, NJ
Saturday	Oct. 2	Pro/Am Game, Studio, 12:30pm
Mon-Sun	Oct. 11-17	StaC, participating clubs
Mon-Sun	Oct. 18-24	District 3 Autumn Leaf Regional, Danbury, Ct.
Mon-Sun	Oct. 25-31	Lancaster Regional, Lancaster, Pa.
Tues-Sun	Nov. 9-14	Niagara Falls (Ontario) Regional
Thurs-Sun	Nov. 18-28	Fall NABC, Orlando, Fl.

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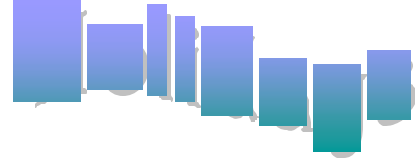
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Sunday
December 12
Noon
At the Studio

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President's Message

Change is in the air as fall turns into winter. I'd like to welcome Carolyn Combi, Dorothy Kraus, and Rob Neuhart to the Unit 115 board. Rob will be taking over as Unit scheduler. A big thank you to Ross Lounsbury who has done this tricky job for several years. Sue Eastman has agreed to be our new newsletter editor. Rosanne and Sue will share the job for an issue or two as Sue learns the ropes. Rosanne, you have done an outstanding job.

Seasoned people help the board to run smoothly, but new blood can inspire us. I'd like to ask all members, newer and older, to con- helping the unit in some capacity. Serving on the board, helping with refreshments at unit events, and encouraging newer players are a few possibilities. Bernie Neuhart is seeking mentors for several newer players. Who knows? You could be helping a future champion.

Speaking of champions, our local ones continue to dazzle us. Neil Chambers was on the winning world senior knockout teams. (I didn't think he was old enough.) Steve Bloom just became the ACBL's newest Grand Life Master with over 10,000 points and two North American championships - Swiss Teams and Mixed Teams. Finally, we have Lynn Deas with 25,000 plus points who is #22 on the list

of lifetime top masterpoint winners. It truly is an honor to play with and against them.

Healthy and Happy Holidays to all and hoping to greet you (and beat you) at the bridge table.

Diane Burger



This 'n That from your District Director

Just home from two long and special trips... The first one was to the World Bridge Championships which this year were held in October in Istanbul. My role there was to represent the ACBL on the World Bridge Federation Council; to serve on the Laws Drafting Committee for the new Laws of Duplicate Bridge which will be published in late 2006 or 2007; and to act as the Vice Chairman of Appeals. Istanbul was a fabulous tournament -- well organized by the Turkish Bridge Federation as well as by the WBF. The country is beautiful -- lots of exciting palaces, mosques and gorgeous scenery. The Grand Bazar that everyone talks about is amazing -- the biggest and the best flea market that you have ever seen. And then our USA players did very well. The Seniors came home with the Gold; the Women with the Silver Medal; and the Juniors competed in the FISU University Championships and brought home the Bronze. Only our Open Team failed to medal and that was because they were unlucky enough to meet Italy in the round of 16.

Right after my 11-hour flight home from Istanbul, I had a few days to read my e-mail, do laundry, visit my grandchildren, cook a few meals for Ron, and then I was off to the Orlando Fall NABC to attend the Board meetings there. If you missed Orlando, you really missed one of the best NABCs ever. Jayne Thomas at the

helm as tournament chairman did a spectacular job with the entertainment, the Orlando Marriott Resort is a fabulous place to play bridge -- all under one roof, well lit and all on one floor, a reasonable room rate, many choices of places to eat, beautiful warm sunny weather ... Bridge Players cannot ask for anything more. And the attendance showed it 14,600+ tables ... the 3rd largest Fall NABC just behind the Fall Las Vegas NABC and the Orlando '92 NABC which was held at the Peabody.

News from the Board meetings..... A motion was passed that I proposed that any time there is an increase in the dues, every unit will receive an 11% share of the dues increase for each of their members. Currently, each unit receives \$3.75 for each non-Life Master. This will be increased by 11% effective January 1 when the dues increase goes into effect. A similar percentage will be given to each unit for each Life Master. Your unit uses this money to have parties, produce your newsletter, and subsidize sectionals and many other activities.

District 3's Fall Regional in Danbury, Ct. was a big success. We had just about the same number of tables that we have in the summer in Secaucus -- close to 1,500 -- and our plans are to return there next October. To start off the New Year, we will of course be back at the Hilton Rye Town and hope to see many of you there, January 11-18. It's a great way to start off the Hunt For Gold!

Both Ron and I want to wish all of you good health and much happiness in 2005. May all your games be winning ones!!

Joan Gerard, District Director

The deadline for the next newsletter
is January 15, 2005.
Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Lynn

Lynn Deas is a familiar sight in our bridge community. You can find her teaching her Monday morning class at the Studio in Schenectady, or zooming around our sectionals, always with her dog in her lap and a pair of wild and crazy socks on her feet. What many of you do not know is that 'our' Lynn is a legend to the rest of the bridge world. From her earliest successes as a young woman to her most recent triumphs at the National and World Championships she has earned title after title, and for the latter part of her life she has done it while battling a devastating neurological disease.

To find Lynn's numerous Regional and National victories all you have to do is consult the Encyclopedia of Bridge. She has also won every major World Women's Team title, including the Venice Cup and the Olympiad, some more than once. For a large part of her professional life she was ranked as the top woman player in the world, and it was only after the onset of her illness eight years ago that she lost that honor while she fought to regain her strength and her ability to travel and compete at the highest levels. The fact that her most recent world and national titles were won in the last two years prove that she has made that comeback.

At the Summer North American Bridge Championships in New York City, I sat with Lynn and watched as she was inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame. She received the Sydney H. Lazard Jr. Sportsmanship Award for her 'admirable ethical behavior and strong sense of fair play' in ACBL Bridge events at the highest level. Surrounded by her family and teammates, as well as by many of the top players in the world, Lynn and her constant companion Snapdragon (or the more descriptive name she is usually called because of her craving for affection) accepted this honor with poise and grace. She then went on to win the Master Mixed Teams National event. At the same tournament she became the first woman to pass the 25,000 Masterpoint milestone.

I am confident there are many triumphs still ahead of her because she has a spirit that will never be defeated.

Judi Shulman

Club Corner**The Studio**

December 6, Monday, 12:30 pm
Invitational CC

December 9, Thursday, Noon
Open CC

December 12, Sunday
Sybil's Christmas Party

December 16, Thursday, Noon
Open Local-Rated

December 20, Monday, 12:00
Studio Christmas Party
Upgraded CC

December 25 STUDIO CLOSED

January 1 STUDIO CLOSED

January 25, Tuesday, 7:00 Non-LM CC

January 29, Saturday, 12:30 CC

February 2, Wednesday, GAMETIME 12:00 Team CC

February 21, Monday, 12:00 Invitational Local Rated

February 28, Monday, 12:00 ACBL-Wide Senior Game

March 21, Monday, 12:00 - Club Championship

Ray Ratte'

December 7, Tuesday, Shenendahowa Senior Center
Holiday party and club championship

History 115

Did you know that in 1937, two women from Unit 115 won the Central New York Championship in Syracuse, and won 2 MPs.

The category of Life Master was created in 1936, and Master Points have been in effect since 1934. Most of our records start in 1960, and club games did not give MPs at every game. There were special announcements when a game would give out MPs. It might have been the first Monday, or such.

In 1963, the membership of CDBA was 793, and there were 23 Life Masters. It was much harder to make LM then. Red points were the only "color" points issued. Gold points were first issued in 1969. Can you imagine how many fewer LMs we'd have under the old system.

For several years, dues was \$2, which included a monthly newsletter as well as the Bulletin. The money was paid to our Secretary, and membership in the CDBA automatically meant membership in the ACBL (it is just the opposite now). A plea for people to pay their dues was in the newsletter monthly.

? 2005 Calendar?**Regional**

June 13-19

Sectionals

February 11-13

April 15-17

July 15-17

September 16-18

November 11-13

STaC games

Jan. 18-24

June 6-12

Oct. 24-30

Local Rated

February 1

February 21

March 3

March 16

April 1

April 10

May 10

May 18

June 3

August 14

August 17

September 5

September 27

October 10

November 25

President's Cup - May 2

Awards Dinner - June 4

HAPPY 2005

Electric City Sectional

February 11-13, 2005

at the

Studio

Rank Changes

Congratulations to the following Unit members who have attained new master point levels.

Club Master

Diane Anderson
Susan Eastman
Mary Wright
Daniel Wulff

Sectional Master

Ulla Sattinger

Regional Master

Nancy Gerstenberger
Mary Kiffney
Joseph Phillips

NABC Master

Andrew Dubay
Marilyn Soffer

Bronze Life Master

Jane Collins

Silver Life Master

Robert Newhart
Emily Rapoport

Congratulations to **Neil Chambers**, who won the **Gold Medal** in the **World Bridge Championships** in Turkey.

Personal Notes

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to **Bill Shelly** and **Phyllis Manley**.

Condolences to the family of **Elinor Vitelli**, and to **Sandy Cohen** on the death of her mother.

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings Unit 115

as of November 1, 2004

In 1974 the ACBL Board of Directors voted to recognize the masterpoint achievements of all players. Thus arose the Mini-McKenney races. The winners at each level of achievement (Rookie, Junior Master, etc.) are recognized by the ACBL each year in the March issue of The Bridge Bulletin.

To recognize achievement at the Club level, in 1984 the Ace of Club competition was created. These club championships are recognized at the unit level and ACBL-wide. All points won at the club level are counted in this contest with the exception of those won in StaCs, progressive sectionals, NABC fund-raiser events, the North American open pairs, and the Grand National Teams.

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
Rookie	Susan Eastman Mary Ryder Wright Daniel Wulff	Mary Ryder Wright Susan Eastman Ellen Finch
Junior Master	Diane Alexander John Matuszek Roberta Matuszek	Diane Alexander Michael Sattinger Conrad Bader
Club Master	Judy Hill Richard Hill Richard Shuey	Judy Hill Richard Hill Richard Shuey
Sectional Master	Andrew Dubay Joseph Phillips Jill Factor	Andrew Dubay Jean Drake Myra Brickman
Regional Master	John McDonald Barbara McDonald Judy Gluck	Judy Gluck Donald Klimchak Fran Gawron
NABC Master	Charles Schmidt Dorothy Kraus William Wade	Charles Schmidt Amelia Urbano Erwin Mosher
Life Master	Louis Urbano Robert Valenti William Teiper	Louis Urbano William Teiper Louis Brickman
Bronze Life Master	Robert Neuhart Ross Lounsbury Diane Burger	John Riopelle Mary Anne Pickett Lee Pearson
Silver Life Master	Gary Spongberg Lucy Spongberg Donna Natili	Mary Fredrick Teresa Fenimore Donald Cohen
Gold Life Master	Stephen Paskin Walter Smith Arthur Bernhardt	Stephen Paskin Harry Kaufmann Arthur Bernhardt
Diamond LifeMaster	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Betty Bloom	Albert Ross Judy Dubay William Dubay
Grand Life Master	Lynn Deas	Lynn Deas

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sun	Dec 12, noon	Sybil's Christmas Party, Studio
Tues-Mon	Jan 11-17	District 3 Tri-State Regional, Rye, NY
Tues-Mon	Jan 18-24	StaC, participating clubs
Fri-Sun	Feb 11-13	Electric City Sectional, Studio
Thurs-Sun	Mar 10-20	Spring NABC, Pittsburgh, PA