

Capital District Bridge Association

NEWSLETTER

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District 3 website: <http://www.bridge-district3.org>

CDBA website: <http://www.cdbanet.org>



Pittsburgh, PA Tournament Schedule

All events will be played at the David Lawrence Convention Center. Check your Bridge Bulletin or the acbl web site at <http://www.acbl.org> for changes.

Reservations

You may go to [Mega Housing](http://www.megahousing.com/acbl/Pittsburgh/pittsburgh.html) (<http://www.megahousing.com/acbl/Pittsburgh/pittsburgh.html>) to make your reservations online or call Mega Housing at 800-773-5069.

Westin

\$119 single/double

\$129 triple/quad

Omni

\$125 single/double

\$145 triple/quad

For travel assistance, contact Karen Levy at ACBL's official travel agency (Peerless Travel), 800.294.1663 x392, or 905.886.5610 x392, ask for the Bridge Desk. Fax 905.886.4019. Email karen@peerlesstravel.com.

Notes

Strata-Flighted Open Events are divided A/X, (3000+/0-3000); separate from B/C/D, (1000-1500, 500-1000, 0-500).

Strat breaks for stratified events are: A (1500+), B (500-1500), C (0-500).

The "Side Game Series" was formerly the "Continuous Pairs". Each side game in each series is a stratified red-point side game with its own overall awards. Entrants are not obligated to play in prior or subsequent sessions. Stratum A section tops will become gold if a player plays in two or more games in the same series. Gold-point series overalls will be based on a player's two best percentage scores in that series.

Entry Fees (per person/per session)

	ACBL Members**	Others
All No. American Championships with no upper masterpoint limitation*	\$16.50	Not Eligible
Other No. American Championships	\$15.00	Not Eligible
Regional Events	\$14.00	\$16.00
All Other Events	\$13.00	\$15.00

*\$1.50 per person to benefit the International Fund

** Members whose payment of dues is current and Life Masters whose service fee payment is current

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President's Message

Hi Bridge Friends,

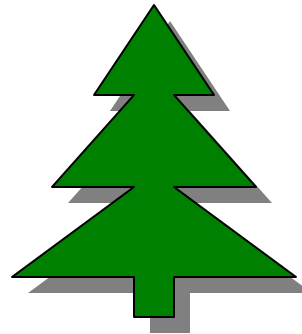
This is my last letter as president of our unit. Soon the first board meeting of 2005 will be held and officers elected. I plan to continue on the board for now, but it's time for a change.

There are many people out there who have helped me over the last two years. Thanks especially to Lorrie Chamberlin who helped to pave my way. Thanks to Maryclare Devlin, Mary Williams, Fran & Gene Leary, Rosanne & Bob Kistler, Marian Clowe, Marion Sheehan, Diana Lack, Lois Tuohey, John OBrien, Norma Shelly, Glenn White, Ross Lounsbury, Bernie Neuhart, Myra & Lou Brickman, Joan Gerard, Anne Lapinski, Sandy Graper, Paul Meier, Bill Dubay, Judi Shulman, Tom Ludwig, Mary Frances Collins, Renie Federighi, Charlene Sunderland, and Clem Di Carlo. Many other members also have contributed, and my apologies if I forgot to mention you. The heart is willing but the mind can be weak.

I wish Sue Redmond was here to read my thanks to her. I'm sorry to say we lost her this past week. Lorrie Chamberlin has written a few words about her in this issue. Sue was a real contributor to our unit; my condolences to her family.

The plan is for Marian Clowe to take over as president, and I wish her every success. Thanks to all the members who provided me with suggestions and encouragement. I look forward to continuing on board, and, of course, to seeing all of you at the bridge table in 2005.

Diane Burger



This 'n That From your District Director

District 3 started 2005 off with a bang! The Hilton RyeTown Regional was up just about 100 tables over last year. Threats of snow really did not materialize and everyone came out and had a super time. Master Points galore, great hospitality and a great schedule of events. I didn't see too many unit 115'ers. We wish you would plan to make this tournament part of your Bridge Tour in '06.

News from Jay Baum, our CEO, is encouraging. Membership is up; attendance at all tournaments as well as clubs is up and we have signed a contract with a public relations firm to work on a viable school bridge program. There is no question that if we cannot promote bridge to the youth in elementary and high schools as well as colleges and universities, we will never be able to even maintain our current membership of 168,380. Why don't you all work on getting bridge back on the campus? You know that the ACBL is more than willing to cooperate with money and promotional help.

District 3 is looking for a Newplicate Director at our 4 Regionals a year... We need a person who wants to encourage the new players to join the ACBL and to play bridge at all the levels of competition - club, sectional, regional and even an NABC. This person needs to pass the ACBL Director's course, which I am told is not difficult and then be available to direct the Newplicate games - 6 days - 2 sessions a day at our 4 Regionals a year. We serve the Newplicate players who play both the 10am and 3pm sessions a light lunch compliments of District 3 and someone goes over the hands or gives a short talk to the Newplicate players who are at the Lunch. The lunch will be made by this director and most of the time this director will also go over the hands. This is not a volunteer job. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Anyone interested should contact me by e-mail at: joanandro@att.net

You ought to be thinking of forming a team and coming to White Plains on Saturday, April 2nd to participate in the Grand National Team. There are 4 flights: Championship (no MP restrictions) will play a KO; Flights A (0-500 MP's); Flight B (0-2000 MP's) and Flight C (Non-LM - 0-500 MP's) will play a two-session Swiss. The winning team in each Flight receives a \$500 subsidy and free entries into the GNT National Championship to be held at the site of the summer NABC in Atlanta. Come and enjoy our complimentary brunch and a fun filled day of bridge.

February is Junior Month at the clubs...Please encourage your clubs to run Junior Fund games. There is no greater bridge cause than building up the young players' population. Don't forget to check District 3's web site: <http://www.bridge-district3.com> to stay up to date with happenings and changes in our District. Hope to see you soon playing bridge.

Joan Gerard, District Director

Long Island Regional April 4-10, 2005

Sheraton Long Island Hotel

110 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway • Smithtown, NY 11788 • 631.231.1100

Room rate: \$114 Cutoff date: **March 3, 2005**

MONDAY, APRIL 4

Non Life-Master/Life Master Game (Red)7 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Stratified Newcomer Game (0-200 MPs, Red) 10 am
 Stratified Senior Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
 Compact Limited Bracketed KO Teams (0-3500 MPs)
 (12-board matches) (2 sessions)..... 1 & 7 pm
 Stratified Open Pairs..... 1 & 7 pm
 Stratified Side Game Series I (1 & 2 of 4) .. 1 & 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Special Newcomer Game (0-100 MPs, Red)..... 10 am
 and same schedule as Tuesday- see above

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Same as Tuesday schedule- see above and:
 Stratified Swiss Teams (VPs) 1 & 7 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Stratified Newcomer Game
 (0-200 MPs, Red)..... 11 am & 4:30 pm
 Stratified Senior Pairs 11 am & 4:30 pm
 Stratified Open Pairs..... 11 am & 4:30 pm
 Compact Limited Bracketed KO Teams
 (0-3500 MPs) 11 am & 4:30 pm
 (12-board matches) (2 sessions)
 Stratified Side Game Series 2
 (3 & 4 of 4) 11 am & 4:30 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Same as Friday schedule -see above and:

Stratified Side Game Series 3
 (1 & 2 of 4) 11 am & 4:30 pm

All Stratified Events, unless indicated otherwise

Strat A (2000+) Strat B (750-2000) Strat C (0-750, Red)

All Newcomer Events (single-session)

Strat A (100-200) Strat B (50-100) Strat C (0-50)

Tournament Chairman

Steve Lucas 516-364-2388

All events award gold points unless indicated otherwise.

Side Game Series: Overall awards for each session are red. Event overall awards for each of the two events are gold. In each event, best two scores of four sessions count toward event overalls.

Different partners are allowed. Single-session entries sold.

Mark this date

June 13-19 Saratoga Regional

Dummies

There are three instances when Dummy ought to speak out:

- 1- If declarer is about to lead from his hand when the lead is in dummy.
- 2- If declarer does not follow suit when opponents are on lead (e.g. No spades, partner?)
- 3- If someone else speaks of an irregularity it is right to call the director (dummy should not point out the irregularity during play).

It is never proper for dummy to:

- 1- Point, moan, or use any gestures to influence declarer's play of the hand.
- 2- Alert declarer of a card placed incorrectly (vertical) after losing the trick. Wait until play is over (Catherine Harris, Bridge Bulletin, 2004, p 35).

In his latest work, Louis Brickman presents mathematical guidelines for bidding games and slams at IMPs. His work is inspired by August Boehm's interesting article in the January 2005 (p48) issue of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin. This article discusses games but not slams, and it contains a mathematical error in connection with bidding vulnerable games. For a preview (copy) of the article in its entirety, contact Lou at brickman@nycap.rr.com.

It is planned to publish Lou's article in a subsequent issue of the Newsletter when space permits. The Board Members and Editor encourage the submission of articles for publication. We will make every effort to give priority to these works authored by our own local members.

Correction

Pres cup is listed in the December Newsletter as May 2; should read May 21, Saturday.

Club Corner

The Studio

On Mondays and Weds: lunch at noon, game 12:30; First Wed: Team Game, lunch at 11:30, game at noon.

January 29, Saturday, 12:30 pm, CC

February 2, Wednesday, 12:00 pm Invitational Team CC

February 11-13, Friday 1:00 & 7:00 pm
Sat 10:00 am & 3:00 pm
Sun 1:00 pm, Winter Sectional

February 21, Monday, 12:00 pm, Invitational Local Rated

March 2, Wednesday, 12:00 pm, Invitational Local-Rated Team Game

March 16, Wednesday 12:00 pm Invitational Local-Rated Pair Game

March 17, Thursday 12:00 pm Open CC

March 21, Monday 12:00 pm Invitational CC

April 15-17 Sectional

History 115

The following is from the newsletter of June, 1960:

One of the biggest games of the year was held on the July 4th weekend at the Adirondack Inn, Sacandaga Park. It was a Sectional, but attracted a larger group of experts than most Regionals. Those named were Jacoby, Sobel, Becker, Stone, Kaplan, Harmon, Scheinwold, Moran, and many others. Those in the area had great pleasure: jousting with those titans". The unique combination of resort atmosphere and holiday spirit is the big attraction.

There were 6 days of games, 18 scheduled events. There were only 2 games in the "Team of Four". No knockouts! Admission

was \$2.25 a session. The attendance was really great. Friday afternoon had 20 tables in the women's pairs, and the men's pairs had 16. That evening, there were 48 tables in the mixed pairs.

The Board of Directors had 27 members! They were elected by areas- Schenectady, Albany, Glens Falls/Saratoga, Amsterdam, Johnstown, Gloversville and Troy. Marilyn Soffer was a member from Schenectady.

Tony Prindle is mentioned for coming in at the Amsterdam Sectional.

This is the earliest newsletter in the files of the historian. If any out there have any data on the early start, please let me know. E-mail Lorcham3@aol.com.

Sue Redmond

Sue was an active member in CDDBA since 1963. She was elected secretary that year, and continued on until 1978. Back then, the secretary's duties were recording and membership, as well as collecting dues. She also served as recording secretary of the Upper NYS Conference in 1968. She was named Mrs. Bridge that year.

She has served on the Board of Directors since 1962. Those of us who knew her remember her in the last several years as Parliamentarian and Historian. She was energetic, and kept the meetings as Roberts Rules would want them.

Sue will be missed.

Lorrie Chamberlin

Rank Changes

Junior Masters:

Harriet Hauser
Delores Maney
John O'Donnell
Alice Platt

Club Masters:

Jane Alexy
Ellen Finch
Jonathan Lack
Lew Nilllenbach
Carol Paskin

Sectional Masters:

Diane Alexander
Conrad Bader
John Matuszek
Roberta Matuszek
Mary Ellen Nevin
Michael Sattinger
John Vary

Regional Masters:

Jean Drake
Barbara Parks
Lois Tuohey

Life Masters:

Patricia Ackerman
Evelyn Fletcher
Barbara McDonald
John McDonald

Grand Life Master:

Steve Bloom

Bronze Life Master:

Evelyn Fletcher

Personal Notes

Congratulations to Donna Natili and Neil Chambers on their marriage 12-30-04.

Get well wishes to Rosemary Zongrone and Tony Prindle.

Our condolences are sent to the family and friends of Sue Redmond and to Phyllis Manley.

Saratoga Regional 2005

Recall that District 3 collected \$1 for NABC hospitality with each entry at Regionals. This money was not completely spent. District 3 plans to use our portion for a buffet dinner for players on Saturday evening during the Saratoga Regional. Each player will receive a chit with his or her entry on Saturday. Let's shock them by having the highest attendance possible. Make your plans now.

Bridge Lessons at Niskayuna High School

Lessons will resume in Continuing Ed during the first week of March. Bridge II will be offered on Monday. Play of the Hand will be given on Wednesday. Beginning Bridge I will be offered on Thursday. All classes run from 7-9 pm.

Note: Advanced Bridge will not be offered until Fall unless requested. Call Fran Leary at 372-7806 for details or Vickie Holley at Continuing Ed.

Fran Leary

After dummy is down, take a moment to plan your defense.

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings
Unit 115
as of January 19, 2005

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
Rookie	Sue Eastman Daniel Wulff Mary Ryder Wright	Daniel Wulff Mary Ryder Wright Sue Eastman
Junior Master	Roberta Matuszek Diane Alexander John Matuszek	Diane Alexander Michael Sattinger Conrad Bader
Club Master	Judy Hill Richard Hill Ulla Sattinger	Judy Hill Richard Hill Ulla Sattinger
Sectional Master	Andrew Dubay Joseph Phillips Jean Drake	Andrew Dubay Joseph Phillips Jean Drake
Regional Master	John McDonald Barbara McDonald Judy Gluck	Judy Gluck John McDonald Barbara McDonald
NABC Master	Charles Schmidt Dorothy Kraus Amelia Urbano	Charles Schmidt Erwin Mosher Amelia Urbano
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 Bernard Neuhart	Teresa Fenimore Mary Frederick Joan Meyer
Gold Life Master	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Harry Kaufmann	Stephen Paskin Anthony Prindle Harry Kaufmann
Diamond Life Master	Neil Chambers William Nelson Sandra Nelson	Albert Ross William Dubay William Nelson
Grand Life Master	Lynn Deas	Lynn Deas

STAC Results

January 2005

Monday

<i>Afternoon</i>	Points
Amelia & Lou Urbano	4.13
Glen White & Raoul Nunez	1.74

Evening

Joanne Schlang & Teri Landin	4.67
Bob Ostrander & Don Bathrick	2.63
Andrew Dubay & David Standig	1.97
Dorothea Tobin & Germaine Graf	.79
Jesse Stornelli & Robert Freer	1.22
Mary Wright & Sue Eastman	.91
Mike & Ulla Sattinger	.68

Tuesday

Afternoon

Rita Redlich & Nele Rzad	11.97
Mary Frederick & Ross Lounsbury	2.84
Bob Kistler & Raoul Nunez	2.16

Wednesday

Afternoon

Harvey Kalish & Thomas Pratt	3.03
Charles Close & Richard Shuey	2.27
Pat Fine & Marian Kunz	1.28
Pat Feulner & Sylvia Vedder	1.00

Evening

John Vary & Jonathan Insel	3.50
Judy & Andrew Dubay	2.63
Zig Mielens & Jim Ackerman	1.97
Diane & Bob Freer	2.02
Charles Schmidt & Dorothy Kraus	1.03
Mary Wright & Rod Kerr	1.52
Mike & Ulla Sattinger	.85
Chris Almy & Mike Esposito	.81

Thursday

Afternoon

Pat Collopy & Lee Tabner	3.33
Bette Sovik & Jean Drake	2.50
Barbara & John McDonald	1.87
Margaret Davis & Frances Corbett	1.40

Esther Roche & Rita Block	1.05
John & Roberta Matuszek	1.17
Diane Alexander & Conrad Bader	.84

Evening

Diana Lack & Sol Seinberg	3.00
Art Bernhardt & David Standig	2.25
Mike & Ulla Sattinger	1.69
John O'Brien & Bill Dubay	1.27
Bob Donald & Steve Paskin	.95
Anne & Len Lapinski	1.05
Gary Belcher & Mary Wright	.79

Friday

Afternoon

Marty Birnby & Rita Redlich	5.32
Judy Dubay & Joan Meyer	1.68
Amelia & Louis Urbano	5.13
Mary Murphy & Rod Kerr	.67

Saturday

Afternoon

Phyllis French & Fran Leary	2.17
Marylin Beames & Priscilla Cleary	1.63

Winning Swiss Teams

- ? Don't double without a trump stack
- ? On close decisions, bid game or slam especially when vulnerable
- ? Don't sacrifice unless going down 1 trick
- ? In competitive auctions, 5-level belongs to the opponents
- ? Defense: Risk an overtrick to set the contract
- ? Offense: Make your contract
- ? Make sound preempts
- ? Make frisky raises to the 2-level

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

DISTRICT 3

2004-2005 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, April 2, 2005

Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, New York 10605
(914) 949-2146

For ACBL Conditions of Contest, contact the District Coordinator. Consult the Tournament Director or the Grand National Coordinator if conditions are unclear. Grand National Teams Coordinator: Peter Kalat, 36 Mianus Ave., Bedford, NY 10506, (914) 234-9346. pkalat@cm-p.com. The winning team from each participating flight becomes the District 3 2004-2005 Grand National Team Champions from that flight and advances to the National Championships to be held at the 2005 Summer NABC in Atlanta, Georgia. District 3 will pay entry fees and \$500 towards expenses for the National Finals for the District winners in all flights.

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District 3 Spring Regional



*Race
for
the
Points*

June 13–19, 2005

Prime Hotel and Conference Center

534 Broadway • Saratoga Springs NY 12866

518–584–4000

\$109 single/double, plus tax.

Rooms also available at Courtyard Marriott

(5 minute walk from Prime Hotel)

11 Excelsior Ave. • Saratoga Springs

518–226–0538 \$97 single/double

DIRECTIONS

From the South and West: NY Thruway to Exit 24. North on Route 37 (Northway) to Exit 15. South (and West) on Route 50, 1½ miles to Broadway Hotel on left.

From the East: West on Route 90 to Exit 1. North on Route 87 as above.

From the North: South on Route 87 to Exit 15 as above.

Free parking at both locations.

Deadline, May 31

Reserve quickly – rooms may NOT be available after deadline.

Room Problems?

Call Joan Gerard

914–948–0841 or e-mail:

joanandron@att.net

Tournament Manager

Stephen Arshan

732–316–2977

stevearshan@yahoo.com

Pairing

Mary Williams

518–370–0208

lopaticmle@aol.com

Complimentary Dinner party between sessions on Friday for all players playing two sessions that day.

Monday, June 13

Bracketed KO Tms I 7 pm

Continues Tues. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Charity Pts 7 pm

Tuesday, June 14

Side Game Series I (1st) 9 am

Open & Sr Pts 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Pts (0–300) 1 pm

Side Game Series II (1st) 1 pm

Intermediate Pts (0–300) 7 pm

Side Game Series II (2nd) 7 pm

Wednesday, June 15

Side Game Series I (2nd) 9 am

Open & Sr Pts 1 & 7 pm

Bracketed KO Tms II 1 pm

Continues Wed. 7 pm, Thurs. 9 am & 1 pm

Intermediate Pts (0–300) 1 pm

Side Game Series II (3rd) 1 pm

Intermediate Pts (0–300) 7 pm

Side Game Series II (4th) 7 pm

Thursday, June 16

Side Game Series I (3rd) 9 am

Open Swiss Tms 1 & 7 pm

Sr Pts 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Pts (0–300) 1 pm

Side Game Series III (1st) 1 pm

Intermediate Pts (0–300) 7 pm

Side Game Series III (2nd) 7 pm

Friday, June 17

Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm

12-board matches, 4-person teams only.

Open & Sr Pts 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Pts (0–300) 1 pm

Side Game Series III (3rd) 1 pm

New! 1 Session Swiss Teams 1 pm

Bracketed KO Tms III 7 pm

Continues Sat. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Pts (0–300) 7 pm

Side Game Series III (4th) 7 pm

Saturday, June 18

Side Game Series I (4th) 9 am

Open & Sr Pts 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Pts (0–300) 1 pm

Side Game Series III (5th) 1 pm

Intermediate Pts (0–300) 7 pm

Side Game Series III (6th) 7 pm

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day Express Schedule

Open Swiss Tms 10 am

Playthrough: 7 7-Board Matches

New! Fast Pts 10 am & 1 pm

quick break for a snack

Subsidized refreshments available

Stratified Games

A (2000+) B (750–2000) C (0–750)

All Pair and Swiss events are stratified

All KO teams are random draw within brackets.

A list of nearby motels will be posted at bridge-district3.org after May 31st.

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President's Message



This 'n That From your District Director

This article is being written just before I am leaving to attend the Board meetings in Pittsburgh, so I can't catch you up on what has been passed by the Board but I can talk about an important issue that is before us.

We will be having the second of several Planning Sessions to do some long-range planning for the ACBL - 2005- 2009. So far we have redefined our mission which is quite simply to promote and sustain the game of bridge. Perhaps the most important guiding principle is: The ACBL will promote bridge as a social activity, available to all, mentally challenging and rewarding on many levels. Hopefully, all the ACBL's efforts will be geared to this mission. I hope I have convinced you all over the years that we must make a big effort to attract young people to our game. So far we have not managed to increase our junior membership. It stays stagnate at around 800 members under the age of 26. Every unit and every district, in my opinion, must have a committee that works

on developing a core of youth.... offering bridge lessons in the colleges, universities and the high schools and even the elementary schools. You need a few dedicated volunteers. The ACBL can help you with information and supplies. Needless to say, working on developing any age group is helpful to maintaining our existence and it is our senior group that we need to sustain us always. They are our biggest supporters and we must love and nurture them.

I want to mention the passing of a good friend of mine who I'm certain most of you remember. Bob Katz, a familiar ACBL director died on January 22nd. Bob was an icon in District 3 Bridge. He first came on the scene as a co-owner of the Bridge Deck in Westchester. Later, after he sold the club he became known throughout our District and the Northeast as a dedicated and competent ACBL tournament director. He knew the Law well and applied it evenly for all. Bob is survived by his wife, Idelle, who many of you know, two children and three grandchildren. Bob's death is a great loss to District 3.

Next on the horizon is our super Saratoga Springs Regional. I know you are all going to be there. We have the same great schedule and this year only, there is going to be a complimentary buffet dinner between sessions on Friday for all players participating in two sessions that day. The reason for this special party is that District 3 had a surplus from the \$1 additional charged at our Regionals to support the New York NABC and we have voted to give a special party at each of our four Regionals to thank the players for their support. I will be planning the menu soon. Be sure to include the two sessions on Friday with all of your bridge plans that week. Your unit is always great in supporting this tournament. We thank all the clubs who close during this time so that everyone can attend. Great fun, great hospitality, great schedule of events.... come and earn gold points. Saratoga is almost in your backyard.

And now for even bigger news! District 3 is co-hosting a July 4th Regional with the GNYBA (the NYC unit) at the Crowne Plaza in White Plains, June 28-July 4th. Make your plans now to spend the Holiday week with us. Right in the center of town, the hotel is across from the famous Westchester Mall. Walk inside the mall to shop in the finest of stores, to eat in P.F. Changs, City Limit's Diner, an extensive food Court or directly across from the front door of the hotel is the Outback Steak House, McDonald's and a pizza place.... and if that is not enough, the Cheesecake Factory and Morton's Steak House is across the street in the other direction. The Hotel offers FREE PARKING, a pool with an outdoor patio for the remaining sun worshippers, a fitness center, room service and great playing conditions. With a \$99 room rate, you must plan to spend the July 4th holiday with us. Don't miss out on

this one time extravaganza. Check our web site: bridge-district3.org or the April and May ACBL Bulletins for the complete schedule of events.

Hope to see you at both of these fabulous tournaments.

Joan Gerard, District Director



AWARDS LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 4, 2005
Studio of Bridge and Games
Eastern Parkway, Schenectady

Buffet luncheon served at 12 noon

Presentation of awards with dessert at 12:45 pm

Charity Bridge Game at 1:30 pm

Come and join your fellow bridge players in honoring those who have won awards in the past year and enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon and dessert followed by a charity bridge game. The cost of the luncheon is only \$10. We suggest making early reservations. Call Maryclare Devlin at 439-9139 or Fran Leary at 372-7806.

Mark this date
President's Cup: May 21, Saturday 1:00 pm

President's Cup will be a Unit Charity game. The format is the same as in past years. Each four person team will consist of a Life Master, one player having less than 500 MPs, one player having less than 300 MPs, and the fourth player having less than 100 MPs. We will have sign up sheets at all games for those who do not have a team. If you get a team on your own, please let us know asap. It's a fun format, so reserve the date.

Questions, teams:

Norma Shelly 346-3773
bridgestudio@hotmail.com

or

Lorrie Chamberlin 286-2851
lorcham3@aol.com

Snap, Snap, Snap

Guideline 6 of the Board's Courtesy Guidelines exhorts us not to snap our cards when playing to a trick. Regrettably, some players snap every card, not only when playing to a trick but also when placing it face down in front of them. This amounts to 78 snaps in a three-board round and 702 snaps in a nine round match- snap, snap, snap. Snappers, you surely must know your snapping can be distracting to your opponents. To make the game more pleasant for everyone, I urge all snappers to be more considerate and obey the guideline.

John O'Brien

Correction
Saratoga Regional: The complimentary dinner between sessions for all players playing two sessions is on **Friday** (not Saturday).

July 4th Regional White Plains: Tournament Co-Chair- Steve Arshan **732-316-2977**

Club Corner

The Studio

On Mondays and Weds: lunch at noon, game 12:30; First Wed: Team Game, lunch at 11:30, game at noon.

April 15-17 Sectional

BIDDING GAMES AND SLAMS AT IMPs

Most duplicate players know that in a team event it is advantageous to bid vulnerable games more aggressively than at matchpoint pairs. We seek mathematical guidelines, when playing at IMPs, for bidding both games and slams, both vulnerable and nonvulnerable. Like other bridge writers we shall assume that our bidding decisions are close enough so that at worst the contract will go down one trick undoubled. Beginning with vulnerable games we assert the following: (1) It is worth 10 IMPs to bid a vulnerable game that makes. (2) It is worth 6 IMPs to stay out of a vulnerable game that goes down.

Suppose first that the game is in a major suit. Then to see the truth of statement (1) note that we will score 620 points when we make our game. If the opponents do not bid game, they will score only 170. Our team then wins by 450 points, which translates into 10 IMPs. If the opponents also score 620 points, the board is a "push." However by bidding game we save our team from losing 10 IMPs. To prove statement (2) note that when we stop below game we make a partscore of 140 points. If the opponents bid game and go down one trick undoubled, our teammates will score 100 points. Our team then wins the board by 240 points, or 6 IMPs. If the opponents stay below game, our decision to do the same prevents a 6 IMP loss. Happily, statements (1) and (2) are valid whether we are in a major suit, a minor suit, or notrump. Secondly, statement (1) remains valid in the presence of overtricks.

An intelligent game-or-partscore decision depends both on the "payoffs" 10 and 6, and on the probability that the hand in question will make game. Roughly speaking, the relatively large size of the payoff of 10 suggests that we should bid game even if the probability of success is somewhat less than 50%. We can easily check that the "borderline probability" is $6/(10+6)$, or $3/8$. Indeed, for every 8 games bid with this probability of making, we will tend to succeed 3 times. We thereby gain 3×10 (30) IMPs and lose 5×6 (also 30) IMPs. The end result is that we come out even. August Boehm gets this a bit wrong in the January, 2005 issue of the Bridge Bulletin. His "dividing line" is 40%. We have arrived at the following guideline:

Bid a vulnerable game at IMPs when you think the

probability of making it is better than 37.5%.

Example 1: Suppose you open 1S with AJxxx, KJx, KJx, xx, and partner shows a 4-card limit raise.

Bid 4S at IMPs, but pass at matchpoints.

Example 2: Partner opens 1C and you hold KQx, Xxx, Jxxxx, Xx.

You respond 1D and partner rebids 2NT.

Bid 3NT at IMPs, but pass at matchpoints.

The borderline probability for all nonvulnerable games turns out to be 5/11. Over the bridge table you cannot distinguish between this and 50%. For all small slams the deviation from 50% is even smaller. Therefore, in both cases, proceed exactly as in matchpoints:

Bid nonvulnerable games and small slams at IMPs when you think the probability of making is greater than 50%.

Bidding a grand slam risks the loss of both the game bonus and the small slam bonus. The relevant arithmetic leads to the following rule:

Bid a grand slam at IMPs when you think the probability of making is better than 57%.

Unlike all our other bets the grand slam must be an odds-on favorite.

This article would be deficient without a concluding remark concerning "shooting." (See the Bridge Encyclopedia and the recent Newsletter article by Tony Prindle.) There will be times when you need a big swing, & swings can be mightier at IMPs than at matchpoints. At such times be prepared to disregard any of the guidelines given above.

Acknowledgment: Dick Clark for extensive discussions, and Tony Prindle and Al Ross for opinions concerning the two examples.

Louis Brickman

New Game

We're trying a new event on Friday night at our next Sectional (April 15-17), a Pro-Am Swiss. Several clubs tried these games and they have proved popular with players. Come as a pair and buy a pair entry. We will place the entries into two groups based on the total masterpoints of each pair. We team the pairs in the top half with pairs in the bottom half. The pairs in the bottom half will only play other pairs in the bottom half, unless there are an odd number of teams. In that case, a few A's will play B's. We stratify the game, so everybody will have a chance.

Rank Changes

Junior Masters:

Cathryne Sivers

Sectional Masters:

Patricia Collopy

Regional Masters:

Rosemary Misurelli
Bette Sovik

NABC Masters:

Valdean Mosier

Bronze Life Master:

Joanne Schlang
Robert Valenti

BOOKS BOOKS BRIDGEBOOKS

Book/Audiovisual Sale and "Non-Bake"
Sale (to benefit hospitality at the Saratoga
Regional!)

Please give us your gently used books to sell
at the April 15-17 Sectional at the Studio.
Best sellers, bridge books, paperbacks
especially welcome. Also, we will collect
audio/visual material to sell. Your discard
may be another person's gem!

Please give books to Diane Burger (273-5371,
dburger2@nycap.rr.com). You may call or e-
mail me to arrange a book donation at a game
or near your home. You may also bring books
to the Studio beginning Saturday April 9.

Personal Notes

Condolences sent to the family and friends of
ACBL member Barbara Ellery.

Condolences sent to the family and friends of
ACBL member Roslyn Walker.

Condolences sent to the family and friends of
Recilla Koblantz.

Get well wishes to Rita Dunn, Diana Lack,
Marigay Harkins, Conrad Bader, and Al
Ross.

Congratulations to proud grandparents:
Rita Redlich and Adele O'Leary and to
great grandparents: Anne McAteer and
Marian Webster.

We are also planning a "non-bake" sale. This
means we will gladly accept monetary
donations, and you don't have to pay for
ingredients, bake, etc. In other words, MORE
BRIDGE TIME!

Plan to play at the Sectional. Practice for the
Regional. There are events for newcomers
and old timers. Bernie Neuhart (372-3936)
can help with partnerships.

Proceeds will be given to the Saratoga
hospitality fund. The more books, the more \$,
the more hospitality, the more happy players,
and the most happy REGIONAL! Get
psyched for our beautiful backyard Saratoga
Regional. Plan to play a lot of great bridge!
It's June 11-17 in Saratoga, the place to be in
June.

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings
Unit 115 (as of March 31, 2005)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
Rookie	Leonard Lapinski Carol Baker Joyce Rhubin-Cathryne Sivers	Carol Baker Leonard Lapinski Cathryne Sivers-Joyce Rhubin- Arlene Gilbert
Junior Master	Alice Platt Jeanne Bourque Joseph Paoloni-Dottie Meyer	Alice Platt-Jeanne Bourque Joseph Paoloni Dottie Meyer-Daniel Robertson- Linda Millenbach
Club Master	Mary Ryder Wright-Sue Eastman Bonnie Taylor Patricia Collopy-Ellen Finch-Eleanor Lisuzzo	Sue Eastman Mary Ryder Wright Harry & Louise Landry
Sectional Master	Roberta & John Matuszek Ulla Sattinger Michael Sattinger	Stanley Cohen Roberta & John Matuszek-Bette Sovik- Ulla & Michael Sattinger-Conrad Bader- Judith Ludwig-Mary McQuade Murphy Diane Alexander
Regional Master	Judy Hill- Richard Hill Joseph Phillips Valdean Mosier	Joseph Phillips Valdean Mosier-Robert Ostrander Germaine Graf-Jean Drake-Tom Ludwig
NABC Master	Andrew Dubay Barbara & John McDonald Amelia Urbano	Erwin Mosher Barbara & John McDonald Gary Taylor
Life Master	William Wade Dorothy Kraus-Donald Campbell Louis Urbano	Dorothy Kraus-Donald Campbell Dorothy Adams Louis Urbano
Bronze Life Master	Charles Schmidt Ross Lounsbury-John Riopelle Donald Bathrick	Donald Bathrick-John Riopelle Charles Schmidt Stanley Ball
Silver Life Master	Barbara Burgess John Rose-Martin Birnby Donna Natili-Robert Neuhart	Peter Wick-Rob Neuhart-Edna Doigan Diane Burger-Lawrence Berman- Martin Birnby-Teresa Fenimore Joan Meyer-Morris Cramer
Gold Life Master	Walter Smith Rita Redlich Stephen Paskin	Stephen Paskin Anthony Prindle Walter Smith
Diamond Life	William Dubay Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann	William Dubay Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann
Emerald Life Master	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Albert Ross	Albert Ross William Nelson Sandra Nelson
Grand Life Master	Lynn Deas Steve Bloom	Steve Bloom

Electric City Sectional Schenectady
February 11-13, 2005

Friday Afternoon 299er (10) Pairs					
MPs	D	E	F	Names	Score
1.51	1			Barbara McDonald - John McDonald, Cohoes NY	62.50%
1.33	2	1	1	Roberta Matuszek - John Matuszek, Delmar NY	58.00%
1.00	3	2		Jean Drake, Ballston Spa NY; Bette Sovik, Clifton Park NY	56.50%
0.83	4	3	2	Conrad Bader, Schenectady NY; Diane Alexander, Guilderland NY	53.50%

Friday Afternoon U/1500/300 (42) Pairs					
6.00	1			Bibs Pankin, Voorheesville NY; Martin Birnby, Schenectady NY	65.28%
4.50	2			Rita Block, Troy NY; Judith Shulman, Albany NY	61.78%
3.38	3			Judy Dubay - William Dubay, Voorheesville NY	61.57%
2.53	4			David Standig, Selkirk NY; Arthur Bernhardt, Loudonville NY	60.74%
3.08	5	1		Morris Cramer, Cohoes NY; Brian Sann, Silver Bay NY	60.10%
1.42	6			Stephen Paskin, Cohoes NY; Albert Ross, Guilderland NY	59.95%
2.31	2			Lee Pearson, Albany NY; Janice Sawyer, Stillwater NY	59.26%
1.73	3			Charles Schmidt, Schenectady NY; Richard Shuey, Niskayuna NY	59.03%
1.30	4			Louis Brickman - Richard Clark, Albany NY	56.48%
1.73	5	1		Joseph Phillips, Queensbury NY; Janice Taylor, Stuart FL	55.32%
1.30	6	2		Amelia Urbano - Louis Urbano, Albany NY	52.78%
0.97			3	Anne Lapinski, Voorheesville NY; Dorothy Kraus, Niskayuna NY	45.92%
0.73			4	Sadie Schneider, Schenectady NY; Marilyn Soffer, Sarasota FL	45.08%

Friday Evening U/1500/300 (25) Pairs					
3.83	1	1	1	Maxim Siline - Xiaoqian Liu, Clifton Park NY	61.46%
2.87	2	2		Charles Schmidt, Schenectady NY; Dorothy Kraus, Niskayuna NY	58.33%
2.15	3			Judith Shulman, Albany NY; Rich Kasprovicz, Schenectady NY	57.87%
1.62	4			Arthur Bernhardt - Satya Pabuwal, Loudonville NY	56.77%
1.34	5			Rita Redlich - June Barach, Albany NY	56.71%
1.36	6	3		Robert Neuhart - Diane Burger, Troy NY	56.02%
1.22		4	2	Barbara McDonald - John McDonald, Cohoes NY	51.85%
0.91		5	3	Ulla Sattinger - Michael Sattinger, Slingerlands NY	51.30%
0.68			4	William Wade, Albany NY; Layton Davis, Winooski VT	48.38%

Saturday Morning 299er (8) Pairs				
1.41	1		Barbara McDonald - John McDonald, Cohoes NY	63.89%
1.06	2		Roberta Matuszek - John Matuszek, Delmar NY	61.11%
0.79	3		Bonnie Taylor, Menands NY; David Funk, Westerlo NY	54.86%

Saturday Morning U/1500/300 (34) Pairs				
5.17	1		Donna Natili - Rich Kasprowicz, Schenectady NY	69.07%
3.88	2		Stephen Paskin, Cohoes NY; Gerald Cohen, Albany NY	66.67%
2.91	3		Bibs Pankin, Voorheesville NY; Blaise Reinhart, Albany NY	62.34%
1.91	4/5		Rita Block, Troy NY; Rita Redlich, Albany NY	59.94%
2.54	4/5	1	John Riopelle, Delmar NY; Leonard Lapinski, Voorheesville NY	59.94%
1.23	6		Priscilla Cleary, Schenectady NY; Walter Smith, West Sand Lake NY	59.46%
1.91		2	Robert Neuhart, Troy NY; Bernard Neuhart, Niskayuna NY	57.05%
1.43		3	Ross Lounsbury, Ballston Lake NY; Robert Valenti, Latham NY	53.04%
1.41		4	Robert Kistler, Albany NY; Raul Nunez, Baulston Lake NY	52.24%
0.80		5	Phyllis Levine - Sandra Patack, Albany NY	50.16%
1.06		2	Anne Lapinski, Voorheesville NY; Sandra Graper, Scotia NY	48.56%

Saturday Afternoon 299er (8) Pairs				
1.41	1		Bonnie Taylor, Menands NY; David Funk, Westerlo NY	61.11%
1.06	2		John McDonald - Barbara McDonald, Cohoes NY	58.33%
0.79	3		Ulla Sattinger - Michael Sattinger, Slingerlands NY	52.78%

Saturday Afternoon U/1500/300 (24) Pairs				
4.33	1		David Standig, Selkirk NY; Brian Schroeder, Oakland NJ	61.81%
3.25	2		Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY; Vinita Gupta, Woodside CA	60.88%
2.44	3		Judy Dubay - William Dubay, Voorheesville NY	59.72%
2.14	4	1	Bernard Neuhart, Niskayuna NY; Robert Neuhart, Troy NY	57.18%
1.20	5/6		Priscilla Cleary, Schenectady NY; Walter Smith, West Sand Lake NY	55.32%
1.20	5/6		Arthur Bernhardt - Satya Pabuwal, Loudonville NY	55.32%
1.61		2	William Wade, Albany NY; Layton Davis, Winooski VT	53.47%
1.20		3	Amelia Urbano - Louis Urbano, Albany NY	48.84%
0.90		4	Peter Wick, Cohoes NY; Brian Sann, Silver Bay NY	48.61%

Sunday Bracket A Swiss (5) Teams			
5.33	1	Lynn Deas - Rich Kasprovicz; Vinita Gupta, Judith Shulman	52.00
4.00	2	Nicholas Ecker Racz; Neil Chambers - Donna Natili - Norma Shelly	45.00

Sunday Bracket B Swiss (5) Teams			
3.33	1	Robert Neuhart; Bernard Neuhart; Teri Landin; David Pratt	54.00
2.50	2	William Teiper - Shirley Grady; John Riopelle; Andrew Archibald	49.00

Sunday Bracket C Swiss (5) Teams			
1.79	1	Joseph Phillips; Janice Taylor, Stuart FL; Frances Stone - Margaret Morgan	55.00
1.34	2	Maryclare Devlin; Valdean Mosier; Gary Taylor; Marion Sheehan	43.00

Sunday Bracket D Swiss (7) Teams			
1.62	1	Susan Eastman; Jonathan Lack - Diana Lack; Mary Ryder Wright	58.00
1.07	2/3	Evelyn Fletcher; Conrad Bader; Joe Lisuzzo - Eleanor Lisuzzo	46.00
1.07	2/3	Mabel Siler; Marilyn Hart; Barbara McDonald - John McDonald	46.00

Thank You

I want to thank the Gazette for publishing a weekly Bridge Results Column on Thursdays. Directors of each club email results to me on Friday which I compile and send to Dick Bennet, Feature Editor of the Gazette. With his help and the cooperation of Club Directors, members are able to once again see the names of place winners in games played throughout the Unit and in addition, are printed other local bridge clubs not a part of Unit 115. If you do not subscribe to the Gazette, you may want to purchase a copy on Thursdays.

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Upcoming Regional

***Long Island**April 4-10, 2005**

Sheraton Long Island Hotel Room rate: \$114
110 Vanderbilt Motor Pky Smithtown, NY Ph 631-231-1100
Tournament Chairman Steve Lucas 516-364-2388

Judi's Third Thursday

April 21, 2005 @ 9:30 am
Finding Slams through CueBidding

Capital District Bridge Association

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District 3 website: <http://www.bridge-district3.org>

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Date	Time	Celebrity Speakers (Free)	Topic
Thursday, July 21	7:15 p.m.	John Herrmann	"3rd – 4th Seat Opening"
Friday, July 22	9:15 a.m.	Frank Stewart	"Who Has the Queen?"
	7:15 p.m.	Larry Cohen	"Lawful Pre-Emption"
Saturday, July 23	9:15 a.m.	Jerry Helms	"Jerryisms"
	7:15 p.m.	Marti Ronemus	"Hands So Light They Float"
Sunday, July 24	9:15 a.m.	Peg & Dewy Cundiff	"The Numbers Game"
	7:15 p.m.	Audrey Grant	"Improving Your Judgment"
Monday, July 25	9:15 a.m.	Patty Tucker	"Competitive Bidding"
	7:15 p.m.	Allan Mazer	"You Have the Right to Remain Silent"
Tuesday, July 26	9:15 a.m.	Mike Flader	"Ruling the Game"
	7:15 p.m.	Zeke Jabbour	"Winsome & Loathsome"
Wednesday, July 27	9:15 a.m.	Haig Tchamitch	"Jacoby 2NT "
	7:15 p.m.	Michael Huston	"Doing It with Finesse"
Thursday, July 28	9:15 a.m.	David Berkowitz	"Playing with a Legend"
	7:15 p.m.	Jim Priebe	"Thinking on Defense"
Friday, July 29	9:15 a.m.	Ron Smith	"Turning the Tables"
	7:15 p.m.	Chuck Said	"Overcalls"
Saturday, July 30	9:15 a.m.	Shannon Cappelletti	"Slam Bidding"
	7:15 p.m.	Jeff Roman	"Game Tires "

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President's Message

I'm apologizing for the last two issues of the Newsletter- glitches were alive and hopefully they are gone.

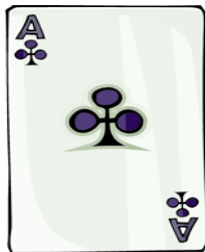
Kudos to Diane Burger for a great job as President. And more kudos are in order to Bernie Newhart for the job on his Newsletter for new and intermediate players- a good read for all players.

The Book and No-bake Sale brought in \$380 vs. \$470 in 2004. Thank you for your donations and purchases.

The President's Cup was once again a huge success- thank you Norma and Laurie. I guess it needs a new name.

It's almost Saratoga time again. We've come up with a neat registration gift. Make sure you get yours. See you at the Regional.

Marion Clowe



This 'n That From your District Director

This article is being written a few days before the Saratoga Regional is starting. I can only tell you that the vibes we are getting are fantastic. Rooms are being taken all over the city, I am hearing about all sorts of people coming who had not come in the past. Hopefully, it is going to be a fantastic tournament. Special to this tournament is the great buffet dinner District 3 is having for all players in attendance on Friday. It's a one time feast: to give you all back something special for the effort you made in supporting the NY NABC last year. Because of the great attendance, we received a bit of money back from the ACBL and we are sharing this with our players one time at each of our 4 Regionals.

At our Board meetings in Pittsburgh, we developed a Strategic Plan for the next five years which includes: continuing and expanding on-line club games; developing a Pilot Program for sectionals/regionals online; developing a World -Wide Open Tournament with rubber bridge and the Standard American Yellow Card as the main event; developing a club sanction that does not require strict adherence to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge; making the Bridge Bulletin available on-line; developing a Ranking System bases on current performance; developing sponsorships; developing methods to grow our Youth Bridge Program; new teaching materials; and requiring all clubs to use ACBL Score. Many of these are not new ideas but if we are to succeed, management and the Board must concentrate on these goals and "get out of the box". Let's hope that our Management Team can accomplish this in the next five years.

We are making a strong effort to sell our headquarters in Memphis. The building was always too large for our needs. We should never have been in the business of having to rent to tenants. Also, the neighborhood, which was not great when we bought the building, has deteriorated badly. Many Board members think we should move out of Memphis where it is difficult to bring in high level Management. Once we have a buyer, we will see what we will do. A loss certainly will have to be taken on the sale.

District 3 is proud that your unit is part of our District. Fran and Gene Leary represent you on our District Board; Fran is the Secretary and Gene is Chairman of our Charity Committee. They are both very dedicated. They leave their house at 6am to attend our District Board meetings and are active, constructive members of our Board. Now, we would like to see more of you venture out and come to some of our Regionals and NAP and GNT events. There is a July 4th Regional that District 3 is co-sponsoring with the New York City unit in White Plains.... not that far from

you. I live in White Plains and come to Saratoga every year. Then there's Secaucus in August - great discount shopping a stone's throw away in your spare time... all the outlet stores are there besides Gold points just waiting for you. In September comes the District Finals of the NAP's. Don't be afraid to participate. It's in Allendale, NJ at the Guardian Angel Church. We provide a great brunch and a good day of two sessions of bridge. We hope we will see you at District 3 activities this summer and fall.

Joan Gerard, District Director

Club Corner

The Studio

June 27 Monday 12:30 Invitational CC
 June 28 Tuesday 7:00 Non LM CC
 June 30 Thursday 12:00 CC

July 2 Saturday Studio closed
 July 4 Monday TBA
 July 6 Wednesday GAMETIME 12:00 Inv Team CC
 August 17 Wednesday 12:30 Invitational Local-rated
 August 23 Tuesday 7:00 Non LM CC

North American Open Pairs Stratified
 Qualifying rounds
 July 27 Wednesday 12:30
 August 8 Monday 12:30
 August 18 Thursday 12:00
 August 27 Saturday 12:30

Playing No Trump

with Balanced Hands 4-3-3-3 or 4-4-3-2

Let the opponents help. Start by losing tricks and luring opponents to break new suits. Every time you can lure them into that, you develop a trick.

with Unbalanced Hands 5-3-3-2

Attack the 5-card suit while you still have entries.

Mark this date

July 28, 2005

Judi's Third Thursday
 Lake George Country Club
 9:30 am coffee and cake

10:00 am Lesson

Bidding after Opponent Preempts

Hands will cover basic rules; some will cover more advanced options

Lunch follows: Cost approx \$40 depending on charges for food

Duplicate game

JULY 4TH REGIONAL
 CO-HOSTED BY DISTRICT 3 & GNYBA
 June 28 – July 4, 2005
 Crowne Plaza White Plains
 66 Hale Avenue • 914-682-0050
 Room Rate is \$99



New Games for Intermediate/Novice Players:

0-299 game Monday 12:00 pm at the ROC
 Sand Creek Rd in Colonie

0-750 game stratified Tuesday 12:00 pm at the JCC
 Whitehall Rd in Albany

STACs (local results)
June 6-10, 2005

Monday Evening Open Pairs (61) Pairs					
MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
6.83	1	1		Robert Ostrander - Donald Bathrick	63.62%
2.16	5			Robert Neuhart - David Pratt	59.76%

Monday Afternoon 0-300 (8) Pairs					
1.41	1			R Levine - Bernice Shoobe	65.87%
1.06	2			Kathryn Neuhart - Ann Marie Myers	57.94%
.79	3			Marilyn Smith - Elizabeth Mitchell	56.35%

Monday Afternoon Open (149) Pairs					
5.60	4			Peter Wick - Joe Rizzuto	64.75%
4.20	5			Albert Ross - Anthony Prindle	64.56%
4.55	7	3		Delores Inzero - Richard Schermerhorn	63.26%
2.08	9			Marian Clowe - Mary Fredrick	62.69%
2.56	5			William Teiper - Andrew Archibald	61.55%

Tuesday Afternoon Open (174) Pairs					
7.41	3/4	1/2		Judy Hill - Richard Hill; Saratoga	62.69%
4.76	5	3		Donald Bathrick - John Riopelle	61.36%
2.17		7		Dolores Heisler - Janice Sawyer	58.9%
1.66			4	Charles Close - Terry Hose	56.25%

Tuesday Afternoon 0-750 (16) Pairs					
2.12	1			Ruth Bickel - Barbara Zautner	65.19%
1.59	2			Joan Thompson - Angela De Franco	58.14%
1.62	3	1	1	Eileen Brown - Helen McLean	57.08%
1.22	4	2	2	Sue Eastman - Carol Paskin	56.55%
.91	5	3	3	M.Loie Novak - Mary Jean Church	54.32%
.68		4	4	Barbara Flynn - John Flynn	52.82%

Tuesday Evening 0-NLM (6) Pairs					
1.31	1			Stanley Cohen - Sandra Cohen	66.25%
.98	2			Ellen Finch - Conrad Bader	53.75%

Wednesday Afternoon Open (145) Pairs					
12.61	1			June Barach - Joan Shore	70.88%
9.46	2			Norma Shelly - Phyllis French	70.27%
7.09	3			Judy Dubay - William Dubay	66.11%
4.13	6	3		Erwin Mosher - John Riopelle	62.20%
2.32		5		Ross Lounsbury - Robert Valenti	59.85%
3.13			1	Diane Alexander - Conrad Bader	55.11%
2.35			2	Jean-Paul Martel - Jack O'Donnell	52.46%
1.36			3/5	Camille Wick - Frances Bouchard	51.70%
1.36			3/5	Mary Ellen Nevin - Robert Nevin	51.70%
.81			6/7	Patricia Feulner - S Vedder	51.36%
.81			6/7	Jennifer Armstrong - James Morrison	51.36%

Wednesday Evening Open (27) Pairs						
4.00	1	1	1	Nancy Nitzberg - Renee Whitman	58.70%	
3.00	2	2		John Riopelle - Germaine Graf	57.25%	
2.25	3	3	2	Dolores Shaw - Nancy Gerstenberger	56.40%	
1.69	4	4		R Levine - Eleanor Lubiner	56.12%	
1.27	5	5		Erwin Mosher - Richard Egelston	55.61%	
1.08	6	6	3	Esther Schaffer - Lorraine Waite	55.43%	
.81			4	Lew Millenbach - Linda Millenbach	53.42%	
.67			5	Mabel Siler - Marilyn Hart	52.20%	

Thursday Evening Open (34) Pairs						
4.50	1			Robert Neuhart - Roger Woodin	65.83%	
2.53	3	2		Diana Lack - Saul Seinberg	58.33%	
1.90	4			William Peruzzi - William Dubay	57.18%	
1.16	6	4		John Vary - Jonathan Insel	56.94%	
1.06		6		Joanne Schlang - Richard Underwood	54.19%	
.91			3	Diane Alexander - Conrad Bader	53.85%	

Friday Afternoon Open (184) Pairs						
5.75	4			Betty Bloom - Steve Bloom	66.88%	
2.58	9			Priscilla Cleary - Barbara Burgess	63.18%	
3.20		4		Delores Inzero - Gerald Kaufman	59.91%	

Sunday Afternoon Open (11) Pairs						
2.67	1			Morris Cramer - Edward Winke	56.25%	
2.00	2			Marylin Beames - Priscilla Cleary	55.99%	
1.62	3	1		Ruth Bickel - John Riopelle	54.17%	
1.22	4	2		Margaret Peruzzi - William Peruzzi	51.82%	

Rank Changes

Junior Masters:

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Anne Lapinski

David Pratt

Bronze Life Master:

Donald Campbell

Richard Clark

David Pratt

Marion Sheehan

STRONG 2? OPENER

When you open an artificial 2? bid, you are promising partner you are within a trick or so of game. With the more wildly unbalanced hands, you can bid with fewer high card points (HCP) to have game in hand. You can bid 2? on as few as 14 HCP:

Example: ?AKQJ9876 ?A2 ?--- ?765

Personal Notes

Condolences sent to the family and friends of ACBL members Jane Jamison and Anne Viglione.

Get well wishes to Elizabeth (Betty) Mitchell and and Myra Brickman

Congratulations to Dorothy Kraus and Charlie Schmidt on their recent marriage.

On that hand, if 1? is opened, you may have the opportunity to bid 4?, but the opponents can also compete in ?s or ?s.

The reason responder bids 2? is to get out of the way of the 2? opener. Unless responder has a good 5-card suit (2 of the top 3 honors) and 8+ HCPs, the response has to be at the cheapest level (2?) and never 2NT. If NT is to be bid, the strong hand should be hidden and not dummy.

With a bad hand respond 2?; your next bid is at the cheapest level (usually 3? by partnership agreement). If opener's second bid is 3?, your response is 3?.

With ruffing value (you have your 1 trick), go to game in partner's suit. Ex: ?9832 ?652 ?9 ?76542.

President's Cup

Congratulations to winning team: Judi Shulman, Diana & Jon Lack, Norm Stewart; 2nd place teams: Rob Neuhart, John & Roberta Matuszak, Len Lapinski and the Beaz Aldi Team.

**Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings
Unit 115 (as of June 11, 2005)**

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Regional Master	Judy Hill Richard Hill Joseph Phillips	Joseph Phillips Judy Hill Richard Hill
NABC Master	Andrew Dubay Amelia Urbano Barbara McDonald	Erwin Mosher Munir Jabbur Ellen Jabbur
Life Master	Louis Urbano Dorothy Kraus Margaret Peruzzi	Dorothy Kraus Louis Urbano Shirley Grady
Bronze Life Master	Charles Schmidt John Riopelle Janice Woodbury	Charles Schmidt Janice Woodbury Donald Bathrick
Silver Life Master	Barbara Burgess Robert Neuhart Lucy Spongberg	Donald Cohen Lois August Teresa Fenimore
Gold Life Master	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Rich Kasprowicz	Stephen Paskin Anthony Prindle Arthur Bernhardt
Diamond Life	William Dubay Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann	William Dubay Harry Kaufmann Judy Dubay
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Grand Life Master	Lynn Deas Steve Bloom	Steve Bloom



Atlanta, the metropolitan jewel of the South, plays host to the 2005 Summer NABC July 21–31.

The Hyatt Regency Atlanta will be the site of this must-see event.

Reservations are now open!

Make your reservations online or call Mega Housing at 800-773-5069.

Free Lesson Programs

Top teachers offer free lessons for newer and advancing players.

Next NABCs

Denver - Nov. 17-27, 2005

Dallas - March 30-April 9, 2006

Chicago - July 13-23, 2006

Hawaii - Nov. 16-26, 2006

Naop District Finals

Guardian Angel Auditorium, Allendale, NJ

September 25, 2005

Starts with a brunch at 11:30 am and Games will begin at 12:30 pm

All qualifiers at the club level will qualify to play

The 1st 3 place winners in each flight will gain entry to the National Final Event next Spring. First Place winners in each flight will receive free airfare, 3 days of free room, and a \$100 supplement from the district per person. Second Place winners will receive free airfare and \$100 supplement from the district per person. Third Place winners will receive a \$100 supplement per person from the district.

Steve Maltzman, District NAOP coordinator.

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Upcoming Regionals

The Rochester Summer Regional
Tuesday-Sunday, July 5-10, 2005

Logan's Party House, 1420 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY

Tournament Chairs

Lois Sanders, lois@rochester.rr.com

Jim Bridges, bridges_jim@hotmail.com

Hotel Reservations

Park Plaza Rochester

585-475-1910, 800-814-7000

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Schenectady Falling Leaves Sectional Tournament September 16 - 18, 2005

SILVER POINTS!!

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518.346.3773

Friday - September 16, 2005

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 0-2000, Open)	1:00 pm
Stratified Novice Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300)	1:00 pm
Pro-Am Swiss Teams	7:00 pm

Saturday, September 17, 2005

Stratified Open Pairs; Stratified Novice Pairs	10:00 am and 3:00 pm
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Sunday, September 18, 2005

Swiss Teams (Bracketed)	1:00 pm
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See inside for information on 299er pass for Friday and Saturday events

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President's Message

Lots of nice things were said about the address stickers we gave out at the Regional. Thank you's to:

- Rob Neuhart for putting together the program and setting up the computers for the project.
- Prime Hotel for giving us a secure area to keep everything in.
- Sandy Graper & Len Lapinski for undying help and support.
- Lots of input helpers.
- Anne Lipinski for organizing, directing, and even beating us as we fell asleep over our key boards. The biggest thank you, thank you, and thank you.
- All our other volunteers. We could not have done it without you.

The regional had an increase over last year, so sing it's praises to do better next year. And how about all the bridge "Big Shots". Now if we could just pick up our trash and be polite to all.

Thanks also to Maryclare Devlin and her committee for the awards dinner. Congratulations to all the award winners.

The New England Fall Regional will be held in Springfield Aug. 31 to Sept. 5. It is easy to get to, good parking, and nice accommodations.

See you at the Sectional.

Marion Clowe

This 'n That from your District Director

The summer NABC in Atlanta was an experiment. All the game times were 10am & 3pm with the games that are usually at 9am being held at 8pm..... There was a loud vocal majority that was very unhappy with these times. Why? Well, with everyone playing at the same time, it was very difficult to get up and down in the elevators; the very short break for lunch caused a rush in the bathrooms and in the food court. Then if you wanted to play the 3rd session, it was a very short break for dinner; no time to sight see, no time to shop or to exercise. The plus's are obvious.... finished at 7pm and you have the evening to go out for a leisurely dinner or to go to bed early. Attendance at the tournament was slightly over 13,000 - on target with the lower estimate that was predicted and just slightly higher than our NY NABC last July. Probably these early game times will be tried again but not in Denver this Fall and unlikely for 2006. The host group did a great job and people loved the hotel, the playing conditions, and the local hospitality.

I was fortunate enough to go to Australia to the World Youth Team Championships where I was in charge of Appeals. Our USA1 team came home with the Gold Medal beating a field of 17 other teams from around the world. The favorite was the team from Poland and we beat them in the Finals in an eight board play-off. Congratulations to a super team - Joe Grue, John Kranyak, John Hurd, Joel Woolridge, Ari Greemberg, Justin Lall and non-playing captain, Bob Rosen. No team could have displayed better ethics, comradery, team spirit and yes, even super bridge. The USBF and the ACBL should be very proud of this group of young men and their captain. Canada came home with the Bronze so North America had an outstanding performance.

I flew 21 hours home and the next day went to our Secaucus Summer Regional which has just ended with a table count of over 1,500 tables. People had a great time. On Sunday morning we had a breakfast for all the players, where we spent some of the NABC surplus money given to us by the ACBL

because of our larger than estimated table count. This was very well received. I would be remiss if I didn't mention our Social Bridge Game on Monday afternoon where 84 bridge players who had never played a hand of duplicate came for a free lunch and bridge game with wine and snacks after the game and a goody bag to take home. Jesse Reissman and Cheryl Angel from our North Jersey unit put all of this together and with the help of a few (unfortunately not too many) teachers and club directors/ owners put together this great party. The Newcomers had a fantastic day and we got many new ACBL members. Thanks to Jesse and Cheryl for a very special effort.

The ACBL has hired a firm to market bridge for us. A new web site for Juniors was launched on August 16th: <http://www.bridgeiscool.com>. The thought is that we will draw young people to this site and they will become interested in bridge. Please tell your children and grandchildren about this site. Encourage them to go to the site and find out about our great game.

District 3's NAOP Finals for all fights is September 25th in Allendale, New Jersey at the Guardian Angel Church. Last year we had several pairs from the Albany area. We are hoping to have even more this year. A great way to win a trip to Chicago...site of the 2006 summer NABC. It's a fun day so make your plans to come early for a brunch and 2 session bridge game. Of course you need to have qualified at a club in order to play but I am assuming most of you did.

Then we conclude a super year of bridge with our Danbury Regional October 17-23 at the Sheraton. Returning for a second year, this needs to be a bargain that you can't afford to miss... a \$75 room means you can't afford to stay home and of course we are offering our usual great hospitality. Grab a partner or contact us and just tell us that you need a partner and come on down to Fall Foliage in New England. It's a must on your tournament schedule.

Be sure to be with us as we round out a great year for bridge in District 3.

Joan Gerard, District Director

District 3 News:

Thank you to all the Unit 115 players who made the Saratoga Regional such a success. Attendance was up by about 15%. Thank Joan Girard for that fantastic Friday night dinner if you get a chance. Thank Sandy Graper, Anne Lapinski and Rob Neuhart and their volunteers for the fantastic registration gift of labels for your entries, etc.

For those who plan ahead. In 2006, the Saratoga Regional will be June 12-18, once again over Father's Day. However, for 2007 and 2008, the dates change due to the hotel having other commitments. In 2007, the dates will be April 30-May 6. In 2008, the dates will be May 26th -June 1st.

Congratulate Andrew Dubay when you see him. Joan Girard appointed him to the ACBL's Junior Corp Program. In addition to becoming a Life Master, Andrew has been teaching bridge to some classmates. Andrew is also on Unit 115's Board of Directors.

Fran Leary

Bridge Lessons

at Niskayuna Adult Ed
presented by Fran Leary
All classes are 7-9 pm
at Van Antwerp Middle School

Advanced: This deals with Conventions commonly used by Duplicate Players as well as advanced play of the hand and defense. Classes are Monday Oct 17, 24, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28. The late start is due to various Monday Holidays.

Bridge II: This course is for those who know the fundamentals and wish to expand their knowledge or brush up their bridge. Join us to learn more about the play of the hand and bidding. Classes are Wed, Sept 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 1.

Beginners Bridge: Bridge is a great game that can be enjoyed all your life. This is a beginning class for youth and adults who want to learn the basics of bidding, card play, and strategy. Classes are Thurs. Sept 29, Oct 6, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10.

Club Corner

The Studio

Studio closed Saturday Sept. 3 & Mon Sept. 5
Sept. 22 Thursday 12:00 Open CC
Sept. 26 Monday 12:00 Inv CC

OCTOBER IS CLUB APPRECIATION MONTH

Oct. 5 Monday GAMETIME 12:00 CA Team Game--
Awards will include 5% GOLD
Oct. 15 Saturday PRO-AM PAIR GAME
Oct. 17 Monday 12:00 CA Inv Pairs
Oct. 19 Tuesday 7:00 CA Non-LM Pairs
Oct. 20 Thursday 12:00 CA Open Pairs

Falling Leaves Sectional

September 16-18 (Friday-Sunday)

Calling all 0-299ers: For \$15 you can buy 4 coupons for the 2 sessions on Fri and 2 on Sat 8/16-17, saving more than \$3 a session (Coupons non-refundable & non-transferable)

Friday night: Pro-Am Swiss Teams. Come as a pair. Format is Random Draw pairing. 4 Groups based on master points. Top group paired with bottom group. Groups 2 & 3 paired.

Sunday: 1 Session Bracketed Swiss Team Event (Brackets to be determined based on entries).

Lifemaster/ Pre Lifemaster Game

October 15 (Saturday)

The third annual lifemaster/ pre lifemaster pairs' game will be held at the Studio. Refreshments, exciting bridge, extra points, and a chance to learn...

\$10.15 / per pair

Please let Norma Shelly (346-3773) or Diane Burger (273-5371) know that you plan to play. You may make your own pairing, or we will match you up...It's lots of fun.

Majestic Adirondack Sectional

July 15-17, 2005

Results

A B C

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs (51 Pairs)

1	1		Joan Fisher, Esther Roche
2	2		Katie & Gino Scalamandre
3	3	1	Judy Gluck, Alice Zayac
		2	Diana Lack, Saul Seiberg

Friday Afternoon 299ers (16 Pairs)

1/2	1	1	Lucille & Roger La Belle
1/2			Judy & Richard Hill
3/4	2/3		Conrad Bader, Diane Alexander
3/4	2/3	2	Griffin & Linda McClellan

Friday Evening Pro-Am Teams (13 Teams)

1			Betty & Steve Bloom, Bonnie Taylor, Daniel Wulff
2	1	1	Judith & Mark Bercovitz, Diana Lack, Saul Seiberg
3	2		Len & Anne Lapinski, Morris Cramer, Brian Sann

Saturday Morning Open Pairs (30 Pairs)

1			Morton Friedman, Satya Pabuwal
2	1		Robert & Bernard Neuhart
3			Robert Donald, Diane Burger
	2		Ross Lounsbury, Robert Valenti
	3	1	Frank Morgan, Gary Tharp
		2	Layton Davis, William Wade

Saturday Morning 299ers (14 Pairs)

1			Judy & Richard Hill
2	1		Tom & Judith Ludwig
3	2		Ellen Finch, Conrad Bader
4	3	1	Griffin & Linda McClellan

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs (33 Pairs)

1	1		Bernie & Rob Neuhart
2	2	1	William Wade, Layton Davis
3	3		Sonia Feder, John O'Brien
		2	Diane Alexander, Conrad Bader

Sunday Swiss Teams Bracket 1 (5 Teams)

1 Sandra & Bill Nelson, Anthony Prindle, Al Ross

Bracket 2 (5 Teams)

1/2 Rob & Bernie Neuhart, Gino & Katie Scalamandre
1/2 John Riopelle, Andrew Archibald, Shirley Grady, William Teiper

Bracket 3 (5 Teams)

1 Judy & Richard Hill, Robert & Mary Ellen Nevin

Rank Changes

Junior Masters (5 MPs):

Carole Baker

Club Masters (20 MPs):

Don DuBois

Mary Ellen DuBois

Leonard Lapinski

Linda Millenbach

Sectional Masters (50 MPs; 5 silver):

Renee Whitman

Mary Wright

Daniel Wulff

Regional Masters (100 MPs; 15 silver & 5 red or gold):

Conrad Bader

Charles Close

Diane Freer

Ulla Sattinger

NABC Masters (200 MPs; 25 silver, 5 gold & 15 red or gold):

Annie Factor

Anne Marie Gapp

Judy Hill

Richard Hill

Alice Zayac

Life Masters (300 MPs; 50 silver, 25 gold & 25 red or gold):

Andrew Dubay

Ellen Jabbur

Mark Rosenholz

Richard Stein

Amelia Urbano

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs):

Ellen Jabbur

Louis Urbano

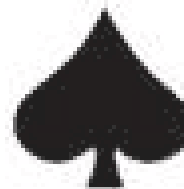
Gold Life Master (2500 MPs):

David Standig

Personal Notes

Condolences sent to the family and friends of Dortha Danish. Dortha died in July. She was a bridge teacher in the Capital Region for many years. She and her husband, Bill, ran weekly games at their studio in their home in Defreestville, in Rensselaer County. Dortha was a former member of the Board of Directors at CDBA.

Condolences sent to Gary Belcher and to his family and friends. His son, Bruce, died unexpectedly in August. Bruce loved to play baseball. At various family functions, he was always ready to take his turn at bat.



New Games for Intermediate/Novice Players:

0-299 game Monday 12:00 pm at the ROC
Sand Creek Rd in Colonie
0-750 game Stratified Tuesday 12:00 pm at
the JCC
Whitehall Rd in Albany

Deadline for submission of your news, articles, or information to be included in the October Newsletter is:

September 30

We appreciate your contributions

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Top Winners Saratoga June 2005

79.05 Steve Bloom	21.07 Lucy Spongberg	13.84 Larry Rosen
79.05 Betty Bloom	21.07 Gary Spongberg	13.84 Barbara Burgess
72.22 Ronald Harvey	21.04 David Standig	13.69 Angela De Franco
62.66 Albert Ross	20.46 William Wade	13.59 Joan Gerard
46.91 Donna Chambers	20.46 Layton Davis	13.50 Richard Underwood
31.43 Walter Smith	20.40 John Riopelle	13.49 Joan Thompson
30.07 Robert Valenti	19.64 Neil Chambers	13.34 Diana Lack
27.60 Bob Feller	19.64 Margaret Peruzzi	13.24 Alice Zayac
27.01 Anthony Prindle	19.32 Donald Bathrick	13.22 David Atkinson
26.14 Shirley Greenblott	17.70 Robert Neuhart	12.90 Mabel Siler
26.14 Mary Fredrick	16.89 Lois Lyon	12.90 Jonathan Insel
25.62 Donald Cohen	16.53 Roger Woodin	12.90 John Vary
24.83 Richard Hill	16.48 Bernard Neuhart	12.72 Norma Shelly
24.83 Judy Hill	16.16 William Nelson	12.44 Marylin Beames
24.61 Stephen Paskin	16.16 Sandra Nelson	12.12 Judy Dubay
24.37 Nancy Hayden	15.01 William Dubay	11.99 Lee Pearson
23.05 John McDonald	14.42 Joe Rizzuto	11.98 Munir Jabbur
23.05 Barbara McDonald	14.41 Judith Shulman	11.80 Donald Campbell
22.80 Steven Shaye	14.35 Nancy Russell	11.54 Roberta Matuszek
22.16 Jill Factor	14.31 Peter Wick	11.54 John Matuszek
22.16 Arnold Factor	14.09 Gerald Russell	11.26 Rich Kasprowicz
21.62 William Peruzzi	13.99 Priscilla Cleary	11.18 Dolores Heisler
		11.18 Ann Walker

Mark this date-Sept 24th

Play a Team Game with **Lynn Deas**. Join us for an all-day bridge adventure. You will play a set of hands from the National Women's Knockout which Lynn won in Atlanta. Your teammates will be Lynn and her partner, Beth Palmer, or her teammates, Kerri Sanborn & Lynn Balcer. You and three of your peers will play 16 hands in the morning, then compare your results with the score which the winning team earned while your pause and enjoy a nice lunch. After lunch Lynn will discuss your results, answer your questions, & award prizes to the winners. The cost is \$50 for the lesson & lunch. Location is The Studio. Lesson begins at 9am. For more information call: 370-2732 or e-mail: Lynn@LynnDeas.com.

Judi Shulman will be assisting Lynn and there will be no Third Thursday in September. Judi will have a Thursday on October 20th & the topic will be:

Negative Doubles and Follow up Bidding

Reminder

Be kind to your opponents. Soon they will be playing your competition and you may want them to be at their best to play their best.



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Tues-Sunday	September 13-18	Regional Smithtown, NY
Fri-Sunday	September 16-18	Falling Leaves Sectional
Sat-Sunday	October 15-16	Sectional Sturbridge, MA
Mon-Sunday	October 17-23	Regional Danbury, CT
Fri-Sunday	October 28-30	Sectional Killington, VT
Thurs-Sunday	November 17-27	NABC Denver, Colorado

Club Events

Tues and Monday	Sept 27 and Oct 10	Local Rated
Mon-Sunday	October 24-30	STAC



Please continue making
suggestions to improve
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Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300)		1:00 pm
Pro-Am Swiss Teams (Come as a pair; random draw 4 groups: top paired with bottom, groups 2 & 3 paired)		7:00 pm

Saturday - November 5

Blue Ribbon Qualifier (0-1500, 0-3000, Open)	- 1 st session	
Stratified Pairs (0-300, 0-750, 0-1000)	- single session	10:00 am
Blue Ribbon Qualifier	- 2 nd session	3:00 pm
Stratified Pairs (0-300, 0-750, 0-1000)	- single session	

Sunday - November 6

Swiss Teams (Bracketed, 1 session)		1:00 pm
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**This 'n That
from your District Director**

This is a very sad Fall for me and the entire bridge community. To think that we no longer have Bill Shelly with us is very hard to deal with. Bill and Norma have given so much of themselves to our beloved game that it is impossible to believe Bill won't be working in the kitchen making food for everyone to enjoy; talking to newcomers; helping all the volunteers, sitting and helping the directors run your sectionals, playing with anyone who needed a partner and doing whatever else was needed to add to our players enjoyment of the game - all with Norma by his side. Bill was a member of the District 3 Board of Directors for many years, and on behalf of District 3, I would like to express our deepest sympathy to Norma and their families and friends at this very sad time for them and for us. I know that you will all help Norma, as she has helped many of you, to find the strength to go on.

On a lighter note - our North American Pairs District Finals was held on September 25th in Allendale, New Jersey and a near record crowd turned out...62

tables of bridge in our three fights. Flight C showed the greatest increase and that is really good news. Steve Maltzman was our chair and he and his significant other, Renee, serve a tasty brunch at 11:30am. The dinner break was short so that people were on their way home by 8:15pm. There were not too many folks from unit 115 but we hope that more of you will participate next year. Lots of points out there for the take! Don't miss that opportunity again.

The Fall is a busy time for bridge. October 17-23 is District 3's Fall regional in Danbury, Ct--- just a short drive for most of you and room rates that are hard to beat - \$75 a night single/double and a great bridge schedule with short dinner breaks. We hope to see many of you attending.

Then I'm off to the Bermuda Bowl/Venice Cup in Estoril, Portugal where I represent the ACBL on the World Bridge Federation Board. I am a vice chair of Appeals for the WBF so will remain there until the end of the tournament. Then I will hurry home so that I can be at the ACBL Board meetings in Denver just before the NABC. Will fill you in on all the actions taken in my next column.

For now, enjoy playing bridge. It's a great sport. Hope to see many of you in Danbury and then starting the New Year off at the Hilton, Rye Town.

Joan Gerard, District Director

Corrections

The 299er Certificates for Schenectady Sectional were available for purchase during the tournament on September 16 -17, not August 16-17 as reported in the August Newsletter.

Dorothy Kraus is, and has been, our Secretary on the CDBA Board replacing MaryClare Devlin.

PRE-LIFEMASTER / LIFEMASTER PAIRS GAME!



The third annual pre-lifemaster / lifemaster pair's game will be held Sat Oct 15 at the Studio @ 9:45 am - please note the time change for players to attend Phyllis Manley's memorial service if they wish (2pm - also in Schenectady).

This game is a fun chance to learn and get to know each other. Lots of masterpoints, bridge pointers, good company, and refreshments!

Please let Norma Shelly (346-3773) or Diane Burger (273-5371) know if you plan to attend. You may arrange your own partnership or contact us if you would like to play and need a partner.

Phyllis Manley

Phyllis was an avid and skilled duplicate bridge player. She played in local tournaments regularly and traveled to more than 80 Regional Bridge Tournaments in the Northeast and Canada and to National Tournaments in Boston and Montreal. Her study of and natural talent for the game led to the accumulation of over 4200 masterpoints giving her the rank of Gold Life Master. She was well on her way to Diamond Life Master (5000 masterpoints).

She was everyone's favorite partner and became our maven. Whenever a question arose we would say, "Let's ask Phyllis." She read every ACBL Bulletin from cover to cover as soon as it arrived and therefore was up to date with all conventions, treatments, alerts, etc.

Recently she was honored with the Marvin Friedman Award which is given to the player who most exemplifies courteous and sportsmanlike behavior at the bridge table and makes all players feel welcome.

Carol Chandler

Omissions

Nele Rzd received 19.93 points at the Saratoga Regional. The Editor inadvertently left out her name from the list of top winners.



Personal Notes

Condolences sent to the family and friends of Bill Shelly, Robert Kistler, and Phyllis Manley. They will be missed.

Mark this date

Oct 20, 2005

Judi's Third Thursday
Jewish Community Center
9:30 am Lesson

Negative Doubles - beyond the first round of bidding

Everyone knows how to make a negative double, but when does partner bid notrump, when does he jump in your suit, how do the two hands fit together? Learn how to handle the rest of the auction after the negative double has been made.

Lunch and
Duplicate Game follows

Club Corner

The Studio

Nov. 2 Wednesday 12:00 CC Team Game
 Nov. 14 Monday 12:00 Invitational Charity CC
 Nov. 19 Saturday 12:30 CC
 Nov. 24 Thursday & Nov. 26 Saturday Studio Closed
 Nov. 29 Tuesday 7:00 Non-LM CC
 Dec. 8 Thursday 12:00 CC
 Dec. 24 Saturday Studio Closed
 Dec. 26 Monday Studio Closed
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Capital City Sectional

November 4-6 (Friday-Sunday)

Calling 0-299ers: For \$15, purchase 4 coupons for the 2 sessions on Fri and 2 on Sat (11/4-5). (Coupons non-refundable & non-transferable)

Friday night: Pro-Am Swiss Teams.

Sunday: Swiss Team (Brackets determined based on entries).

Lifemaster/ Pre Lifemaster Game

October 15 (Saturday)

Time Change: 9:45 am

\$10.15 / per pair

Bob Kistler

Bob Kistler, an excellent, ethical, fun loving bridge player, went to be with the Lord on August 25, 2005. His loving wife, Rosanne, also an exceptional bridge player, and his two sons Rob and Chuck were his best friends and have wonderful memories of Bob.

I, Ray Nunez, was privileged to have Bob teach me all I know about bridge. He was patient, kind, encouraging, and he stretched my brains to the limit. He was the ideal bridge partner.

My accomplishment was that as a ballroom dance teacher I am responsible for making Bob a swinger. He loved to dance. We fished, played tennis, enjoyed family activities, and we both loved eggplant parmigiana. Bob is waiting in heaven to teach us a new exciting game.

Falling Leaves Sectional Results Sept 16-18, 2005

A B C

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs (50 Pairs)

1			Arthur Bernhardt, David Standig
2			Lucy & Gary Spongberg
3	1		Ross Lounsbury, Robert Valenti
	2		Larry Rosen, Steven Shaye
		1	Delores Inzero, Gerald Kaufman
		2	Diana Lack, Saul Seinerberg

Friday Afternoon 299ers (22 Pairs)

1	1		Jean Drake, Bette Sovik,
2			Jill & Arnold Factor
3	2	1	Roberta & John Matuszek
4	3	2	Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin

Friday Evening Pro-Am Teams (13 Teams)

1			Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin, Sandra & Bill Nelson
2			Joyce & Robert Mass, Rich Kasprovicz, David Standig

Saturday Morning Open Pairs (30 Pairs)

1			Betty & Steve Bloom
2	1		Joe Rizzuto, Peter Wick
	2		Bernard & Rob Neuhart
		1	Patricia & James Ackerman
		2	Anne Lapinski, Sandra Graper

Saturday Morning 299ers (13 Pairs)

1	1	1	Bonnie Taylor, Dan Wulff
2	2		Frances Corbett, Jane Meharg
		2	Roberta & John Matuszek

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs (20 Pairs)

1			Al Ross, Arthur Bernhardt
2			Lynn Deas, Steven Norwich
3			Sandra & Bill Nelson
	1		Diana Lack, Diane Burger
	2		John O'Brien, John Rose
		1	Ulla & Michael Sattinger
		2	Anne Lapinski, Sandra Graper

Saturday Afternoon 299ers (10 Pairs)

1	1		Margaret Lavelle, Diane Alexander
2			Doris Yolish, Michael Soobitsky
3	2	1	Ellen Finch, Owen Smith
		2	Bonnie Taylor, Dan Wulff

Sunday Swiss Teams Bracket A (5 Teams)

1			Betty & Steve Bloom, Ronald Harvey, Gerald Cohen
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Bracket B (5 Teams)

1			Dorothy Kraus, Charles Schmidt, Ross Lounsbury, Robert Valenti
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Bracket C (5 Teams)

1			Amelia & Lou Urbano, Myra & Lou Brickman
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Bracket D (7 Teams)

1			Marigay Harkins, Carol Combi, Ellen Finch, Diane Alexander
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Rank Changes

Junior Masters (5 MPs):

Jennifer Armstrong

Norma Westcott

Owen Yamauchi

Club Masters (20 MPs):

Bernard Price

Sectional Masters (50 MPs; 5 silver):

Ellen Finch

Regional Masters (100 MPs; 15 silver & 5 red or gold):

Diane Alexander

Judy Ludwig

NABC Masters (200 MPs; 25 silver, 5 gold & 15 red or gold):

Arlene Sheber



Gift Cards

Hanukkah or Christmas gift cards for the upcoming holidays are the perfect choice for your bridge-playing friends or relatives. Cards are available in any denomination from club directors.

Schedule Changes

Mondays and Tuesdays (Oct 17, 18, 24, 25) - No games at JCC

Tuesdays' (Oct 18, 25) - Games moved from JCC to the ROC

Wednesday (Oct 12) - No game at B'nai Shalom

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If you have any questions or would just like to assure that we have a variety of treats, please contact:

Lorrie Chamberlin at 286-2851 or lorham3@aol.com.

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings
Unit 115 (as of September 29, 2005)

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Regional Master	Judy Hill Richard Hill Joseph Phillips	Judy Hill Richard Hill Joseph Phillips
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Diamond Life	William Dubay Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann	Judy Dubay William Dubay Harry Kaufmann
Emerald Life Master	Betty Bloom William Nelson Sandra Nelson	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Albert Ross
Grand Life Master	Lynn Deas Steve Bloom	Steve Bloom Lynn Deas

CANAPE'

by Bob Donald

Here is an interesting hand from the North American Open Pairs played in Allendale, New Jersey on September 25, 2005

North			
∩ - 87			
! - KQ98			
∇ - Q983			
# - 865			
West		East	
∩ - K632	Dlr - N	∩ - J4	
! - A10542	Vul - None	! - J763	
∇ - KJ4		∇ - A2	
# - 9		# - AQJ42	
South			
∩ - AQ1095			
! - void			
∇ - 10765			
# - K1073			

North	East	South	West
P	1!(1)	1∩	4!(2)
Dbl	P	P	P

(1) Canape', an opening hand with less than 16 HCP, guarantees 4 or more hearts & may contain a longer suit.

(2) Since the opening bid is limited (< 16 HCP), the 4 bid is either preemptive or shows little slam interest.

Making 4 doubled +590 and 15/15 matchpoints.

Diane Burger and I were playing a new bidding system, the Canape Club. We located our fit very quickly when Diane opened 1 H. My 4 bid shows...see (2) above.

The logical lead is the A of spades followed by a shift to a diamond; the J of diamonds is covered by the Q and the A. Next, the A of clubs is cashed followed by a club ruff. The K of diamonds is cashed followed by a diamond ruff and then a club ruff. The K of spades is cashed followed by a spade ruff, and North is helpless as East always scores two more tricks, making 4 doubled.

The Canape' style was developed by Pierre Albarran in France. The surprising thing about Canape' is how well it works. It is safer to introduce a longer second suit than a shorter one in later rounds of bidding. Partner will seldom need to take a preference to the shorter suit. Although 4-card suits are frequently opened, it's almost like playing 5-card majors and 5-card minors at the same time. Negative doubles are very frequent as they show only 3-card support. You may request the latest free copy of the Canape Club from Bob Donald at (ucrman@nycap.rr.com). The Canape Club has a weak 1NT opening (12-15 HCP); a strong 1C opening (16+ HCP); 1D, 1H, and 1S Canape openings; and descriptive 2 bid openings. Unlike the Precision Club, responder usually responds to the 1D, 1H, and 1S openings with 4 HCP or more.

PUPPET STAYMAN

by Lou Brickman

After the ordinary Stayman (O.S.) sequence, 1NT-2C the hand that will declare conveys information to the hand that will be dummy. This direction of information flow is unfortunate because the opponents are listening. Following are two typical examples. The sequence 1NT-2C-2D shows that opener has no 4-card major, provides a sketch of opener's shape, and suggests an opening lead of a heart or spade. Usually the only part of this that interests responder is opener's lack of one specific 4-card major. A second O.S. example is the sequence 1NT-2C-2S-2NT. The uncovering of opener's spade holding is useless to responder, but may warn the defenders not to lead a spade. Thus O.S. reveals a regrettable amount of opener's hand to the opponents, & this is true for 2NT openings as well.

Puppet Stayman (P.S.) largely directs the flow of information from responder to opener, thereby avoiding these "security breaches." P.S. works as follows. The 2C response (alertable) is made with the same hand type as in O.S. (rare exception in Final Remark 1 below), but asks for a 5-card major instead of a 4-card major. Opener denies a 5-card major by rebidding 2D (alertable). (The frequency of the 2D bid will range from about 80%, for those who open 1NT whenever possible, to 100%, for those who never open 1NT with a 5-card major. We shall discuss the alternative to 2D below.) After 1NT-2C-2D responder can show, with one bid, all 4-card majors, distinguish between invitational and game-forcing strength, and never "wrong-side" the contract! Opener will then be in a good position to place the contract. Here is the clever (alertable) scheme. Memorize!

After 1NT-2C-2D responder bids the major he/she does not have, or notrump with both majors (Official Encyclopedia of Bridge, 6th Ed. 2001, p 370). These bids are made at the 2-level to invite and the 3-level to force game.

Responder Examples after 1NT-2C-2D

KJxx-xx-AJxx-xxx: bid 2H	KJxx-AJxx-xx-xxx: bid 2NT
xx-AQxx-Axx-xxxx: bid 3S	KJxx-AQxx-xx-xxx: bid 3NT

Examples of Opener's Third Bid

AQxx-Kx-Kxx-Kxxx: after 2H bid 2S, after 3S bid 3NT, after 2NT bid 3S, after 3NT bid 4S
AQx-Kxx-Kxx-Kxxx: after 2H bid 2NT, after 3S bid 3NT, after 2NT pass, after 3NT pass

Finally, we suppose that the 1NT opener has a 5-card major. Opener then rebids 2 of this major. (O.S. would reveal 4 of the 5 cards.) Responder alerts, and the rest of the auction is natural. The second advantage of P.S. now appears: a 5-3 major fit and a superior suit contract may be found.

Responder Examples after 1NT-2C-2H

KJxx-xx-AJxx-xxx: bid 2NT	Axxx-Axx-xx-xxxx: bid 3H
Axxx-Axx-x-xxxxx: bid 4H	AQxx-xx-Axx-xxxx: bid 3NT

Final Remarks

1. "Garbage P.S.": With weak hands containing at least two spades, two hearts, and five diamonds, responder bids 2C and then passes any reply. Minimum example: xx-xx-xxxxx-xxxx
2. P.S. is equally effective after a 2NT opening. The bidding there is simpler because responder has no invitational level.
3. A possible disadvantage of P.S. is an incompatibility with 4-suit transfers: playing both conventions, how would responder bid an invitational hand with no 4-card major and no 6-card minor?

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Mon-Sunday	October 17-23	Regional Danbury, CT
Fri-Sunday	October 28-30	Sectional Killington, VT
Fri-Sunday	November 4-6	Sectional Schenectady, NY
Thurs-Sunday	November 17-27	NABC Denver, Colorado

Club Events

Mon-Sunday	October 24-30	STAC
Wednesday	October 19 (gold pts)	Club Appreciation Team Game



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Happy Holidays



Sybil's Christmas Party

Sunday

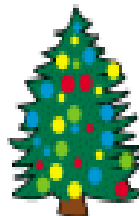
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at noon

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(details inside)



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**This 'n That
from your District Director**

Thanksgiving has ended and we are now swinging into the holiday season. Hopefully, we will all take time to give thanks for our good fortune and perhaps gifts to victims of Katrina, Wilma, the earthquake in Pakistan and heavens knows what other tragedies have happened in our lives and the lives of those around us. I know those in need will not be forgotten by the bridge playing communities around the world.

On the bright side.... the NABC is just ending in Denver and it looks like it will surpass 10,000 tables - a good number for a Fall NABC and deservedly so. A good location, wonderful volunteers and hospitality, good restaurants in walking distance and short cab rides away... all the ingredients of a successful tournament and guess what - It Was!!!! Congratulations to two unit 115'ers - Lynn Deas who finished first in the Women's Team Event and Neil Chambers who finished first in the Senior KO's. Imagine two winners from your unit - Great Job! Zia was elected by our Board as the Honorary Member of the Year- this is one of the better things our Board has done. Zia is a fantastic spokesman for bridge. Anything anyone asks him to do to promote the game, he does. He has a winning personality as well as being a winner at the tables. I know he will continue to promote Bridge for Peace which is the motto of the World Bridge Federation.

The Board meetings were quiet but there were a few items of interest that took place that will affect you. Sectionals will now have to charge \$1.00 extra per player per session to anyone who is not a member of the ACBL or is a Life Master who is not paying their service fee. Only a 0-20 MP game is exempt from this charge to the player. The good news is that the unit gets to keep the money so maybe there will be a push to use this bit of money to promote bridge. Sanction Fees for STAC's are going up so this might result in your having to pay more money to play in a STAC. Try to understand it is not your club director's fault. And all of those of who do go to NABC's, the entry fees are going up \$1.50 per player per session. NABC's are attended by only 14% of our players so it is not right that they not foot the cost of the NABC's.

The Danbury Regional was a great success! Attendance was up just about 5% and of course we will be returning

President's Message

Hi all,

It's very hard to make snow when it keeps going up to 55 degrees.

Sybil's party is Sunday December 18 at noon. Sandy Graper is chair and will need some elves to help her. Come and bring an appetizer or dessert. Donations are accepted for paper products and beverages. The annual meeting will take place during the afternoon. Yes, bridge also.

WANTED: Intelligent, charming individuals to serve on the Board. Give a little something back to bridge. Contact any board member.

We said goodbye to two great men. Both Bob Kistler and Bill Shelly were gentlemen at and off the bridge table, and will be greatly missed.

Try as we may, we are unable to find bridge tables of 30". We need the smaller size to fit into the back room. Can you help?

We are very appreciative of all the years Fran Leary has spent as the Rep from our unit to District 3. Bill Dubay has agreed to be our new delegate. Thank you both.

Till we meet on the slopes or the bridge table, Happy Holidays to all.

Marian Clowe

there next Fall. With this Regional we closed the year with an increase in table count at every event except the GNT's. We are trying a new format for this event in '06 so watch for details. Also the event will be held in May when all the snowbirds are home and there is no fear of snow. ..so no excuse for some of you Capital District folk to come on down to Allendale.

The Hilton Rye Town starts us off for '06. We hope to see many of you there earning your first MP's of the year. I want to thank the members of your unit board who voted for me to serve this District for another three years. I was re-elected and am proud to be your representative, Make sure you let me know if there are things you think can be improved. You know I will do what I can. Please enjoy the Holiday Season. Both Ron and I wish for you all that you wish for yourselves and your family. May the New Year bring peace to the world and masterpoints to all of us.

Joan Gerard, District Director

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Holiday Parties and Charity Club Championships

Dec 14th (Weds) - B'nai Shalom; Game 7pm
 Dec 16th (Friday) - ROC; Game at noon
 Dec 20th (Tues) - JCC; Game at noon

MID-WINTER SECTIONAL FEB 10-12th STUDIO OF BRIDGE AND GAMES 1639 Eastern Parkway Blvd

FRIDAY - February 10th

- 1:00 pm -Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 0-2000, Open)
 -Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300)
- 7:00 pm -Pro-Am Swiss Teams (Come as a pair. Format is Random Draw pairing. 4 Groups based on master points. Top group paired with bottom group. Groups 2 & 3 paired)

SATURDAY - February 11th

- 10:00 am -Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 0-2000, Open)
 -Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300)
- 3:00 pm -Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 0-2000, Open)
 -Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300)

SUNDAY - February 12th

- 1:00 pm - 1 Session Bracketed Swiss Team Event
 (Brackets to be determined based on entries)



What is your response to partner's opening 1♠ bid?
 You hold:

- ♠ QJxx
- ♥ KJ109xx
- ♦ x
- ♣ AQ

(Send your answer to the Editor)

Judi's 3rd Thursday

Dec 8, 2005

Jewish Community Center
 9:30 am Lesson

**Responsive and Other Doubles
 Lunch and
 Duplicate Game follows**

Club Corner

The Studio

Dec. 8 Thursday 12:00 CC
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Bill Shelly was a gentleman & he was a gentle man
He'd greet you warmly & then he'd kiss your hand

He was a Marine in Korea He did his part
Served his country & won a purple heart

When he met Norma his fate was sealed
They became the seeded pair in this field

Together they opened the Studio of Bridge &
Games
Bill and Norma became household names

As we'd sit there waiting for the game to start
We'd see Bill coming with a Price Chopper cart

Or maybe you're waiting for a call. Just quit your
bitchin
Can't you see he's busy... Bill's in the kitchen

What's that over there? Is it a traffic jam?
Nah, it's just folks lining up for a taste of Bill's ham

He was always doing someone a favor, or baking a
cake
Or giving someone a ride or attending a wake

Then Bill had a stroke & was disabled for 6 years

He never complained or said "why me?"
He accepted his fate with dignity

You'd say "Bill how're you doin? Early or late
He'd always smile & say "I'm doing just great"

Shhh Shuu Listen

You can hear Bill saying as he's waiting in line
"Don't worry about me Lord, I'll be just fine"

Capital City Sectional Results Nov 4-6, 2005

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1 Joan Meyer, Arthur Bernhardt,
2 1 Donald Cohen, Corrado Baglioni
3 Roger Woodin, Donna Natili
2 Mary Fredrick, Morris Cramer
1 Donald Bathrick, John Riopelle
2 Charles Schmidt, Dorothy Kraus

Friday Afternoon 299ers (12 Pairs)
1 1 Joyce Mass, Robert Mass
2 2 1 Conrad Bader, Diane Alexander
3 3 2 Eleanor Lisuzzo, Joe Lisuzzo

Friday Evening Swiss Teams (8 Teams)
1 Robert Neuhart, Bernard Neuhart, Judy
Gluck, Alice Zayac
2 Nancy Hayden, Michael Sattinger, Ulla
Sattinger, Norma Shelly

Saturday Morning Open Pairs (25 Pairs)
1 Stanley & Nancy Ball
2 1 Richard Clark, Louis Brickman
2 Judy Gluck, Marilyn Soffer
1 Margaret Lavelle, David Funk
2 Michael & Ulla Sattinger

Saturday Blue Ribbon Pairs (20 Pairs)
1 Betty & Steve Bloom
2 Bob Feller, Lynn Deas
3 Anthony Prindle, Albert Ross
1 Robert Donald, Diane Burger
2 1 Maxim Siline, Xiaoqian Liu
2 Layton Davis, William Wade

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs (10 Pairs)
1 1 Lois Tuohey, Sandra Quinn
2 2 1 Michael & Ulla Sattinger
2 Lew & Linda Millenbach

Sunday Swiss Teams Flight A (8 Teams)
1 Judy & Bill Dubay, Sandra & Bill Nelson
2 Stephen Paskin, Richard Underwood,
Anthony Prindle, Al Ross
1 1 Donald Bathrick, William Teiper, Andrew
Archibald, John Riopelle
2 Robert & Bernard Neuhart, Beth & Paul Meier

Flight B (8 Teams)
1 1 1 Michael & Ulla Sattinger, Lew & Linda
Millenbach
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Michael Esposito
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Jonathan Insel

Silver Life Master (1000 MPs):

Richard Underwood



Mark your Calendar President's Cup May 13, 2006

Upcoming 2006 Sectionals at *The Studio*

February 10-12

April 28-30

July 7-9

September 8-10

November 3-5

To Our Friends

Fortunately, I have this newsletter as a means to thank all of you who sent their condolences to our family. They are probably going to be able to add a wing onto St. Jude's from all the generous contributions sent in Bill's memory.

Thanks also to everyone who attended Bill's "party" and a special thanks to Jade Barrett for his kindness and to Marylin Beames for her poem (see pg. 4) which, as always, was right on target.

Love, Norma

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A WASTED BID?

by
Bob Donald

What do you bid with the following hands after this auction?

You Partner
1♥ 1NT

1. ♠-AKxx, ♥-KQJxx, ♦-Axx, ♣-x
2. ♠-KQx, ♥-AQJxxx, ♦-x, ♣-AKx
3. ♠-Ax, ♥-AKxxx, ♦-x, ♣-KQ10xx

Most would bid 2♠ with #1 because one is supposed to reverse with such a hand.

Most would bid 3♣ with #2 to force and hope that partner doesn't raise clubs without 5-card support.

Most would bid 2♣ with #3, a 4-loser hand.

Is there another way to bid those hands? Yes, there is.

Another method is to ignore the 4-card spade suit. Responder denied 4 spades with the 1NT response, so a 4-4 fit cannot exist, so why bid 2♠ with 4 spades?

With #1 above, rebid 2NT which describes the strength of the hand and shows a very likely place where the hand should be played. This will also make it more difficult to defend.

With hand #2, rebid 2♠ which is artificial and is used to show many different types of game forcing hands depending on opener's second rebid. Opener's second rebid in this case is 3♥ which is forcing with 6 hearts.

With hand #3, rebid 3♣ directly over 1NT which is invitational showing 5 clubs.

After the auction 1♥- 1NT- 2♠ responder should usually rebid 2NT to allow opener to describe the hand. Now opener bids 3♣ or 3♦ which is natural showing 4+ cards in the suit and is forcing.

3♥ is forcing with 6+ hearts. 3♠ is forcing with 5 spades and 6 hearts. (See hands #4-6 below.)

With 2♠ describing many game forcing hands, rebids of 3♣, 3♦, and 3♥ can be used for invitational hands. (See hands #7-9 below.)

After 1♥- 1NT- 2♠- 2NT

4. ♠-Ax, ♥-AKQxx, ♦-x, ♣-AQ10xx
Bid 3♣ forcing showing 4+ clubs.

5. ♠-Ax, ♥-AKxxx, ♦-AKxxx, ♣-x
Bid 3♦ forcing showing 4+ diamonds.

6. ♠-AQxxx, ♥-AKxxxx, ♦-Ax, ♣-void
Bid 3♠ forcing showing 6-5.

After 1♥- 1NT

7. ♠-Ax, ♥-AKxxx, ♦-KQ10xx, ♣-x
Bid 3♦ showing 5-5 invitational.

8. ♠-Ax, ♥-AKJ10xx, ♦-Kx, ♣-Qx
Bid 3♥ invitational with 6+ hearts.

9. ♠-xx, ♥-AKxxx, ♦-Ax, ♣-KQxx
Bid 2NT invitational to 3NT.

Responder may bid 3♠ after 1♥- 1NT- 2NT to ask if opener has a spade stopper.

Opener Responder

10. ♠-xx ♠-x
♥-AKxxx ♥-xx
♦-Ax ♦-KQxxx
♣-KQxx ♣-Axxxx

1♥ 1NT

2NT 3♠ (asks if opener has a spade stopper)

4♣ (denies a spade stopper)

Now a minor suit game or slam should be reached.

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Sunday
Tues-Monday
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Thurs-Sunday

December 9-11
December 18
January 10-16
February 10-12
March 30-Apr 9

Convent Station, NJ Sectional
Sybil's Christmas Party, Studio
Rye Regional
Mid-Winter Sectional, Studio
Spring NABC, Dallas

Club Events

Mon-Sunday

Dec 11-12, 14, 16, 19-20 Charity Club Championships



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