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MID-WINTER SECTIONAL FEB 10-12th

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)

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President's Message

Happy 2006

Sybil's Christmas party was flawed with rudeness and accusations of cheating. Certainly not in the spirit of the season or any other season. I can't address the cheating episode but I can talk about the rudeness--because it happened to me.

It was announced in the newsletter that the annual meeting would take place. This is mandated by the Constitution. It could not be held prior to one o'clock, as people keep arriving and are socializing and it can not be held after the game, for the usual disorganization that takes place. So it is held with a "captive audience" during the game. It has been held at that time and date for quite a while.

So let's all lighten up folks, it's only a game and doesn't have anything to do with the score card at the pearly gates.

As a general rule I feel that people have been more tolerant, and we should all strive to promote friendliness and politeness at the bridge table. We should not scare the novices off, or irritate the opponents.

Farewell to the snow-birds.
See the rest of you at the Sectional.

Marian Clowe

This 'n That from your District Director

Our first Regional of the year has just ended with only one bad day of snow and ice.... but that was enough to bring down the attendance. We had forty tables less than last year. However, it was a great tournament. The Sunday night complimentary dinner was a wonderful treat... chicken, pasta, salad, dessert, sodas, and coffee. Everyone enjoyed the meal which was funded by the surplus from our NY NABC. Huge Compact KO's and huge Newplicate games - plenty of MP's for all.

The District 3 GNT's will be on May 20th in Mahwah, New Jersey. (Please note that this is a change of location from my previous Newsletter article). A new format for the Flight B's. There will be a Swiss Qualifying 2 session game on Saturday with 12 teams or more competing; there will be 4 teams that compete on Sunday at the Rockland Bridge Club. If 6-11 teams participate, 2 will qualify to play a Final on Sunday and if less than 6 teams, the winner of the Swiss on Saturday will be the Flight B. champion. Flight C will be a Swiss with a winner after 2 sessions on Saturday and Flight A and the Championships Flight will be a straight KO. To learn more about this great event contact: bettyann225@optonline.net

BIG NEWS! We have moved our August Secaucus, NJ Regional to the 4th of July weekend in Paesippamy, New Jersey. The dates are June 28-July 4th following our wonderful Saratoga Springs Regional. I know that you will all be in Saratoga Springs and then plan to spend July 4th weekend with us as well in New Jersey. We have great events planned - lots of KO's and Compact KO's; lots of Newplicate and even 2 Senior Swiss Teams. Make June District 3 month and plan to get all those Gold points at out 2 super Regionals.

The ACBL Charity Foundation decided last year to give \$100,000 a year to 5 different districts who would be able to select up to 5 charities to give this money to. District 3 voted to give the money equally to 4 different charities so that each charity will be getting \$5000. The charities of our choice are: Make A Wish Foundation; Habitat For Humanity; The United States

Bridge Federation - earmarked to send 3 Schools Teams to Thailand to participate in the World Schools Team Championships; Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

I know you all have a wonderful website but I do hope that you will make an effort to go to District 3's website. It is chock full of information about our up coming Regionals and Special Events as well as having links to almost everywhere you would want to go to. Try it - you'll like it: <http://www.bridge-district3.org>. You can check all the MP Races; check results from all our Regionals, read my most recent District Director's Report and lots more. Steve Maltzman from unit 140 does it all.

Don't forget to come to Saratoga in June ... The Prime Hotel & Conference Center has a new name. Saratoga - and you know we lived through the renovations last year so this year should be just fantastic. I expect to see the same great turn-out as last year and maybe even a few more.

See you soon, I hope.

Luv,
Joan Gerard, District Director

Corrections

We send our apologies to Joyce Rhubin who recently achieved the rank of Junior Master. Her name was misspelled in the December Newsletter.

INVISIBLE CUEBIDS

Bridge players are usually prepared when partner opens 1-of-a-suit and RHO makes a 1-suited overcall. We have our negative doubles, our cuebids for "limit raise or better," and our jump raises for preemption. We are usually far less prepared after a 2-suited overcall. Instances of 2-suited overcalls are Michaels cuebid, the unusual 2NT, and the "top and bottom" cuebid. *Invisible Cuebids* provide a uniform scheme for dealing with all 2-suited overcalls. The word "invisible" is used because RHO's suits, the suits you cuebid, are not explicitly mentioned in the overcall. When there are two enemy suits to cuebid, you can describe your hand quite elaborately. You thereby exact a price from the opponents for their overcall. The Michaels cuebids 2H and 2S are

exceptional in that each names only one suit. You may not guess the second suit and then use it as a cuebid. We now define *Invisible Cuebids*. Our standing assumption in all that follows is that partner opens 1-of-a-suit and RHO makes a 2-suited overcall.

FIVE RULES FOR INVISIBLE CUEBIDS

1. The cheaper - or the only available - cuebid promises a "limit raise or better" of partner's suit.
2. An explicit raise of partner's suit signals less strength than a limit raise.
3. The more expensive cuebid (both suits named) shows 10+ points and 5+ cards in the fourth suit.
4. An explicit bid of the fourth suit (both suits named) denies 10+ points. Partner can pass!
5. A double promises 10+ points, the ability to penalize at least one enemy suit, and either a double or a bid if LHO's bid is followed by two passes. You will not let the opponents play undoubled.

Lou Brickman

In its' original form, Lou's article has several example hands and suggestions on how to bid those hands using Invisible Cuebids. For a full copy of his work, contact Lou. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, his entire work could not be published in this issue.



Judi's 3rd Thursday

Feb 9, 2006

Jewish Community Center

9:30 am

Forcing bids by the responder

This all day lesson concentrates on those hard-to-describe hands where you need to look for the best contract without allowing partner to pass you below game. We will discuss 4th Suit Forcing, Inverted Minor Suit raises, and other tools to help your partnership explore for the best game and possibly even slam. The cost is still only \$25.00 for the lesson, lunch and a duplicate game. You can also choose to attend only the lesson.

Club Corner

The Studio

Saturday February 25 12:30 CC
 Tuesday February 28 7:00 Non LM CC
 Wednesday March 1 GAMETIME 12:00 Inv Team CC
 Thursday March 9 12:00 Open CC

Saturday Morning Novice Game at the Studio

We have had several requests for a Saturday morning Easy Bridge! game at the Studio. We will hold games on the following dates: February 4 & 18, March 4 & 18, and April 1 & 8. Time will be 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. If you need a partner or more info:

call Norma @ 346-3773



New Race Criteria

Beginning in 2006, masterpoint races will be defined by the number of points and not rank. For example, you could still be an NABC Master with 300 points because you don't have the required Gold Points to become a Life Master. In this case, you will not be allowed to compete in the NABC Master Race but will be in the race for those with 300-500 points.

Personal Notes

Get well wishes to Carol O'Connor, Charlene Sunderland, Bob French, Gene Leary, & Mary Fredrick

Sybil's Christmas Party Results Dec 18, 2005

Sectn A-N/S O/all

A	B	A	B	
1		2		Lynn Deas, Judy Shulman
2				Molly Kantor, Joan Harvey
3	1		4	John Riopelle, Len Lapinski
4	2		6	Jacqueline Marsh, Sharon Lyons
	3			Evelyn Fletcher, Marion Sheehan

Sectn A-E/W O/all

A	B	A	B	
1		1		Betty & Steve Bloom
2		3		Marylin Beames, Clare Beames III
3	1		3	James & Patricia Ackerman
4				Janice Farrell, Mary Williams
	2			Barbara & John McDonald

Sectn B-N/S O/all

A	B	A	B	
1		4		Sandy & Bill Nelson
2		6		Steve Paskin, Al Ross
3				Beth Snyder, Paul Meier
4				Joan Meyer, Arthur Bernhardt
	1			Judy Gluck, Marilyn Soffer
	2			John & Patsy Schulenberg

Sectn B-E/W O/all

A	B	A	B	
1		5		Judy & Bill Dubay
2				Morris Cramer, Ulrich Czapski
3	1		1	Sue Eastman, Germaine Graf
4	2		2	Dorothy Kraus, Charles Schmidt
			5	Andrew Dubay, Louis Urbano

Sectn C O/all

A	B	A	B	
1		1		Lois Tuohey, Bonnie Taylor
2		2		Ellen Finch, Margot Bernhardt
3	1		3	Bill and Pat Exner
	2			Donald & Mary Ellen DuBois



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

♠ QJxx
 ♥ KJ109xx
 ♦ x
 ♣ AQ

Bid of 2NT (Jacoby) edging out 4♦ (Splinter) by 1 vote. The deciding vote attributed to Bridge Boss, a computer program.

UNIT 115: CAPITAL DISTRICT ACTIVE CLUBS

Rank Changes

Junior Masters (5 MPs):

Martha Precheur
Marjorie Russell
Mary Ann Suen

Club Masters (20 MPs):

Daniel Robertson
Bernice Shoobe

Sectional Masters (50 MPs):

Diane Anderson
Mary-Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Margaret Lavelle
R. Levine
Lew Millenbach

Regional Masters (100 MPs):

David Funk
Mary Murphy
Nancy Russell

NABC Masters (200 MPs):

Ellen Lang

Life Masters (300 MPs):

Barbara McDonald
John McDonald

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs):

Dorothy Kraus

Gold Life Master (2500 MPs):

Edna Doigan

	<u>Club Address:</u>	<u>Manager:</u>
Wed 12:30 pm Open game	Adirondack DBC Holiday Inn Route 9, Canada St Lake George 12845	Mrs. Jeanne S. Sullivan 3 Sullivan Road Lake George, NY 12845 792-6462
Thurs 10:30 am 2X a month Invitational game	Albany Country Club Wormer Road Voorheesville, NY 12186	Mrs. Mary E. Bardwell 79 Fernbank Avenue Delmar, NY 12054 439-5907
Mon 7 pm, Inv Tues 12 pm Open Sun 1 pm Open	Albany Jewish Comm. Ctr. 340 Whitehall Road Albany, NY 12208	Ms. Judith L. Shulman 587 Broadway, Apt. A2 Albany, NY 12204 274-7432
Tues 6:30 pm Open	Colonial Bridge League Sr. Citizens Service Ctr. 109 E. Main Street Johnstown, NY 12095	John H. Quinn 178 5 th Avenue Gloversville, NY 12078 725-4025
Thurs 12:30 pm Inv	Glens Falls CC/DBC Glens Falls Country Club 211 Round Pound Road South Queensbury, NY 12804	Mrs. Nora Morris 16 Elmwood Drive Glens Falls, NY 12803 688-5106
Mon 7 pm Novice & Open	Glens Falls DBC C S T Synagogue Center 68 Bay Street Glens Falls, NY 12801	Frederick L. Smith 10 Feeder Dam Road S Glens Falls, NY 12803 793-9425
Mon, Fri 12:00 pm Open Thurs 7:00 pm Open & Novice	Guilderland DBC Russian Orthodox CCtr 617 Sand Creek Road Albany, NY 12205	Ms. Judith L. Shulman 587 Broadway, Apt A2 Albany, NY 12204 482-3800
Wed 7:00 pm Inv	Harrington's Br. Wrkshp Temple B'nai Shalom 420 Whitehall Road Albany, NY 12208	Ms. Judith Shulman 587 Broadway, Apt. A2 Albany, NY 12204 274-7432
Tues 11:30 am Inv & Open Wed 12:00 pm	Saratoga Duplicate Club Shenendehowa Senior Ctr 6 Clifton Common Court Clifton Park, NY 12065	Raymond G. Ratte 18 Northcrest Drive Clifton Park, NY 12065 371-3648
Wed 10:30 am Inv	Schuyler Meadows Club Duplicate Bridge Assoc. PO Box 11500 Loudonville, NY 12211	Catherine Conners 60 Old Niskayuna Road Loudonville, NY 12211 462-3904
Mon 12 pm Inv Tues 7pm NLM Wed 9:30 am NLM 12 pm Inv; 7:30 pm; Thurs 12 pm; Sat 10 am Novice	Studio of Bridge & Games 1639 Eastern Parkway Schenectady 12309	Mrs. Norma J. Shelly 1639 Eastern Parkway Schenectady 12309 346-3773
Wed 12:45 pm Inv	Troy Country Club Brunswick Road Box 125 Troy, NY 12180	Elizabeth B Patrick 2 The Crossways Troy, NY 12180 274-6875

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115 (as of November 30, 2005)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
Rookie	Leonard Lapinski Richard Rem Jennifer Armstrong	Leonard Lapinski Carole Baker John & Barbara Flynn
Junior Master	Linda Millenbach Bernice Shoobe Alice Platt	Linda Millenbach Alice Platt Bernice Shoobe
Club Master	Sue Eastman Bonnie Taylor Daniel Wulff	Sue Eastman Bonnie Taylor Ellen Finch
Sectional Master	Conrad Bader Diane Alexander Jill Factor	Conrad Bader Diane Alexander Ulla Sattinger
Regional Master	Judy Hill Richard Hill Joseph Phillips	Judy Gluck Joseph Phillips Judy & Richard Hill
NABC Master	Andrew Dubay Erwin Mosher Barbara McDonald	Erwin Mosher Munir Jabbur Amelia Urbano
Life Master	Dorothy Kraus Louis Urbano Margaret Peruzzi	Dorothy Kraus Louis Urbano Shirley Grady
Bronze Life Master	Charles Schmidt John Riopelle Robert Valenti	Charles Schmidt John Riopelle William Teiper
Silver Life Master	Robert Neuhart Bernie Neuhart Barbara Burgess	Donald Cohen Mary Anne Pickett Mary Fredrick
Gold Life Master	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Arthur Bernhardt	Stephen Paskin Arthur Bernhardt Anthony Prindle
Diamond Life	William Dubay Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann	William Dubay Judy 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

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Fri-Sunday	February 10-12	Mid-Winter Sectional, Studio
Tues-Sunday	February 21-26	Smithtown Regional
Saturday-Sunday	February 25-26	Ithaca Sectional
Friday-Sunday	March 3-5	Springfield Sectional
Thurs-Sunday	March 30-Apr 9	Spring NABC, Dallas
	July 13-23	Summer NABC, Chicago

Club Events

Tuesday-Monday	February 28-March 6	STACs
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March 15

We appreciate your contributions

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Schenectady Sectional April 28-29th, 2006

Friday - April 28

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Stratified Novice Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300)	1:00 pm
Pro-Am Swiss Teams (Random Draw Pairing)	7:00 pm

Saturday, April 29

Stratified Open Pairs; Stratified Novice Pairs	10:00 am and 3:00 pm
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Sunday, April 30

Swiss Teams (1- Session Bracketed)	1:00 pm
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President's Message



Hi
And a Hoppy Spring to all--
A short follow up to last times column. Whenever
you have a problem with an opponent, CALL THE
DIRECTOR. Be it an accusation of cheating or an
insult to your character, CALL THE DIRECTOR. We
have to have a score card to put into effect a
repercussion. CALL THE DIRECTOR.

We will be having our annual Book and No Bake
Sale, at the April Sectional, to earn monies for the
Saratoga Regional. We request you bring in books
and videos the week prior to April 28. And best of
all, add a few dollars to the cake plate. No bake, no
time, and no calories.

Another money maker for the regional is "Spring
Week"...finally given a name by Dorothy Kraus. We
charge \$1 more per game to off set our assessment
to hold the Regional here.

We also have the President's Cup coming up. Lorrie
Chamberlin and Norma Shelly spend hours
organizing. It's always a great game. I'll see you
there.

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This 'n That from your District Director

As I'm writing this article - it's the first day of
Spring. And Spring brings with it wonderful bridge
in District 3. Plan your dates accordingly and win
lots of Gold!

First - the Grand National Team District Event:
Everyone that is a member of District 3 is eligible
to participate with a team of 4-6 players from this
District and win the right to go to Chicago and
participate in a National Final. May 20th is a
perfect Saturday for a drive to Mahwah, New
Jersey, have lunch with us, and play a two-session
team event, if you are a B or C player. There are
KO's for the Flight A and a Championship Flight. If
you are one of the 4-8 Finalists in B (depending on
the number entered), there is a KO the following
day at a club nearby. Check our web site for a
motel nearby to stay. Flight C winners of the Swiss
are the winners that go to Chicago. There are gold
points for the winners, so c'mon down.

I know you're all making your dates for our
Saratoga Springs Regional. We had almost 1200
tables of bridge in play last year and are expecting
to break that record this year but we need your
help. There are KO's and Compact KO's and
Intermediate Games and of course, Senior games
for all - and let's not forget the Open Games...great
playing conditions, great hospitality, great fun in
your own backyard. Don't be an outcast!! Play your
bridge June 12-18 in Saratoga Springs and Race For
The Points!

By now, you must all know that we are running a
July 4th Regional in
Parsippany, New Jersey, June 28-July 4th, held at
the Sheraton Parsippany Hotel. Spend your holiday
week with us. There's an outdoor swimming pool,
good restaurants nearby, a special breakfast on
July 4th morning before the games begin. The
playing conditions are wonderful. Some of you may
have been there when it was the site of our
summer regional years ago. It was known then as
the Sheraton Tara. Check our ad in the May and
June ACBL Bulletin and of course, all this
information is on our web site: [http://www.bridge-
dist3.org](http://www.bridge-dist3.org)

Our District Board was happy to welcome Bill Dubay as our new member from your unit. Fran Leary retired, not only as Secretary for the District but from the Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fran for her many contributions over the years as well as serving as a great Secretary for the last several. Hopefully, Fran will be continuing as chair with Gene, of the great Saratoga Springs Regional. Bill will have a tough act to follow. He returns to the District 3 Board after a hiatus of many years. We all look forward to working with him.

Hope to see you all at our bridge events this Spring and Summer.

Joan Gerard, District Director



BOOK AUDIO VIDEO DVD SALE!
Friday 4/28 - Sunday 4/30 Sectional
@ the Studio of Bridge & Games

Please donate your gently used books, audio, video tapes and DVDs. Best sellers and bridge books especially welcomed. Contact Diane Burger (273-5371, dburger2@nycap.rr.com) if you want to arrange a donation. Materials may also be dropped at the Studio after 4/20. All proceeds will benefit hospitality at the Saratoga Regional in June.

INVISIBLE CUEBIDS –Review & Conclusion

As in the previous Newsletter our standing assumption is that partner opens 1-of-a-suit and RHO makes a 2-suited overcall. As an example suppose partner opens 1C and RHO bids 2C. By asking LHO or by looking at the opponents' convention card you determine that RHO has hearts and spades. (Be aware that a 2C bid by RHO is not alertable even if it shows unbid suits other than hearts and spades!) At your turn to bid you can make an *invisible cuebid*, in this case either 2H or 2S. The word "invisible" is used because RHO never mentioned either hearts or spades. The rules for invisible cuebids were given in the previous Newsletter and are restated below. In the example just discussed 2H is called the "cheaper" cuebid, 2S is the "more expensive" cuebid, and diamonds

is the "fourth suit." The main purpose here is to provide abundant examples of the use of *invisible cuebids*.

RULES FOR INVISIBLE CUEBIDS

1. The "cheaper" cuebid promises a "limit raise or better" of partner's suit.
2. An explicit raise of partner's suit therefore signals less strength than a limit raise.
3. The "more expensive" cuebid shows 10+ points and 5+ cards in the "fourth suit."
4. An explicit bid of the "fourth suit" therefore denies 10+ points. Partner can pass!
5. A double promises 10+ points, the ability to penalize at least one enemy suit, and either a double or a bid if LHO's bid is followed by two passes. You will not let the opponents play undoubled.

EXAMPLES

Partner opens 1C ... RHO bids 2C (Michaels) showing Hs & Ss
 Ax-xx-xxxx-AQxxx: Bid 2H (cheaper than 2S) to show your limit raise in Cs.
 xx-xx-xxxx-AQJxx: Bid 3C to show a weaker club raise
 xxx-xx-AQJxx-Kxx: Bid 2S to show 10+ pts and 5+ Ds (4th suit)
 xxx-xx-AQJxx-Jxx: Bid 2D to show weaker hand with 5+ Ds
 Partner can pass
 AQT9-xx-xx-AQxxx: Double. If LHO bids 2H and partner has to pass, bid 3C.

Partner opens 1H and RHO bids 2NT, showing Cs and Ds
 AJxx-KQx-xxxx-xx: Bid 3C (cheaper than 3D) to show your limit raise in Hs
 QTxx-KJxx-xxxx-x: Bid 3H to show a weaker heart raise
 KQJxx-Ax-xxxx-xx: Bid 3D to show your 10+ points and 5+ Ss (4th suit)
 KQTxxxx-xx-xxx-x: Bid 3S to show your weaker hand with very long Ss
 Kxx-Kx-Axxx-xxxx: Double. If either 3C or 3D is passed to you, double again

Partner opens 1S and RHO bids 2S (Michaels) showing Hs and an unspecified minor
 KQx-xxx-AJxxx-xx: Bid 3H (only available cuebid) to show limit raise in Ss
 KQxx-xxx-Jxxxx-x: Bid 3S to compete in Ss
 Ax-xxx-AKJxxx-xx: Bid 3D (forcing). Your Hs and Cs are much too weak for a double

Partner opens 1H and RHO bids 2H, a "top and bottom" bid showing Cs and Ss
 xxx-KQx-AJxxx-xx: Bid 2S (cheaper than 3C) to show your limit raise in Hs
 xxxx-KJxx-QTxx-x: Bid 3H, competing
 xxx-Ax-AKJxxx-xx: Bid 3C showing your strong hand and powerful Ds (4th suit)
 xx-xx-KQTxxxx-xx: Bid 3D showing a weaker hand with very long Ds

REFERENCES

1. http://www.slospin.net/Duplicate%20Bridge/Bridge%20Conventions/bridge_invisible_cuebid.htm
2. The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge, Sixth Edition, pp. 111-112
3. Better Bidding With Bergen, Volume Two, pp. 71-75

Club Corner

The Studio

Saturday April 22, May 13, 27 & June 3: 10 am-12 pm

Easy Bridge

Saturdays 12:30 pm Open

Mon, Weds & Thurs 12 pm Invitational

Tuesdays 7 pm NLM

Monday April 24 12:30 Invitational CC

Wednesday May 3 12:30 Invitational CC Team Game

Saturday May 13 12:30 CC

Tuesday May 25 7:00 Non-LM CC

Thursday May 11 12:00 International Fund Game Hand
Analysis

Zero Tolerance Policy

The ultimate purpose of the Z-T policy is to create a much more pleasant atmosphere to make the game of bridge more enjoyable for all. Behavior not tolerated:

- Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence.
- Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
- Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.
- Loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling.

The director should be called **immediately**. Law 74A specifically prohibits annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties. An immediate ¼ board disciplinary penalty (3 IMP in team games) shall be assigned to all offenders. If both members of a partnership are guilty, the penalties are additive (¼ board EACH = ½ board!). A 2nd offense in the same event, the offender(s) shall be ejected from future competition in that event. An offender removed from an event shall be deemed to have not played in the event, no masterpoints will be awarded, and no refunds will be made. All previously-obtained results shall remain valid as to their effect upon other competitors. If found to have committed a serious offense and/or multiple offenses (3) during a tournament, a disciplinary committee may determine whether the offender(s) should be allowed to play in other events at the tournament and/or whether additional sanctions may be appropriate. Warnings are strongly discouraged. Offenders are to receive immediate penalties. Regardless of who may have initiated unacceptable behavior, ALL offenses are punishable. Retaliatory behavior is a punishable offense. Frivolous accusations will also be considered offenses under this policy.

Mid Winter Sectional Results Feb 10-12, 2006

A B C

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs (20 Tables)

1	1		Larry Rosen, Steven Shaye
2			Lawrence Berman - Blaise Reinhart
3/4			Judy, Bill Dubay, Roger Woodin, Art Bernhardt
	2		Lee Pearson, Janet Bender
		1	Louis Urbano, Louis Brickman
		2	Maxim Siline - Xiaoqian Liu

Friday Afternoon 299ers (7 Tables)

1	1	1	Lew & Linda Millenbach
2	2	2	Eleanor & Joe Lisuzzo

Friday Evening Swiss Teams (13 Tables)

1	1	1	Maxim Siline, Xiaoqian Liu --Mabel Siler, Marion Sheehan
2	2	2	Jonathan & Diana Lack --Gary Taylor, Valdean Mosier

Saturday Morning Open Pairs (19.5 Tables)

1			Judy & Bill Dubay
2			Norma Shelly, Nicholas Ecker Racz
3			Stephen Paskin, Gerald Cohen
	1		Bibs Pankin, Blaise Reinhart
	2		Lois Lyon, Joseph Phillips
		1	Louis Brickman, Richard Clark
		2	Evelyn Fletcher, Alma Pusateri

Saturday Morning 299ers (8 Tables)

1	1	1	Lew & Linda Millenbach
2	2		John & Roberta Matuszek
		2	George & Marilyn Riecke

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs (11 Tables)

1			Robert Donald, Walter Smith
2	1		Franceline Leary, Delores Inzero
3			Neil & Donna Chambers
	2		Morris Cramer, Ross Lounsbury
	3	1	Raymond Ratte, Frank Legnard
		2	Maxim Siline, Xiaoqian Liu

Saturday Afternoon 299ers (6 Tables)

1			Frank Morgan, Joyce Lazarus
2			Sue Eastman, Diane Alexander
	1		Joe & Eleanor Lisuzzo
	2		Lew & Linda Millenbach

Sunday Swiss Teams **Flight 1** (20 Tables)

1			Nicholas Ecker Racz, Norma Shelly, Neil & Donna Chambers
2			Morris Cramer, Peter Wick, Ulrich Czapski, Kawther Jabbur

Flight 2 (15 Tables)

1			Maxim Siline, Xiaoqian Liu, Rob & Bernard Neuhart
2			Joanne Schlang, Richard Underwood, David Pratt, Teri Landin

Flight 3 (10 Tables)

1			John O'Brien, Germaine Graf, Dorothea Tobin, David Norrow
2			Len & Anne Lapinski, Chris Almy, Sandra Graper

Rank Changes

Junior Masters (5 MPs):

Patricia Baugh
Niki Belleville
William Case
Peg McAteer
Richard Rem

Club Masters (20 MPs):

James Patterson
George Zautner

Sectional Masters (50 MPs):

Joe Lisuzzo
Linda Millenbach

Regional Masters (100 MPs):

Daniel Wulff

NABC Masters (200 MPs):

Conrad Bader
Andrea Berlent

Life Masters (300 MPs):

Joseph Phillips

PRESIDENT'S CUP Saturday, May 06 at the Studio @ 12:30 PM

It will be a Unit Charity game. The format is the same as other years. Each 4-person team will consist of a Life Master, 1 person having less than 500 MPs, 1 having less than 300 MPs, and the 4th having less than 100 MPs. We will have sign up sheets at all games. If you get a team together of your own, please let us know asap. It will save us a lot of time on the telephone. If you are looking for a team, sign up on the sheet, or let us know. We will get you a team. It's a fun format, so reserve the date.

Questions, teams:

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bridgestudio@hotmail.com

or

Lorrie Chamberlin 286-2851

lorcham3@aol.com

A Special Christmastime Birthday

Since its' inception in the 50's, it has been traditional for the Colonial Bridge League of Johnstown to celebrate the holiday season with an award's dinner followed by the regular sanctioned matchpoint duplicate game.

This year, the Board decided to acknowledge the 100th birthday of one of its' beloved members, Eleanor Frederick. Eleanor moved to Johnstown from Albany in the 90's and became a regular participant at our game held each Tuesday. She has a lifetime connection to the world of Tournament Bridge. Her uncle was Al Sobel, longtime Chief Director at all nationals while her mother, Sadie Machlin, was "keeper of the money" at all national events for many years. Her brother, Jerry Machlin together with his wife Trudy, was well known and recognized for their accomplishments in the world of Tournament Bridge.

To honor Eleanor, whose ethics, sportsmanship are unequaled and coupled with her kindness to all including the opposition while never criticizing any partner, the Board initiated the Eleanor Frederick Award, voted to the member of the club whose actions best matched those qualities of Eleanor. The first recipient was Ed Hornidge. Fifty-nine of Eleanor's friends throughout the Capital District were in attendance and all enjoyed a catered dinner. After dessert, Happy Birthday was sung to Eleanor who was then presented with a beautiful bouquet of fresh flowers. It truly was a happy occasion and certainly an evening to remember.

The Colonial Bridge League, Unit 15

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings

Unit 115 (as of March 22, 2006)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Patricia and John Baugh William Case Frances Cuerdon	Patricia and John Baugh William Case Frances Cuerdon
5-20	Richard Rem Carole Baker Jeanne Bourque	Carole Baker Barbara and John Flynn Dottie Meyer
20-50	Linda Millenbach Pat Exner Daniel Robertson	Pat Exner Daniel Robertson George Zautner
50-100	Leonard Lapinski Daniel Wulff Lew Millenbach	Leonard Lapinski Daniel Wulff Ellen Finch
100-200	Conrad Bader Diane Alexander Sue Eastman	Conrad Bader Diane Alexander Jean Drake
200-300	Judy and Richard Hill Andrea Berlent Valdean Mosier	Judy and Richard Hill Mary McQuade Murphy Patricia Feulner
300-500	Alice Zayac Anne Lapinski Joseph Phillips	Barbara and John McDonald Anne Lapinski Joseph Phillips
500-1000	Donald Campbell Robert Valenti Charles Schmidt	Robert Valenti Louis Urbano Lee Pearson
1000-2500	Lucy and Gary Spongberg Joan Meyer Lawrence Berman	Joan Meyer Lois August Lucy and Gary Spongberg
2500-5000	Walter Smith Anthony Prindle Bob Feller	Anthony Prindle Arthur Bernhardt Stephen Paskin
5000-7500	Harry Kaufmann William Dubay Judy Dubay	William Dubay Harry Kaufmann Judy Dubay
7500-10000	William and Sandra Nelson Betty Bloom Albert Ross	Sandra and William Nelson Albert Ross Betty Bloom
Over 10000	Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Steve Bloom

Top players from our unit out of 1163
 players receiving points in STACs
 and their ranking in the Top50 for
 District 3:

7 th	Donald Cohen	16.39
8 th	Arthur Bernhardt	16.15
10 th	Rosemarie Faith	13.21
11 th	Alma Pusateri	13.12
14 th	Steve Bloom	12.49
15 th	Betty Bloom	12.49
18 th	Albert Ross	11.16
45 th	Stephen Paskin	7.83

2006 District 3 NAP

Qualify at the club level win an entry to the
 District 3 final event
 Sept 30, 2006

Brunch at 11:30 a.m. and game at 12:30 p.m.
 Guardian Angel Church Auditorium
 East Allendale Ave
 Allendale, NJ

- 1st Place receives air fare, room for 3 days, and an invitation to play.
- 2nd place receives air fare and invitation to play.
- 3rd place receives an invitation to play.
- All Winners will receive a \$200 per pair as a gift from District 3.

LOST KEYS at the Studio
 On key chain with a silver spoon
 Contact Norma if found

District 3 Spring Regional
Race for the Points
JUNE 12 – 18, 2006

THE SARATOGA HOTEL
534 Broadway • Saratoga Springs, NY 12866



AWARDS LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 3, 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 will receive awards for 2005 and enjoy a buffet luncheon and dessert followed by a charity bridge game. We suggest making early reservations.

Marvin Friedman Award will be given to the player chosen who most exemplifies the qualities similar to the ones Marvin displayed at the bridge table. He was a gentleman, gracious, and had impeccable manners.



Summer 2006 NABC — July 13-23
 Hyatt Regency Chicago

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Saturday	May 20	GNT Finals, Mahwah, NJ
Tuesday-Monday	May 16-22	Kingston, Ontario Regional
Monday-Sunday	June 12-18	Saratoga Regional
Thurs-Sunday	July 13-23	Summer NABC, Chicago
Saturday	Sept 30	NAP District Finals, NJ

Club Events

Saturday	May 6	President's Cup
Saturday	June 3	Award's Dinner
Monday-Sunday	June 5-11	STACs



Deadline for submission for June Newsletter:

May 19

We appreciate your contributions

Capital District Bridge Association

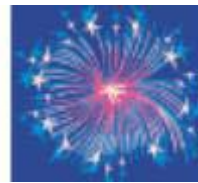
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CDBA website: <http://cdbanet.org>



District 3 Spring Regional



Race for the Points
JUNE 12 - 18, 2006

THE SARATOGA HOTEL

(formerly the Prime Hotel & Conference Center)
534 Broadway • Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
518-584-4000 • \$113 Single/double, plus tax

Rooms also available at Courtyard Marriott
(5 minute walk from The Saratoga Hotel)

11 Excelsior Avenue • Saratoga Springs
518-226-0538 • \$107 single/double, plus tax

Free Parking at both locations

Deadline - May 31st

Reserve quickly...

Rooms MAY NOT be available after deadline.

Room Problems? - Call Joan Gerard
914-948-0841 or email joanandron@att.net

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MONDAY, JUNE 12

Bracketed KO Tms I 7 pm
Continues Tues., 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Charity Prs 7 pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

Side Game Series I 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Open & Sr Prs 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 1 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

NEW! Compact KO Tms 9 am

Continues Thurs., 9 am

Open & Sr Prs 1 & 7 pm

Bracketed KO Tms II 1 pm

Continues Wed., 7 pm and Thurs., 1 pm & 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 1 pm

Side Game Series I 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 7 pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Side Game Series II 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Open Swiss Tms 1 & 7 pm

Sr Prs 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 1 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 7 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm

Open & Sr Prs 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 1 pm

Side Game Series II 1 & 7 pm

1 Session Swiss Teams 1 pm

Bracketed KO Tms III 7 pm

Continues Sat., 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 7 pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Side Game Series III 9 am 1 & 7 pm

Open & Sr Prs 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 1 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) 7 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Father's Day Express Schedule

Open Swiss Tms 10 am

Playthrough: 7 7-Board Matches

Subsidized refreshments available

Compact KOs • 12 Board Matches
4 Person Teams only

STRATIFIED GAMES

A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)
All Pair and Swiss events are stratified

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

DIRECTIONS

From the South & West: NY Thruway to Exit 24.
North on Route 87 (Northway) to Exit 15. South
(and West) on Route 50, 1 1/2 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.

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President's Message

(Not available this issue)



This 'n That from your District Director

I'm certain that most of you know Jerry Goodman from New Jersey and to know him is to love him. Jerry has been the president of District 3 for the past 18 years!!!! - Yes - this is correct - it is not a typo. We know a good thing when we have it. And now Jerry has officially retired as of this past May 1. This Newsletter doesn't have enough pages to tell you all that Jerry has done for our District from running the Board meetings, going on inspections trips to hotel sites and helping to negotiate contracts, working at all four of our Regionals, working on the advertising and helping to design the schedules, working on Conditions of Contest, and more and more and still more. As I said at our recent Board meeting, we are looking for at least a dozen people to fill Jerry's shoes and then we would be half way there. Please

when you see Jerry in Saratoga, Parsippany, or any one of our Regionals, take the time to say Thank You. No one could deserve this more.

We're off to a good start, however, filling this position. We have elected Peter Kalat from Bedford, New York - the Westchester Unit as president of the District. Peter has a great deal of experience in bridge administration. He has been tournament chairman and president of Unit 188 and is currently still serving on the unit board as unit counsel. He has been on our District Board for more than ten years and has been our GNT Coordinator. We welcome his expertise and leadership abilities and look forward to a continuance of great events run by District 3.

District 3 is very pleased to be sponsoring a program in each of our seven units. Any teacher teaching a bridge course in a school - kindergarten through college- that can then organize the students to come to a bridge club or other set location at a set time, in addition to their lesson series, and play bridge with the other students or have a mini-lesson if not enough students participate, will receive \$75 for each after school - after lesson group. In addition, there will be funds for a light snack such as pizza and soda. Teachers must apply for this grant to their unit who will submit the plan to the district and, if approved, a check will be sent directly to the teacher. This program will be offered from September '06 through June '07. Hopefully, many teachers will want to keep their students interested in bridge and will make arrangements to use a club for this after school activity. It is a great opportunity to introduce young people to duplicate bridge. We are hoping that units will promote this program and that many teachers will avail themselves of this offer.

The ACBL Charity Foundation decided last year to give \$100,000 a year to each of five different districts who would then select up to five charities to donate this money to. District 3 has voted to split it's \$20,000 evenly between: Make A-Wish Foundation, New Jersey Chapter; Habitat For Humanity, New Jersey Chapter; Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Westchester Chapter; The United States Bridge Federation earmarked to send 2 Schools Teams to Thailand in August to participate in the World Schools Team Championships.

Hopefully, you will all participate in charity games run by your unit and other units to help keep the Charity Foundation healthy so that these distributions will be ongoing.

I hope that you will have all enjoyed the Saratoga Regional and have noted the unavoidable change in date for next year - April 28 - May 6. It should work out wonderfully - snow birds will be home and everyone can play on Sunday. Just don't forget to mark your calendar. And while you're marking, please remember to take your July 4th holiday with us in Parsippany...Loads of hospitality and good bridge. Then a little lull and you can spend the Fall Foliage season at our Danbury Regional October 16-23. Gold points galore are just out there for the taking....Same great room rates and only a short drive for most of you. Bridge remains my favorite activity. I hope it is the same for you!

Joan Gerard, District Director



***Don't miss!!
Upcoming Event of the
Summer***

Judi's 3rd Thursday
At
Lake George, NY

Dates and Details coming soon

What's your bid?

Partner opens in 2nd seat, vulnerable: 4 Spades
Your RHO passes

Your hand:

- ♠ A 10
- ♥ J 10
- ♦ AQx
- ♣ AKQJ 10x

Send responses via e-mail, US Mail, or in person to Editor, Sue Eastman. Responses will appear in next issue of the Newsletter.



Teams or pairs wishing to travel to Honolulu, contact the Editor. Let's get a group together to compete and represent our Unit in sunny, tropical Hawaii.

Fall 2006 NABC



Honolulu, Hawaii
November 16 - 26, 2006

www.acbl.org

<http://www.acbl.org/nabc/Hawaii2006/>

Club Corner

The Studio

Saturday June 3: 10 am-12 pm Easy Bridge; Awards
Dinner at Noon, game at 1:30 pm

Monday, June 12 Regular game at 12:30

Studio closed for Saratoga Regional 6/14-6/18.

Wednesday, July 5 Team Game CC Game time 12:00

Tuesday, July 18 7:00 Non-LM CC

Saturday, August 19 12:30 CC

Stratified North American Open Pairs Qualifiers

Monday, June 26 at 12:30

Saturday, July 1 at 12:30

Thursday, July 20 at 12:00

Wednesday, August 30 at 12:30

Sectional Results April 29-30, 2006

Friday Afternoon Open (17.0 Tables)

	A	B	C	
5.83	1	1	1	Maxim Siline - Xiaoqian Liu,
4.37	2	2		Jacquelyn Marsh- Clementina Di Carlo
3.28	3			Arthur Bernhardt - Roger Woodin
2.46	4	3		Teresa Fenimore - Louis Urbano
1.84	5			Gary Spongberg - Lucy Spongberg,
1.58	6	4		Mary Fredrick - Bernard Neuhart
1.13	5			Morris Cramer - Brian Sann
1.50	6	2		Mark Rosenholz - Mark Huffman

Friday Afternoon 299ers (8 Tables)

1.82	1	1	1	Paul Cuerdon - Frances Cuerdon
1.37	2	2	2	Patricia Baugh - John Baugh

Friday Evening Pro-Am Teams (10 Tables)

3.33	1			Steve Bloom - Betty Bloom - Rhoda Levine - Diane Anderson
2.67	2	1	1	Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline - Roberta Matuszek - John Matuszek

Saturday Morning Open Pairs (15.5 Tables)

5.50	1	1	1	Maxim Siline - Xiaoqian Liu,
4.13	2			Robert Donald - Diane Burger
3.09	3			Gerald Cohen - Stephen Paskin
2.32	4	2		Peter Wick - Brian Sann
1.74	5	3		Teresa Fenimore - Louis Urbano
1.52	6			Rich Kasprovicz - Walter Smith
1.24	4			Charles Schmidt - Dorothy Kraus
0.93	5			Steven Shaye - Larry Rosen
1.41	6	2		Barbara McDonald - John McDonald

Saturday Morning 299ers (7 Tables)

1.72	1	1		Judith Ludwig - Tom Ludwig
1.29	2	2		Richard Shuey - Charles Close
1.11	3	3	1	Lew Millenbach - Linda Millenbach

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs (11 Tables)

4.33	1			Neil Chambers - Donna Chambers
3.25	2	1	1	Maxim Siline - Xiaoqian Liu
2.44	3	2		Bernard Neuhart - Robert Neuhart
1.83	4			Robert Donald - Stephen Paskin
1.37	5			Albert Ross - Arthur Bernhardt
1.42	6	3	2	Munir Jabbur - Ellen Jabbur

Saturday Afternoon 299ers (5 Tables)

1.51	1			Jean Drake - Peggy Mount
1.13	2			Lew Millenbach - David Funk
1.11	3	1		Pat Exner - William Exner

Sunday Swiss Teams **Flight 1** (7 Tables)

4.50	1			Maxim Siline - Xiaoqian Liu - Stephen Paskin - Walter Smith
2.96	2/3			Ross Lounsbury - Robert Valenti - Charles Schmidt - Dorothy Kraus
2.96	2/3			Robert Neuhart - Diane Burger - Bernard Neuhart - Robert Donald

Flight 2 (5 Tables)

2.12	1			Lukas Fekete - Michael Mihevc - Todd Consilio - John Gazak
1.59	2			Diana Lack - Norman Stewart - Leonard Lapinski - Anne Lapinski

Flight 3 (5 Tables)

1.46	1			Roberta Matuszek - John Matuszek - Patricia Baugh - John Baugh
1.10	2			Ulla Sattinger - Michael Sattinger - Lew Millenbach - Linda Millenbach

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Judy Hill
Richard Hill
Gerald Russell

Bronze Life Master (500 MPs):

Gerald Russell

Gold Life Master (2500 MPs):

June Barach

COMBATING OPENING PREEMPTS

By Lou Brickman

When is a double of an opening preempt *takeout*, and when *penalty*? The answer for many players is that takeout doubles end at 4H, and penalty doubles begin at 4S. Players following this agreement can then use 4NT for takeout of 4S, thereby showing a powerful hand of clubs (Cs), diamonds (Ds), and hearts (Hs). However, there is no bid to signal a powerful two-suited hand. This is a flaw that is rectified in the method described below. It is the approach recommended by Michael Lawrence and other authorities, and it received a 68% expert consensus in Bridge World Standard 2001. The first rule of the recommended method is that *takeout* extends up to

4S. Penalizing 4S is then possible only when the doubler's partner chooses to pass. Interestingly, however, Lawrence asserts (*The Complete Book on Takeout Doubles, page 42, 1994*) that you will get more penalty doubles of 4S this way than by using the double "for business"! The second rule of the method provides a neat treatment of 2-suited hands. Details and examples are given in the final two paragraphs of this article.

THE RECOMMENDED METHOD

1. DOUBLE is *takeout* for opening preempts through 4S.

Example: Partner doubles 4S with 6-KQJ7-AKJ3-AKJ5. With 53-T6542-Q976-82 you bid 5H, and with JT92-642-987-543 you pass.

2. 4NT after a 4S-opening shows a 2-suited hand, at least 5/5, not necessarily the minors.

Example (Lawrence): Partner has 4-AQJ87-32-AKQT7 and you hold 7652-KT63-K96-J4. The partnership bidding after the opponent's 4S will be 4NT, 5D, 5H, P. Your 5D bid shows your wish to eliminate Cs as trump.

Note: 4NT after a 4H opening shows the minors.

BIDDING AFTER OPPONENT'S 4S AND PARTNER'S 4NT

1. Bid 5C if either red suit is shorter than your clubs; otherwise bid 5D.

2. Partner passes if you bid one of his two long suits; otherwise he bids a long suit "up the line."

EXAMPLES

1. With 2-4-3-4 bid 5C. Your Ds are shorter than your Cs. Partner will pass with Cs, and bid 5D with Ds and Hs. You will then happily correct to 5H (or even 6H if strong).

2. With 2-2-5-4 bid 5C. Hs are shorter than Cs. Partner will pass with Cs, and bid 5D otherwise. You will then pass (or bid 6D). Don't start with 5D; partner will bid 5H when holding Hs and Cs.

3. With 3-5-2-3 bid 5C. Partner probably has the minors, and will then pass. If, however, he bids 5D, you will correct to Hs and obtain an amazing 10-card fit.

4. With 4-4-3-2 bid 5D. You definitely prefer the red suits. Partner will pass with Ds, and bid 5H with Hs and Cs. You don't want to bid 5C and see partner pass.

5. With 3-3-4-3 bid 5D. Your preference is Ds, and you don't mind Hs. You will land in one of these suits, with Ds about twice as likely as Hs. If you start with 5C, you will most likely stay in Cs.

6. With 3-4-3-3 bid either 5C or 5D. You land in Hs only when partner has Hs and the opposite minor.

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Unit 115 (as of May 6, 2006)

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20-50	Linda Millenbach Pat Exner Paul Cuerdon	Pat Exner Joseph Russo George Zautner
50-100	Leonard Lapinski Daniel Wulff Lew Millenbach	Daniel Wulff Ellen Finch Leonard Lapinski
100-200	Conrad Bader Diane Alexander Sue Eastman	Conrad Bader Diane Alexander Sue Eastman
200-300	Judy and Richard Hill Michael Soobitsky Shirley Prince	Judy and Richard Hill Shirley Prince Jill Factor
300-500	Alice Zayac Andrew Dubay Anne Lapinski	Alice Zayac Barbara and John McDonald Anne Lapinski
500-1000	William Peruzzi Charles Schmidt Munir Jabbur	Robert Valenti Charles Schmidt Dorothy Kraus
1000-2500	Lucy and Gary Spongberg Robert Donald Donald Cohen	Donald Cohen Lois August June Barach
2500-5000	Walter Smith Arthur Bernhardt Stephen Paskin	Arthur Bernhardt Anthony Prindle Stephen Paskin
5000-7500	William Dubay Harry Kaufmann Judy Dubay	Harry Kaufmann William Dubay Judy Dubay
7500-10000	Betty Bloom William Nelson Sandra Nelson	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Steve Bloom

*For Newcomers
Important web sites:*

American Contract Bridge League:
<http://www.acbl.org/>

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

Our Capital District (Unit 115) web page:
<http://www.cdbanet.org/>

Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs:
<http://web3.acbl.org/internet/unitawar.nsf/unitraces?openform>

Visit often. Catch up on the latest news including updates on your masterpoints and standings in the masterpoint races!

Unpigmented Points: awarded in online play and are colorless.

Black Points: awarded in sanctioned club games and unit games.

Silver Points: awarded in events at sectional tournaments and Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs).

Red Points: awarded in events at Regional tournaments and regional events at NABCs, Grand National Teams (GNT) events, North American Open Pairs (NAOP) events.

Gold Points: awarded for overall placing and section tops in regional and NABC events of at least two sessions and for special games, such as the ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game.

Platinum Points: awarded for NABC+ events.

2006 District 3 NAP

Qualify and win an entry to the
District 3 final event
Sept 30, 2006



Saratoga Regional
Be there
June 12-18, 2006



CHICAGO

Summer 2006 NABC — July 13-23
Hyatt Regency Chicago

Mark this date

Saturday, June 3, 2005

AWARDS LUNCHEON

Studio of Bridge and Games
Eastern Parkway, Schenectady

Buffet luncheon 12 noon
Charity Bridge Game 1:30 pm

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Monday-Sunday	June 12-18	Saratoga Regional
Weds-Tuesday	June 28-July 4	Parsippany, NJ Regional
Thurs-Sunday	July 13-23	Summer NABC, Chicago
Saturday	Sept 30	NAP District Finals, NJ
Thurs-Sunday	November 16-26	Fall NABC, Honolulu

Club Events

Saturday	June 3	Award's Dinner
Monday-Sunday	June 5-11	STACs



Deadline for submission for August Newsletter:

July 20, 2006

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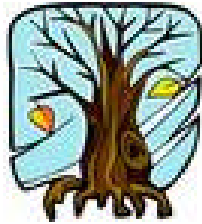
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Friday - Sept 8

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Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300)	1:00 pm
Pro-Am Swiss Teams (Random Draw Pairing)	7:00 pm

Saturday, Sept 9

Stratified Open Pairs; Stratified Newcomer Pairs	10:00 am and 3:00 pm
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Sunday, Sept 10

Swiss Teams (1- Session Bracketed)	1:00 pm
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President's Message

Here we go again, heat humidity and RAIN.

Congratulations to Andrew Dubay [our token youth] for being accepted at a Junior Bridge Camp in Slovakia. The board helped support this endeavor. And thanks to Ellen Finch for coming up with the money-making idea of selling M&M's. She dragged those candies thru 2 counties and made over \$300. Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraiser on behalf of Andrew Dubay, our promising junior bridge player. We will have a formal presentation on Sunday, Sept.10 at the Studio.

Saratoga was another growth year, with tables ahead of last year. Remember the 2007 dates will be April 30 - May 6. Thanks to A. Lapinski and S. Graper for another fine idea for a hospitality gift, and doing a great job of manning the desk. You too can support your unit by volunteering at the Regional or at any other event.

Are you aware we have a sunshine person? Marie Felthousen is the one. If you know of anyone needing a card call her on 377-5986 or contact any board member.

We will not be ordering bidding boxes this year.

More kudos to D. Burger for the book sale; we made over \$380. Thanks to all that contributed and bought.

Up coming events are the Sectional in Sept. and the Pro/Am in Oct. and Club Appreciation is Oct.

Till we meet at the bridge table

Marian Clowe

This 'n That from your District Director

Chicago was a great NABC! The hotel is situated overlooking the river and Lake Michigan so the views from the rooms were fantastic. Being next to the Miracle Mile made shopping terrific; there were many restaurants in all price ranges within walking distance, all the bridge play was in the hotel and as long as you didn't mind riding 2 or 3 escalators to get to the playing area.. All was good. Congrats to Lynn Deas playing with Rosanne and Bill Pollack, also from District 3, and Beth Palmer and Bill Pettis. They came home with a first in the Board-A-Match National Mixed Teams.

This time the Board discussed several items of interest to everyone. There was a motion to do away with the National Women's Events. Wow! Did that ever cause a barrage of e-mails saying: "please keep them".... I never thought we should do away with these events but I must admit that attendance is way down. Women seem to prefer to play in the Open events as you can see by the fact that sectionals and Regionals no longer run games for Women. But they will remain at our NABC's. Then there was a motion to raise the senior age to 60 - currently you have to be 55 to play in a senior event. This had a slightly better chance of passing but it failed. I voted to maintain the current senior age ... not because I don't think seniors should have to be at least 60 and maybe 65; but because people who play in our senior events do so because of the earlier game time (this gives people a choice of game times) and because they perceive that these games are less competitive. There is really no good reason to rock this boat! - At least not in my opinion. And another interesting motion was one that would do away with appeals committees for the major events at NABC's being comprised of peers of the competitors. A panel of directors would hear these appeals. This was narrowly defeated by a vote of 13-12. I was on the 13 side for many reasons the strongest of which is that the same body that makes the original ruling should not be the body to hear the appeal. Clearly, there are many other reasons both pro and con.

District 3's summer Regionals in Saratoga Springs and Parsippany over July 4th were both successful. Saratoga continues to grow thanks to the fabulous support from your unit. And Parsippany was a great place to spend the holiday weekend. The GNT Finals in May were also well attended.

What's left for the Fall? The NAP Finals in Allendale on September 30th. This is a 2-session event open to all players in District 3 who qualified at a club game. A delicious lunch starts you off on a fun day. Check our web site for details. This is a great opportunity to get a bit of Gold if you place in the overalls and if you win - well it's a free trip to St. Louis next Spring to play in the National Finals; 2nd overall gets airfare and 3rd overall just gets to go... And by the way, District 3 gives each player a small stipend to help offset the cost as well. Then we wind up the year with our Fall Foliage tournament in Danbury.

Ct, October 16-22. It's a great schedule full of KO's, Compact KO's, and even an extra Swiss Team on Tuesday; wonderful hospitality and room rates that are so reasonable, and you can't afford to stay home.

Bridge is fun for everyone! Don't miss out. Check our web site: <http://www.bridge-district3.org> for all details and latest updates.

Joan Gerard, District Director



District 3 Masterpoint Leaders

by rank in District (Players from Unit 115)

Group	Player	YTD Pts
20 to 50	3. Linda Millenbach	42
100 to 200	1. Diane Alexander	107
	2. Susan Eastman	101
5000 to 7500	2. William Dubay	202
7500 to 10,000	1. William Nelson	274
	2. Sandra Nelson	272
Over 10,000	3. Steve Bloom	233
Youth YTD Leaders		
	1. Andrew Dubay	87
Barry Crane Top 500		
	2. William Nelson	274
	3. Sandra Nelson	272
Lifetime Top MP Holders		
	1. Lynn Deas (Lifetime Pts)	25,863
Diamond LM YTD Leaders		
	2. William Dubay	202
Emerald LM YTD Leaders		
	1. William Nelson	274
	2. Sandra Nelson	272
Grand LM YTD Leaders		
	1. Steve Bloom	233
Sectional YTD Leaders		
	1. William Nelson	101

2. Sandra Nelson 101



What's your bid?

Partner opens in 2nd seat, vulnerable: 4 Spades
Your RHO passes; your hand:

- ♠ A10
- ♥ J10
- ♦ AQx
- ♣ AKQJ10x

Responses:

1. 5 Hearts
2. 4NT followed by 5 or 7 spades depending on response!
3. 5 Hearts (A slam try with heart suit concerns)
4. 6 Spades

GNT (Grand National Team) Finals

Mahwah, NJ

Flight C (16 tables)

4th place- Diane Alexander, Sue Eastman, Lew & Linda Millenbach

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November: Blue Ribbon Qualifier

December: Sybil's Christmas Party

Dates and details in October Newsletter



Personal Notes

Our condolences sent to Jane Bender and Andy Archibald on their losses.

Congratulations to Andrew Dubay chosen to attend the Bridge Camp in Slovakia. Thanks to all that supported this endeavor.

Club Corner

The Studio

Saturday, August 19... 12:30 pm CC

Monday August 21... 12:00 pm Local-rated

Wednesday August 30...12:00 pm NAOP Qualifier

Studio Closed Saturday, Sept. 2 and Monday, Sept. 4

Monday September 18 12:00 pm CC

Thursday September 28 CC

Volunteers needed for hospitality

Sectional Results July 7-9, 2006

Friday Afternoon Open (24.5 Tables)

	A	B	C	
7.00	1			Rhoda Kratenstein, Yvonne Mendleson
5.25	2			Sandra, Bill Nelson
3.45	3/4			Steve Paskin, Al Ross
3.65	3/4	1	1	Lou Brickman - Louis Urbano
2.74		2		Steven Shaye, Larry Rosen
2.05		3		Nancy, Stanley Ball
1.50			2	Marilyn Soffer, Sadie Schneider

Friday Afternoon 299ers (7 Tables)

1.72	1			Jill, Arnold Factor
1.29	2			Mary McQuade Murphy, Margaret Lavelle
1.52	3	1		June Kamm, Rosemary Misurelli
1.14	4	2	1	Anna, John Dotte
.83			2	Susan, Donna Favreau

Friday Evening Pro-Am Teams (12 Tables)

3.67	1			Steve, Betty Bloom & Mary Ellen, Robert Nevin
2.41	2/3			Vanessa, Michael Gruen & William Dubay, Harry Kaufmann
2.53	2/3	1	1	Gary Taylor, Valdean Mosier & Bill Teiper, John Riopelle

Saturday Morning 299ers (6 Tables)

1.62	1	1		Charles Close, Jean Drake
1.22	2	2	1	Ronald Timer, Margaret Lavelle
1.11	3	3		Griffin McClellan, Lois Tuohey
.83	4/5	4	2	Anna, John Dotte

Saturday Morning Open Pairs (17 Tables)

5.50	1			Morton Friedman, Satya Puabuwal
4.13	2	1		Joseph Phillips, Lois Lyon
3.09	3			Gary, Lucy Spongberg
2.32	4			Judy, William Dubay
2.11		2		Robert, Bernard Neuhart
1.58		3		Mary Fredrick, Nancy Hayden
1.53			1	Ann McDowell, Louise Landry
1.15			2	Clementina Di Carlo, Marion Sheehan

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs (15 Tables)

4.17	1			Priscilla Cleary, Barbara Burgess
3.13	2			Gary, Lucy Spongberg
2.44	3	1	1	John, Barbara McDonald
1.76	4			Robert Donald, Diane Burger
1.91	5	2		Ross Lounsbury, Peter Wick
1.41		4	2	Robert Hoffman, Peggy Casey Fitzpatrick

Sunday Swiss Teams Flight A (19 Tables)

4.83	1			Betty, Steve Bloom & Ronald Harvey, Gerald Cohen
3.17	2/3			Robert, Bernard Neuhart & Robert Donald, Diane Burger
3.62	2/3			Sandra, Bill Nelson & Rich Kasprovicz, Walter Smith

Flight B (14 Tables)

2.97	1			John O'Brien, Evelyn Fletcher & Franceline, Eugene Leary
1.95	2/3			Joseph Phillips, Lois Lyon & Gerald, Nancy Russell
1.95	2/3			Ross Lounsbury, Robert Valenti & Charles Schmidt, Dorothy Kraus

Flight C (9 Tables)

2.01	1			Jill, Arnold Factor & Judy, Richard Hill
1.51	2			Lou, Myra Brickman & Richard, Gloriana Clark

Zero Tolerance Policy

The ultimate purpose of the Z-T Policy is to create a more pleasant atmosphere at the games; to make the game of bridge enjoyable for all. Examples of commendable behavior:

- Being a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table
- Greeting others in a friendly manner
- Praising the bidding/play of the opponents
- Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents (This one is a regulation, not just a nicety)

Odd/Even Signals

According to the ACBL General Convention Chart, a partnership may use odd/even or other forms of dual message signaling on each player's **first discard only**. Otherwise, signals must be either right side up or upside down. A player who deliberately violates this rule subjects his partnership to adjusted scores when the opponents are damaged through the use of an illegal agreement, procedural penalties even when there is no damage, and possibly more severe penalties.

Mike Flader
ACBL Rulings

Rank Changes

Junior Masters (5 MPs):

Henry Hovemeyer
Lois Hovemeyer
Sheela Kulkarni
Sudhir Kulkarni
Sylvia Persico

Club Masters (20 MPs):

Carole Baker
Mary Jean Church
Lois Novak
Dorie Redeker
Joe Salamone

Regional Masters (100 MPs):

Berne Kouba
Jim Morrison

Life Masters (300 MPs):

Marigay Harkins
Michael Soobitsky

Grand Life Master (10,000 MPs):

Betty Bloom

STAC Results

Units-188, 186, 115, 236

June 05-11, 2006

Total masterpoints: 2524.36 earned by 1083 players. Listed [by overall rank from 4 units] are players from our Unit 115:

Rank	Points	Player
1	24.28	Sue Eastman
12	14.95	Diane Alexander
19	13.62	Yvonne Mendleson
26	11.94	Joan Meyer
28	10.86	Rhoda Levine
35	10.22	Bibs Pankin



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2006-2007 NAP District Finals

Saturday, September 30, 2006
Guardian Angel Church

Allendale, New Jersey

Qualify at the Club Level and compete at
District 3 Final Event

1st - air fare, hotel 3 days, invitation to play

2nd - air fare, invitation to play

3rd - invitation to play

Winners receive \$100 for expenses to
Spring NABC St. Louis

Falling Leaves Sectional The Studio, Schenectady Sept 8-10; Nov 3-5

Attention 0-299ers: For \$18 you can buy 4 coupons for the 2 sessions on Friday and 2 on Saturday, savings of about \$10 (non-refundable & non-transferable). Play in any game.



Autumn Leaf Regional



Oct. 16-22, 2006

Sheraton Danbury Hotel

Danbury, CT

A warm thank you to our members for their support of our book sale netting \$380; special thanks to Diane Burger for the work she did to make this sale such a success!

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115 (as of July 6, 2006)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Patricia Baugh Frances Cuerdon John Baugh	Sylvia Persico Patricia Baugh John Baugh
5-20	Carole Baker Jennifer Armstrong Joseph Salamone	Joseph Salamone Carole Baker Jennifer Armstrong
20-50	Linda Millenbach Paul Cuerdon Pat Exner	Pat Exner Paul Cuerdon Linda Millenbach
50-100	Leonard Lapinski Daniel Wulff Lew Millenbach	Ellen Finch Daniel Wulff Leonard Lapinski
100-200	Diane Alexander Sue Eastman Xiaoqian Liu, Maxim Siline	Diane Alexander Conrad Bader Sue Eastman
200-300	Judy and Richard Hill Michael Soobitsky Shirley Prince	Judy and Richard Hill Shirley Prince Jill Factor
300-500	Andrew Dubay Joseph Phillips Alice Zayac	John McDonald Alice Zayac Barbara McDonald
500-1000	Robert Valenti Charles Schmidt William Teiper	Charles Schmidt Robert Valenti Dorothy Kraus
1000-2500	Lucy and Gary Spongberg Robert Donald Donald Cohen	June Barach Donald Cohen Lois August
2500-5000	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Arthur Bernhardt	Arthur Bernhardt Anthony Prindle Stephen Paskin
5000-7500	William Dubay Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann	Harry Kaufmann William Dubay Judy Dubay
7500-10000	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Betty Bloom	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Steve Bloom

Judi Shulman's web site:

Get Bridge Scores and other news about games
at the ROC, JCC, and B'Nai Shalom

<http://www.bridgescore.com/judis/>

Coming in September

Judi's 3rd Thursday
(Check her website for date)

Bidding slam after a notrump opener; looking for slam
after using Stayman or transfers. When is it Gerber?
When is it Blackwood? Might include cue bidding and
looking for minor suit slams.

Mr. Bridge, 2005

He who'll be known as Mr. Bridge this year
Is a retired Chemical Engineer
Who in his retirement these past few years
Has started on a new career.

Teacher, director and partnership guy
Has so many novices wondering why
They never gave duplicate bridge a try
With games just for them, he's opened the door
To so many players, who never before
Dared to compete with life master vultures
Who rumor has it are part of our culture.

Now they even have their own newsletter.
Things for the novice are better and better.
Thanks, we all know, in no small part
Are due to the efforts of Bernie Neuhart!
(Poem by Phyllis Levine)



Play in paradise!
Fall 2006 NABC
Nov. 16-26 in Honolulu HI

Saratoga Top Point Getters

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Player(s)</u>
6	68.20	Stephen Paskin
9	45.51	Walter Smith
14	43.01	Judy Dubay
16	40.23	Donald Campbell
22	39.03	Xiaoqian Liu; Maxim Siline
27	34.12	Albert Ross
28	33.12	William Dubay
34	29.38	Nancy, Gerald Russell
38	28.64	Lucy, Gary Spongberg
45	26.05	Robert Neuhart
49	24.65	Bernard Neuhart
50	24.54	Ronald Harvey
55	24.12	Robert Donald; Diane Burger
59	22.95	Joseph Phillips
66	22.16	Diane Alexander
70	21.07	Robert Valenti
71	20.65	Bob Feller
81	19.16	Arthur Bernhardt
87	18.68	Marion Glenn Creath
88	18.66	Rita Redlich
92	18.12	William; Sandra Nelson
94	17.78	Andrew Dubay
103	16.31	Richard Underwood
108	15.99	Peter Wick
109	15.97	Nele Rzad
110	15.68	Conrad Bader
112	15.29	William Teiper
121	14.54	Richard Stearns
131	13.87	Louis Urbano
132	13.86	Lois Lyon
133	13.81	Satya Pabuwal
138	13.66	Ruth Anderson
148	13.07	Steven Shaye
152	13.03	Joe Rizzuto
165	12.44	Donald Cohen
172	12.16	William Wade
176	11.90	Lukas Fekete
183	11.78	David Atkinson
184	11.73	Sue Eastman
191	11.27	Larry Rosen
194	11.17	Lois Tuohey
199	10.98	Maryclare Devlin
200	10.96	Ross Lounsbury
203	10.76	Jane Collins
214	10.59	Marian Clowe
215	10.49	Ulla, Michael Sattinger
228	10.01	Gerald Cohen
234	9.80	Roger Woodin
235	9.79	Diana Lack

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Club Events

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Thursday	September 14	Instant Matchpoint -ROC
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Saturday	October 14	Club Charity Game



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President's Message

No message this issue from our President.



This 'n That from your District Director

Marketing and Publicity.....that's the name of the game. How are we ever going to get and keep the new members that we need to make sure that our game continues to be around for years to come.

Well for starters, we have to interest young people to play. Albany always had a great crowd of young people.... Do you remember when Larry Cohen and Steve Sanborn went to Albany State and played bridge in your Clubs and Sectionals? I do and maybe some of you are as old as me (although I doubt it).

Andrew Dubay has been playing with his mom and dad for years and at a young age has achieved the status of Life Master. What a great achievement!

This past summer, as many of you may know, his parents let him go to Slovakia to the World Pairs and then to the World Bridge Federation Summer Camp. Andrew was sponsored to the Pairs and to the Camp by the United States Bridge Federation who paid for everything but his airfare.... and then your unit raised money to help with his airfare.

Andrew tells me that he had a great experience, has made many friends to play bridge with and guess what! He is teaching 9 kids in his high school. Good going Andrew.. and good going Unit 115 for helping to make this experience possible. Perhaps this will be the start of a whole new young crowd in the Capital District.

I was in Thailand in the beginning of August at the World Junior & Schools Team Championships. I was in charge of Appeals and the good news was that there were only 4. But the best news is that our USA1 Junior team came home with the Gold medal for the second year in a row and the third time. You may know some of the young men: Joe Grue, John Kraynak; Ari Greenberg; Justin Lall, Jason Feldman, and Josh Dunn. - captained by Bob Rosen...a great accomplishment!

We will be ending District 3's year with our Regional at the Sheraton Danbury in Danbury Ct... While the Danbury Sheraton is sold out, there are several hotels in the area - one only a stones throw from the Sheraton and another one only 2 miles down the road. So make your plans to be with us. We have a full schedule of Swiss Teams, one more than usual, KO's, Compact KO's and Newplicate games with a lunch snack between sessions if you play both Sessions. Don't miss out on all these Gold Points. Check our web site: www.bridge-district3.org for names of nearby places to stay. Hope to see you there.

Enjoy this game of bridge. It's good for everything that ails you.

Joan Gerard

Did you know?

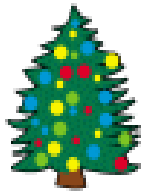
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Coming Soon Judi's 3rd Thursday

October 26, 2006

Topic: Bridge Truisms - how true are they? When do you follow them and when do you break those rules?

Coming: Unit Holiday Party



at the Studio of Bridge and Games
Sunday December 3, 2006

Hors d'oeuvres at 12 noon

Charity Game at 1:00

Desserts during the game

The Holiday Party better known as
Sybyl's Christmas Party

is a long-standing tradition for our Unit. Players bring
hors d'oeuvres or desserts to share with others.

Sybyl was a fantastic cook and did it all on her own.

See if you can outdo her at least to honor her
memory.

Our charity is the Regional Food Bank.

It would be nice to also bring a food item to include
with our donation of money raised with our player
fee.

Co-Chair Persons are
Fran Leary and Phyllis French

Thank you

The Dubai Family would like to thank everyone whose donations and best wishes went with Andrew to Slovakia. It was a wonderful experience for him. He played bridge with a person from a different country every day for two weeks. He still communicates with them over the internet. The person responsible for starting this collection was Ellen Finch, who devoted a lot of time and energy to collecting money by selling M & Ms. We are extremely grateful to her. Promoting bridge to youth is such a rewarding experience. Andrew, hopefully, is going to give back to bridge what he has gotten from it. In one way, he has. He has been teaching bridge to his classmates in Voorheesville. Thanks again to all who supported and encouraged this venture.

Judy, Bill, and Andrew

Club Corner

The Studio

October is Club Appreciation Month
More points -- Regular Fee

Wed. 10/4 12:00 (GAMETIME) CA team game

Mon. 10/16 12:00 CA Invitational Pairs

Thurs. 10/19 12:00 CA Open Pairs

Tues. 10/31 7:00 CA Non-LM pairs

On Monday 10/9 and Thursday 10/12 we will be joining other ACBL clubs to participate in Charity Games for the benefit of Multiple Sclerosis. There will be pre-dealt hands and an opportunity to place overall (like STaC scoring) and still be able to win points at the club.

Fee \$6.00

Saturday, 10/14 at 12:30 will be the 4th annual
Lifemaster/Pre Lifemaster Game

Refreshments, extra points and exciting bridge. Call Norma (346-3773 if you plan to play. You may make your own pairings or we will match you up.

Fee \$10.14 per pair

Wed. 11/ 1-- 12:00 (Gametime) CC Team

Sat. 11/ 11-- 12:30 Open CC

Mon. 11/13-- 12:00 Invitational CC

Thurs. 11/ 23 & Sat. 11/ 25 STUDIO CLOSED

Tues. 11/ 28 7:00 Non-LM CC

Wed. 12/6 12:00 (Gametime) Charity CC Team

Thurs. 12/ 14 12:00 Open CC

Sat. 12/23, Mon. 12/25, Sat. 12/30 STUDIO CLOSED.

Sectional Results

Sept 8-10, 2006

Friday Afternoon Open (24 Tables)

A B C

1			Joan Meyer - Blaise Reinhart
2	1		Katie & Gino Scalamandre
3			Steve & Betty Bloom
4	2		Esther Roche - Joan Fisher
	3	1	Diane Alexander - Conrad Bader
		2	Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline

Friday Afternoon 299ers (9 Tables)

1	1		Bette Sovik - Rosemary Misurelli
2			Jill & Arnold Factor
3	2	1	Frances & Paul Cuerdon
		2	John & Barbara Flynn

Friday Evening Pro-Am Teams (11 Tables)

1			Patricia & John Baugh - Lynn Deas - Roberta Strasburg
2	1	1	Ulla & Michael Sattinger - Bill Teiper - Don Bathrick
3	2		David Funk - Margaret Lavelle - Norma Shelly - Charlene Sunderland

Saturday Morning 299ers (9 Tables)

1			Mary-Eliz Fitzgerald - Barbara Parks
2	1	1	Patricia & John Baugh
3	2		Lew & Linda Millenbach
		2	Anna & John Dotte

Saturday Morning Open Pairs (19 Tables)

1			Judi Shulman - Rich Kasprovicz
2			Joan Meyer - Edna Doigan
3			Sandra & William Nelson
	1		Larry Rosen -Steven Shaye
	2		Lois Lyon - Joseph Phillips
	3	1	John Gazak - Lukas Fekete
		2	Frank Legnard - Raymond Ratte

Saturday Afternoon 299ers (4 Tables)

1	1		Patricia & John Baugh
2	2		John & Roberta Matuszek

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs (13.5 Tables)

1			Judith Shulman - Rich Kasprovicz
2			Gary & Lucy Spongberg
3	1	1	Kathy Needham - Marilyn Hart
4	2		Joseph Phillips - Lois Lyon
6	3	2	Arlene Duboff - Linda Tedeschi

Sunday Swiss Teams Bracket A (24 Tables)

1/3			Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline, NY - Walter Smith - Stephen Paskin
1/3			Judy & Andrew & Bill Dubay - Robert Valenti
1/3			Al Ross - Anthony Prindle, Sandra & Bill Nelson

Bracket B (16 Tables)

1			John O'Brien - Bill Teiper - David Nerrow - Donald Bathrick
2/3			Richard Underwood - Joanne Schlang - Teri Landin - David Pratt
2/3			Joseph Phillips - Lois Lyon - Daniel & Sara Robertson

Bracket C (8 Tables)

1			Kathy Needham - Marilyn Hart - Barbara & John McDonald
2			Lois Tuohey - Diane Alexander - Conrad Bader - Marigay Harkins
3			Richard & Gloriana Clark - Myra & Lou Brickman

Rank Changes

Junior Masters (5 MPs):

Arlene Belott
Gloriana Clark
Ellen Ludman

Club Masters (20 MPs):

John Baugh
Patricia Baugh
Barbara Flynn
John Flynn
George Riecke

Sectional Masters (50 MPs):

Paul Cuerdon
Renie Federighi
Louise Landry

Regional Masters (100 MPs):

Gary Belcher
Frances Bouchard
Beth Brezner
Sandy Cohen
Elayne Cross
Ellen Finch
Marilyn Hart
Lew Millenbach
Peggy Mount
Joan Richardson

NABC Masters (200 MPs):

Sue Eastman
Xiaoqian Liu
Maxim Siline

Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs):

Angela De Franco
Maryclare Devlin
Andrew Dubay
Lukas Fekete

Silver Life Master (1000 MPs):

John Riopelle

Gold Life Master (2,500 MPs):

Lucy Spongberg

Snow Birds

When you move to your winter quarters and change your address with ACBL, please remain in Unit 115. ACBL makes note of which unit you wish to be assigned to permanently. They have a snow bird file. There are addresses in the bulletin, along with e-mail addresses for you to use. If you do not specify, they automatically change your unit affiliation to the new address.

It is important for the financial health of Unit 115 that our membership numbers do not drop when you leave for a short while. The amount of money returned to us from ACBL depends on the number of members we record. Several snow birds in our unit remain in Unit 115. If you are not permanently with Unit 115, please stay with us year round.



Zero Tolerance Policy

There is no doubt that what likely drives newer players from the game of duplicate bridge is bad behavior. The main purpose of the Zero Tolerance Policy is to make the game of Duplicate Bridge enjoyable for all. ZT is meant to eradicate unacceptable behavior while at the same time promote good behavior. Supporting ZT is the responsibility of everyone. Let's contribute to an improved and pleasant atmosphere at the games.

No unsolicited lessons at the table!

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115 (as of Sept 24, 2006)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Patricia Baugh John Baugh Frances Cuerdon	Sylvia Persico Patricia Baugh Frances Cuerdon
5-20	Jennifer Armstrong Carole Baker John Flynn	Joseph Salamone Jennifer Armstrong Carole Baker
20-50	Linda Millenbach Paul Cuerdon Pat Exner	Paul Cuerdon Pat Exner Linda Millenbach
50-100	Leonard Lapinski Daniel Wulff Lew Millenbach	Ellen Finch Daniel Wulff Leonard Lapinski
100-200	Diane Alexander Sue Eastman Xiaoqian Liu, Maxim Siline	Diane Alexander Conrad Bader Sue Eastman
200-300	Judy and Richard Hill Michael Soobitsky Jill Factor	Judy and Richard Hill Jill Factor Arnold Factor
300-500	Andrew Dubay Joseph Phillips Anne Lapinski	John McDonald Barbara McDonald Angela De Franco
500-1000	Robert Valenti Charles Schmidt William Teiper	Charles Schmidt Robert Valenti Dorothy Kraus
1000-2500	Lucy and Gary Spongberg Robert Donald Donald Cohen	Donald Cohen June Barach Mary Frederick
2500-5000	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Arthur Bernhardt	Arthur Bernhardt Anthony Prindle Stephen Paskin
5000-7500	William Dubay Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann	Harry Kaufmann William Dubay Judy Dubay
7500-10000	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Betty Bloom	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Steve Bloom	Steve Bloom



Personal Notes

Get well wishes to *Marge Gavin* and *Nancy Hayden*

Condolences to the family of *Dick Shuey*

Condolences to *Morris Cramer* on the death of his brother

Scores at Judi's Games:

<http://www.bridgescore.com/judis>



What's your lead, West?

You have:

QJx

x

KJx

Kxxxxx

East is dealer and the bidding went:
p-1S-p-2S-p-p-3C (you balance)-3D-
4C-4S- all pass

Send replies to the Editor; Results in
upcoming Newsletter.

**District 3 Autumn Leaf
Regional**

**Oct. 16-22, 2006
Sheraton Danbury Hotel**



**District 3 Winter Regional
January 9-15, 2007
Hilton Rye Town
Rye Brook, NY**

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Monday-Sunday	October 16-22	Regional, Danbury CT
Monday-Sunday	October 23-29	Regional, Puerto Vallarta Mex
Friday-Sunday	October 27-29	Sectional, Vestal NY; Killington, VT
Thurs-Sunday	November 16-26	Fall Nationals, Honolulu

Club Events

Mon & Thurs	October 9, 12	Charity Games
Mon-Sunday	October 23-29	STACs
Saturday	October 14	Club Charity Game
Friday-Sunday	November 3-5	Sectional, Schenectady



Deadline for submission for December Newsletter:

November 20, 2006

We appreciate your contributions

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

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

Happy Holidays



Sybil's Christmas Party

Sunday

December 3, 2006

at noon

The Studio
1639 Eastern Parkway

Schenectady, NY

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President's Message

No message this issue from our President.

This 'n That from your District Director



I have just returned from the Fall NABC in Hawaii. The last time we held an NABC there was in the early '80s. Of course it is far to go to play bridge - about 11 hours flying time from the NY area but every once in awhile it's probably right to put an NABC in a location for those bridge players who also want to take a fabulous vacation. Hilton Hawaiian Village is 4 city blocks squared with many different buildings of guest rooms, shops, restaurants and swimming pools. The ocean is just about right outside

each of the buildings. I left pretty much after the Board meetings to be home with my family for Thanksgiving so it was not yet known what total attendance will be like but likely under Management's estimate.

Sharon Fairchild, from the Cleveland area will take over as ACBL president on January 1; Linda Mamula was re-elected unopposed as Chairman of the Board of Governors. Our CEO Jay Baum was given an extension to his contract until July 2009; we have about more members than we had a year ago (trend in the right direction) and our financial picture is brighter than a year ago - still however, not on budget... about a \$140,000 loss.

District 3 has said goodbye to a long time friend of mine and our treasurer for 25 years. Steve Surasky has retired as treasurer and he and his wife Betty are moving to Florida at the end of the year. The District gave Steve a wonderful retirement party during the Danbury Regional and a car navigation system so that he can find his way back home to visit. There are no words to describe the wonderful job that he did for us as treasurer and we wish them the best in their new life in Florida. At the same time we say Welcome to Carlos Munoz from White Plains who will take over in this position. Carlos and his wife Kassie are well known to bridge players everywhere and we are certain that Carlos will do a great job.

District 3's bridge year ended with a most successful tournament in Danbury. Attendance was 15% up over last year. Everyone had a great time. As a matter of fact, attendance at all four of our Regionals was up - sorry we can't say the same about the District GNT's and NAP's. Please everyone plan to start off 2007 with coming to the Hilton Rye Town Regional, January 9-15. Great hospitality, great playing conditions, plenty of all kinds of team games -start getting the gold you need with us in Rye.

Ron and I wish all of you a happy, healthy and safe New Year. We hope all your dreams come true. See you at the bridge table.

Joan Gerard

Did you know?

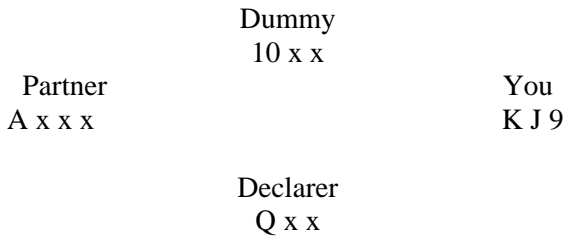
Niskayuna Continuing Ed will offer "Let's Play Bridge" in January on Monday evenings. It is a great opportunity for non duplicate players to get some practice time.

SANDWICH PLAYS

You are leading from a broken holding such as one of the following:

K 10 8, A J 9, A Q 10, K J 9, Q 10 8

In each case there is exactly one missing card between your 2nd and 3rd highest cards. We shall assume that **the missing card is on your right**, and we shall call it the “sandwiched” card. Our conclusion will then be that you should **lead the “top of the sandwich”** (your 2nd card). The simplest case, example below with K J 9, is when you are defending, the dummy is on your right, and dummy’s highest card is the sandwiched card. Our recommended lead is then usually called a “surrounding play” [1, p.506]. In the example



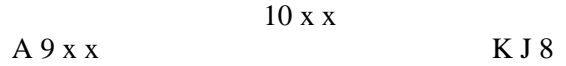
you must lead the J. If declarer covers, partner wins the A and returns the suit. Your side wins 3 tricks in a row. If declarer doesn’t cover your J, continuing with the K gives you the same result. If you lead the 9 instead of the J, declarer plays low. Partner must then play the A to prevent dummy’s 10 from winning. But then declarer’s Q becomes a stopper. Finally, if you lead the K, neither you nor partner can ever lead the suit again without promoting a trick for declarer.

Next suppose declarer has A Q x instead of Q x x, much worse for your side. A careful study will reveal the following. If you lead the 9 you lose 3 tricks in a row. Leading the J, however, limits declarer to 2 tricks. Leading the K *this time* works as well as leading the J.

You can sometimes succeed without “the bottom of the sandwich,” for instance when leading from K J 8



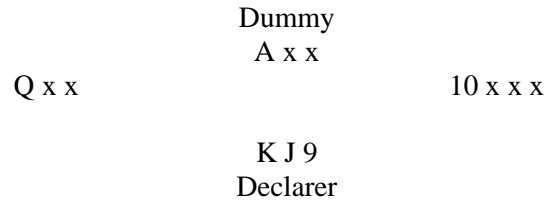
toward dummy’s 10. But then *partner* must have the bottom. For example leading the J in the layout



Q x x

accomplishes your goal of winning 3 tricks in a row.

We conclude with an example of a sandwich play for *declarer*, usually called a “backward finesse.” Consider the diagram [1, p.32]



The normal attempt to take 3 tricks is to finesse the J. However an alternative play can be preferable for any of the following reasons:

- (1) You, the declarer, have reason to believe that LHO has the Q.
- (2) You must not allow LHO to get in. (You need an “avoidance play.”)
- (3) You are “shooting” [1, p.419] for a top in a pair game or for a big swing in a team game.

You decide to lead the J. Just as when defending, you hope the 10 is the highest card on your right. LHO covers your J with the Q, you win dummy’s A, and you lead back toward your 9. When this maneuver succeeds you will appear to be a genius.

Lou Brickman

[1] *The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge*, Sixth Edition

Take Note

Some players are sensitive to certain smells. Let’s limit our use of perfumes, after shave, and/or other types of cologne when we intend to play at the games. We thank you for caring.

Club Corner

The Studio

Wed. 12/6 12:00 (Gametime) Inv Charity CC Team Game

Mon. 12/11 12:30 Inv. Charity CC Pair Game

Thurs. 12/14 12:00 Open CC

Mon. 12/18 12:00 Studio Christmas Party
Inv Charity CC Pair Game

Sat. 12/23, Mon. 12/25, Sat. 12/30 Studio Closed.
Check with Norma about Mon. Jan. 1

Wed. 1/3 12:00 (Gametime) Inv CC Team Game

Sectional Results

Nov 3-5, 2006

Friday Afternoon Open (23 Tables)

A	B	C	
1	1		Peter Wick- Edward Winke
2			Donna Chambers -Ronald Harvey
3			Judith Shulman- Rita Block
4			Robert Donald- Diane Burger
5			Donald Cohen - Corrado Baglioni
6	2		Emily Rapoport - Esther Roche
	3		Kawther Jabbur - John Rose
		1	Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline
		2	John & Patsy Schulenberg

Friday Afternoon 299ers (8 Tables)

1	1	1	Patricia & John Baugh
2			Jill & Arnold Factor
3	2		Bette Sovik - Rosemary Misurelli
4			Bonnie Taylor - David Funk
5	3	2	James Patterson - Howard Gates III
	4	3	Pat &- Bill Exner

Friday Evening Pro-Am Teams (12 Tables)

1	1		Peggy Fitzpatrick- Robert Hoffman Jr - Rich Kasprovicz - Marion Sheehan
2	2		David Funk - Gene Vennesland - Bill Teiper - Don Bathrick
3	3		Jill & Arnold Factor - Norma Shelly – Robert Cooperman
4			Patricia & John Baugh - Xiaoqian Liu - Stephen Paskin
	4		Anne Marie & William Hannon - Sue Eastman - Jonna Robinson
		1	Ellen Finch - Gary Belcher - John Di Domenico - Ernie Zelniker

Saturday Morning 299ers (6 Tables)

1	1	1	Paul & Frances Cuerdon
2	2		Lew & Linda Millenbach
3	3	2	John O'Donnell - Diane Anderson
4			Jill & Arnold Factor
	4		Judith & Tom Ludwig

Saturday Blue Ribbon Pairs (7 Tables)

1			Betty & Steve Bloom
2	1		Robert Donald - Diane Burger
3			Bob Feller - Lynn Deas
4	2	1	Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline
5			Judy & William Dubay
	3		Lucy & Gary Spongberg
	4		Franceline & Eugene Leary

Saturday Morning Side Pairs (11.5 Tables)

1			Joan Fisher -June Barach
2			Martin Birnby - Rita Redlich
3			Joan Meyer - Edna Doigan
4	1		Robert Valenti - Ross Lounsbury
5	2	1	Judy & Richard Hill
6	3	2	Gloriana & Richard Clark
	4	3	John Gazak - Lukas Fekete
	5		Munir & Ellen Jabbur
	6		Charlene Sunderland - Sue Eastman
		4	Christopher Almy - Len Lapinski

Saturday Afternoon Side Pairs (9 Tables)

1	1	1	Diane Alexander - Bob Cooperman
2			Rita Redlich - Carol Chandler
3	2	2	David Funk - Gene Vennesland
4	3	3	Jill & Arnold Factor
5	4	4	Judy & Richard Hill
	5	5	Sudhir & Sheela Kulkarni

Sunday Swiss Teams Bracket 1 (8 Tables)

A	X	
1		Bill & Sandy Nelson - Robert Valenti - Anthony Prindle
2		Bernard & Robert Neuhart - Diane Burger -Robert Donald
3		Bill & Andrew Dubay - Donna & Neil Chambers
	1	Frank Cole III - John Lute - SueEastman - Roger Woodin

Bracket 2 (9 Tables)

C	D	
1/2		Judy & Richard Hill - Arnold & Jill Factor
1/2	1	Diana Lack - Norman Stewart - Ellen Finch - Gary Belcher
3		Louis & Myra Brickman - Gloriana & Richard Clark
4		Paul & Frances Cuerdon - Sudhir & Sheela Kulkarni

Rank Changes

Junior Master (5 MPs):

Lois Griffin

Club Masters (20 MPs):

Frances Cuerton

Dottie Meyer

Sandra Rohner

Regional Masters (100 MPs):

Hugh Farley

Margaret Lavelle

Linda Millenbach

NABC Masters (200 MPs):

Eugene Pellegrino

Bonnie Taylor

Life Master (300 MPs):

Diane Alexander

Gold Life Master (2,500 MPs):

Gary Spongberg

STAC Results

Units-188, 186, 115, 236

Oct 23-29, 2006

2305.12 masterpoints earned by 980 players at 797 tables.
Listed [by overall rank from 4 units in top 100] are players
from our Unit 115:

Rank	Points	Player
23	12.20	Myra Brickman
29	10.57	Lou Brickman
31	10.02	Judy Hill
32	10.02	Richard Hill
45	8.34	Rob Neuhart
61	7.68	Don Cohen
68	7.39	Anthony Prindle
71	7.31	Esther Roche
74	7.08	Walter Smith
87	6.04	William Dubay
94	5.71	Rita Block
96	5.67	Al Ross



Scores at Judi's Games:

<http://www.bridgescore.com/judis>

Tops at Danbury

23.01 Diane Alexander
23.01 Conrad Bader
22.85 Xiaoqian Liu
22.85 Maxim Siline
22.55 Leonard Lapinski
22.55 Anne Lapinski
22.21 William Dubay
20.98 Andrew Dubay
20.26 Richard Underwood
20.26 Joanne Schlang
18.84 Walter Smith
18.12 Stephen Paskin
15.77 Ulla Sattinger
15.77 Michael Sattinger
15.38 Lucy Spongberg
15.38 Gary Spongberg
11.19 Ross Lounsbury,
10.02 Morris Cramer
7.89 Linda Millenbach
7.89 Lew Millenbach
7.06 Sue Eastman
5.92 Peter Wick
5.92 Joe Rizzuto

What's your lead, West?

You have:

QJx

x

KJx

Kxxxxx

[Responses divided between leading the "singleton H" and leading a "small C"; one said a "small diamond" lead was best]. Comments: seastman@nycap.rr.com

Zero Tolerance Policy



Rudeness, arguing, and/or disrespect toward opponents or partner is not tolerated at the table. ZT Policy intends the games to be pleasurable for all. Keep bad behavior at home.

We thank you for being kind.

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings

Unit 115 (as of Nov 6, 2006)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Patricia Baugh John Baugh Gloriana Clark	Gloriana Clark Patricia Baugh Frances Cuerdon
5-20	Jennifer Armstrong Joseph Salamone Carole Baker	Joseph Salamone Jennifer Armstrong Carole Baker
20-50	Linda Millenbach Paul Cuerdon Pat Exner	Pat Exner Paul Cuerdon Linda Millenbach
50-100	Leonard Lapinski Lew Millenbach Daniel Wulff	Ellen Finch Daniel Wulff Leonard Lapinski
100-200	Diane Alexander Sue Eastman Xiaoqian Liu	Diane Alexander Conrad Bader Sue Eastman
200-300	Judy and Richard Hill Andrea Berlent Gene Vennesland	Judy and Richard Hill Gene Vennesland Andrea Berlent
300-500	Andrew Dubay Joseph Phillips Anne Lapinski	Judy Gluck Angela De Franco Barbara McDonald
500-1000	Robert Valenti Charles Schmidt William Teiper	Charles Schmidt Robert Valenti Dorothy Kraus
1000-2500	Lucy and Gary Spongberg Robert Donald Donald Cohen	Donald Cohen June Barach Mary Frederick
2500-5000	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Arthur Bernhardt	Arthur Bernhardt Anthony Prindle Stephen Paskin
5000-7500	William Dubay Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann	William Dubay Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann
7500-10000	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Betty Bloom	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Steve Bloom

BUFFETT CUP NEWSLETTER # 6

Well deserved winners

The inaugural Warren Buffett Cup ended on Sept. 24th with the American team of bridge players clinching the trophy with an impressive late show of strength. Having been behind at one point by 13 championship points, they finished 23 points in the lead, having won all five of the final five rounds, two of them clean sweeps – a genuinely outstanding performance.

The elegant crystal glass trophy was presented to the American team captain Donna Compton at the end of a gala dinner attended by all the players, their supporting teams and scores of local and visiting guests, including Jose Damiani, the President of the World Bridge Federation. Amidst several hours of singing and speeches, an improvised duet by Giorgio Duboin and Jill Meyers stood out, underlining the camaraderie and good feeling between the two opposing teams.

Splendidly organised by the Contract Bridge Association of Ireland, and played for honour rather than money, the challenge match was deemed by everyone that I spoke to as a success. A return challenge match will now take place in Louisville, Kentucky in September 2008, timed once more to coincide with the Ryder Cup of golf, on which this new bridge event has been modeled.

The concept of a challenge match featuring 12 of the best players of both sides of the Atlantic seems to have caught the imagination of bridge enthusiasts around the world. The match was broadcast on Bridge Base Online with commentary in five different languages. Up to 3000 spectators at a time watched the battle unfold online, while the Buffett Cup website attracted an average of 20,000 hits a day. The event has since been written up in several bridge columns, including The Times of London and The Spectator.

Individual performances

The mantle of the most watched player went to Zia Mahmood, the flamboyant and always entertaining member of the US team, playing on this occasion with Roy Welland. The players with the best individual scores over the whole event were Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein (for the USA) and Giorgio Duboin and Norberto Bocchi (for Europe).

By universal consent however, the most impressive individual performance was that of Paul Soloway, who completed more than 200 boards in four days, following a tiring transatlantic flight, just a week after coming out of hospital. While he looked a little grey on the first two days, and was observed more than once snatching a nap at the table, the veteran American completed the event with one of the best overall individual records.

While the undoubted stars of the opening team section of the challenge match were the Italian and Irish pairs, who remained unbeaten in all six of their matches, it was a different story in the concluding individual section of the event. Four of the American players won six of their 11 matches (each one played with a different partner) and one, Jill Meyers, won seven. None of the European players managed more than four wins in this section.

In the end it was their impressive performance in the individual event that carried the Americans to victory. Although all the players were required to play a common simple bidding system in the individual round, based on a strong No Trump and five card majors, the Europeans probably faced the bigger challenge in adapting. The Italians, for example, have rarely played this way, while the system has many features in common with Standard American.

This may explain why there were some strange looking bidding sequences in the final part of the match. It also underlines why, as in golf, head to head challenge matches at bridge are about judgment and temperament, as well as technical skill. Throw in the match-a-board scoring system, which introduces some fascinating tactical dynamics, and you have the makings of an exciting spectator event, which is what the Warren Buffett Cup is intended to be all about.

The challenge match concept

One of the things that the organising committee for the return match will be studying is whether it is possible to simplify the bidding systems even further, with a view to increasing the popular appeal of the challenge match format. Bob Hamman, one of the moving forces behind the competition, is keen to make the challenge match a means of attracting new interest in bridge. A head-to-head match, played with minimal systems and a much simpler scoring system, could be a powerful boost to the game.

One impressive feature of the event was the excellent atmosphere in which the matches were played. Few if any hard words were exchanged all week, either between the teams or within partnerships. The match was played without bidding screens or any of the other measures that were introduced in the 1970s to preserve the integrity of international tournaments. They were unnecessary here.

For all these reasons, the success of this inaugural competition bodes well for the future of the game. Paul Hackett and the Contract Bridge Association of Ireland deserve enormous credit for getting this new competition off to such an impressive start. Now it is up to the bridge world to capitalise and to take the challenge match idea on to new heights and a permanent place in the sporting calendar.

Jonathan Davis

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Tuesday-Monday	January 9-15, 2007	Rye Brook Regional
Thursday-Sunday	March 8-18	Spring NABC- St. Louis, MO
Wednesday-Sunday	April 25-29	Cap Cod Senior Regional
Monday-Sunday	April 30- May 2	Saratoga Regional

Club Events

Sunday	December 3, 2006	Sybil's Xmas Party
Wednesday-Tuesday	January 17-23, 2007	STACs
Friday-Sunday	February 2-4	Sectional Schenectady
Friday-Sunday	April 20-22	Sectional Schenectady
Saturday	June 9	President's Cup



Deadline for submission for February Newsletter:

January 22, 2007

We appreciate your contributions