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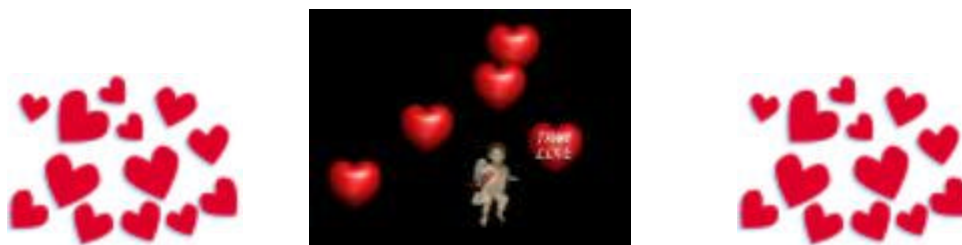
## NEWSLETTER

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### MID-WINTER SECTIONAL FEB 8-10

#### Friday - February 8

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

#### Saturday, February 9

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

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

Sybil's Christmas Party was our last event of 2007 even though it was held in 2008. It was a huge success and Ronald McDonald house was the beneficiary. Many thanks are due Marian Clowe and Rosemary Zongrone who planned and hosted the event, Lois Tuohey, Chairperson of the Charity Committee, and Norma Shelly who directed the game for us. And, of course, thanks to all of you who attended and made the event and the game a tasty smorgasbord of food and fun.

This is also my chance to thank the members of the 2007 Board of Directors whose contributions to Unit 115 often go unheralded. When you see any of them at a bridge game, please say thank you for all they do on your behalf. They are Lorrie Chamberlin, Marian Clowe, Bill Dubay, Sue Eastman, Renie Federighi, Stan Felland, Ellen Finch, Diana Lack, Fran Leary, Ross Lounsbury, Tom Ludwig, Barbara & John McDonald, Bernie & Rob Neuhart, Marian Sheehan, Charlene Sunderland, Lois Tuohey, Joan Harvey, Rich Underwood.

I particularly want to thank Tom Ludwig, Treasurer, Diana Lack, Education Coordinator, and Bill Dubay, Representative to the District 3 Board of Directors, who are leaving the Board after many years of service.

Ray Ratte

**Ray Ratte appointed John Riopelle  
as a Unit 115 Representative  
to the District 3 Board of Directors**

## A letter from your Editor

In recent times, we have discussed the behavior of players at our games. ACBL has recommended penalties for violators of unacceptable behavior. What we haven't discussed at length in a public forum are other types of undesirable and intolerable behavior not necessarily characterized as behavior falling within the ACBL Zero Tolerance policy. Here, I would like to briefly mention a behavior that expands beyond the simple rude and abusive comments levied upon one's own partner. Comments hurt only briefly, what I describe below hurts for a lifetime.

I am speaking of certain players who take advantage of others (their partners and supposed friends) monetarily (\$\$). In my own limited experience, I had occasion to encounter one such player. Not only did the player not pay her own entry fee, she insisted I must have forgotten (even though my wallet contained neither a \$5 nor a \$1 bill she claimed she just gave me...). Only a few days later, she attempted the same roguery but this time I paid with a FREE certificate. She insisted she put her \$6 on the table and told me to pay my \$6. I pointed to the certificate. While she kept insisting she placed her money on the table and I must pay mine, our most astute bridge director then spoke up and said "Sue paid with her certificate; you owe your \$6". After that, I found others with whom to partner. This lasted more than a year until a recent tournament when circumstances were such that made it difficult to NOT play a game with her. This time, I was out far more than any \$6 entry fee...closer to \$300. I say to every woman out there ...hold onto your pocketbooks; and men ...check your wallets. There is a wolf out there....dressed in sheep's clothing.

## This 'n That from your District Director

2007 ended quite sadly. Peter Kalat, president of District 3 and a member of the District Board died in his sleep the morning of December 1st. Peter will be remembered as a great bridge administrator, a fine bridge player and a man who always had a smile on his face and a good word to say about everyone. Our condolences we send to his wife Nie Lih and his many children and grandchildren. Peter will be missed.

If you didn't go to the San Francisco NABC, you were one of the few. It was the 3rd largest Fall NABC - probably because of the city, the good playing conditions, the great hospitality and the fact that it

started on Thanksgiving Day instead of having Thanksgiving in the middle of the tournament. The Board of Directors always asks management to do this. Hopefully it will happen more often in the future.

I did not attend the Board meetings in SF. Instead I had the pleasure of attending one of my grandson's bar mitzvahs- a wonderful moment. Steve Surasky, District 3's First Alternate went in my absence. He was well informed before he went and I can assure you he represented the District well. Happenings of note: A second reading of our new MasterPoint Plan took place, was affirmed and is now in effect. Many of you may have noticed that the Bracketed KO's now pay MP's based on Strength of Field rather than Size of Field. This tends to help the smaller tournaments if there are better players in the field and is a better criterion than size. The Board is hopeful that in the not too distant future this can be done for Pair events as well. Note also that more overall placings are being given in Pair games which should make a lot of people happy. ACBL headquarters has been sold and the Board is considering moving away from Memphis. Other cities being thought about are Atlanta, Dallas and Orlando. A decision may be made as early as this Spring.

The Rye Winter Regional was a huge success. The new feature of this tournament was the use of pre-duplicated boards in all pair games. The players loved this. It saves about 15 minute a session. We plan to do this at all four of our regional so see this in action in Saratoga Springs. We had nothing but compliments. Next on the Tournament Trail is the GNT's which will be held on Sunday, April 13th at the Bridge Deck in White Plains. The B&C Flights are a 2 session Swiss starting at 12:30 with a brunch at 11:30am and Flight A and the Super Flight are KO's - which are two sessions if you survive and then if the field is large enough there is another round at a time to be arranged. Check our District 3 web-site for all the details.

Then it's time for the favorite - The Saratoga Springs Regional - Tuesday, May 27th - Sunday, June 1st. Once again this is a new date but all the snowbirds will be home so it should be Wonderful.Pleaser. Note that we are not starting on Monday which is Memorial Day but, we are still having many KO's Compact KO's Swiss Teams and even have put two Senior Events back into the schedule. - One a Pair's game and one a Team's game at 10 am on Thursday and Saturday. So check out the schedule, note the additions and make your dates to spend 5 great days with us in Saratoga Springs.

For updated information and all the news check our website: [www.bridge-district3.org](http://www.bridge-district3.org)....See you all soon.

Joan Gerard, District Director



## Congratulations

### Nashville NABC Winners

#### Points

170.00 Lynn Deas  
55.70 Steve & Betty Bloom  
44.39 Andrew Dubay  
41.06 Bill Dubay  
21.17 Sue Eastman  
15.80 Steven Shaye  
15.80 Larry Rosen  
14.42 Lucy & Gary Spongberg  
12.26 Steve Paskin  
12.26 Richard Underwood  
1.80 Carol Paskin  
1.15 Emily Rankin  
.37 Kenneth Tubbs

### San Francisco NABC

(submitted by Lucy Spongberg  
...Thank you)

#### Points

92.63 Lynn Deas  
62.23 Neil Chambers  
59,95 Lucy & Gary Spongberg  
32.78 Donna Chambers  
32.78 Louis Golub  
53.86 Bernie & Robert Neuhart  
19.84 Walt Smith  
14.96 Sue Eastman  
12.03 Jack & Pat Baugh  
6.47 Lorrie Smith  
1.90 Bill Dubay  
1.64 Rich Underwood  
.83 Andrew Dubay  
.59 JoAnn Schlang

## Personal Notes

**Our condolences we send to the friends and family of Bernice Busch, Bessie Levine, and Doc Sandler.**

Mary Fredrick is the Sunshine Chairwoman. Let her know if there are any people, we need to send cards or notes.

## Club Corner

### The Studio

Tuesday	March 11	7:00	Non-LM CC
Saturday	March 15	12:30	Open CC
Wednesday	April 16	12:00	Inv CC
Monday	May 5	12:00	Inv Charity CC
Tuesday	May 13	7:00	Non-LM CC
Thursday	May 15	12:00	Open CC

### Coming Events

Fri- Sunday	Feb 8-10	Sectional
Fri- Sunday	Apr 25-27	Sectional

## Rye Brook Regional Winners

20.51 John Rose  
 17.27 Ross Lounsbury  
 8.41 Robert Donald  
 8.41 Diane Burger  
 7.67 Satya Pabuwal  
 6.66 Xiaoqian Liu  
 6.66 Maxim Siline  
 6.34 Susan Eastman  
 6.34 Roger Woodin  
 4.86 Walter Smith  
 4.27 Daniel Wulff  
 4.27 Bonnie Taylor  
 3.70 Robert Neuhart  
 3.70 Judith Shulman  
 3.59 Ulla Sattinger  
 3.59 Michael Sattinger  
 1.57 Peter Wick  
 1.57 Joe Rizzuto  
 1.21 William Dubay  
 .93 Lorrie Smith  
 .68 June Barach  
 .68 Joan Fisher



## Rank Changes

### Club Masters (20 MPs):

Martha Precheur

### Sectional Masters (50 MPs):

John Loeber

### NABC Masters (200 MPs):

Ken Balch

### Silver Life Master (1,000 MPs):

Donald Bathrick

## Sybil's Christmas Party

### Section A North-South

A	B	C	MPs
1			2.04 Judy Dubay-Rob Neuhart
2/3	1/2		1.19 Bill Teiper-Andy Archibald
2/3	1/2		1.19 John Riopelle-Shirley Grady
4/5			.44 Ray Ratte-Frank Legnard
4/5			.44 Charlene Sunderland-Joan Harvey
		1	.78 Rosemary Isele-Harold Bigelow

### Section A East-West

1			3.62 Diane Burger-Bob Donald
2	1	1	2.41 Renie Federighi-James Borgia
3			.79 Paul Meier - Beth Snyder
4	2	3	1.81 Lois Lyon - Joe Phillips

### Section B North-South

1	1	1	3.21 Gene Vennesland-Pat Feulner
2			1.17 Gary & Lucy Spongberg
3			.84 Fran Leary - Phyllis French
4	2		.80 Ed Hornidge -Richard Bobilin
		3	.57 John & Patsy Schulenberg
		2	.58 Carolyn Macdonald-Norm Stewart

### Section B East-West

1			4.83 Betty & Steve Bloom
2			1.17 Roger Woodin-Sue Eastman
3	1		1.20 Lukas Fekete-Dorothy Shelly
4	2	1	1.04 Mary Wright -Nancy Streeter
		3	.60 Harry & Marilyn Soffer

Imagine a handmade, gourmet pie you can bake and serve with no mess in your kitchen while helping to raise money for hospitality at the Saratoga Regional. The pie comes with simple instruction that read: "Bake from frozen at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 15 to 30 minutes." It will be no lie when you tell your family or guests that YOU baked the pie!

This can be done by purchasing frozen pies made by Smith's Orchard Bake Shop at our unit's fundraiser. These pies are a product of Walt Smith's niece in Charlton, NY and were served at our sectionals in the past. Many of our fellow bridge players have purchased these pies as well – ask around and you will find out first hand how special they are.

From February 1-18 we will be taking orders for 10" frozen pies at a price of \$10 each and our Unit 115 will make \$3 on each pie sold to be put towards hospitality at the Saratoga Regional. The pies will keep in your freezer until you are ready to bake and serve them, so you can order several. To order pies you may use the attached order form or pick up an order form at any club game or the sectional. You can turn in your order at the sectional or any club game up until February 10. You must make payment for the total of your order when you turn in your order. You can choose to pick up your order on any of the following 3 times and locations: Studio Sat. February 23 3-5 PM, ROCC Monday February 25 3-5 PM, Clifton Park Senior Center Tuesday February 26 3-5 PM, but you must specify your pick up choice when placing your order.

We encourage you to solicit additional pie orders from your friends and relatives and include them in your order. The more pies we sell, the more money we make!

	Regular Crust	Crumb Top	Sugarless (Regular top only)
Apple			
Apple Blackberry			
Apple Blueberry			
Apple Cherry			
Apple Cranberry			
Apple Peach			
Apple Raisin Walnut			
Apple Raspberry			
Blackberry			
Blueberry			
Blueberry Peach			
Cherry			
Peach			
Pecan		Not available	Not available
Pineapple			
Pumpkin		Not available	Not available
Raspberry			
Raspberry Peach			
Rhubarb			
Strawberry Rhubarb			
Tollhouse		Not available	Not available
Very Berry			

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE PICK-UP POINT

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> STUDIO

Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> ROCC

Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Clifton Park

## Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115 (as of Jan 9, 2008)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Richard Bobilin Joanne Dechants Judi Jacquin	JoAnne Dechants Richard Bobilin Judi Jacquin
5-20	Harold Bigelow Stan Felland John Loeber	John Loeber Stan Felland Harold Bigelow
20-50	Gloriana Clark Frances Cuerdon Harry Landry	Gloriana Clark Mark Hartley Harry Landry
50-100	Patricia Baugh Jack Baugh Paul Cuerdon	Pat Exner Maria Joyner Paul Cuerdon
100-200	Len Lapinski Ellen Finch Lew Millenbach	Ellen Finch Stanley Cohen Mary Ellen Nevin
200-300	Ulla Sattinger Bonnie Taylor Michael Sattinger	Lois Tuohey Ulla Sattinger Michael Sattinger
300-500	Judy & Richard Hill Sue Eastman Diane Alexander	Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander Conrad Bader
500-1000	Robert Valenti Lou Urbano Andrew Dubay	Louis Urbano Robert Valenti Dorothy Kraus
1000-2500	Robert Neuhart Bernie Neuhart Diane Burger	Donald Cohen Joan Meyer Charles Schmidt
2500-5000	Lucy & Gary Spongberg Arthur Bernhardt Edna Doigan	Arthur Bernhardt June Barach Edna Doigan
5000-7500	Bill Dubay Walter Smith Judy Dubay	Stephen Paskin Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann
7500-10000	Al Ross Neil Chambers	Al Ross Neil Chambers
Over 10000	Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas

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### Schedule of Upcoming Events

Thurs-Sunday	Feb 13-18	Regional, Cromwell, CT
Thurs-Sunday	Mar 6-16	NABC, Detroit Mich
Mon-Sunday	Apr 7-13	Women's Bridge Festival
Sunday	Apr 13	Grand National Teams
Mon-Sunday	Apr 14-20	Regional, Gatlinburg, TN
Tues-Sunday	Apr 29-May 4	Regional, Smithtown NY
Wed-Sunday	Apr 30-May 4	Senior Regional, Cape Cod
Tues-Sunday	May 27-June 1	Regional, Saratoga

### Club Events

Mon-Sunday	Mar 24-30	STACs
Fri-Sunday	Apr 25-27	Sectional, Schenectady



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**Mar 18, 2008**

Save Trees and postage. Those households that could do with 1 newsletter instead of 2; let me know.



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Elsewhere in this issue (pg7), Bill Dubay will explain a new type of game (for us) which we will be trying on Friday night of the next two Sectionals in an attempt to provide more diversity to our playing options and to attract more participation on Friday night. If you have not been attending on Friday night in the past, please add it to your schedule for next time. Try it; you might like it. If driving at night is the problem, maybe you can make arrangements with your partner or another player to provide transportation. We have great attendance on Friday afternoon; let's build up Friday night to equal proportions. May I suggest trying some of the great new restaurants in Schenectady between games?

As I start my second year as President, I want to thank the Board for their confidence in re-electing me, and, thank all of you for your support and participation in the bridge games within the Capital District, District 3, and ACBL nationally.  
Ray Ratte

***Correction***

Lucy and Gary Spongberg won 59.95 points at the San Francisco Nationals, not 14.42. The Editor most humbly apologizes for her gross error.

**A letter from your Editor**

**We come together to play, to sit, to enjoy.  
It is our time together.  
For some, it is a place to learn, to compete, to laugh.  
For others, there is pleasure in discord, gossip.  
Some leave us far too soon.  
Were their days with us ...  
Time well-spent?**

**President's Message**

I received a number of comments regarding the article by the Editor in the February issue. I discussed my concerns with her and her article was discussed at our last Board meeting. The Board established a policy to help prevent future publication of any article in our newsletter which would be potentially offensive to any member, incorrect in its content, or damaging to the ACBL or to Unit 115. It will be the responsibility of the Editor to review all articles submitted for publication and, if necessary, discuss concerns with the author in an attempt to correct, clarify, or reword the article as appropriate. Articles by the Editor shall be reviewed by the President. Articles by the President shall be reviewed by the other Officers of the Unit and by the Editor.

We continue to encourage all members to consider submitting articles on bridge related matters, suggestions, or concerns and we request your understanding and cooperation if the Editor contacts you with suggestions for change.

In my article in the last newsletter, I neglected to include the name of John O'Brien as a member of the Board. I apologize for that oversight. John has been and is continuing as an active member of the Board and his contributions are much appreciated by all of us.

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

Just home from the Detroit NABC and while this was not thought to be a great location, the total attendance was 8553.5 – not at all terrible for a Spring NABC. The Renaissance Center really did have a wonderful food court and there were two or three more upscale restaurants. The People Mover, a train that runs one way through parts of the city, takes you to Greek Town with a casino and many, many interesting restaurants. .. this was entered right through the Renaissance Center, 2 stops to get there and 8 or so stops to return since the train only goes one way. The host group was spectacular, wonderful nightly entertainment, plus great food... playing conditions were probably in the top two or three in the last several years. While not somewhere we should go often because it does not have vacation appeal, it was indeed a good experience for those who attended.

Congratulations to Lynn Deas who finished on the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team in the Women's event and you should know that District 3 had its first win in the NAP's... Sydney Kantar and Ron Nelken from our North Jersey Unit won Flight B... a great feat!

News from the Board meetings of interest: Teachers will be able to teach a shortened Mini-Bridge course though the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and receive subsidy from the ACBL; Multi 2 Diamond was barred from pair games that allow mid-chart conventions. This can only be played in events with 6 or more board segments. The new Laws of Duplicate Bridge will go into effect on September 8, 2008. I strongly advise club directors to read the laws carefully. Hopefully, District 3 will be arranging seminars at various Regionals for club directors to become familiar with the changes. Everyone should know that the new

Masterpoint Plan which has already been in effect had a major computer program glitch and needed some tweaking. The net result of this is a reduction on the masterpoints received from January to March in Bracketed KO's at Regionals of 11% in the top bracket and will now be a 24% reduction, mainly in the top bracket of KO's from March 17<sup>th</sup> on. Still, the top bracket of the KO's will be receiving more points than previously based on the strength of field. District 3 Regionals will not be very different from the past. A very big issue that the board addressed in Detroit was use of electronic devices in the playing area. In all NABC events (this does not include Regional events or IN events at the NABC's) – all electronic devices, excluding health-related equipment, capable of sending or receiving communication shall not be allowed in the playing areas, adjacent hallways, rest rooms or accessible break areas. Before you say that this is ridiculous, you should know that there have been scandals in the chess world and golf and tennis tournaments. Now, of course, chess tournaments ban the use of electronic equipment. There will be ways that you can be reached through a call to the hotel or convention center directly to the director's room if there is an emergency. And note that now this is only for NABC events.

Saratoga Springs is just around the corner. This is the last year that we will be out of sync. Next year we will be back at our usual time in the middle of June. District 3 is grateful for your support, I heard that the pie sale was great and I know you all volunteered to help at the tournament and play as many days as you possibly can. It's a great location so be there to make it a great tournament. There are many new events on the schedule – we kick off on Tuesday with an Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams (more MP's than you can believe) and then we have loads of KO's and Swiss teams during the rest of the week. And please note that we have put back two senior events at a brand new and often requested time 10AM – one on Thursday and one on Saturday. We hope they will be popular. Our new location at the end of June through the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday in Fairfield, NJ (just 10 minutes from Parsippany) is a must for your July 4<sup>th</sup> vacation weekend. Check our website for details: [www.bridge-district3.org](http://www.bridge-district3.org)

Hope to see you all soon. Write or call with any questions: [joanandron@att.net](mailto:joanandron@att.net) or 914-948-0841.

Joan Gerard, District Director

## Personal Notes

Get well wishes we send to Arlene Sheber, Sharon Lyons, Ed Hornidge and Shirley Grady. We are hopeful you have a speedy recovery.

We send our condolences to Marian Clowe on the death of her mother. Our condolences we send to the family and friends of Ruth Blendell, who recently died.

(Note: Contact Mary Fredrick-- Give her names of players for whom we may send cards of condolences or get well wishes)

## CDBA Board of Directors 2008-2009

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Fran Leary	Charlene Sunderland
Ross Lounsbury	Lois Tuohey
Lois Lyon	Rich Underwood
Barbara McDonald	

## Congratulations

### Detroit NABC Winners

96.47	Steve & Betty Bloom
93.95	Neil Chambers
92.69	Lynn Deas
25.25	William & Judy Dubay
22.88	Donna Chambers
21.74	Bob Feller
21.45	Steven Shaye & Larry Rosen
21.45	Larry Rosen
4.38	Xiaoqian Liu & Maxim Siline
4.06	Joan Gerard
3.17	Harold Bigelow & Gene Vennesland

### March 24-28 STACs (top 10)

17.23	Robert Valenti
17.10	Walter Smith
16.24	John Riopelle
9.44	Diane Alexander
8.70	Patricia & James Ackerman
7.49	William Dubay
7.26	Lucy & Gary Spongberg
6.96	Sandra Quinn & Rosemary Mullaney

### President's Cup

Saturday, June 7 @ 1pm @ The Studio  
Not too early to start forming your teams for the President's Cup, a Unit Charity game. Each team will consist of a Life Master, 1 person with less than 500 points, 1 with less than 300 points, a 4th less than 100 points. Sign up sheet at any club. If you form your own team or are looking for a team please contact Lorrie Chamberlin 286-2851 ([lorcham3@aol.com](mailto:lorcham3@aol.com)) or Norma Shelly 346-3773 ([bridgestudio@hotmail.com](mailto:bridgestudio@hotmail.com)).

## Club Corner

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 Monday May 26 12:00 We will be open  
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Studio closed for Saratoga Regional May 27-June 1

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## Sectional Results

**Feb 8-10, 2008**

### Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Donna Chambers - Delores Inzero
2			Judy Dubay - Joan Meyer
3	1		Paul Meier - Beth Snyder
4			Stephen Paskin - Al Ross
5/6	2		Ross Lounsbury - Lou Urbano
5/6			Lucy & Gary Spongberg
	3		Satya Pabuwal - Corrado Baglioni
	4	1	Raymond Ratte - Frank Legnard
	5/6	2	Jacquelyn Viana - Peggy Mann
	5/6		Franceline Leary - Phyllis French
		3	Conrad Bader - Diane Alexander

### 299ers

1			Jean Drake - Peggy Mount
2			Ellen Finch - Patricia Favreau
3	1	1	Robert Dickson - Philip McLaughlin
4			Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin
5	2	2	Lionel Biagiotti - Richard Phillips

### Friday evening Pro-Am Swiss

1	1	1	Eleanor O'Connor - Richard Hurd Elizabeth VonRiesenfelder - C Kirk Osterland
2	2	2	Richard Bobilin - Diane Alexander John Riopelle - Mark Rosenholz
3			Rich Kasprowicz - Marion Sheehan Tom & Judith Ludwig

### Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Roger Woodin - George Halbfinger
2	1		Franceline Leary - Phyllis French
3	2	1	Frank Legnard - Raymond Ratte
4			Donna Chambers - Priscilla Cleary
5	3		Satya Pabuwal - Corrado Baglioni
	4	2	Rosemary Isele - Marian Webster
			<b>299ers</b>
1	1	1	James Beard - Mark Hartley
2	2	2	Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
3	3		Jason Griffith - Chris Chudzicki

### Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Arthur Bernhardt - Albert Ross
2			Clare & Marilyn Beames
3			Gary & Lucy Spongberg
4			Diane Burger - Robert Donald
5			Nicholas Ecker Racz - Norma Shelly
6	1		Franceline Leary - Phyllis French
			<b>299ers</b>
1			Susan Brammer - Fred Stefaniak
2			Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni

### Sunday Swiss

A	Bracket 1	
1		Roger Woodin - Tony Prindle Al Ross - Walt Smith
2		Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline Richard Underwood - Steve Paskin
3/4		Norma Shelly - Nicholas Ecker Racz Donna & Neil Chambers
3/4		Robert Neuhart - Judy Dubay Bernard Neuhart - Arthur Bernhardt
	Bracket 2	
1/2		Diana Lack - Norm Stewart Maryclare Devlin - Ruth Anderson
1/2		Peggy Mann - Ruth Bickel Barbara Zautner - Joan Belle Ricks
3		Lou & Myra Brickman Richard & Gloriana Clark
	Bracket 3	
1		Rosemary Isele - Martha Precheur Harold Bigelow - Sandra Ostrelch
2		Leonard & Anne Lapinski Lois Tuohey - Sandra Graper
3/5		Michael & Ulla Sattinger Linda & Lew Millenbach
3/5		Tom & Judith Ludwig Jean Drake - Charles Close,

### Judi's Lessons

at the ROCC

Fridays 9:15am

"Sherlock Holmes, Bridge Evaluator" - this set of lessons deals with hand evaluation - cost is \$11.00 per lesson

The Third Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>  
at the ROCC (Not at JCC)

"More Headache Hands" - These are hands that have no easy solution. Lesson at 9:30am; followed by lunch; and the duplicate game in the afternoon.

## Rank Changes

### Sectional Masters (50 MPs-5silver):

Barbara Flynn  
John Flynn

### Regional Masters (100 MPs -5r/g,15s):

Harold Bigelow  
Harry Landry

### NABC Masters (200 MPs-5g,15r/g,25s):

Lew Millenbach  
Lorrie Smith  
Daniel Wulff

### Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs):

Xiaoqian Liu  
Maxim Siline

### Silver Life Master (1000 MPs):

Robert Valenti

### Gold Life Master (2,500 MPs):

Roger Woodin

## Suggestions Requested

The awards dinner is coming. We'd like suggestions for the two awards given. 1- Mr/Ms Bridge is given to a person who has gone above and beyond normal contributions to the Unit; 2- Marvin Friedman Award is given to the person who "at all times creates a pleasant environment to play at club games and sectionals, is courteous and non-critical to opponents as well as partners and typifies the epitome of a lady or gentleman." Notify us: [lorcham3@aol.com](mailto:lorcham3@aol.com), or in person to: Lorrie Chamberlin, Lois Tuohey, Bernie Neuhart

## Caddies Wanted

I would like to add to my list of caddies. Caddies are paid \$30 per session. They must be 14+, but 14-yr olds may not work evenings. Needed for Saratoga Regional, starting the Tuesday following Memorial Day. Please contact Fran Leary: [flearyny@aol.com](mailto:flearyny@aol.com) or 518-372-7806.

## Pies Pies Pies

You did great, buying 182 pies (profit \$650). FANTASTIC! Thank you all. Special thanks to Walt Smith for planning, organizing, and delivering; Secondary thanks to Peggy Mount and Lois Touhey. Eat more pies. Marian Clowe

## ANNUAL NON-BAKE BOOK SALE!!!

April 25-27 at the Sectional

We need books and tapes brought to the Studio the week of April 21. All proceeds will benefit hospitality at the Saratoga Regional.

## Cromwell Results

Feb 13-18, 2008

45.64	Walter Smith
38.15	Xiaoqian Liu & Maxim Siline
32.85	William Dubay
31.07	Judy Dubay
19.91	Peter Wick & Morris Cramer
19.51	Paul Meier & Beth Snyder
19.31	Lucy & Gary Spongberg
18.72	Steve & Betty Bloom
15.32	Robert Donald & Diane Burger
8.90	Roger Woodin
8.37	Ulla & Michael Sattinger
8.37	Linda & Lew Millenbach
8.20	Richard & Gloriana Clark
7.94	Ellen Finch
7.12	Sue Eastman
4.87	Paul & Frances Cuerdon
4.85	William Teiper & Bonnie Taylor

## Saratoga Regional

Date Change

May 27-June 1, 2008

### Tuesday, May 27

Bracketd Rd Robin Tms 1 & 7pm  
Side Game Series 1 & 7pm  
Interm Prs 1 & 7pm

### Weds, May 28

Bracketed KO Tms1 9am  
(cont Thur 9am)  
Open & Interm Pairs 1 & 7 pm  
Side Game Series 3-4<sup>th</sup> 1 & 7 pm

### Thurs May 29

NEW! Senior Prs 10am & 3pm  
Open Swiss 1 & 7pm  
Side Game Series 5-6<sup>th</sup> 1 & 7pm  
Interm Prs 1 & 7pm

### Friday, May 30

Bracketed Comp KO Tms 2  
9am & 1pm  
Open Prs 1 & 7pm  
Interm Prs 1 & 7pm  
Side Game Ser2 1 & 7pm  
1-Session Swiss 1pm  
Bracketed KO Tms2 7pm  
(cont Sat 9am, 1 & 7pm)

### Sat, May 31

NEW! Senior Swiss 10am 3pm  
Side Game Ser2 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am  
Open Prs 1 & 7pm  
Interm Prs 1 & 7pm  
Side Game Ser 4-5<sup>th</sup> 1 & 7pm

### Sunday, June 1

Open Bracketed Round Robin Tms 10:30am

## Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115 (as of Mar 6, 2008)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Lionel Biagiotti Maris Faigin Theresa Igoe	Lionel Biagiotti Maris Faigin Theresa Igoe
5-20	James Beard Arlene Belott Byron Rem	Arlene Belott Byron Rem James Beard
20-50	Richard Bobilin Joanne Dechants Sandra Ostrellich	Joanne Dechants Richard Bobilin Shirley Wilson
50-100	Harry Landry John Loeber Rhoda Levine	John Loeber Rhoda Levine Harry Landry
100-200	Louise Landry Linda Millenbach Gloriana Clark	Louise Landry Gloriana Clark Barbara Zautner
200-300	Ellen Finch Lew Millenbach Mary Ellen Nevin	Ellen Finch Lois Tuohey Daniel Wulff
300-500	Maxim Siline Xiaoqian Liu Ulla Sattinger	Conrad Bader Gene Vennesland Jill Factor
500-1000	Judy & Richard Hill Dorothy Adams Sue Eastman	Dorothy Adams Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander
1000-2500	Diane Burger Satya Pabuwal Roger Woodin	Donald Cohen Lawrence Berman Satya Pabuwal
2500-5000	Robert Donald Lucy & Gary Spongberg Arthur Bernhardt	Arthur Bernhardt June Barach Robert Donald
5000-7500	Walter Smith Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann	Anthony Prindle Harry Kaufmann Stephen Paskin
7500-10000	Al Ross	Al Ross
Over 10000	Neil Chambers Betty & Steve Bloom	Betty & Steve Bloom

## A USEFUL ADDITION TO D.O.N.T. (by Lou Brickman)

Suppose an opponent opens 1NT and you have a *powerful 2-suited hand, at least 5/5*. Examples: KQJxx-AKJxx, KQJTxx-KQJxxx, QJT9x-AKJxx with an outside A. With such hands, Larry Cohen recommends bidding 2NT instead of your usual DONT bid. This makes it more difficult for the opponents to bid further, and you and your partner could even make a game (example below). Our purpose here is to explain how you and partner, if left alone in the bidding, can reach the most promising contract with one of your long suits as trump. This is an impressive feat because your 2NT, unlike your usual DONT bid, gives partner no clue to the identity of either of your suits.

### PARTNER'S RESPONSE TO YOUR 2NT

Bids 3C if any suit holding is shorter than clubs; otherwise bids 3D.

#### RESPONSE EXAMPLES

3C with 3-4-2-4, 4-5-1-3, 5-5-1-2, 4-2-4-3; 3D with 5-3-3-2, 5-2-4-2, 3-3-4-3, 3-4-3-3

#### YOUR REBID

If partner bids one of your long suits, pass. If not, make your cheaper bid of a long suit.

#### EXAMPLES WITH COMPLETE AUCTIONS

YOUR SUITS	PARTNER'S SHAPE	AUCTION WITH PARTNER
clubs & diamonds	4-5-1-3	2NT, 3C; P
clubs & hearts	5-2-4-2	2NT, 3D; 3H, P
clubs & spades	3-4-3-3	2NT, 3D; 3S, P
diamonds & hearts	3-3-2-5	2NT, 3C; 3D, 3H; P
diamonds & spades	3-4-2-4	2NT, 3C; 3D, 3H; 3S, P
hearts & spades	2-3-2-6	2NT, 3C; 3H, P

#### EXAMPLE MAKING GAME WHEN PARTNER HAS TWO VALUABLE HONORS

KQJxx-AKJxx-xx-x

Ax-T98x-KQTx-AKT

xx-x-Jxxxx-QJxxx

xxxx-Qxx-Ax-xxxx

NORTH-SOUTH AUCTION AFTER WEST OPENS 1NT: 2NT; 3C, 3H, 4S

### PRO-AM BOARD A MATCH - PAIR GAME

Friday April 25

At the Sectional

We are constantly trying to find an event that will increase the attendance at our Sectionals on Friday nights. At the next two Sectionals, we will try a Pro-Am BAM. Teams will be formed as they have been, with a pair with a lot of masterpoints joining a pair with few MP's. The game will be run with a BAM movement, and scored that way. The game will also be scored by matchpoints. Each pair will get the MP award from the method of scoring that gives them the most points. If there are 12 or more teams and an even number of teams, the AMs and the Pros will each have their own section. If this sounds confusing, don't worry about it. The director does all the work. Any questions, call Bill Dubay.

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### Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Apr 13	Grand National Teams
Tues-Sunday	Apr 29-May 4	Regional, Smithtown NY
Wed-Sunday	Apr 30-May 4	Senior Regional, Cape Cod
Wed-Sunday	May 21-26	Regional, NYC
Tues-Sunday	May 27-June 1	Regional, Saratoga
Wed-Sunday	June 18-22	Regional, Sturbridge

### Club Events

Fri-Sunday	Apr 25-27	Sectional, Schenectady
Saturday	June 7	President's Cup
Saturday	June 14	Awards Dinner
Mon-Sunday	June 9-15	STACs



Deadline for submission for June Newsletter:

**May 19, 2008**

Save Trees and postage. Those households that could do with 1 newsletter instead of 2; let me know.



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### Friday – July 11

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 0-2000, Open)	1:00 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300)	1:00 pm
NEW!--Board-a-Match Teams (Pair Scoring)	7:00 pm

### Saturday, July 12

Stratified Open Pairs; Stratified Newcomer Pairs	10:00 am and 3:00 pm
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### Sunday, July 13

Swiss Teams (1- Session Bracketed)	1:00 pm
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**Need Help:** Call Robert Neuhart 518.279.3705 or [rneuhart@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rneuhart@nycap.rr.com)  
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**A letter from your Editor**

To have friends  
We must first  
be a friend.  
Reach out to someone.  
We gain far more  
than we give.

**President's Message**

WOW!!! There were 127 tables played at our last sectional, an increase of over 25% compared to our last several sectionals. Since our last sectional, the Board has worked very hard to improve attendance on Friday evening, since participation in that session was low and we hoped to persuade more afternoon participants to stay over for the evening session. We scheduled a new format, board-a-match scoring and increased the number of tables from 13 to 17, an increase of over 25%. But the big news is that all sessions increased dramatically and the thanks go to all of you who made it happen. So, thank you, thank you, and thank you. And as for the rest of you, you can help make our next sectional even larger. How about another 25% increase? Impossible you say; not if you decide to add yourself and your partner(s) to the growing number of players who

come to the sectional for a great time, good snacks, and fine bridge players to enjoy.

And, as a reminder, as we attract new players to our sectional, and hopefully our club games too, that Unit 115 has a zero tolerance policy. If players are coming to our games to have fun with pleasant and competitive bridge players, they don't want to hear derogatory or unpleasant commentary on the bidding or play of the hand. If you must make such comments, please wait until you leave the table, or better yet, the room. If you hear another player violating our zero tolerance policy, please call the director. (S)he is there to enforce our rules and ensure that we have an atmosphere in which everyone can enjoy the best card game in the world.

Let's see, was it boards down 3, and pairs down 6 or vice versa? Whatever it was, when you sign up for a table at the next sectional, please thank Bill Dubay for the great job he does in setting up and directing our sectional games!!!

One more thank-you, please. During the next sectional, thank the caddies for their contribution to the success of our games.

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

This is a year of many changes on the District 3 Board. Jon Green, our vice President, served for 2 months as our President taking over when Peter Kalat passed away . Then at our Board meeting in January, we elected Glenda Calkins to fill out Peter's unexpired term and to be our new President starting May 1. Thanks to Jon for filling in when things were difficult and welcome to Glenda who I'm sure is known to most of you. Glenda is from Unit 106, our North Jersey Unit. Glenda has been on the District 3 Board for many years and has served on the Unit 106 Board as president, tournament chair, and various other jobs. On the district board, Glenda has been chair of Advertising, in charge of our Tournament Calendar working with all the units and nearby districts to avoid conflicts and chair of the Inter-District Scheduling Committee – the group that tries to solve all the conflicts... a humongous task. Glenda will be in Saratoga at our Regional. Please take the time to congratulate her on assuming the role of president. We are lucky to have her.

I just want to say a few words concerning Mary Williams and her recent tragedy. First, I want to express the District's sorrow at the family's loss of their dear husband and father, Bob. Mary has been a dedicated member, not only of the Unit 115 family but also of the District 3 family and we mourn with Mary at this time of great need. Please Mary – continue to be with us. We need you and want you.

I think you will be reading this article during the Saratoga Regional and I hope you will all be there and enjoying the pre-duplicated boards that the District is now using at all our Regionals. We think this is really a big plus at tournaments. It

saves effort and at least 10-15 minutes for each session of Pairs games. Let us know what you think.

Be sure to make your plans to be with us in Fairfield, New Jersey (just around the corner from Parsippany) over the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday. – June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup>. We planned a great schedule and a special dinner on July 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:45pm for the 1pm games and continuing until 7pm for the 3pm games. Great holiday fun! And then plan to play in the District Finals of the NAP on Saturday, September 27... We will run Flights B&C at the Studio of Bridge and Games in Schenectady. Last year was such a success for Flight C that the District asked Norma Shelly if she would be willing to have Flight B there also and of course, Norma said yes... (When did you ever know Norma to say No..... absolutely never!) .... So all B&C players, plan to play a two session event at the Studio on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. Full conditions of Contest are available on our web site. [www.bridge-district3.org](http://www.bridge-district3.org)

Play lots of bridge. Hope to see you at the tables.

**Joan Gerard, District Director**

### OUR THANKS

To show her appreciation for all the work our local players do to support our Saratoga Regional either by volunteering, playing, or participating in our year-round fund raising, Joan Gerard, our District 3 Director, purchased 10 pies to further our cause. Walt Smith brought 7 of the pies for the Sectional and we will serve 3 of them at the President's Cup on June 7<sup>th</sup>. We send our thanks to Joan not only for the pies but also, for her dedication to the players in our District and all the bridge players in the ACBL.

Norma

### Personal Notes

We send get well wishes to Joan Harvey and Rosemary Misurelli.

Our condolences we send to Vince De Pasquale, his mother died and to Lynda Flanger (a player from our past who now lives in Virginia), her husband died suddenly upon her return from NABC in Detroit.

With deep sorrow, we report the loss of Mary Williams' husband and send our condolences to her and to his extended family and friends.

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## Congratulations

### CAPE COD Senior Regional & Open Sectional

Total Pts	Gold Pts	Red Pts	Silver Pts	
41.09	41.09			Betty Bloom
41.09	41.09			Steve Bloom
8.31	4.16	4.15		Michael Sattinger
8.31	4.16	4.15		Linda Millenbach
8.31	4.16	4.15		Ulla Sattinger
8.31	4.16	4.15		Lew Millenbach
6.96	3.58		3.38	Sue Eastman
6.96	3.58		3.38	Roger Woodin
5.38	3.81	1.57		Mary Fredrick
5.38	3.81	1.57		Ruth Anderson
5.17	2.61	2.56		Walter Smith
4.64	3.81	0.83		Charles Schmidt
4.64	3.81	0.83		Dorothy Kraus
1.68		1.68		Stan Felland
1.68		1.68		Anne Marie Gapp
1.40		1.40		Alma Pusateri
1.40		1.40		Evelyn Fletcher
.19		.19		Mabel Siler
.19		.19		Rita Dunn



Remember to turn off your cellphones!

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	3		Peter Wick - Edward Winke
	4		Larry Rosen - Steven Shaye
		3	Rosemary Zongrone - Sandra Quinn

#### 299ers

1/2	1	1	Mark Hartley - John Loeber
1/2			Sally Warner - Louise Landry
3			Patricia Favreau - Ellen Finch
4			Patricia Collopy & Louise Carson
5	2		Eleanor & Joe Lisuzzo

### Friday evening BAM

1	1	1	Diana Lack - Jonathan Lack
			Maxim Siline - Xiaoqian Liu
2	2		Patricia & Jack Baugh
			Linda Tedeschi - Arlene Duboff
3	3		Mark Hartley - John Loeber
			Judy Gluck - Mary Fredrick
4			Ellen Finch - David Nerrow
			Robert Donald - Diane Burger,

### Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Robert & Bernie Neuhart
2/3			Lynn Deas - Xiaoqian Liu
2/3			Betty & Steve Bloom
4			Anthony Prindle - Albert Ross
5			Nicholas Racz - Norma Shelly
6			Joan Meyer - Edna Doigan
	1		Mary Fredrick - Louis Brickman
	2		Peter Wick - Joe Rizzuto
	3		Jacquelyn Marsh - Sharon Lyons
	4	1	Lois Tuohey - Marigay Harkins
	5	2	Gloriana & Richard Clark
	6	3	Diana Lack - Gary Belcher,

#### 299ers

1	1	1	Sandra Ostrelch - Barry Ikler
2			Sally Warner - Louise Landry
3			Paula Dambrasukas - Jeffrey Daury

### Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Wayne Hersey - June Dorion
2	1		Charles Schmidt - Dorothy Kraus
3			Gary & Lucy Spongberg
4			Satya Pabuwal - June Barach
5	2	1	Todd Consilio - John Gazak
	3		Ross Lounsbury - Mary Fredrick
	4		Franceline Leary - Phyllis French
	5	2	Frank Legnard - Raymond Ratte
		3	Roberta & John Matuszek

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1			Berne Kouba - Evelyn Markowitz
2			Paula Dambrasukas - Jeffrey Daury
3	1		Paul & Frances Cuerdon

### Sunday Swiss

	A	Bracket 1	
1			Betty & Steve Bloom
			Donna & Neil Chambers
2			Lynn Deas - Xiaoqian Liu
			Maxim Siline - Steve Paskin
3			Robert Neuhart - Judy Dubay
			Bernard Neuhart - Arthur Bernhardt
		Bracket 2	
1			Evelyn Markowitz - Clem Di Carlo
			Glenn White - David Atkinson
2			Lou & Myra Brickman
			Richard & Gloriana Clark
3			John Gazak - Lukas Fekete
			Diane Alexander - Conrad Bader
		Bracket 3	
1			John & Roberta Matuszek
			Jack & Patricia Baugh
2			Harold Bigelow - Rosemary Isele
			Gary Taylor - Valdean Mosier
3			Paul & Frances Cuerdon
			Linda & Lew Millenbach

## Rank Changes

### Junior Masters (5 MPs):

Lionel Biagiotti  
Maris Faigin  
Ingrid Mielens

### Club Masters (20 MPs):

Arlene Belott  
Judi Jacquin  
Byron Rem

### Sectional Masters (50 MPs-5silver):

Carole Baker  
Richard Bobilin  
Shirley Wilson

### Regional Masters (100 MPs -5r/g,15s):

Frances Cuerdon

### NABC Masters (200 MPs-5g,15r/g,25s):

Louise Landry  
Linda Millenbach  
Jacquelyn Viana

### Life Masters (300 MPs-25g,25r/g,50s):

Leonard Lapinski  
Michael Sattinger  
Ulla Sattinger

### Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs):

George Halbfinger

### Silver Life Master (1000 MPs):

Mildred Rabin

## More Games

Avila Retirement Community in Albany (off Washington Ave. Ext. behind the Teresian House) invites players to participate in its monthly Saturday afternoon duplicate game held the first Saturday of the month during May thru October. Game time is 1:00 pm; entry is \$5. Reservations required; call Rhoda Kratenstein at 640-9553 or email her at [RhodaKratenstein@msn.com](mailto:RhodaKratenstein@msn.com).

**Worldwide Pairs is June 7th at Avila Retirement Community in Albany;** entry is \$9; for Avila residents \$6. This includes a \$4 per person sanction fee to the World Bridge Federation. Space is limited, so please make a reservation! Call Rhoda.

## Thank you

Barbara McDonald, Lois Tuohey, Bonnie Taylor, and Dorothy Kraus for volunteering to host a session at our April Sectional.  
Marion



## Announcement

Be kind to your fellow players; leave your perfume at home.

## Mark this date

Saturday, June 14, 2008

### AWARDS LUNCHEON

Studio of Bridge and Games  
Eastern Parkway, Schenectady

Buffet luncheon 12 noon

Charity Bridge Game 1:30 pm

## PRO-AM BOARD A MATCH - PAIR GAME

Friday July 11

At the Sectional

Once again...Teams are formed as before, a pair with a lot of masterpoints joins a pair with few MP's. We run & score the game with both a BAM movement and by matchpoints. Each pair will get the MP award from the method of scoring that gives the most points. Any questions, call Bill Dubay.

## DISTRICT 3 HOLIDAY REGIONAL

June 30 – July 6, 2008

Crowne Plaza

690 Route 46 East  
Fairfield, NJ 07004  
973-227-9200

\$105 single/double plus taxes

Cut off is June 16

Room problems: contact Joan Gerard  
[joanandron@att.net](mailto:joanandron@att.net), 914-948-0841



## Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings

Unit 115 (as of May 6, 2008)

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5-20	Byron Rem James Beard Judi Jacquin	Judi Jacquin Byron Rem Arlene Belott
20-50	Richard Bobilin Sylvia Persico Sandra Ostrellich	Sylvia Persico Richard Bobilin Joanne Dechants
50-100	John Loeber Harry Landry Rhoda Levine	John Loeber Rhoda Levine Nancy Nitzberg
100-200	Louise Landry Linda Millenbach Gloriana Clark	Gloriana Clark Norman Lipstein Marcia Metzger
200-300	Lew Millenbach Ellen Finch Lois Tuohey	Lois Tuohey Ellen Finch Rosemary Isele
300-500	Xiaoqian Liu Maxim Siline Bonnie Taylor	Gene Vennesland Jill Factor Conrad Bader
500-1000	Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander Dorothy Adams	Judy & Richard Hill Dorothy Adams Charles August
1000-2500	Diane Burger Janice Woodbury Satya Pabuwal	Donald Cohen Lois August Satya Pabuwal
2500-5000	Robert Donald Lucy & Gary Spongberg Arthur Bernhardt	June Barach Robert Donald Arthur Bernhardt
5000-7500	Walter Smith Judy Dubay William Dubay	Harry Kaufmann Anthony Prindle Judy Dubay
7500-10000	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Al Ross	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Neil Chambers Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Betty & Steve Bloom Neil Chambers

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Wed (Open game) 12:30 pm	Adirondack DBC; Holiday Inn Route 9, Canada St Lake George 12845	Bernie H. Kouba ph# 798-6180
Mon 7 pm, Inv Tues 12 pm Open Sun 1 pm Open	Albany Jewish Comm. Ctr. 340 Whitehall Road Albany, NY 12208	Judi L. Shulman ph# 813-4545 <a href="http://www.bridgescore.com/judis">http://www.bridgescore.com/judis</a>
Tues 6:30 pm Open	Colonial Bridge League, Sr. Citizens Serv Ctr. 109 E. Main Street Johnstown, NY 12095	John H. Quinn ph# 725-3527
Thurs 12:30 pm Inv	Glens Falls CC/DBC 211 Round Pond Road Queensbury, NY 12804	Barbara Parks ph# 793-3296
Mon 7 pm Novice & Open	Glens Falls DBC The Glen at Highland Meadows C S T Synagogue Center 71 Longview Dr. Glens Falls, NY 12801	Joe Phillips ph# 793-3375
Mon, Fri 12:00 pm Open Thurs 7:00 pm Open & Novice	Guilderland DBC, Russian Orthodox Ctr 617 Sand Creek Road Albany, NY 12205	Judi L. Shulman ph# 813-4545 <a href="http://www.bridgescore.com/judis">http://www.bridgescore.com/judis</a>
Wed 7:00 pm Inv	Harrington's Br. Temple B'nai Shalom 420 Whitehall Road Albany, NY 12208	Judi Shulman ph# 813-4545 <a href="http://www.bridgescore.com/judis">http://www.bridgescore.com/judis</a>
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 ph# 371-3648
Mon, Wed, Thurs 12 pm Tues 7pm NLM Wed 9:30 am NLM Sat 12:30pm Open	Studio of Bridge & Games 1639 Eastern Parkway Schenectady 12309	Norma J. Shelly ph# 346-3773
Wed 12:45 pm Inv	Troy Country Club Brunswick Road; Box 125 Troy, NY 12180	Elizabeth B Patrick ph# 813-4545
Thurs 10:15 am Inv	NE Interclub 32 Manor Drive Glenmont, NY	Barbara Zautner ph# 439-4634

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### Schedule of Upcoming Events

<b>Wed-Sunday</b>	<b>June 18-22</b>	<b>Regional, Sturbridge</b>
<b>Mon-Sunday</b>	<b>June 30-July 6</b>	<b>Regional, Fairfield, NJ</b>
<b>Thur-Sunday</b>	<b>July 3-6</b>	<b>Youth N. Amer Championship</b>
<b>Thur-Sunday</b>	<b>July 17-27</b>	<b>NABC, Las Vegas</b>
<b>Tues-Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 5-10</b>	<b>Regional, Syracuse</b>
<b>Wed-Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 27-Sept 1</b>	<b>Regional, Nashua, NH</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 27</b>	<b>NAP</b>

### Club Events

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>President's Cup</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>Awards Dinner</b>
<b>Mon-Sunday</b>	<b>June 9-15</b>	<b>STACs</b>
<b>Fri-Sunday</b>	<b>July 11-13</b>	<b>Sectional, Schenectady</b>



Deadline for submission for August Newsletter:

**July 11, 2008**

Save Trees and postage. Those households that could do with 1 newsletter instead of 2; let me know.



# Capital District Bridge Association

## NEWSLETTER

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



### Friday – September 5

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 0-2000, Open)	1:00 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300)	1:00 pm
NEW!--Board-a-Match Teams (Pair Scoring)	7:00 pm

### Saturday, September 6

Stratified Open Pairs; Stratified Newcomer Pairs	10:00 am and 3:00 pm
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### Sunday, September 7

Swiss Teams (1- Session Bracketed)	1:00 pm
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**Need Help:** Call Robert Neuhart 518.279.3705 or [rneuhart@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rneuhart@nycap.rr.com)  
**For Partnerships:** Call Bernie Neuhart 518.372.3936 or [bhneuhart@nycap.rr.com](mailto:bhneuhart@nycap.rr.com)

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**A letter from your Editor**

Responsibility rests  
not only with the individual;  
our community shares this task.  
We each look to the other  
for guidance, support, acceptance.  
One models the behavior of another.  
What we accept and condone  
with one  
applies to all,  
No matter whom they are.  
**Sue Eastman**

**President's Message**

While watching television during the U.S. Open Golf  
Tournament, I saw a golf promo proudly touting good

sportsmanship and self-enforcing rules among members of the  
golfing community. I started comparing that assertion with the  
situation in our bridge community and discovered that I had  
reason to feel some pride also. Just recently, I received an e-  
mail from a participant in one of the games in which I am the  
director which informed me of an error in the scoring. On  
checking the travelers, I confirmed the error and corrected it. I  
tell you this because the error correction was in favor of the  
other players in the game, not of the reporting pair, whose  
match point total was reduced. That's good sportsmanship!

Do you know other examples of good sportsmanship  
at the bridge table? I would like to hear your stories which  
detail those examples. If you do, would you send me an e-mail  
or telephone or speak to me in person to let me know. I would  
like to include more examples in a future president's message  
so we can all feel proud of ourselves and our behavior at the  
bridge table. Just in case you don't know, my e-mail address is  
shown above in the list of officers, and my telephone number  
is 371-3648.

This year, the North American Pairs District level  
competition will have both B & C strats held in Schenectady,  
saving a trip to northern New Jersey for all except A players. I  
think all clubs will be holding qualifying sessions during July  
and August. You can win red and black points at the club  
level, and gold and red points at the district and national level.  
You might also win a free trip to the national. Last year, only  
C players could compete at the district level in Schenectady. It  
was so successful that this year it was expanded to include B  
players. Let's make this year again so successful that next year  
we may have all strats in Schenectady. Be sure to qualify at  
your club before September. Good luck to all!

**Ray Ratte**



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

Hi! Hope you all are enjoying your summer. Just before  
summer officially began our Saratoga Regional at the  
beginning of June was a huge success story. Everyone loved  
our newest idea to make the players happy – pre-duplicated  
boards. The 10am Senior games were very well attended  
without damaging the 1pm Open Pairs. Knock-Outs and other  
team games are still super popular as well. Thanks to your  
Unit for fully supporting the tournament with volunteers, with  
registration gifts and best of all by attending. Next year we will  
be back on schedule running June 15-21. All snow birds will be  
home so we expect to be even bigger than this year which was  
only 51/2 days.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Regional at a new location, Crowne Plaza,  
Fairfield, New Jersey was super. Everyone loved the great  
room rate, terrific playing conditions, easy access to good and  
inexpensive restaurants – District 3 was pleased with the

response. I didn't see too many Unit 115 people there but please do think about it for next year.

Upcoming is Flights B& C of the North American Pairs District Finals. These two Flights will be run at the Studio if Bridge & Games as well as at the Guardian Angel Church in Allendale, New Jersey. Flight A will only be in Allendale. This year we have added Flight B at the Studio. This is a great opportunity for B&C players to try to win a trip to Houston next Spring to compete in the National Finals of this great event. Norma Shelly will be running this two session event with the help of Bill Dubai. The Studio is guaranteed at least one qualifier from each flight. Gold points are available and the possibility of being able to participate in a National Finals. Of course, you are scored with the game in Allendale so a win in Schenectady might not hold up as #1 but your site is indeed guaranteed a winner. Brunch will be served compliments of District 3 and Norma. All B& C players take note and be sure to qualify at the clubs so that you can participate on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Studio!!!

Danbury, Ct., October 13-19 at the Danbury Plaza Hotel & Convention Center (same hotel as last year- new name) is our final regional of the year. Many of you have attended this tournament so you know that the room rates are spectacular - \$86 – and playing conditions, restaurants, bridge schedule are fantastic. Don't miss the beautiful New England Fall Foliage and our great hospitality.

On a final note – Most of you know Steve Arshan who has been our Tournament Manger for the past 10 years. Well – he has retired. District 3 gave him a Retirement Party in Fairfield and I must say that Steve's dedication to the District was spectacular. No job was too much for him. Steve was in charge of arranging for all the volunteers, handling room reservations for the directors, storing and transporting our supplies, working out details with the hotels during the tournament and I could go on and on. Finding a replacement will be next to impossible. Our great thanks to Steve for a job more than well done!

Keep on playing bridge – there is no better way to enjoy life!  
*Joan Gerard*

### *Personal Notes*

We send get well wishes to Jane Loeb

We send our condolences to Renee Whitman and her family and friends.

### More Thanks

**A huge thank you to the following people who helped with hospitality at our July Sectional:**

Alice Zayac

Pat and John Baugh

Mary Ellen and Bob Nevin

Fran Leary

Carolyn Combi

### Mark this date

#### **Judi's Lesson & Duplicate game- Lake George Club**

August 14<sup>th</sup> Registration 9:30, Lesson 10:00 am

"Takeout Doubles - What you need to know"

Lunch on the porch overlooking Lake George

\$45.00 for the whole day

Ph # 813-4545 [www.bridgescore.com/judis](http://www.bridgescore.com/judis)



#### **Rank Changes**

##### **Junior Masters (5 MPs):**

Terry Bentley

Carol Weaver

##### **Sectional Masters (50 MPs-5silver):**

Joan Carusone

Marian Kunz

Michael Lipnick

Lois Novak

John O'Donnell

Sandra Ostrelich

George Zautner

##### **Regional Masters (100 MPs -5r/g,15s):**

David Atkinson

Patricia Callopy

Pat Exner

Mark Hartley

John Loeber

##### **NABC Masters (200 MPs-5g,15r/g,25s):**

Gloriana Clark

Berne Kouba

Tom Ludwig

##### **Life Masters (300 MPs-25g,25r/g,50s):**

John Matuszek

Roberta Matuszek

Lee Tabner

##### **Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs):**

Conrad Bader

Lee Tabner

##### **Gold Life Master (2500 MPs):**

Joan Harvey

## Club Corner

### The Studio

Tuesday August 5 7:00 Non-LM CC  
 Wednesday August 27 12:00  
 Saturday August 16 12:30  
 Thursday August 21 12:00 CC  
 Wednesday Sept. 17 12:00 Invitational CC

### Coming Events

NAOP Qualifiers: Saturday August 16 12:30 pm  
 Wednesday August 27 12 pm  
 Monday Sept. 22 12:00 Charity game for  
 Multiple Sclerosis

Judi's games will also hold NAOP  
 qualifiers – check her website for dates  
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## Sectional Results

**July 11-13, 2008**

### Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Judy Dubay - Harry Kaufmann
2/3	1/2		Judy & Richard Hill
2/3	1/2		Richard & Gloriana Clark
4			Corrado Baglioni - Don Cohen
5	3	1	Ed Hornidge - Richard Bobilin
6			Steve Paskin - Al Ross
	4		Linda Basinait - Susan Cohen
	5	2	Len Lapinski - Chris Almy

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1			Barbara Mangano - Peggy Casey
2			Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin
3			Jean Drake - Charles Close
4			Peggy Mount - Bette Sovik

### Friday evening BAM

1			Walt Smith - Steve Paskin
			Patricia & Jack Baugh
2	1		Rob & Bernie Newhart
			Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin
3			Michael & Vanessa Gruen
			Morton Friedman - Loretta Bromberg
4	2		Norma Shelly - Stan Felland
			Michael & Ulla Sattinger

### Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Judy Dubay - Harry Kaufmann
2			Anthony Prindle - Albert Ross
3			Don Cohen - Walt Smith
4			Bibs Pankin - Blaise Reinhart
5	1		Corrado Baglioni - Satya Pabuwal
6	2		Jacquelyn Marsh - Sharon Lyons
	3	1	Richard Bobilin - Diane Alexander
	4		Mary Frederick - Lou Brickman
	5	2	Rosemary Isele - Harold Bigelow
		3	Pat & Jack Baugh
		4	Ulla & Michael Sattinger

### 299ers

1	1	1	Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
2			Judith & Tom Ludwig
3	2		Paul & Frances Cuerdon

### Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Gerald Cohen - Ron Harvey
2			Al Ross - Art Bernhardt
3			Rob & Bernie Neuhart
4			Robert Donald - Diane Burger
5			Neil & Donna Chambers
6	1		William & Margaret Peruzzi
	2		Ross Lounsbury - Mary Frederick
	3		Fran Leary - Phyllis French
	4		Lois Lyon - Joe Phillips
	5	1	Diana Lack - Daniel Wulff
	6	2	Michael & Ulla Sattinger
		3	Rosemary Isele - Harold Bigelow
		4	Richard Bobilin - Diane Alexander

### Sunday Swiss

A	Bracket	
1	Bracket 1	Betty & Steve Bloom
		Donna & Neil Chambers
2		Paul Meier - Beth Snyder
		Judy & Andrew Dubay
1	Bracket 2	Joe Phillips - Lois Lyon
		Morris Cramer - Janice Woodbury
2		Ross Lounsbury - Bob Valenti
		Dorothy Kraus - Charles Schmidt
1	Bracket 3	Michael & Ulla Sattinger
		Sue Eastman - Diane Alexander
2		Judy & Richard Hill
		Ann Walker - Jill Factor
1	Bracket 4	Jack & Patricia Baugh
		John & Roberta Matuszek
2		Harry & Louise Landry
		Ann McDowell - Marcia Metzger

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Inv & Open Wed 12:00 pm	6 Clifton Common Court Clifton Park, NY 12065	<a href="http://www.cuebid.com">http://www.cuebid.com</a>
Mon, Wed, Thurs 12 pm Tues 7pm NLM	Studio of Bridge & Games 1639 Eastern Parkway Schenectady 12309	Norma J. Shelly ph# 346-3773 <a href="http://www.cuebid.com">http://www.cuebid.com</a>
<b>No game Weds 9:30 am</b> Sat 12:30pm Open		

## Congratulations

### Top Winners --Saratoga

<u>Points</u>		<u>Points</u>	
102.78	Betty Bloom	21.91	Larry Rosen
102.78	Steve Bloom	20.19	Ross Lounsbury
63.74	Robert Neuhart	19.59	Gerald Cohen
54.37	Maxim Siline	19.11	Richard Stearns
54.37	Xiaoqian Liu	18.33	Louis Urbano
44.59	Arthur Bernhardt	18.25	Diane Alexander
38.42	Ronald Harvey	18.21	Roger Woodin
38.18	Robert Valenti	17.09	Berne Kouba
38.11	Judy Dubay	16.94	Stephen Paskin
37.14	Judith Shulman	16.75	Lucy Spongberg
33.11	Walter Smith	16.75	Gary Spongberg
32.88	David Standig	15.84	Edna Doigan
32.23	Satya Pabuwal	15.47	Judy Hill
32.20	Robert Donald	15.47	Richard Hill
32.20	Diane Burger	15.18	Lois Lyon
29.90	Donna Chambers	15.18	Joseph Phillips
29.90	Mary Fredrick	15.17	Nancy Hayden
24.30	Steven Shaye	15.13	Mark Hartley
		15.13	John Loeber

### Did you know ??

**Saturday Sept. 27..** The Studio will be the site for the District Finals for Flight B (0-2000) and Flight C (non-life masters with fewer than 500 MP's). Each flight will be a separate 2 session event and scored across the field with the same events in Allendale. You must have placed, with a score of 50% or higher, in one of the qualifying games held at the various clubs in our unit during June, July, and August. We will post a list of qualifiers at our Sectional in September or you may contact your club director to find out if your status. This will be the second year the District has allowed a split event for Flight C (last year we had 15 tables) and, because Flight C was so successful they have added Flight B for this year. It's an opportunity to win gold points and a chance to win a trip to Houston.

FOR THE DISTRICT FINAL, YOU MAY PARTNER WITH ANYONE ELSE THAT QUALIFIED IN YOUR FLIGHT.

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## OPENING LEADS AND DANGEROUS DUMMYS

by Louis Brickman

Often you must predict whether dummy will be “dangerous” before you can make a good opening lead. There are two types of dangerous dummies, which we now define and discuss.

### BIG-SUIT DUMMY

This is a dummy that contains a long strong suit, usually 5+ cards. Here are some auctions by the opponents that indicate such a dummy.

3D - 3NT, 1C - 1S - 3C - 6NT, 1S - 2H - 4H

The danger is that dummy’s suit will be used to discard declarer’s losers. This is especially likely when you, on opening lead, have holdings in that suit such as Kx, Qx, xxx. To combat the threat your lead must be an aggressive scramble for tricks outside of dummy’s suit. Otherwise your or partner’s winners will probably disappear. Leads from AK and KQ are appropriately aggressive and also usually safe (unlikely to give away a trick). Safety, however, is relatively unimportant. Therefore you must also lead unsupported aces (usually a bad idea), under-lead kings and queens (often unsafe), or just guess where partner might have tricks.

Example: The opponents bid 1S - 2H - 4H and you hold Kx-xxx-JT9xxx-Kx. Dummy’s jump to 4H and your spade holding strongly imply that dummy’s spades will be used for discards. Try the daring lead of the K of clubs. If partner has the A you will probably win the first three tricks. If partner has the Q you probably promote a trick.

### SHORTNESS DUMMY

This is a dummy in a suit contract, with a short side-suit, no long strong suit, and usually with fewer trumps than declarer. Declarer can usually gain tricks by ruffs in dummy. Here are two telltale auctions. In the first only the opponents are bidding. In the second everybody’s calls are shown.

1H - 1NT - 2D - P

You open, LHO shows the minors, and RHO declares: 1S - 2NT - P - 3D - P - P - P

The first auction implies that dummy has at most two hearts, and often fewer. Declarer will probably want to ruff hearts in dummy. In the second auction the usual roles of declarer and dummy are reversed. Therefore declarer will probably want to ruff clubs *in hand*. In both of these and similar examples lead a trump.

Example: With the auction 1H - 1NT - 2D - P given above suppose you hold xxx-KQT-Axx-xxxx. Protect your nice hearts by leading the ace and another diamond. A heart lead would be awful.

### AUCTIONS WITHOUT DANGEROUS DUMMY WARNINGS

These auctions neither imply nor deny a dangerous dummy, and they are very common. The choice of opening leads is mostly “case by case,” but for suit contracts there is a reasonably accurate guideline: On lead against a suit contract, with no dangerous dummy warnings, strive for safety. For example if the opponents’ auction is 1S - 2S - 4S, and you hold xxx-Qx-Kxxx-Axxx, lead a spade. This will probably be satisfactory if dummy proves to be non-dangerous, ideal if a shortness dummy comes down, and unfavorable only if a big-suit dummy appears. With the same auction and the holding Kx-Kxx-xxxx-Axx, lead a diamond. Against no-trump giving away a trick is frequently acceptable. For instance if you hold AQxxx-Ax-xxx-xxx, lead a spade after 1NT - P - P - P. If it loses to declarer’s K you may very well get your trick back with interest.

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<b>Tues-Sunday</b>	<b>September 16-21</b>	<b>Regional, Smithtown, NY</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 27</b>	<b>NAP (Flight A), Allendale, NJ</b>
<b>Mon-Sunday</b>	<b>October 13-19</b>	<b>Regional, Danbury, CT</b>
<b>Thurs-Sunday</b>	<b>November 20-30</b>	<b>NABC, Boston</b>

### Club Events

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug 12 &amp; 19</b>	<b>NAP Shen Senior Ctr</b>
<b>Thurs; Weds</b>	<b>Aug 14 &amp; 20</b>	<b>NAP Malta Ridge Meth Church</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 27</b>	<b>NAP (Flights B, C), Studio</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 4</b>	<b>Charity game, Studio</b>



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**Note: NEW TIMES for games on Friday**

### Friday – November 7

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 0-2000, Open) 12:30 pm

Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300) 12:30 pm

Board-a-Match Teams Pro/Am (Pair & Team Scoring) 6:30 pm

### Saturday, November 8

Blue Ribbon A/X Open Pairs; Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 am and 3:00 pm

### Sunday, November 9

Swiss Teams (1- Session Bracketed) 1:00 pm

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### A letter from your Editor

Holidays are busy times  
the best of days  
the moments we spend with family, friends.

In our haste, remember  
kindness, patience  
and most of all forgiveness.

It is the days to come where we must look.

When reflecting back, remember  
the good times  
the laughter, the fun.

Happy Thanksgiving  
Sue Eastman



### President's Message

At our last meeting, your Unit 115 Board discussed the  
results of the survey on starting times for the Friday

evening game. It was clear that those responding  
overwhelmingly wanted a change from the 7 p.m. starting  
time. The numbers for a change to 6 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. were  
almost equal with 6:30 p.m. having a slight edge. There  
were a number of concerns which the Board  
considered. Our Tournament Director, Bill Dubay, told us  
that he needed at least 2 hours between the afternoon and  
evening sessions to have dinner and prepare for the  
evening session. That meant that an earlier time for the  
evening would require an earlier time for the afternoon  
session. That could make attendance at the afternoon  
session more difficult for those members who have  
jobs. Those two issues convinced the Board that we should  
adopt 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon session and 6:30 p.m.  
for the evening session as the new starting times. Thank  
you to all members who indicated their preference on the  
survey. We hope these new times will make it possible for  
more members to attend and enjoy both sessions.

A new edition of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge was  
published in September. The changes were outlined in the  
July issue of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin. I know there are  
some rules which many think are unnecessary but I urge all  
of you to comply with all of them so all players know what  
to expect from each other at the table. Two common violations  
which I have noticed lately are first, failure to have a  
completed convention card available for opponents to  
see. Both convention cards in a partnership must be  
identical. Also, remember that your completed convention  
card should not be examined by you during bidding or play  
of the hand. And, second, failure to wait 10 seconds before  
bidding after a skip bid by right hand opponent. This is true  
whether or not the stop card has been used. I recommend  
use of the stop card, but its use is optional according to the  
rules. The purpose of the required pause is to prevent  
conveying unauthorized information to your partner, so it is  
your responsibility to notice the skip bid and then pause.

I hope to see you at the tables enjoying a friendly bridge  
game!!

Ray Ratte



This 'n That  
from your District Director

As I sit down to write this article for your newsletter  
signs of Fall are in the air. District 3's first event of  
this season is the NAP Finals which will be over by  
the time you read this. Hopefully Norma Shelly will  
have done her usual spectacular job of getting people  
out to play and the addition of Flight B this year will

have been terrific. Hope those of you who played enjoyed the pre- duplicated hands and the great hospitality thanks to the dedication of Norma. We added Bill Dubay to the team this year since we expected a big turn out.

Following the NAP's we have our final Regional of the year – October 13-19 in Danbury at the Danbury Plaza Hotel and Convention Center (formerly the Sheraton Danbury). Just a short 2 hour drive, red and gold points galore; fine playing conditions and great hospitality. Come practice for the Boston NABC's and have a few days of fun.

The Board of Directors passed an important motion in Las Vegas. Starting January 1, 2010, achieving the rank of Life Master will require 500 Masterpoints. 100 will have to be Gold/Platinum. 100 Red/Gold/Platinum, 75 Silver, and 75 Black. None of us need to be concerned. It doesn't affect us. If you are currently a member of the ACBL or join or rejoin before 1/1/2010 you will continue to need only 300 MP's with the same color requirements as now. It's only after that it will change. I think you all will agree that with the many ways to earn large numbers of points as well as colored points that this change is a positive step. Another action of interest: Voted to keep our headquarters in Memphis so Management is looking for new space in a better neighborhood

I'm off to the Mind Sports Games in Beijing the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. While Bridge, Chess, Go, Draught and Chinese Checkers will not get the YV coverage that Beach Volleyball got in the Olympics, you will be able to watch the bridge being played on Bridgebase online. They will be broadcasting many of the matches. Yours truly will be chairing Appeals, attending Laws Committee meetings and hopefully doing a bit of sightseeing.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Joan Gerard

## Personal Notes

We send our get well wishes to Claire Beames, who is home recovering from surgery.

We send our wishes for a speedy recovery to Stan Felland, who is home from rehab.

Our condolences we send to Barbara Parks, who lost her mother.

## Bidding Boxes

I'll be ordering bidding boxes in October. If you want to place an order, call 887-5707. Marian Clowe

## Computer Folks

Although the Gazette in Schenectady, includes my bridge column each week, no other paper around here does so. You can read the column if you have a computer. Go to [www.dailygazette.com](http://www.dailygazette.com) scroll down the page to "bridge results". The column is in the newspaper each Thursday.

**Clem**

## Rank Changes

### Junior Masters (5 MPs):

Justine Cook  
Ann Johnson

### Club Master (20 MPs)

Owen Smith

### Sectional Masters (50 MPs-5silver):

Mary Jean Church  
Sheela Kulkarni  
Sudhir Kulkarni  
Sandra Rohner

### Regional Master (100 MPs -5r/g,15s):

Rhoda Levine

### Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs):

Amelia Urbano



Lou Brickman wishes to acknowledge Tony Prindle, Richard Clark, and Sue Eastman for their helpful suggestions upon reading and critiquing his article "Opening Leads and Dangerous Dummies" printed in the August 2008 of the CDBA Newsletter.

## Club Corner

### The Studio

#### Coming Events

Saturday Oct 4 1:00 Unit Charity Game  
 Monday Oct 20 12:00 Charity for Multiple Sclerosis  
 Thursday Oct 23 12:00 CC  
 Monday Nov 3 1:00 Inv. CC  
 Saturday Nov 22 12:30 CC  
 Wednesday Dec 3 12:00 Inv CC

Studio will be closed November 27 & 29.

PRO-AM PAIR GAME SATURDAY OCTOBER 11 @ 1:00.  
 A LIFE MASTER MUST PLAY WITH A NON-LIFE  
 MASTER. IF YOU NEED US TO PLAY "MATCHMAKER"  
 GIVE NORMA A CALL AT 346-3773 OR TELL YOUR  
 CLUB DIRECTOR.

## Sectional Results

September 5-7, 2008

### Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline
2			Lois August - Carol Chandler
3	2	2	Brad Chartrand - Robert Barrington
4			Sandra Nelson - William Nelson
5			Robert Donald - Diane Burger
6			Donald Cohen - Corrado Baglioni
	3		William Teiper - Charles Schmidt
	4		Joan Fisher - Esther Roche
		3	Diana Lack - Mark Rosenholz

#### 299ers

1	1	Robert Hoffman Jr - Nancy Ellis
2		Judith Ludwig - Tom Ludwig
3	2	John Loeber - Mark Hartley

### Friday evening BAM

1/2	Jarrold Harter - Laura Hammaker
	Bernard Neuhart - Robert Neuhart
1/2	Jill Factor - Arnold Factor
	Peggy Casey - Barbara Mangano
3	Rich Kasprovicz - Marion Sheehan
	Margaret Lavelle - Carol Paskin

### Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Ed Hornidge - Rita Redlich
2	1		Marje Barton - Mary Anne Pickett
3	2	1	Ronald Golik - Robert Nevin
4			Albert Ross - Anthony Prindle
5	3	2	Diana Lack - Daniel Wulff
6			Robert Donald - Diane Burger
	4	3	Michael Sattinger - Ulla Sattinger
	5		John O'Brien - John Riopelle
	6		Gino & Katie Scalamandre
		4	Anne Lapinski - Rosemary Zongrone
		5	David Buchyn - Ellen Finch

#### 299ers

1	1	Paul & Frances Cuerdon
2		Judith & Tom Ludwig
3	2	Frances Corbett - Jane Meharg

### Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Morton Friedman - Satya Pabuwal
2			Gary & Lucy Spongberg
3			Albert Ross - Arthur Bernhardt
4	1	1	Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline
5			Rita Redlich - Carol Chandler
6	2	2	Michael & Ulla Sattinger
	3		Teresa Fenimore - Louis Urbano
	4		Ruth Anderson - Maryclare Devlin
	5	3	Jack Deuel - Colin Ingham
	6		John Riopelle - Diane Alexander

### Sunday Swiss

A	Bracket 1	
1		Judy Dubay - Harry Kaufmann
		Sandra Nelson - William Nelson
2		Robert Neuhart - Bernard Neuhart
		Sue Eastman - Satya Pabuwal
	Bracket 2	
1		Ross Lounsbury - Louis Urbano
		Charles Schmidt - Dorothy Kraus
2		William Teiper - Andrew Archibald
		Ed Hornidge - Richard Bobilin
	Bracket 3	
1		Diana & Jonathan Lack
		David & Joyce Lack
2		Michael & Ulla Sattinger
		Lew & Linda Millenbach
	Bracket 4	
1		Harold Bigelow - Judi Jacquin
		Patricia Feulner - Joanne Dechants
2		Harry & Louise Landry
		Ann McDowell - Marcia Metzger

# Congratulations

## Liverpool Winners (Aug 5-10)

### Points

33.58	<b>William Dubay</b>
26.38	<b>Walter Smith</b>
24.79	<b>Judy Dubay</b>
20.06	<b>Robert Valenti</b>
18.80	<b>Andrew Dubay</b>
16.54	<b>Xiaoqian Liu</b>
16.54	<b>Stephen Paskin</b>
16.54	<b>Maxim Siline</b>
16.54	<b>Albert Ross</b>
15.12	<b>Richard Bobilin</b>
15.12	<b>Edward Hornidge</b>
14.50	<b>Dorothy Kraus</b>
14.50	<b>Charles Schmidt</b>
13.13	<b>Satya Pabuwal</b>
13.13	<b>Arthur Bernhardt</b>
13.10	<b>Richard Hill</b>
13.10	<b>Judy Hill</b>
12.27	<b>Ross Lounsbury</b>
9.28	<b>Jill Factor</b>
9.28	<b>Arnold Factor</b>
8.94	<b>Robert Neuhart</b>
6.42	<b>Richard Clark</b>
6.42	<b>Gloriana Clark</b>
5.34	<b>Marigay Harkins</b>

## Nashua Winners (Aug 27- Sept 1)

### Points

51.55	<b>Steve Bloom</b>
51.55	<b>Betty Bloom</b>
39.54	<b>Bob Feller</b>
21.56	<b>Walter Smith</b>
8.88	<b>Robert Donald</b>
8.88	<b>Diane Burger</b>
7.94	<b>Xiaoqian Liu</b>
7.94	<b>Maxim Siline</b>
4.90	<b>Patricia Baugh</b>
4.90	<b>Jack Baugh</b>
3.95	<b>Paul Cuerdon</b>
3.95	<b>Frances Cuerdon</b>
3.77	<b>William Dubay</b>
3.77	<b>Judy Dubay</b>
2.67	<b>John McDonald</b>
2.67	<b>Barbara McDonald</b>

Judi's "Sherlock Holmes" lessons, the ROCC, Fridays, at 9:15 am. No partner necessary



**A Huge Thank you**

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to **Margaret Lavelle, Norma Shelly, Fran Leary, and Dorothy Kraus** who volunteered and hosted the September Sectional in Schenectady. Please keep up the good work. Volunteers are most welcomed. Contact Marian Sheehan for details on ways you can help.

## Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115 (as of October 6, 2008)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Terry Bentley Lionel Biagiotti Justine Cook	Lionel Biagiotti Terry Bentley Justine Cook
5-20	Judi Jacquin Arlene Belott James Beard	Judi Jacquin Arlene Belott James Beard
20-50	Richard Bobilin Sandra Ostrellich Joanne Dechants	Richard Bobilin Sylvia Persico Sandra Ostrellich
50-100	John Loeber Harry Landry Mark Hartley	John Loeber Rhoda Levine Richard Rem
100-200	Gloriana Clark Jack Baugh Louise Landry	Gloriana Clark Dorothy Shelly Harold Bigelow
200-300	Lois Tuohey Ellen Finch Lew Millenbach	Lois Tuohey Ellen Finch Mary Ellen Nevin
300-500	Xiaoqian Liu Maxim Siline Ulla Sattinger	Conrad Bader Gene Vennesland Ulla Sattinger
500-1000	Judy & Richard Hill Lou Urbano Diane Alexander	Diane Alexander Judy & Richard Hill Lou Urbano
1000-2500	Diane Burger Robert Neuhart Satya Pabuwal	Donald Cohen Satya Pabuwal Joan Harvey
2500-5000	Robert Donald Arthur Bernhardt Lucy & Gary Spongberg	Arthur Bernhardt Robert Donald June Barach
5000-7500	Walter Smith Judy Dubay William Dubay	Stephen Paskin Harry Kaufmann Bill Dubay
7500-10000	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Al Ross	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas Neil Chambers	Betty & Steve Bloom Neil Chambers

## **LATE PLAY/SLOW PLAY**

**By  
Robert Neuhart**

There has been a lot of discussion concerning these actions. The main thing is a Late Play is in no way a penalty. A Director issues a late play to keep the game moving along at a normal pace. To understand what happens, when a table is late, it not only affects the 4 players at the table but when the movement for the next round is completed, the N/S at the next table have been delayed as well as the E/W from the previous table. If pairs continue to run late and not “catch up”, more tables and more pairs become affected and this is how games, that should run 3 hours, become 3 ½ to 4 hours long. The Late Play is used to catch up a slow pair or pairs and to get everyone home at a reasonable time. If a Late Play cannot be completed at the end, it is still not a penalty. When a board is Not Played, you receive the same percentage for the non-played board as you do for all the other boards played. For example, if you have a 60% game, you would get 60% of the available match points for the board not played. If you a 40% game, you get 40% of the available match points for the board not played.

If the same pair is continually late, slowing down the game, this is where a Slow Play warning comes into play and maybe used. The Director will issue a Slow Play warning to the pair but this is where a penalty may be assessed. If the slow play continues after being warned, the Director may indicate a board not be played in order to “catch up” the slow pair. At this point a penalty is assessed with the offenders (slow pair) being assessed an Average Minus (40% of the available matchpoints) and the non-offenders (innocent bystanders) receiving an Average Plus (60% of the available matchpoints).

Directors use these tools, not to punish pairs but to keep the game moving along for the enjoyment of everyone in the room.

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<b>Fri-Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 12-14</b>	<b>Sectional, Watertown, MA</b>

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### Sybil's Christmas Party

Dec 6, 2008 @ 1pm

Donations of desserts and/or appetizers welcomed

A money jar will be available for contributions to a local charity



### MID-WINTER SECTIONAL

Note: NEW TIMES for games on Friday

#### Friday – January 30

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 0-2000, Open)	12:30 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-299)	12:30 pm
Pro/Am Dual Scored –Pair game movement with Pro-Am Team	6:30 pm

#### Saturday, January 31

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#### Sunday, February 1

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### A letter from your Editor

As this year ends, let us look  
Not at the behavior of others  
But, at ourselves  
For those are the ones we can control.  
When we accomplish this, all will be well.  
Happy Holidays!

Sue Eastman

### President's Message

At the meeting of the Unit 115 Board of Directors on 9 November 2008, there was a sustained outburst of disappointment and displeasure at a perceived deterioration of civility at bridge games at both the unit and club level since the inauguration of "zero tolerance" in our unit. Since this is my last opportunity to write this column, (if I hear any sighs of relief, I'll call the Director), I want to finish my crusade as President for improved behavior at the table.

One Board member stated that the term "zero tolerance" might not be the best description for the improvements we want. Indeed, we do want an increased tolerance and understanding for mistakes or memory lapses by our partners and opponents. Too many of us go into attack mode and seemingly can't wait to call attention to them, sometimes in a most obnoxious manner and tone. Many times, I see and hear such attacks referred to as "teaching." Ha!

There seems to be some reluctance to call the Director when such behavior occurs at the table. I want to suggest one possible way to approach the problem. When partner or opponents engage in discussion or behavior which is objectionable to you, first, tell them, then, ask them to stop. If the response is anything other than ending the behavior, then call the Director. I think the other person(s) has a right to know the behavior

bothers you and be given the opportunity to cease and desist. If there is disagreement on whether the behavior is objectionable or prohibited by ACBL rules, then call the Director to settle the dispute and, in the Director's judgment, apply a penalty when appropriate. Try it and, by the way, apply it to yourself too.

There is another way to bring official attention to inappropriate behavior at a game. Our Unit Recorder, Rob Neuhart, has forms available to report behavioral problems. He maintains files of these reports and if the severity and/or frequency warrant action, he can bring charges to the Unit Disciplinary Committee. I have done that and counseled players in games which I direct to do that, especially when they tell me after the fact about the behavior. Remember, the Director can be most effective when she is called to the table when the potential offense occurs.

There is another aspect of the problem which I want to address. The rules of the game apply to all equally. A short time ago, I read an article in the Gazette about a simultaneous chess exhibition where the grandmaster allowed some players to correct an error in play. I admired this in that setting. It was between two chess players and did not affect any of the other games being played. That's not the situation in a duplicate bridge game. Please do not make unilateral decisions at the table to forgive a violation of the rules. Call the Director! He is not only qualified, but also is responsible for applying the rules fairly and equitably.

Please, please, don't discuss hands at the table after they have been played. If you must discuss a hand, wait until you have an opportunity to leave the table and discuss the hand where other players cannot hear you. In fact, when discussing anything, make sure your voice level does not disturb others still playing.

I know some players who have made tremendous improvements in behavior at the table. If you are one of them, congratulations! If you are not, please start trying. It's tough to change long standing habits, but it can be done. Yes you can!

I want to thank all the members who have made my two years as President an enjoyable experience which I shall never forget. And a special thank you to the members of the Board who make the Unit function effectively for all of you.

See you at the tables...**Ray Ratte**

This 'n That

from your District Director

Time to wind up this year...some good things and some not so good in the real world but in our bridge world and District 3 all things were good. The NAP's were a success in both locations. Although the Studio had less Flight C pairs – the Flight B pairs more than made up the difference.... Thanks to Norma for her tireless effort in making phone calls and food and then directing as well. Bill Dubay was our other

director and he also did a great job. The Danbury Regional in October had the same wonderful turnout as last year; People love autumn in New England, good bridge, good fun and great hospitality.

While the Regional was going on I was busy at the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing. These games (Chess, Draughts, Go, Bridge and Xiangqi (Chinese checkers)) are the brainchild of Jose Damiani, president of the World Bridge Federation. He formed a group named IMSA (International Mind Sports Games). These sports all competed at the site of the Olympics and all the juniors stayed where the Olympic athletes had stayed. There were 143 countries and regions represented; more than 3000 participants, 2000 of which were bridge players. Bridge show cased Open, Women, Senior, Junior and Transnational Team events. USA came home with a silver medal in the Seniors and a bronze medal in the Women's. One of our juniors, Kevin Dwyer won Flight C in the Individual Competition. IMSA hopes to be able to run this event again in 2012 following the Olympics in London. It's just a question of finding sponsors in such an expensive city. The goal is to be recognized by the Olympics as are the Paraplegic Games which followed the Olympics in Beijing this year. My job was to attend meetings and chair Appeals.

As this year draws to a close it is fitting to thank Fran Leary for her dedication not only to your unit but to District 3. Fran has worked with the regional in your unit for at least 25 years. There is nothing she will not do to help insure the regional's success. As a member of the District Board for almost that long she has held many varied positions and is always there to offer help when needed. John Riopelle is your other representative and we look forward to working with him.

If you missed the Boston NABC you missed a great one. I will fill you in on the details and the news from the Board meetings in my next message. Congratulations to Lynn Deas who won the Life Master Women's Pairs and the Women's Board-A-Match Teams. Wow! District 3 is proud of you! Make sure to plan to come to Rye January 13-19 and earn your first gold points of the new year. Just keep your fingers crossed for no snow! And finally, Ron and I wish you a New Year filled with health and happiness from our family to yours. May all your wishes come true.

Joan Gerard

### **Personal Notes**

We send our get well wishes to Charlie Schmidt and George Zautner.

We send our condolences to Lois Lyon on the death of her son and to Sudhir and Sheela Kulkani on the death of their daughter. We send our condolences to the family and friends of Shirley Grady and Rosemary Misurelli.

## **TOP STAC WINNERS -- Nov08**

<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>
14.68	Judy Dubay
14.68	William Dubay
14.50	Satya Pabuwal
11.26	Sandra Nelson
11.26	William Nelson
9.61	Mary Fredrick
8.35	Corrado Baglioni
7.32	Louis Brickman
7.31	Loretta Bromberg
7.30	Ruth Anderson
7.24	Martin Birnby
7.22	Arthur Bernhardt
6.92	Myra Brickman
6.59	Diane Alexander
6.38	John Rose

### **Rank Changes**

#### **Junior Masters (5 MPs):**

Carolyn Accardi  
Justine Cook  
Ann Johnson  
Firm Weaver

#### **Club Masters (20 MPs)**

Terry Bentley  
Lionel Biagiotti  
Owen Smith

#### **Sectional Masters (50 MPs-5silver):**

Mary Jean Church  
Joanne Dechants  
Sheela Kulkarni  
Sudhir Kulkarni  
Sandra Rohner  
Bernice Shoobe

#### **Regional Masters (100 MPs -5r/g,15s):**

Richard Bobilin  
Rhoda Levine

#### **NABC Masters (200 MPs -5g, 15r/g,25s):**

Patricia Feulner  
Marcia Metzger  
Miriam Sommers

#### **Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs):**

Barbara McDonald  
Amelia Urbano

#### **Silver Life Masters (1000 MPs):**

Joe Rizzuto

#### **Gold Life Masters (2500 MPs):**

Donald Cohen

## Club Corner

### The Studio

#### Coming Events

Wednesday Dec. 3 11:30 Inv CC

Saturday Dec. 22 12:30 CC

Monday Jan. 12 11:30 Inv CC

Tuesday Jan.27 7:00 Non-LM CC

Wednesday Feb. 11 11:30 Inv CC

Studio closed Thursday Dec. 25, Saturday Dec. 27,

Thursday Jan. 1 & Saturday Jan. 3.

## DISTRICT 3 WINTER REGIONAL JAN. 13-19, 2009

### Hilton Rye Town

699 Westchester Ave., Rye Brook NY

## Sectional Results

November 7-9, 2008

### Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Donna Chambers - Ron Harvey
2	1		Lee Pearson - Mary Anne Pickett
3			Sandra Nelson - William Nelson
4			Robert Donald - Diane Burger
5			Loretta Bromberg - Phyllis French
6	2		Judy Hill - Richard Hill
	3		Peter Wick - Edward Winke
	4		Ruth Anderson - Mary Williams
	5	1	Berne Kouba - David Atkinson
		2	Barbara McDonald - John McDonald

#### 299ers

1	1		Mark Hartley - John Loeber
2			Margaret Lavelle - David Funk
3	2	1	Lionel Biagiotti - Justine Cook

### Friday evening BAM

1			Steve Paskin - Richard Underwood
			Grace Hamilton - Anna Delrosario
2			Walter Smith - Donald Cohen
			Martha Precheur - Sandra Ostrellich
3	1	1	Lois Tuohey - Mark Rosenholz
			Jack Baugh - Pat Baugh

### Saturday Blue Ribbon Pairs

A	X	
1		Betty & Steve Bloom
2		Lynn Deas - Judith Shulman
3	1	Corrado Baglioni - Satya Pabuwal
4		Sandy & Bill Nelson
5	2	Timothy Joder - Manuel Henriques
6	3	Robert Donald - Diane Burger

### Saturday morning 999ers

A	B	C	
1	1		Marion Kuritz - David Nerrow
2	2		Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin
3	3		Conrad Bader - Diane Alexander
4			Judy & Richard Hill
5	4	1	Martha Precheur - Sandra Ostrellich
6	5	2	Jack & Pat Baugh

### Saturday afternoon 999ers

1	1	1	Mark Hartley - John Loeber
2			Ellen & Munir Jabbur
3	2	2	Jack & Pat Baugh
4			Judy & Richard Hill
5	3		Sally Warner - Louise Landry

### Sunday Swiss

Bracket A			
1			Lynn Deas - Judy Shulman
			Sandy & Bill Nelson
2			Al Ross - Tony Prindle
			Roger Woodin - Walt Smith
Bracket B			
1			Ros emary Isele - Harold Bigelow
			Lou Urbano - Fenimore
2			William Teiper - Andrew Archibald
			Diane Alexander - Richard Bobilin
Bracket C			
1			Jack & Pat Baugh
			Roberta & John Matuszek
2			Michael & Ulla Sattinger
			Lew & Linda Millenbach

## More Thanks to these Wonderful Helpers

Thank you to **Renie Federighi**, **Alice Zayac**, **Marilyn Hart**, and **Len and Ann Lapinski** who volunteered and hosted the November Sectional in Schenectady. Your willingness to serve at our game is truly appreciated. Volunteers are most welcomed. Contact Marian Sheehan for details on what you can do to help.

## PIE FUND RAISER For Saratoga Regional Hospitality

Get your pies (\$10 each) made by Smith's Orchard Bake Shop, a product of Walt Smith's niece in Charlton, NY. They were served at our April sectional last year and the President's Cup. Many of your fellow bridge players have purchased these pies as well – ask around and you will find out first hand how special they are. We encourage you to solicit additional pie orders from your friends and relatives and include them in your order.

From now until February 1 we will be taking orders for 10" pies and come with easy baking instructions. Unit 115 will make \$3 on each pie sold and the money we earn will be used for hospitality at the Saratoga Regional. The pies will keep in your freezer until you are ready to bake and serve them, so you can order several.

To order, please use the attached order form or pick up an order form at any club game. You can turn in your order at any local bridge game up until February 1. You must make full payment when you order. Please pick up your order on any of the times and locations listed below and circle your choice of location on this form. Please provide your phone number in case delivery date changes due to weather. Thank you!

	Regular Crust	Crumb Top	Sugarless (Regular top only)
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Apple Blackberry			
Apple Blueberry			
Apple Cherry			
Apple Cranberry			
Apple Peach			
Apple Raisin Walnut			
Apple Raspberry			
Blackberry			
Blueberry			
Blueberry Peach			
Cherry			
Peach			
Pecan		Not available	Not available
Pineapple			
Pumpkin		Not available	Not available
Raspberry			
Raspberry Peach			
Rhubarb			
Strawberry Rhubarb			
Tollhouse		Not available	Not available
Very Berry			

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE PICK UP POINT**

Mon. Feb. 2 ROCC 3-4 PM  
 Tues. Feb 3 JCC 3-4 PM  
 Wed. Feb. 4 Malta 3-4 PM  
 Wed. Feb 4 JCC 10-11 PM

Fri. Feb 6 ROCC 3-4 PM  
 Mon. Feb. 9 Studio 3-4 PM  
 Mon. Feb. 9 JCC 10-11 PM  
 Tues. Feb. 10 Clifton Park 3-4 PM

## Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings

Unit 115 (as of November 6, 2008)

### Mini-McKenney

### Ace of Clubs

0-5	Lionel Biagiotti Justine Cook Terry Bentley	Lionel Biagiotti Justine Cook Firm Weaver
5-20	Judi Jacquin Arlene Belott James Beard	Judi Jacquin Arlene Belott Miriam Netter
20-50	Richard Bobilin Sandra Ostrellich Joanne Dechants	Richard Bobilin JoAnne Dechants Sandra Ostrellich
50-100	John Loeber Harry Landry Mark Hartley	John Loeber Rhoda Levine Richard Rem
100-200	Gloriana Clark Linda Millenback Jack Baugh	Gloriana Clark Harold Bigelow Marcia Metzger
200-300	Lois Tuohey Lew Millenbach Ellen Finch	Lois Tuohey Ellen Finch Rosemary I sele
300-500	Xiaoqian Liu Maxim Siline Ulla Sattinger	Conrad Bader Gene Vennesland Ulla Sattinger
500-1000	Judy & Richard Hill Lou Urbano Richard Clark	Lou Urbano Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander
1000-2500	Diane Burger Satya Pabuwal Robert Neuhart	Donald Cohen Satya Pabuwal Joan Meyer
2500-5000	Robert Donald Arthur Bernhardt Lucy & Gary Spongberg	Arthur Bernhardt Robert Donald June Barach
5000-7500	Judy Dubay Walter Smith William Dubay	Anthony Prindle Stephen Paskin Harry Kaufmann
7500-10000	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Al Ross	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas Neil Chambers	Betty & Steve Bloom Neil Chambers

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### **Schedule of Upcoming Events**

<b>Fri-Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 12-14</b>	<b>Sectional, Watertown, MA</b>
<b>Fri-Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 26-30</b>	<b>Regional, NYC</b>
<b>Wed-Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 7-11</b>	<b>Regional, Newton MA</b>
<b>Mon-Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 13-19</b>	<b>Regional, Rye Brook</b>
<b>Thurs-Sunday</b>	<b>Mar 12-22</b>	<b>NABC, Houston TX</b>

### **Club Events**

**To be announced...**

### **Sybil who??**

As the holiday season opens with Sybil's Christmas Party, many ask "Sybil who?" The following will give you a brief idea of who she was.

She and her husband, Willis, were very active in CDBA for many years. They managed and directed popular weekly games in and around Albany. Their games met in various hotels, restaurants, and community centers. They grew and grew. She was very active in the various Sectionals in the area, and was chairman of several Albany Regional Tournaments. She made sure that the hospitality was the best, making many of the goodies that were served. Their club games were fun. Their hospitality included home made snacks, cookies and sandwiches.

For her Christmas party, Sybil out did herself, cooking and baking for weeks. Her specialties included maple cake and assorted pastries. She reigned supreme in the culinary arts.

Sybil became Mrs. Bridge in 1969. After Willis' death in 1978, her active bridge life slowed down. Sybil's Christmas Party continued at the Studio. She was made an honorary emeritus member of the board in 1980. She died in 1983.

So to honor her many years of work, and her many contributions to our Unit, we still have Sybil's Christmas Party. There is no one who will do all the work she did, so we all do our best to make it a fun time.