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Schenectady Sectional (at the Studio) April 17-19, 2009

Friday April 17

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 April 18

Stratified Newcomer Pairs; Stratified Open Pairs	10 am and 3 pm
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Sunday April 19

Swiss Teams (1- Session Bracketed)	1 pm
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A letter from your Editor

Was prepared to write a farewell message this issue yet, here I am. Bear with me another year. Send comments, letters, e-mails and I will try to fit your work or questions into upcoming issues of the newsletter... throughout 2009.

Sue Eastman

President's Message

Best wishes and a big thank you to Ray Ratte for doing a super job as President of Unit 115 for the last two years.

We have one of the all time best players in the world in Lynn Deas, who won with her partner, The Smith Life Masters Women's' Pairs at the NABC in Boston.

We have experienced an increased attendance at our Sectionals, especially on Friday afternoon. Please be assured every effort is being made to run the Sectional smoothly and on time.

We always need volunteers. Let one of our Board members know if you would like to be a volunteer.

In closing please remember your Partner is your friend and your Opponents are your guests.

Ross Lounsbury



This 'n That
from your District Director

District 3's Winter Regional, our first of the year was a real challenge. Players bucked 3 days of snow, one day of ice, one rock slide on Rte. 287, bathrooms under renovation; but like true bridge players, they came out to play and attendance was only slightly below the record. We attribute this to a great schedule, good playing conditions and a good volunteer staff to help solve the problems. We had over 2000 tables. I don't think we saw too many of you unit 115 people but we'll forgive you this year.

At the National Board meetings in Boston, the Board gave Management the go-ahead to buy land in Memphis and build a building. I should have more to report on this after our meetings in March. The Board is also looking to add a new event to the Spring NABC Schedule starting in 2010 - The Platinum Pairs. It is hoped that this will be a six-session event and be open to the more than 1000 players who have earned more than 50 Platinum Points in the last 3 years or 200 of these points in a lifetime. For those who are not aware. Platinum points can only be earned in NABC+ events so the thought is to make this new event more prestigious than the Blue Ribbon Pairs. In order to come close to a break even budget the Board passed an increase in entry fees at the NABC+s. NABC+ events will now be \$20 a session with \$1.50 of that going to support the teams that compete internationally. All other events will go up 50 cents a session. The ACBL has a new Marketing Director, Vicki Campbell and a new Youth director, Patty Tucker. We are expecting big things from both of them.

District 3's next event is the GNT District Finals at the United Memorial Methodist Church in White Plains on Saturday, April 4th. Get yourself a team and c'mon down. Brunch at 11:30am and game time is 12:30pm. Look for Conditions of Contest and driving directions on the District 3 web site: www.bridge-district3.org

And start planning to get partners for our Saratoga Springs Regional. Back on our good old dates – June 15-21 we are looking for a super turnout. More about the schedule and stuff in the next issue.

Bridge is the best bargain there is. So play often and enjoy. Hope to see you all soon.

Joan Gerard, District Director

Please Note:

The "Bridge Column" is now in the "Sunday Gazette" along with the Chess Column. It can be found in the Life & Arts section.



Personal Notes

We send our condolences to Norma Shelly on the death of her mother and to her family, friends, and all the people her mother touched.

We send our condolences to Eleanor Miller on the death of her husband and to her family and friends.

We send our condolences to the family of Stan Felland, a fellow bridge player and friend.



DEFENSIVE CARDING

Attitude, count, and suit preference are three defensive signals you can give to partner. Your first priority is attitude, followed by count. Suit preference is the least important signal. Attitude informs partner whether or not you like her lead. Count tells partner how many cards we have in a suit. Suit preference tells partner what suit you like other than the one that is lead.

Generally, you do not give count before you have shown attitude and you cannot give suit preference unless partner knows your attitude as well as the count in that suit. You cannot give 2 signals with 1 card. (If you play a high card showing that you like the suit, this card says nothing about your count in that suit.)

Some general rules:

1. Give remaining count (present count)
2. At trick one, if there is a stiff in dummy, give suit preference
 - ? High card high suit
 - ? Low card low suit
 - ? Middle card no preferred suit
3. Splitting honors
 - ? with 2 in a row, split low (e.g., with KQx, play the Q)

Rank Changes

Junior Masters (5 MPs):

Maria Heverly
Sarah Hoy

Club Masters (20 MPs)

Justine Cook
Patricia Leonard
Ingrid Mielens

Sectional Masters (50 MPs-5silver):

Louise Carson
Martha Precheur

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

Stan Felland
Carol Paskin

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

Jack Baugh
Patricia Baugh
Margaret Lavelle

Life Masters (300 MPs- 25g; 25rg, 50s):

Gloriana Clark
Lew Millenbach
Lois Touhey

Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs):

John McDonald
Ulla Sattinger

Silver Life Masters (1000 MPs):

Lee Pearson

Club Corner

The Studio

Coming Events

Feb. 11 Wed 12:00 Invitational CC
 Feb. 23 Mon 12:00 ACBL Senior Game Pre-dealt hands
 Feb. 26 Thurs 12:00 Open CC
 Mar. 9 Mon 12:00 Invitational CC
 Mar. 21 Sat 12:30 Open CC
 Apr. 6 Mon 12:00 Invitational Charity CC

Many Thanks

I know some of you extended your sympathy for the death of my mother because of me; but, for those of you that knew my mother, you did it for her. She was a treasure. Either way, you all provided comfort during this difficult time. Many thanks, Norma & family.

Sectional Results

January 30 - Feb 1, 2009
Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Betty & Steve Bloom
2	1	1	Layton Davis - Bill Wade
3			Arthur Bernhardt - Satya Pabuwal
4	2		Paul Meier - Beth Snyder
5	3		Ross Lounsbury - Lou Urbano
6/7			Bernie Neuhart - Mary Frederick
6/7			Don Cohen - Corrado Baglioni
	4		Gloriana & Richard Clark
	5		Peter Wick - Ed Winke
	6		Clem DiCarlo - Jacquelyn Marsh
		2	Lew & Linda Millenbach

299ers

1	1		Mark Hartley - James Beard
2			Charles Close - Jean Drake
3	2		Paul & Frances Cuerdon
4	3	1	Marie Felthousen - Renie Federighi
		2	Martha Precheur- Sandra Ostrellich

Friday evening BAM

1			Michael & Ulla Sattinger
			Layton Davis - Bill Wade
2			Esther Roche - Bonnie Taylor
			Richard Boblin - Diane Alexander
3	1	1	Chris Almay - Mark Hartley
			Marion Sheehan- Rich Kasprowic

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Gary & Lucy Spongberg
2			Joan Meyer - Lawrence Berman
3/4	1	1	John Gazak - Lukas Fekete
3/4			Bibs Pankin - Blaise Reinhart
5			Anthony Prindle - Al Ross
6	2		Nancy & S Michael Sharp

Saturday morning 299ers

1	1		Paul & Frances Cuerdon
2			Tom & Judith Ludwig
3	2		John O'Donnell - Victor Turaw

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Bernard Neuhart - Rob Neuhart
2	1	1	Diana Lack - Bonnie Taylor
3			Arthur Bernhardt - Albert Ross
4	2		Joseph Phillips - Lois Lyon
5	3		Peter Matthews Jr - Richard Lee
6	4	2	Ann & Len Lapinski
	5	3	Michael & Ulla Sattinger

Sunday Swiss

		Bracket I	
1			Betty & Steve Bloom
			Neil & Donna Chambers
2			Bob Valenti - Mary Frederick
			Harold Bigelow - Rosemary Isele
3			Judi Shulman - Rich Kasprowic
			Robert Donald - Diane Burger
		Bracket II	
1			S Michael & Nancy Sharp
			Peggy Mount - Bette Lovick
2/3			Lou & Myra Brickman
			Richard & Gloriana Clark
2/3			Len & - Anne Lapinski
			Lois Tuohy - Sandra Graper
		Bracket III	
1			Michael & Ulla Sattinger
			Lew & Linda Millenbach
2			Paul & Frances Cuerdon
			Jack Baugh - Patricia Baugh



A Huge Thank you



Thanks for helping at the February Sectional: Pat and Jack Baugh, Tom and Judy Ludwig, and Barbara and John McDonald who so graciously volunteered and hosted during the games recently held at the Studio. Their willingness to serve; we truly appreciate. Please contact Marion Sheehan for details on what you can do to help. We love our volunteers!

Spring 2009 NABC—Houston, TX



Congratulations

Top Winners –Rye

<u>Mps</u>	<u>Name</u>
18.85	Satya Pabuwal
18.40	Steven Shaye
18.40	Larry Rosen
4.89	Robert Donald
4.89	Diane Burger

Need Your Input

Send names of Mr./Mrs. Bridge candidates to anyone of the committee members: Marian Clowe, Joan Harvey or John Riopelle. For more explanation on what Mr/Mrs Bridge represents, contact Marian.

Top Winners –Cromwell

<u>Mps</u>	<u>Name</u>
60.91	Steve Bloom
60.91	Betty Bloom
38.75	Bob Feller
19.30	Ulla Sattinger
19.30	Michael Sattinger
17.85	Linda Millenbach
17.85	Lew Millenbach
10.09	Walter Smith
10.04	Lucy Spongberg
10.04	Gary Spongberg



Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115 (as of February 7, 2009)

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

BRIDGE IS FOR DUMMIES???

Yes, even Life Masters can be DUMMIES at this game.

At a recent club game, all four players were life masters with a total of over 10,000 points.

Towards the end of a hand in which declarer was doubled in a suit contract, dummy noticed that there were two cards on the table and the three players had five cards in their hands!! The other three cards were still in the board! The three cards included two of the trump suit. Alas, dummy had revoked because there weren't any trump cards on the table.

So the doubled contract, which was a sure thing if all the cards were on the table, turned out to be down two because of the revoke. Two tricks had to go to the opponents!

The director commented that there were 4 Dummies at the table and that this incident gave new meaning to the phrase "not playing with a full deck."

The true dummy and her partner came in first despite this mishap. Obviously, they weren't Dummies for the rest of the afternoon.

Remember; do not become discouraged by one bad result.

Member of the Bridge Community



Note: Date change for Saratoga Regional -- back to our traditional dates!!

DISTRICT 3 SPRING REGIONAL
JUNE 15 – JUNE 21, 2009
The Saratoga Hilton
Saratoga Springs 518-584-4000
Room Rate \$125 sing/dble+tax
Free Parking for All Bridge Players

DISTRICT 3 2008-2009 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

Mark Your Calendars Now!

This year's Grand National Teams will be held on

**Saturday April 4, 2009 for all Flights at Memorial United Methodist Church
250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, N.Y.**

Complimentary Brunch 11:30 am-Event start time 12:30 pm

Championship Flight – No MP Restrictions

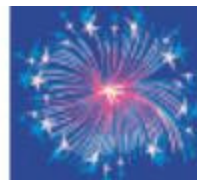
Seeded KO (survivors continue PM)

**Flight A: 0-5000 MASTERPOINTS
Seeded KO (survivors continue PM)**

**Flight B: 0-2000 MASTERPOINTS
Swiss Teams (2 sessions)**

**Flight C: NON-LIFE MASTER 0-500
MPS
Swiss Teams (2 sessions)**

The team that wins in each Flight will receive a \$500 subsidy, plus entry fees for the GNT National Finals at the Summer NABC in Washington DC



DISTRICT 3 HOLIDAY REGIONAL
JUNE 29 – JULY 5, 2009
CROWN PLAZA
690 ROUTE 46 EAST
FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004
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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Thurs-Sunday	Mar 12-22	NABC, Houston TX
Sunday	Apr 4	GNT District 3 Finals
Tues-Sunday	Apr 21-26	Regional, Smithtown LI
Wed- Sunday	Apr 29-May 3	Regional, N. Falmouth

Club Events

Wed-Tuesday	Mar 25-31	STACs
Fri-Sunday	Apr 17-19	Sectional, Schenectady



Deadline for submission for April Newsletter:

March 15, 2009

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