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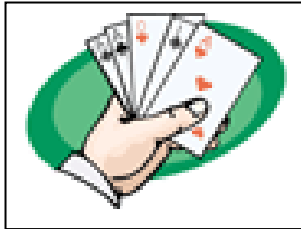
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Schenectady Sectional (at the Studio) September 11-13, 2009

Friday September 11 (NOTE: NEW TIMES)

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

Saturday September 12

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	10 am and 3 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-299)	10 am and 3 pm

Sunday September 13

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

"We need volunteers", and paraphrasing a line from the late Freddie Mercury of the rock group *Queen*, **"and we need them now."**

In the few short months I've served on the Board, one observation I've made is the same people keep volunteering for functions without which our tournament events would not be as enjoyable. With few exceptions, and my apologies to those who are the exceptions, the people who continually keep working hard for you are members of your Board. Even for the business issues for which the Board is ultimately responsible, such as finance, scheduling, charitable causes, and communication, the Board could use some help. Perhaps more importantly, there are a number of tasks currently performed by board members at recurring events which could be accomplished by the rank-and-file members of the Unit.

Hospitality at our sectionals is one area of need, but there are other less frequent events, such as the Awards Dinner, where volunteers would be appreciated.

So please, consider volunteering for an ongoing activity or upcoming event by asking

any officer, committee chair, or board member what you can do to assist. Board members, committee chairs in particular, contribute their time to better our enjoyment of the game we love. Here is a listing of just some of the committee chairs, all your friends, whom you might ask how you can be of service. The work isn't difficult, but there's enough of it where more hands are needed to lighten the load. Obviously, your time is what we need most, but your ideas are also important and always welcome.

Hospitality - Marian Sheehan
Mentoring - Bernie Neuhart
Publicity - John McDonald
Charity - Lois Tuohey
Education - Lois Lyon
Scheduling - Rob Neuhart
Webmaster - Charlene Sunderland

Finally, there is something we all can do to help not only at tournament events but at club games, too. Let's all try to remember to clean up after ourselves (I am an offender, out of forgetfulness, not ambivalence), especially as the events conclude. If used cups, napkins, pie plates, and candy wrappers end up in the trash, and recyclables and deposits placed in the proper bins at the end of play, everyone can go home knowing they did their part.

Bob Valenti

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

This has been an exciting late spring and summer for me and for District 3. I was the negotiator for the World Bridge Federation in its effort to bring the World Bridge Series to the United States. Starting with a \$100,000 donation from the ACBL Board of Directors, the United Bridge Federation then pledged an

additional \$200,000 to make it possible to hold this world event here in the US. A strong desire on the part of Joanne and Danny Sprung to have Philadelphia be the location came to fruition when the hotels, the convention center and bureau all cooperated and offered a great package to the World Bridge Federation. This spectacular tournament will be held October 1-16, 2010. The World events are open to all and in addition there will be a 15 day Regional.

The United States Bridge Federation Open Team Trials were held in White Plains the beginning of June followed by our Saratoga Springs Regional. This was back on our traditional dates and it was surely successful. Table count exceeded 2006 when it was last on these dates, was a bit larger than 2007, and the same as 2008. Most players loved the schedule which included 2 Senior games at 10am; loads of KO's, Compact KO's, and a bracketed RR Swiss. Special thanks to Fran Leary, overall chairman in charge of Caddies, Mary Williams and the Neuharts who handled our Pairing. District 3 is most appreciative of the registration gift given out to all the players (this year a pen) and the \$500 given to help with Player Hospitality. Of course we'll be back next year June 14-20, 2010.

Right on the heels of Saratoga Springs was our Holiday Regional at the newly redecorated Crowne Plaza in Fairfield, New Jersey; a great location for our Central Jersey members. Attendance matched last year's record even though July 4th was very low... we just can't fight the first sunny Saturday and the July 4th barbeques.

Fall Foliage and Gold Points...what could be better? Don't miss the Danbury Regional October 12-18 at the Crowne Plaza. Great room rates, playing conditions and nearby restaurants in all price ranges.

A must for October... Play now in the club qualifying games for the North American Pairs. Top 50% of the field qualifies and all players that finish over average. Then B&C players can play their District Finals at the Studio. Lunch, fun bridge, gold points for overall finishers and the chance to play in the National Finals in San Diego. The other sections of this game will be played in Allendale, New Jersey at the Guardian Angel Church. If you a Flight A player you need to play the Finals there. The Studio is guaranteed at last one winner. It's a great opportunity for gold points and an chance to play in a National Championship this Fall.

Enjoy the rest of your summer with outdoor activities and then get your partners and play bridge with us in District 3. Hope to see you all soon.

Joan Gerard, District Director

From Your Editor

First, I extend many thanks to **Sue Eastman** for many years of excellent work as the newsletter editor.

Please bear with me while I get my "feet wet" being the new editor. It is a new experience for me. Any suggestions are welcome. Items for the newsletter, sent to me by email, can be addressed to richu12065@nycap.rr.com.

The deadline date for the next newsletter is September 20.

Rich Underwood, Newsletter Editor

Club Corner

The Studio

Coming Events

Sept. 26 Saturday - Awards Dinner

**Oct. 26 Sunday – NAP District Finals
Flights B & C**

Hospitality

Fran Leary, Lynn Deas, and Alice Zayac were our hostesses for our July sectional. Many thanks to them for adding “flavor” to our event.

Sectional Results July 10 - 12, 2009 Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Betty & Steve Bloom
2			Arthur Bernhart – Satya Pabuwal
3			Joan Harvey – Mary Fredrick
4			Martin Birnby – Joan Meyer
5			Rob and Bernie Neuhart
	1		Joan Fisher – Peggy Mann
	2		Nancy Sharp – Lois Lyon
	3		William Teiper – Andrew Archibald
	4		Richard & Judy Hill
	5		Emily Rapoport – William Kelsey
		1	Diana Lack – Vito Ramundo
		2	Patricia Feulner – Bette Sovick
		3	Lionel Biagiotti – Don Schuff
		4	Stanley & Sandra Cohen
		5	Mark Hartley – John Loeber

Friday evening BAM

1/3			Pat & Bill Exner
			Walter Smith – Satya Pabuwal
1/3	1/2		Peggy Fitzpatrick – Maria Weinberg
			Norma Shelly – Mary Fredrick
1/3	1/2	1	Diane Alexander – William Teiper
			Richard Bobilin – Donald Bathrick
4	3		Louise & Harry Landry
			Rich Kasprovicz – Marion Sheehan
5/6	4/5		Mark Hartley – John Loeber
			Stephen Paskin – Andrew Dubay
5/6	4/5	2	Leonard & Ann Lapinski
			Kathy Needham – Marilyn Hart

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Ron Harvey - Gerald Cohen
2			Satya Pabuwal – Morton Friedman
3			Lucy & Gary Spongberg
4			Betty & Steve Bloom
5			Sandy & Bill Nelson
6			Bibs Pankin - Blaise Reinhart
	1		Richard & Judy Hill
	2		Lois Lyon – Joseph Phillips
	3	1	Paul & Frances Cuerdon
	4		Donald Bathrick – Andrew Archibald
	5		Geraldine Krawitz – Jean Drake
	6		Louis Brickman – Mary Frederick
		2	Anne Lapinski – Lukas Fekete
		3	Vanessa & Michale Gruen

Saturday morning 299ers

1	1	Victor Turhew – John O'Donnell
2	2	Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
3		Bernice Shoobe – Maria Heverly
4		John Loeber – Mark Hartley

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1		Al Ross – Arthur Bernhardt
2		Judy Dubay – Harry Kaufmann
3/4/5		Roger Woodin – Andrew Dubay
3/4/5	1	S Michael & Nancy Sharp
3/4/5		Francline Leary – Phyllis French
6		Norma Shelly – Richard Bobilin
	2	Richard & Judy Hill
	3	1 Anne Marie Gapp – Carolyn Combi
	4	Mary Fredrick- Louis Urbano
	5	Patricia & James Ackerman
	6	Diane Alexander – John Riopelle
		2 Michael & Vanessa Gruen
		3 John Loeber – Mark Hartley
		4 Diana Lack – Vito Ramundo

Sunday Swiss

	Bracket A	
1		Robert Valenti – Roger Woodin
		Anthony Prindle – Walter Smith
2		Stephen Paskin – Rich Underwood
		Albert Ross – Satya Pabuwal
	Bracket B	
1		Richard & Judy Hill
		Arnold & Jill Factor
2		Lukas Fekete – Marilyn Hart
		Diane Alexander – Sue Eastman
3		Morris Cramer – Joseph Phillips
		S Michael & Nancy Sharp
	Bracket C	
1		Diana & Jonathan Lack
		David & Joyce Lack
2		Leonard & Anne Lapinski
		Marion Kuritz – Margaret Lavelle
3		Marian Webster – Jean Drake
		Tom & Judith Ludwig

UNIT WEBSITE

Unit 115 has had a web site for over 10 years, yet often when I mention it to other players, they tell me that they didn't know about it. The site contains a Calendar of upcoming unit games as well as sectional and regional information for the surrounding area that I think our players may be interested in attending. After the tournaments, links are posted to the ABCL site for the results of these tournaments. These results remain on the calendar for about 5-6 months after the event. For our own local sectionals, recap summaries are also included for all pair games and Board-a-Match.

Other information that you can find includes newsletter archives, unit and district officials, locations of clubs in the unit (with game times), the unit's constitution and by-laws, and a list of several other web sites which may be of interest.

If you have a computer with Internet access, I invite you to visit the site at <http://cdbanet.org/> If you have any comments or suggestions, my "Inbox" is open! Just send a note to twilite@nycap.rr.com

Charlene Sunderland

Condolences

To **Nancy Hayden** on the death of her husband
To the family of **Judy Gluck**
On the death of **Joe Lisuzzo**
To **Priscilla Cleary** on the death of her husband
To the family of **Frank Legnard** on the loss of his wife

Don't change your unit when you go to Florida for the winter.

If you use two addresses with the ACBL, one here and one in your out-of-season location, please do not change your unit from 115 here to wherever you are out of this area. If you change your unit the ACBL does not give us the amount of your membership dues that is sent to the unit you are registered with. You can still change your address without changing your unit.

RANK CHANGES

New Junior Master
Kenneth Tubbs

New Club Masters
Carolyn Accardi, Ellen Larson
Carol Weaver, Firm Weaver

New Sectional Masters
Joseph Salamone, Claire Wengraf

New Regional Master
Sandra Ostrellich

New NABC Masters
Harold Bigelow, Paul Cuerdon

New Life Masters
Linda Millenbach, Mary Ellen Nevin
Robert Nevin

New Bronze Life Masters
Jill Factor, Bonnie Taylor

New Platinum Life Master
Sandra Nelson

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings
Unit 115 (as of August 7, 2009)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Charles Mantia Victor Turhew Patricia Boyd	Charles Mantia Victor Turhew Robert Brodeur
5-20	Firm Weaver Carol Weaver Carolyn Accardi	Carol Weaver Firm Weaver Carolyn Accardi
20-50	Terry Bentley Nancy Streeter Susan Klein	Terry Bentley William Kelsey Justine Cook
50-100	Sandra Ostrellich Joanne Dechants Martha Precheur	Joanne Dechants Sandra Ostrellich Sylvia Persico
100-200	Richard Bobilin Harold Bigelow John Loeber	Rhoda Levine John Loeber Harold Bigelow
200-300	Linda Millenbach Louise Landry Robert Nevin	Stanley Cohen Louise Landry Marcia Metzger
300-500	Lew Millenbach Rosemary Isele Mary Ellen Nevin	Rosemary Isele Gloriana Clark Lois Tuohey
500-1000	Judy & Richard Hill Ulla Sattinger Michael Sattinger	Judy & Richard Hill Dorothy Kraus Diane Alexander
1000-2500	Satya Pabuwal Diane Burger Robert Valenti	Satya Pabuwal Lois August Joan Meyer
2500-5000	Bob Feller Bob Donald Ron Harvey	Donald Cohen Bob Donald Arthur Bernhardt
5000-7500	Walter Smith Harry Kaufmann Judy Dubay	Harry Kaufmann Walter Smith Stephen Paskin
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 Lynn Deas Neil Chambers

RULE OF 21 1/2

Ron Klinger's Rule of 21 1/2, found in his book *When To Bid, When To Pass*, is an excellent criterion for opening 1-of-a-suit in first and second seat. You might not agree with its conclusion in some cases, and no mechanical method can eliminate the need for judgment. However Klinger's rule is far better than the familiar opening criterion of 13 HCP's. It is also significantly better than Marty Bergen's Rule of 20, introduced in his book *Points Schmoints*.

Rule of 21 1/2 for Opening 1-of-a-suit

HCP + lengths of two longest suits + number of quick tricks must be at least 21 1/2.

Whether you adopt this rule or not you should be aware of the shortcomings of the usual 4-3-2-1 HCP system. Both experience and computer studies have determined that Q's and J's, when not accompanied by A's or K's, are overvalued at 2 and 1, respectively. This is especially significant for Q's and J's in different suits, but even the combination QJx is worth only 2 HCP rather than 3. (All our stated HCP values are meant to be correct only to the nearest integer). Tens are frequently worth more than 0; for instance the combination QJT is worth 3 HCP. The usual value of a K, 3 HCP, is correct, whereas A's are undervalued at 4. Three A's are easily worth 13 HCP. Finally, you should subtract 1 point for unguarded honors in short holdings:

$$KQ = 4, KJ = 3, K = 2, QJ = Qx = Q = 1, Jxx = Jx = J = 0$$

As for quick tricks, recall that the complete list is AK = 2, AQ = 1 1/2, A = 1, KQ = 1, Kx = 1/2.

Examples of the Rule of 21 1/2

AQJxx-QJTxx-xx-x: 10 + (5 + 5) + 1 1/2 = 21 1/2. Open.
AJxxx-AJxxx-xx-x: 10 + (5 + 5) + 2 = 22. Open.
Kxx-Ax-Axx-xxxxx: 11 + (5 + 3) + 2 1/2 = 21 1/2. Open.
x-QJTxx-xxx-AKxxx: 10 + (5 + 4) + 2 = 21. Pass.
KJx-QJTxx-QJT-QJT: 13 + (4 + 3) + 1/2 = 20 1/2. Pass.
xxxx-xxxx-AKx-Ax: 11 + (4 + 4) + 3 = 22. Open.
AJxxx-KJxxxx-x-x: 9 + (5 + 6) + 1 1/2 = 21 1/2. Open.
AQxx-Qx-KJxx-xxx: 11 + (4 + 4) + 2 = 21. Pass.
QJTxx-AQTxxx-x-x: 9 + (5 + 6) + 1 1/2 = 21 1/2. Open.

The author thanks Tony Prindle for comments that improved this article.

Louis Brickman

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Mon – Sun	Oct 12 – 18	Regional, Danbury, CT
Fri – Sun	Nov 6 – 8	Sectional, Studio
Wed – Tue	Nov 18 – 24	Unit STaC
	Nov 26 – Dec 6	Fall NABC, San Diego, CA
Sat	Dec 5	Sybil's Christmas Party