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Schenectady Sectional (at the Studio) September 10 - 12, 2010

Friday September 10

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	12:30 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-199, 200-299)	12:30 pm
Pro/Am Dual Scored -Pair game movement with Pro-Am Team	6:30 pm

Saturday September 11

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	10 am and 3 pm
(2 One Session Games)	
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-199, 200-299)	10 am and 3 pm
(2 One Session Games)	

Sunday September 12 (NOTE FORMAT and TIME)

Swiss Teams (2- Session stratiflighted play through; 42 boards)	12 pm
(1/2 hour break between sessions)	

Need Help: Call Robert Neuhart (518) 279-3705 or rneuhart@nycap.rr.com
For Partnerships: Call Bernie Neuhart (518) 372-3936 or bhnewhart@nycap.rr.com

NOTE: For stratified pair events, the strat will be based upon the average MPs for the pair. For events less than 300MPs, each player must have fewer than 300 MPs.

Event to be held at:

The Studio
1639 Eastern Parkway
Schenectady, NY

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President's Message

Great Saratoga Regional

Joan Gerard e-mailed me about our successful Regional and wanted to thank us for our generous Hospitality Gift. Our Saratoga Horse (registration gift) was a huge hit. We all owe Fran a big thank you for chairing this annual event. We all appreciate our dedicated members who helped out. I want to thank each and every member for attending Saratoga. Next year the dates for this Regional are June 13-19, 2011.

The Board has voted to name our November Sectional (Nov. 5-7, 2010) in honor of Lou Golub.

If you can find time to volunteer for any of our Sectionals (especially Friday afternoon) please contact Norma at the Studio.

Our July Sectional was an enjoyable event, and everyone that I talked to liked our new Swiss Game on Sunday.

Hope to see you soon at one of our games.

Ross Lounsbury

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

It was even hotter in New Orleans at the summer NABC than it was in Westchester County. However, since our sport is played inside in air conditioned rooms, all was ok. Attendance was lower than estimated probably due to some people's fears about the food as a result of the oil spill. It must be said, however, that the local volunteers tried very hard and the hospitality was wonderful

It was a sad day in June when Aileen Osofsky, chairman of the Goodwill Committee passed away. Many of you knew Aileen as she had been chairman of this committee for 25 years. Her loving smile and dedication to try and spread friendliness at every table that she went to was recognized by all. Aileen was inducted into the Hall of fame last summer receiving the Blackwood Award for service to the ACBL. Aileen was a good friend of mine and I was proud when the Board of Directors renamed the Goodwill Committee the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee.

A very special bridge event will be held in Philadelphia October 1-16. The World Series of Bridge, a World Bridge Federation Event will be held at the Marriott Downtown. This is the first time a world championship has been in the US since it was held in Albuquerque in 1994 and then in Montreal in the early 2000's. Anyone can enter any event – a great opportunity to play against players from all over the world. The schedule includes Mixed Pairs, Women's Pairs, Senior Pairs, Open Pairs, Mixed Teams, Open Teams, and Women's Teams. Entry fees are a bit higher than at the NABC's but they include Opening Ceremonies and Closing Ceremonies with wine and hors d'oeuvres and a beautiful attaché case as a registration gift. And if that's not enough, you can opt to play in a Regional right next door at the Convention Center.

This N' That:

There is great schedule of KO's, Golden Opportunity Pairs, and Stratified Open Pairs. Special bridge rates at the Marriott Downtown and a few other nearby hotels. Don't miss the opportunity to play in a World Championship practically in your own backyard. For more information go to: www.usbf.org

Almost right after the World Bridge Series on Saturday, October 23rd is the District Finals of the NAPs. This is a two session event held at the Guardian Angel Church in Allendale. There will be 3 separate flights; brunch will be served. Check article in this issue of Bridging the Counties for all the details.

And finally to round out the year District 3's Fall Foliage Regional in Danbury, Ct., starting on Oct 25th and concluding on Halloween. In addition to our usual wonderful schedule, there will be a Golden Opportunity Pairs. You will have the opportunity to attend a Seminar on Appeals and also on the Recorder given by District 3's chairmen – Jon Green and Eli Schneider. Learn how important it is to record issues that happen at the table rather than just gossiping about them and get some insight into what appeals Committees must think about when there is an appeal.

Make your plans now to play lots of bridge this fall. I'll be there to say hi!

Joan Gerard
District Director, District 3

A History of Unit 115

The documents of the CDBA only go back to 1960, but there are a few mentions of it earlier in the 1930's. It's too bad that any info of it before 1960 has been lost, or misplaced. The newsletters back then were very chatty letters that were sent monthly.

One item says that the category of Life Master was created by the American Bridge league in 1936. Selection was based on tournament successes, although a master point program had been in effect since 1934.

Master points were much harder to earn then. Many games awarded points once a month. There were no gold points, but the red were harder to come by than the gold today. In 1937, two ladies from CDBA won a Central New York Championship in Syracuse, and received 2 MPs! (Bread was \$.11 then.) In 1943, there was a 3 day tournament at the Ten Eyck and they awarded a total of 16 MPs for the whole tournament.

In 1960, the big 5-day Sectional Tournament was held at The Adirondack Inn in Sacandaga Park. VIPs that were there were Jacoby, Sobel, Kaplan and Sheinwold. There was only one event that was segregated by point count, so the novices had to play against the big guys. The entry fee was \$2.25. There was a problem of securing adequate accommodations for tournaments. The Unit had seven areas: Albany, Schenectady, Glens Falls/Saratoga, Amsterdam, Johnstown/Gloversville, and Troy. There were 452 members, and 13 Life Masters.

1961 had the Regional at the Ten Eyck Hotel. It was 4 days with 777 tables. It was noted that "waiters will be on hand at all times in playing rooms, water and coffee will be available, and the bar close at hand." There were 2 cocktail parties and a Saturday Night dance party.

In the early '60's some of the tournaments had commercial sponsors. The membership fee was \$2 a year, which included ACBL. Dues were paid to CDBA, and the included the ACBL. In 1962, 2 sessions of bridge at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls cost \$3.00, and that included dinner. There were 17 club games, and the bank balance was \$2535.62.

Sectional Results July 16 - 18, 2010

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Martin Birnby – Larry Berman
2			Robert & Bernie Neuhart
3	1		Steve Shaye – Larry Rosen
4			Betty & Steve Bloom
5			Arthur Bernhardt – Satya Pabuwal
6	2		Lee Pearson – Mary Anne Pickett
	3		Louis Urbano – Teresa Fenimore
	4		William Teiper – Charles Schmidt
	5/6	1/2	Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin
	5/6	1/2	Diana Lack – Mark Rosenholz
		3	Peter & Babette Samsel
		4	Barbara & John McDonald
		5	Marilyn Soffer – Sadie Schneider

Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

1	Sandra Ostrellich – Barry Ikler
2	Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni

Friday evening BAM

A	B	C	
1/2	1/2		Norma Shelly – Phyllis French
			John Conova – Jan Gisholt
1/2	1/2		Diana Lack – Donald Batherick
			Richard Bobilin – William Teiper
3			Stephen Paskin – Satya Pabuwal
			Sandra Osterlich – Barry Ikler
4	3		Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin
	4		Rich Kasprowicz – Marion Sheehan
			Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
			Robert & Bernie Neuhart
		1	Barbara & John McDonald
			Glen Perry – Vito Ramundo

Saturday morning 299er Pairs

A	B	
1		Carol Paskin – Margaret Lavelle
2	1	Peggy Fitzpatrick – Yoshiko Lapo
3/4	2/3	Mohammad & Priscilla Yadegari
3/4	2/3	Mary Jean Church – M. Lois Novak

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Rita Redlich – Nele Rzad
2			Sandra & Bill Nelson
3			Arthur Bernhardt – Roger Woodin
4			Martin Birnby – Walt Smith
5	1		William Teiper – Donald Bathrick
	2		Margaret & William Peruzzi
	3		Lou Brickman – Mary Fredricki
	4		Olga Markunas – June Barach
	5		Don Cohen – Linda Strosburg
	6	1	John Vary – Jonathan Insel
		2	Carole Goldberg – Judy Bloomfield
		3	Lois Tuohey – Phyllis Levine
		4	Vito Ramundo – Glen Perry

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Judy Dubay – Vito Ramundo
2	1	1	Richard Bobilin – Matthew Lahut
3			Donna & Neil Chambers
4			Satya Pabuwal – Morton Friedman
5			Sandra & Bill Nelson
6			Arthur Bernhardt – Albert Ross
	2	2	Judy Bloomfield – Carole Goldberg
	3		Lois & Joseph Phillips
	4		Richard Stearns – June Barach
	5		S Michael & Nancy Sharp
	6		Raymond Ratte – Frank Legnard
		3	Michael & Vanessa Gruen
		4	Sandra & Stanley Cohen

Sunday Swiss

A	X	
1		Betty & Steve Bloom
		Donna & Neil Chambers
2	1	Robert & Bernie Neuhart
		Gino & Katie Scalandre
3		Sandra & Bill Nelson
		Rich Underwood – Vito Ramundo
4	2	Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus
		Louis Urbano – Mary Fredrick
	3	Joseph Phillips – Morris Cramer
		S Michael & Nancy Sharp

B	C	D	
1	1		Michael & Ulla Sattinger
2	2	1	Richard Bobilin – Matthew Lahut
			Harold Bigelow – Rosemary Isele
3			Charles Mantia – Firm Weaver
			Diane Alexander – Sue Eastman
4			Anne & Leonard Lapinski
			Judy & Richard Hill
			Jill & Arnold Factor
	3	2	Frances & Paul Cuerdon
			Patricia & Jack Baugh

**Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings
Unit 115 (as of Aug 6, 2010)**

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	John Leslie Margaret & John Dillon James Bornheim	Margaret & John Dillon Christine Converse Shirley Lavine
5-20	Joan Weaver Samuel Hill Marilyn Riecke	Joan Weaver Samuel Hill Anne Beard
20-50	Carolyn Accardi James Beard Jerry Lipfeld	James Beard Carolyn Accardi Jerry Lipfeld
50-100	Firm Weaver Carol Weaver Terry Bentley	Firm Weaver Carol Weaver William Kelsey
100-200	Charles Mantia Sandra Ostrellich Martha Precheur	Charles Mantia Sandra Ostrellich Martha Precheur
200-300	John Loeber Richard Bobilin Paul Cuerdon	Rhoda Levine John Loeber Evelyn Markowitz
300-500	Rosemary Isele Rosemary Isele Lois Tuohey	Rosemary Isele Harold Bigelow Lois Tuohey
500-1000	Diane Alexander Harold Bigelow Bonnie Taylor	Diane Alexander Joseph Phillips Conrad Bader
1000-2500	Judy & Richard Hill Bernie Neuhart Robert Neuhart	Judy & Richard Hill Marty Birnby Bibs Pankin
2500-5000	Satya Pabuwal Bob Donald Lucy & Gary Spongberg	Satya Pabuwal Donald Cohen Lois August
5000-7500	Judy Dubay Stephen Paskin Walter Smith	Judy Dubay Stephen Paskin Bill Dubay
7500-10000	Bill Nelson Albert Ross	Bill Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Betty & Steve Bloom Sandra Nelson Lynn Deas	Sandra Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas

Club Corner

THE STUDIO

The Wednesday game is now an open game.

Sat. Sep 4 - Studio Closed

Sat. Sep. 18 - Lunch 11:30 (RSVP) &
12:30 Open CC

NAOP Qualifying Dates:

Thur. Aug 12 - 12:00 Sat. Aug 28 - 12:30

NAOP Flight B&C District Finals

Sat. Oct. 23 - 2 sessions

AVILA

The Wednesday game is cancelled, and there is now a Thursday game at 12:30 thru Oct 21. All special games scheduled for Wednesdays will now be held on Thursdays.

Sat. Aug 21 NAOP

Sat. Sep. 25 Charity Club Championship

Personal Notices

Condolences to **Lori Waite** on the death of her daughter

Get well wishes to **Glenn White** and to **Amelia Urbano**.

Awards Dinner

Saturday, August 14th at noon.
Food, awards and bridge!!!

Chairman: Lois Touhey
Co – chair: Lois Phillips

Questions ? email -
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RANK CHANGES

New Junior Masters

James Bornheim	Christine Converse
William Hughes	Robert Kelly
John Leslie	Judith Miller

New Club Master

Samuel Hill

New Sectional Masters

Carolyn Accardi	Howard Gates
Jerry Lipfeld	Kay Showalter
Firm Weaver	

New Regional Masters

Renie Federighi	Mark McDermott
Sanford Sheber	Carol Weaver

New NABC Masters

Richard Egelston	Judith Ludwig
Peggy Mount	Barbara Zautner

New Life Masters

Paul Cuerdon	Matthew Lahut
Gene Vennesland	

New Bronze Life Masters

Lois Tuohey

New Silver Life Master

Nancy Ball

New Gold Life Masters

Bernie Neuhart	Robert Neuhart
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New Platinum Life Master

Bill Nelson

BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

A MATTER OF TIMING

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ A964 ♥ QT9632 ♦ ♣ KQ3	
♠ 83 ♥ KJ ♦ KQT72 ♣ JT96	North West East Declarer	♠ 752 ♥ 875 ♦ AJ86 ♣ A52
	♠ KQJT ♥ A4 ♦ 9543 ♣ 874	

E-W Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

4♠ is a precarious contract, and requires careful timing if Declarer is to succeed. West leads the ♦K, which Declarer ruffs in Dummy. What are the dangers, and how will Declarer overcome them?

Some Heart tricks are required, but it won't do to draw trumps and then play on Hearts, in that case the defense will cash their Diamonds. Better timing is required and Declarer must play on Hearts first, allowing Dummy to handle a Diamond continuation. So, the ♥A is cashed, and a Heart lost to West's King. Back comes a Diamond, ruffed in Dummy, what next?

It's still too soon to draw trumps! That would leave Dummy without a quick entry to the Hearts, and the defense would get in with their ♣A and again have Diamond winners to cash. So, Declarer makes another fine play, he leads Dummy's ♣K! Now East has only losing options:

- He can take his ♣A and persist with Diamonds, in which case Dummy ruffs (with the Ace!), trumps are drawn, and the ♣Q is an entry to Dummy's Hearts.
- He can take the ♣A and return a Club (knocking out Dummy's entry), in which case Declarer can scamper home on a cross-ruff, scoring one Heart, one Club, and all eight of those trumps.
- He can duck the ♣A, in which case it's another cross-ruff.

That was delicately timed, as drawing even a single round of trumps early in the play would be a mistake. Look what happens: Diamond opening lead is ruffed, Spade to Declarer's King, ♥A, Heart to West's King, Diamond ruff, ♥Q ruffed by West, ♣J covered by the King and Ace, Club to Dummy's Queen. Now Declarer has an awkward guess ... if the remaining two enemy trumps are split then Dummy's Ace must be cashed before running the Hearts ... but if East has both missing trumps (the actual case) then the Hearts must be played first. It's better to avoid that guess!

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sat	Aug 14	Awards Dinner
Mon – Sun	Aug 9 – 15	District 3 Regional Fairfield, NJ
Mon – Sun	Oct 25 – 31	Regional Danbury, CT
Fri – Sun	Nov 5 – 7	Sectional - Studio