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Schenectady Sectional (at the Studio) April 1-3, 2011

Friday April 1

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 April 2

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 April 3

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

Need Help: Call Lois Phillips (518) 793-3375 or Malois1539@aol.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

This is my first message as President of Unit 115, but my first obligation is to thank Ross Lounsbury for serving so capably as your President for the past two years and Jack Baugh for his outstanding performance as Unit Treasurer for as long as I've been on the Board. You'll have to ask Jack how many years he served as treasurer, it's been so long only he (and maybe his wife, Pat) may remember, but he may not tell you for fear of giving away his age. Thankfully, both Ross and Jack remain on as Board members with Barbara McDonald continuing her superb and difficult job as Secretary, but I have no doubt both Charles Mantia and Paul Cuerdon, as your new Unit Vice President and Treasurer, respectively, will be capable replacements as officers on the Board.

However, I would be most remiss if I suggested the Unit's officers were the key to your enjoyment of the activities we sponsor. It's the entire Board and a cadre of non-Board member volunteers who make things happen. At the December sectional, did you notice the new clock giving warning to the end of the round or enjoy the wonderful hospitality offerings? It's your Board

members, or volunteers, either too many to mention by name (or because I fear I'll miss someone) who deserve the credit. Next time we sponsor a unit event and you're pleased with something or someone, mention it, I guarantee word will spread and your kudos will be most appreciated.

On a very positive note, we had a very successful charity event in December known as Sybil's Christmas Party. Without going into the history of Sybil (more on this in a future newsletter), this event is best described simply as the Unit Christmas party followed by a charity game. This year, we had over 18 tables for the event, allowing us to run two distinct sections and separate the "C" players from the "A" and "B" players. A good time was had by all in food, drink, and bridge, but most importantly, we collected \$260 which was donated to the Regional Food Bank.

In closing, please remember, in order to have fun playing bridge, you have to play bridge. Frequent the local clubs and play in the Unit sponsored events whenever possible. See you at the table.

Bob Valenti

President's Cup

The Unit has scheduled the 2011 President's Cup for Saturday May 21 at the Studio. This annual event is a single-session Swiss team game where each team is comprised of players with different masterpoint levels. This year, teams will include one team member with unlimited point totals, normally the captain, one player who is a life master with fewer than 750 points or non-life master at any masterpoint level, one player with fewer than 300 masterpoints, and one player with fewer than 200 masterpoints. Eligibility for any of the three limited player categories is based on 2010 year-end masterpoint totals.

Those that have played in the President's Cup in past years can testify this is a fun-filled event, giving everyone a chance team up with players with whom they have never partnered and play against other teams with, essentially, the same skill levels. Whether you are a newcomer, intermediate, or advanced player, we encourage everyone to think about forming a team and joining in on the fun.

This year, the co-chairs of the event are Bob Valenti and Chuck Mantia. You can either get together with your bridge playing friends forming your own team, or you can sign up for the event, and we can arrange a team for you. Please call Bob at 326-3829 or Norma at the Studio, 346-3773, and advise either of them that you've formed a team or you wish to participate but are looking for a team on which to play.

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

As I am writing this message for your Newsletter, I am getting ready to leave for Louisville and the Spring NABC. Having never had the opportunity to spend time in the home of the Kentucky Derby, I am looking forward to visiting Churchill Downs (even without horses) and the magnificent horse farms, what I have been told are fine restaurants, picturesque views, and of course having a mint julep. I will give you a recap of the NABC in your next issue.

'Ole Man Winter' reared its ugly head in January at the Rye Town Hilton, and we had two days that were really a disaster. The rest of the week picked up, and our Golden Opportunity Pairs were once again a super success. We were proud to have six tables to youngsters under the age of 19 playing in a special Youth Game run by Jerry Goodman

with special thanks to Michael McNamara, Betty Cox, and Barbara Clark.

Bridge can succeed only if we work to bring young people into the game, and we support being a part of World Bridge. The United States has been invited to participate in a tournament in Beijing run by a European based organization called Sport Accord. They are sponsoring a Women's Team and an Open Team. You should be proud to know that Lynn Deas and Beth Palmer were pre-selected by the United States Bridge Federation to be one of the three pairs to represent the US. All expenses are being paid by Sport Accord. Four women's teams are participating and there is prize money of \$110,000. Please congratulate Lynn. The event will take place this December, and we will all be rooting for the US and for Lynn and Beth and their team.

The District 3 Finals of the GNT will be held April 9th in White Plains. Details for this event are in this issue of the Newsletter and on our website: www.bridge-district3.org. It's not so far for you to come. Have a great brunch at 11:30 AM, and an opportunity to try to represent District 3 this summer in Toronto.

I know Fran Leary, Norma Shelly, and crew are working hard to make our Saratoga Spring Regional a great one. We try to put together a schedule that will make the majority of you happy, remembering that we need to try and maximize not only our attendance but filling room nights at the hotel. We always get such great support from your unit. I know it's going to be a super tournament. We thank you for your continued support as volunteers at the Pairing and Hospitality desks and of course as players.

See you in Saratoga if not sooner.

Joan Gerard, District Director, District 3

Can We Email You?

There are times when we would like to notify our members about local bridge activities by electronic means. It is the policy of ACBL to send out notices of the dates of Sectional and Regional Tournaments only. ACBL Headquarters will not release to our unit the E-mail address of any member who requested it be confidential. While this interpretation makes it a little difficult for us to notify you of special activities, I understand it.

At the present time we have about 180 E-mail addresses. We have about 550 members. If you are interested in receiving electronic notification of special local bridge activities, please send your E-mail address to jtmcd2@nycap.rr.com. Rest assured, we will treat this information as confidential.

Sectional Results Jan 28 - 30, 2011

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Steve Paskin – Rich Underwood
2	1		Larry Berman – Delores Inzero
3	2		Mary Williams – Vito Ramundo
4			Robert Valenti – Walter Smith
5	3		Morris Cramer – Joseph Phillips
6	4	1	Diana Lack – Richard Bobilin
	5	2	John McDonald – Barbara McDonald
	6		Louis Brickman – Mary Frederick
		3	George Halbfinger – Lois Tuohey
		4	Charles Mantia – Carolyn Accardi
		5	David Funk – Conrad Bader
		6	Bonnie Taylor – Eugene Pellegrino

Friday evening BAM

A	B	C	
1	1	1	John Conova, Daniel Wulff, Norma Jakominich, Diana Lack
2			Henrik Bos, Julianne Dickson, Bob Donald, Diane Burger
3/4	2/3	2/3	Susan Eastman, Tom Ludwig, Judith Ludwig, Diane Alexander
3/4	2/3	2/3	Patricia Baugh, Jack Baugh, Ulla Sattinger, Michael Sattinger

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Steve Bloom – Betty Bloom
2	1		Norma Jakominich – John Conova
3			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
4			Joan Meyer – Larry Berman
5	2		Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus
6	3	1	Charles Mantia – John Loeber
	4		Louis Urbano – Ross Lounsbury
	5	2	Patricia Baugh – Jack Baugh
	6		Fran Leary – Phyllis French
		3	Jonathan Forde – James Carroll
		4	Paul Cuerdon – Frances Cuerdon
		5	Marion Kuritz – Vince De Pasquale
		6	Barbara Parks – Joan Dobert

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Roger Woodin – Ed Hornidge
2	1	1	Matthew Lahut – Richard Bobilin
3			Michael Klein – Judith Shulman
4			Neil Chambers – Donna Chambers
5	2	2	Leonard Lapinski – Anne Lapinski
6			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
	3		Ross Lounsbury – Mary Frederick
	4	3	Diana Lack – Daniel Wulff
	5	4	Mark Hartley – Thomas Robinson
	6	5	James Carroll – Jonathan Forde

Sunday Swiss

A	X		
1			Bob Feller, Judith Shulman, Michael Klein, Lynn Deas
2	1		Roger Woodin, Robert Valenti, Walter Smith, Linda Strosberg
B	C	D	
1	1		Joseph Phillips, Morris Cramer, Daniel Robertson, Lois Tuohey
2	1	1	Matthew Lahut, Richard Bobilin, Diana Lack, Jonathan Lack
3			Leonard Lapinski, Anne Lapinski, Diane Alexander, Conrad Bader
4	2		Jonathan Forde, James Carroll, John Riopelle, Nancy Streeter

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings
Unit 115 (as of Mar 6, 2011)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Phil Ulrich Catherine Brazelton Aggie O'Brien	Phil Ulrich Catherine Brazelton Aggie O'Brien
5-20	Margaret Dillon Rosemary Munter John Dillon	Margaret Dillon Rosemary Munter John Dillon
20-50	Joan Weaver Anne Beard Christine Converse	Joan Weaver Christine Converse Anne Beard
50-100	Glen Perry Betty Paul Judith Parker	Betty Paul Judith Parker Glen Perry
100-200	Terry Bentley Daniel Robertson James Beard	Terry Bentley Daniel Robertson James Beard
200-300	Wilma Delucco Harry Landry Firm Weaver	Firm Weaver Harry Weaver Marilyn Hart
300-500	Matthew Lahut Richard Bobilin Charles Mantia	Rhoda Levine Charles Mantia Harold Bigelow
500-1000	Diana Lack Joseph Phillips Rosemary Isele	Rosemary Isele Lukas Fekete Olga Markunas
1000-2500	Judy Hill Richard Hill Charles Schmidt	Charles Schmidt Nancy Sharp William Teiper
2500-5000	Lucy Spongberg Gary Spongberg Lois August	Lois August Lucy Spongberg Gary Spongberg
5000-7500	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay Walter Smith	Judy Dubay Bill Dubay Walter Smith
Over 10000	Lynn Deas Betty Bloom Steve Bloom	Betty Bloom Steve Bloom Lynn Deas

Club Corner

THE STUDIO

Wed. Apr. 6 - 12:00 Inter-Club Championship
Mon. Apr. 18 - 12:00 Club Championship
Thurs. Apr. 28 - 12:00 Club Championship
Tue. May 17 - 7:00 Non-LM CC
Wed. May 18 - 12:00 Club Championship
Mon. May 23 - 12:00 Inter-Club Championship

AVILA

Avila Duplicate Bridge Club invites you to play on Saturday afternoons at 12:30pm. Avila will be running the Worldwide Pairs Contest (2 separate sessions) June 3rd and June 4th. **SAVE THESE DATES: FRI EVENING JUNE 3rd at 7:00pm and SATURDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 4th at 12:30pm.** Please contact Rhoda Kratenstein (after May 1st) to reserve a seat for the Worldwide Pairs. (518) 640-9553

RANK CHANGES

New Junior Master

Gina McCormick

New Club Masters

James Bornheim - Patricia Boyd
Daniel Kelsey

New Sectional Masters

Glen Perry - Daniel Robertson
Victor Turhew

New Regional Master

James Beard

New NABC Master

Evelyn Markowitz

New Life Master

Daniel Wulff

Unit 115 History

The President's Cup as we know it today has changed a lot over the years. It was started by Mike DeJoseph, who was president in 1981 and 1982. He was very active for many years in our Unit. He set up the conditions of contest in 1984. The Unit was very active during that period. We had 5 geographic areas- Albany County., Schenectady County., Rensselaer, Greene, & Northern Columbia Counties, Fulton, Montgomery & Schoharie Counties, and Saratoga, Warren & Washington Counties. To make it simpler, he named them Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Glens Falls, Saratoga, and Johnstown. There were 5 squads, headed by a captain who was appointed by the president. Each area could have as many teams as possible. Each team had 5 members: Freshman- less than 20 MPs, Sophomore- less than 100 MPs, Junior- less than 300 MPs, Senior- no upper limit, and Graduate- over 1000 MPs.

There were qualifying rounds from January 1 to March 15. Those interested in representing their area must fill out a President's Cup Card, giving game averages, individual scores and the initials of the Director in charge. Contestants may play as often as they wish, but the four best game percentages will be the only means of final competition.

The final round was a one session event. There were five rounds of 36 boards each. There were 3 pages of the conditions, but you can get the idea.

By 1992, the President's Cup was simpler. It was a one day event. Each team would consist of 4 players: a Life Master, one with less than 300 MPs, one with less than 150MPs, and one with less than 20 MPs.

Over the years, the categories have changed drastically. It's now a team with one LM, one with less than 650, one with less than 300 and one with less than 100. It is still a fun format.

Personal Notices

Condolences to the families of **Dave Pratt**, **Marilyn Boyd**, and **Marilyn Rieck**

Get well wishes to **Betty Mitchell** and **Maria Haverly**

Congratulations to **Emily Rapoport** and her husband on their 70th anniversary .

Bridge Event Calendar 2011

Mar 21 – 27	Unit STAC
Apr 1 – 3	Sectional Studio
Apr 9	GNT Finals – White Plains
Apr 27 – May 1	Seniors Regional – Hyannis Port
May 21	President’s Cup
Jun 13 – 21	Saratoga Regional
Jun 22 – 28	Regional Sturbridge
Jul 6 – 12	Unit STAC
Jul 15 – 17	Sectional Studio
Jul 21 – 31	Summer NABC – Toronto
Aug 20	Awards Luncheon
Sept 9 – 11	Sectional Studio
Oct 17 – 23	Regional Danbury
Oct 23	NAP Finals
Oct 24 – 30	Unit STAC
Nov 18 – 20	Sectional Studio
Nov 24 – Dec 4	Fall NABC – Seattle
Dec 4	Sybil’s Christmas Party

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District 3 Spring Regional



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**June 13 – 19, 2011
The Saratoga Hilton**

534 Broadway • Saratoga Springs NY 12866
518-584-4000 \$134 single/double, plus tax.
Reserve now!! Rooms at bridge rate go quickly.*

Rooms also available at Courtyard by Marriott
(5-minute walk from the Saratoga Hilton)
11 Excelsior Ave. • Saratoga Springs
518-226-0538 \$111 single/double, plus tax.
Free parking at both locations.

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

DIRECTIONS
From the South and West:
NY Thruway to Exit 24.
North on Route 87 (North-
way) to Exit 15. South (and
West) on Route 50, 1½
miles to Broadway. Hotel
on left.
From the East: West on
Route 90 to Exit 1. North
on Route 87 as above.
From the North: South on
Route 87 to Exit 15 as above.

Tournament Manager
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201-346-5390
redouble@webtv.net
Tournament Contact
On-site:
Joan Gerard 914-393-3024
Pairing
Bernie Neuhart
518-372-3936
bhnewhart@nycap.rr.com

**If needed a list of nearby motels will be posted at bridge-district3.org.*

Monday, June 13
Bracketed KO Tms I..... 7 pm
Continues Tues. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Side Games Series I (1st)..... 7 pm
Tuesday, June 14
Side Game Series I (2nd)..... 9 am
Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 9 am
Bracketed Round Robin Tms..... 1 & 7 pm
Top bracket played as Swiss - Open to all teams
Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 1 pm
Side Game Series I (3rd)..... 1 pm
Side Game Series I (4th)..... 7 pm
Wednesday, June 15
Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm
Open Prs..... 1 & 7 pm
Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 1 pm
Side Game Series II (1st)..... 1 pm
1 Session Swiss Tms (Red)..... 1 pm
Bracketed KO Tms II 7 pm
Continues Thurs. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Side Game Series II (2nd)..... 7 pm

Thursday, June 16
Side Game Series II (3rd) 9 am
Intermediate Prs (0-300) 10 am
Senior Prs 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Swiss Tms 1 & 7 pm
Side Game Series II (4th)..... 1 pm
Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 3 pm
Side Game Series II (5th)..... 7 pm

*Intermediate Pairs: Please note new and
different game times each day.*

Friday, June 17
Bracketed Compact KO Tms..... 9 am & 1 pm
Golden Opportunity Prs
750/300/100 MPs..... 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Prs (2000+, 0-2000)..... 1 & 7 pm
Side Game Series III (1st)..... 1 pm
1 Session Swiss Tms (Red)..... 1 pm
Bracketed KO Tms III 7 pm
Continues Sat. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm
Side Game Series III (2nd) 7 pm
Saturday, June 18 — Unit 115 Day
Senior Swiss Tms..... 10 am & 3 pm
NEW Golden Opportunity Prs
750/300/100 MPs..... 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Prs (2000+, 0-2000)..... 1 & 7 pm
Side Game Series III (3rd)..... 1 pm
Side Game Series III (4th) 7 pm
Sunday, June 19
Bracketed Round Robin Tms..... 10 am
*Top bracket played as Swiss-Open to all teams, 7
8-Board matches – short break for lunch*

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS
(two-session events) Fri. & Sat. 10 am & 3 pm
750/300/100 MPs Stratified Open Prs
GOLD POINTS for overalls and
section tops in top strat

Compact Teams: 12 board matches,
4-person teams only

Stratified Games
A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)
All Pair events are stratified