

# Capital District Bridge Association

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### Schenectady Sectional (at the Studio) September 9-11, 2011

#### Friday September 9

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 10

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 11

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

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**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  
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### **President's Message**

With all the recent hubub in Washington over the debt ceiling, taxes, spending cuts, and downgrade of the US credit rating, I thought it timely to update our members on the state of the Unit's finances.

At the Board's July 17 meeting, Treasurer Paul Cuerdon reported the Unit had slightly more than \$14,000 in its checking and savings accounts, not including income or expenses associated with the July sectional. The funds in our accounts have been fairly stable over the last few years, with Paul reporting the Unit finished 2010 with a profit of nearly \$500.

As we're not in business to make or lose money over time, a couple of years back the Board asked Paul, me (before we were officers), and Charlene Sunderland to look into the amount of money in our treasury and provide insights into the proper level of funds needed to weather unforeseen developments, yet keep playing fees as low as possible. We determined the Unit's finances could survive its two biggest threats, loss of the Studio as its sectional and charity event venue (thus increasing our rent for use of another facility) and loss of our inventory,

chairs, tables, bidding boxes, etc., from a disaster such as fire or flood (creating a cash flow problem prior to collecting any insurance monies due us). The Board accepted our findings, considered reducing the entry fees for sectional events, even though our entry fees are the lowest not only in the district but in the state, but decided it prudent to take no action at that time.

Since then, four issues have come up making the Board's decision to defer action appear prescient. First, it was reported (prior to the Saratoga Regional) the Unit may not receive as much in "profit sharing" from District 3, a potential \$1000 annual loss in revenue, due to a reduction in the number of tables and increased costs at regional events. However, Saratoga and the recently held Parsipanny regionals were so successful the District has reported their Regionals are, in fact, well attended. This coupled with the District reporting membership at 7400, up over a thousand a few years ago, gives me confidence we will continue to receive our share of the District's annual profits, at least in the near future. Second, Bill Dubay notified the Board he prefers to play and will no longer direct our sectional games in 2012. This will require the Unit pay lodging for the new director, increasing costs several hundred dollars for each sectional. Third, the Board recognized the need to repair or replace our tables, and we're looking into the most cost-effective way to accomplish this. More ominous to me, however, is the long-term downward trend of the membership in Unit 115. In July, Membership Chair Renie Federighi reported the Unit had 580 members, down several hundred from a few short years ago. Recognizing this as a looming problem, the Board established a committee headed by Bernie Neuhart and John McDonald to look into ways to reverse this trend. Once they complete their report, we'll pass on what actions the board takes on their recommendations.

**Bob Valenti**

## **THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

The Toronto NABC had a total table count of 13,491. Hard to say whether this was good or bad. The last two NABC's in Toronto were over 16,000 tables. ACBL first estimated that this one would be 15,000, then 14,000 then 13,000. So we were over their last estimate but considerably under the first estimate and 15% below the past Toronto NABC's. Having said that the Host group was welcoming and the hotels were just fine. And of course Toronto is a great City. While there were some problems people seemed to enjoy themselves and surely Toronto is a site to return to . Two locations seems to be the biggest stumbling block.

Exciting News: The ACBL Board of Directors hired a new CEO in Toronto. Mr. Robert Hartman from California was the unanimous choice of the Search Committee and received the overwhelming support of the Board. I served on the Search Committee and we received over 80 applications for this position. Robert is a young man, a bridge player and has super experience in Marketing and Finance. He is leaving a top management position with a race track in California where he was able to figure out a marketing plan that would bring younger people to the track. He seems a perfect match for the ACBL. Jay Baum will be retiring on November 7<sup>th</sup> as Robert comes on Board. We are all sad to see Jay leave us but look towards an even brighter future.

News from the Board Meetings: The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the official Encyclopedia of Bridge has been completed. There will be a CD included with the purchase and it is expected to be a State of the Art edition. The Club Managers handbook has been updated and is available on the ACBL website. Much progress is finally being made concerning the promotion of Youth Bridge and also making contact with the baby boomers (a quick fix).

The ACBL Board voted to support a World Bridge Series Championship here in North America in 2018 and if in the US, the United States Bridge Federation will also support this with sponsorship funds and volunteers. The likely sites are Florida and Las Vegas. This is similar to the WBF Championship held in Philadelphia in 2010; a great opportunity to play against players from all over the world. I placed a motion on the agenda that attorneys should be permitted in the Hearing room. This was permitted until about 8 years ago but was changed and this time was again defeated. The other motion that concerned me was a Board of Governor's motion to allow a club player to record a conduct incident that occurred at the club to be reported to the unit Recorder. This was also a change made in the last 8 years or so. This was also defeated. Only ethical violations can be recorded to the Unit recorder. The Board voted that the starting times for the Atlanta NABC in 2013 would be 10am and 3pm. This will also be true in Philadelphia next summer Seems that the local groups have a problem with their players coming into the city and then returning home late at night... either trains do not run or driving late at night is not a good thing for our aging population. Clearly, there is a philosophical discussion here. Are we to please the locals who are supplying us with the volunteers or are the locals supposed to care what their visitors want? Pause for thought if nothing else.

For the Fall..... District 3 NAP's Flights B&C will once again be hosted by the Unit 115 and Norma Shelly at the Studio on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Imagine an opportunity for your B&C players to be right in your own backyard with the magnificent hospitality that Norma does and he directing of Bill Dubay and Norma. You Flight A folks need to come down to Guardian Angel (not such a long trip).

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## Sectional Results July 15 - 17, 2011

### Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Bob Donald – Diane Burger
2			Satya Pabuwal – Walt Smith
3			Rita Redlich – June Barach
4	1	1	Diana Lack – Richard Bobilin
5	2	2	Christine Converse – William Kelsey
6	3		Morris Cramer – Joe Phillips
	4	3	R Chiott – Brenda Chiott
	5		Mary Anne Pickett – Lee Pearson
	6		Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus
		4	John Conova – Elizabeth VonReisenfelder

### Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Marie Felthausen – Renie Federighi
2	2		Jerry Lipfeld – Barry Ikler
3	3	1	Margaret Winslow – Barbara Kolodkin
4	4	2	Doris Licht – Roger Price

### Friday evening BAM

A	B	C	
1	1		Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
			Robert & Bernie Neuhart
2	2		Carol & Stephen Paskin
			Carol Weaver – Carolyn Accardi
3	3		Barbara & John McDonald
			William Teiper – Donalds Bathrick
4/5	4/5		Nancy & S Michael Sharp
			Jerry Lipfeld – Barry Ikler
4/5	4/5	1	Mary-Eliz Fitzgerald – Evelyn Markowitz
			Ulla & Michael Sattinger

### Saturday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	
1	1	A I Sandy Mackay – Nancy Van Deusen
2	2	Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni

### Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Stephen Paskin – Gerald Cohen
2			Robert & Bernie Neuhart
3			Arthur Bernhardt – Satya Pabuwal
4			Lucy & Gary Sponberg
5			Joan Meyer – Larry Berman
6	1	1	Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
	2/3		Nancy & Stanley Ball
	2/3		Phyllis French – Fran Leary
	4/6		Ross Lounsbury – Lou Urbano
	4/6		Katie & Gino Scalmandre
	4/6	2	Frances & Paul Cuerdon
		3	Christine Converse – William Kelsey
		4	Diana Lack – Gary Belcher
		5	Barbara Monie – Richard Hall
		6	Lois Tuohey – Glen Perry

### Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Richard Stearns – June Barach
2			Roger Woodin – Lois Tuohey
3			Ronald Harvey – Gerald Cohen
4			Judith Shulman – Michael Klein
5			Bob Donald – Diane Burger
6			Robert & Bernie Neuhart
	1	1	Tonette Deangelis – Marilyn Hart
	2/4		Ross Lounsbury – Lou Urbano
	2/4		William Teiper – Marigay Harkins
	2/4		Judy & Richard Hill
	5	2	Barbara Kolodkin – Coreen Nejame
		3	Barbara Monie – Richard Hall
		4	Christine Converse – William Kelsey

### Sunday Swiss

A	X	
1	1	Lois Tuohey – Roger Woodin
		Glen Perry – Richard Bobilin
2/3		Betty & Steve Bloom
		Kitty & Steven Cooper
2/3		Sandra & Bill Nelson
		Judith Shulman – Michael Klein
	2	Lynn Deas – Rich Kasproicz
		Robert & Bernie Neuhart
		Bob Donald – Diane Burger

  

B	C	D	
1	1		Diana & Jonathan Lack
			Joyce & David Lack
2			Judy & Richard Hill
			Peggy Fitzpatrick – Yoshiko Lapo
3	2		Barbara & John McDonald
			Marion Clowe – Marion Sheehan
4	3		Valdean Mosier – Gary Taylor
			Harold Bigelow – Rosemary Isele
	4	1	Barbara Monie – Richard Hall
			Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
		2/3	Michael Wavada – Susan Rudd
		2/3	Lila Englehart – Carol Hill
			Ann & James Beard
			Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin

**Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings  
Unit 115 (as of August 6, 2011)**

	<u><b>Mini-McKenney</b></u>	<u><b>Ace of Clubs</b></u>
<b>0-5</b>	Ernest Venerus Phil Ulrich Aggie O'Brien	Phil Ulrich Ernest Venerus Aggie O'Brien
<b>5-20</b>	Barbara Wolner W Daniel Kelsey Judith & James Miller	Barbara Wolner Judith & James Miller Margaret Dillon
<b>20-50</b>	Joan Weaver Christine Converse Anne Beard	Joan Weaver Christine Converse Anne Beard
<b>50-100</b>	Glen Perry Jerry Lipfield Susan Klein	Jerry Lipfield Susan Klein Glen Perry
<b>100-200</b>	Terry Bentley James Beard Barry Ikler	James Beard Terry Bentley Carol Weaver
<b>200-300</b>	Firm Weaver Harry Landry Wilma Delucco	Firm Weaver Harry Landry Marilyn Hart
<b>300-500</b>	Charles Mantia Harold Bigelow Richard Bobilin	Harold Bigelow Charles Mantia Evelyn Markowitz
<b>500-1000</b>	Rosemary Isele Ulla Sattinger Lois Tuohey	Rosemary Isele Lois Tuohey Lukas Fekete
<b>1000-2500</b>	Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander Charles Schmidt	Charles Schmidt Judy & Richard Hill Nancy Sharp
<b>2500-5000</b>	Lucy & Gary Spongberg Satya Pabuwal Arthur Bernhardt	Lois August Satya Pabuwal Don Cohen
<b>5000-7500</b>	Judy Dubay Walter Smith Bill Dubay	Judy Dubay Bill Dubay Walter Smith
<b>Over 10000</b>	Bill & Sandy Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Bill & Sandy Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom

## Club Corner

### THE STUDIO

Sat. Sept. 3 - Studio closed for holiday  
Sun Sept 18 - 12:30 NAP Flights B&C District Finals (2 sessions - supper served between sessions, \$30 entry includes supper.)

Wed. Sept. 21 - 12:00 Open Club Championship  
**October is Club Appreciation Month. More black points for winners.**

Wed. Oct. 5 12:00 Team Game-Awards 5% Gold

Tues. Oct. 11 7:00 Non-life masters

Sat. Oct 15 12:00 - Pro-Am pairs

Mon. Oct. 17 12:00 Pair Game

Thurs. Oct. 20 12:00 Pair Game

### AVILA

Sat. Sept 3 - 12:30 Club Championship

Sat. Sept 17 - 12:30 Charity Club Championship

Sat. Oct 1 - 12:30 Club Appreciation Pairs

Sat. Oct 15 - 12:30 Club Appreciation SWISS

Sat. Oct 29 - 12:30 STAC

## Personal Notices

Condolences to the family and friends of  
**Frances Stone**

## ATTENTION!

For more than 10 years Marion Sheehan has been the force behind arranging the hospitality that is so popular at our sectionals. For the last several sectionals, many in the dedicated circle of volunteers decided, and rightly so, that they had done their share and were no longer interested in donating their time. Marion, along with 2 or 3 others, now do it all.

Our Unit has budgeted for the hospitality so money is not the issue. **We need volunteers.** Friday afternoon is the biggest session so it's probably best for 2 people to work together. The other sessions are Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon, and 2 sessions Sunday before and after the pizza.

Anyone willing to volunteer please call Marion @ 372-1010 or Norma @ 346-3773.

## RANK CHANGES

### New Junior Masters

Julia Kilby Trudy Lacroix

Ernest Venerus Richard Zak

### New Club Masters

Hendrik Bos Dorothy Szymaszek

### New Sectional Masters

Christine Converse Ellen Larson

### New Regional Masters

Jerry Lipfeld Dolly Stornelli

### New NABC Masters

Judy Dobert David Funk

### New Life Masters

Frances Cuerdon Mark Hartley

Harry Landry Charles Mantia

Linda Millenbach

### New Bronze Life Master

Lenord Lapinski

### New Silver Life Master

Joe Phillips

### New Emerald Life Master

Bill Dubay

## This 'N That (from pg 3)

Then rounding out the year is District 3's Fall Foliage Regional in Danbury, Ct. - October 17-23; a great schedule with 2 Golden Opportunity Pairs, RR Swiss Teams, Compact KO's Senior Games and Newplicate Games as well as a Youth Bridge Game on Sunday at 10:30am for those under the age of 19 to play as our guests...MP's, prizes, food. This tournament is not much of a drive for you and is great fun! We hope to see a lot of you there.

**Joan Gerard, District Director, District 3**

## STRANGER THAN FICTION

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ A ♥ KQ42 ♦ AJ3 ♣ AJT32	
♠ KQT954 ♥ J5 ♦ 765 ♣ KQ	<i>North</i>  <i>West</i> <i>East</i>  <i>Declarer</i>	♠ 32 ♥ 9873 ♦ T ♣ 987654
	♠ J876 ♥ AT6 ♦ KQ9842 ♣	

**Both Vulnerable**

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
	1♠	<b>Dbl</b>	<b>Pass</b>
3♦	<b>Pass</b>	3♠	<b>Pass</b>
4♥	<b>Pass</b>	6♥	<b>All Pass</b>

Yes, it is true, some newspaper hands are works of fiction, and never actually happened. Others are factual re-enactments. Which is this? It has to have happened in real life, we really couldn't make this stuff up.

The N-S auction went off the rails, thanks to conflicting views as to the meaning of the 3♠ and 4♥ bids. So, while the other N-S pairs were luxuriating in their comfy Diamond slam and its 9-card fit, our South was laboring in the 4-3 Heart slam. West led the ♠K, won in Dummy. Declarer reasoned that, with Spade length on her left, East might well have four Hearts. With unerring inaccuracy, she finessed the Heart Ten, losing to West's Jack, after which West could have beaten the contract by leading the ♠Q, setting up a trump trick for East. But West did not know that Declarer started with only three Hearts (though Declarer's Heart play might have made him suspicious). So, after winning the ♥J, West got out with a trump.

Now what? Declarer could have prayed for 3-3 Hearts, hoping to scoot home with the aid of a Club ruff. But where was the fun in that, especially when there was the chance for a delicious swindle? Instead of taking the Club ruff, Declarer drew trumps and, leaving the ♣A an orphan in Dummy, she rattled off her Diamonds. Grimly holding on to the ♣KQ, West pitched away all his Spades, hoping that East held the ♠J. Thus was Declarer's foolish contract fulfilled, with the Spade Jack and Eight taking the last two tricks and Dummy's ♣A acting as no more than a decoy. Stranger than fiction, indeed.

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**Schedule of Upcoming Events**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sep 18</b>	<b>NAP Finals Flights B&amp;C Studio</b>
<b>Mon-Sun</b>	<b>Oct 24-30</b>	<b>STaC</b>
<b>Fri-Sun</b>	<b>Nov 18-20</b>	<b>Sectional Studio</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>Sybil's Christmas Party</b>