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District 3 Spring Regional



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Points*

June 11 – 17, 2012

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West) on Route 50, 1½ miles to Broadway. Hotel on left.
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Route 87 as above.
From the North: South on Route 87 to Exit 15 as above.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS

(two-session events) Fri. & Sat. 10 am & 3 pm

750/500/200 MPs Stratified Open Prs

GOLD POINTS for overalls and
section tops in top strat

Tournament Managers

Jerry Goodman Deborah Wasik
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Monday, June 11

Bracketed KO Tms I 7 pm
Continues Tues. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Side Games Series I (1st) 7 pm

Tuesday, June 12

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 13

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 14

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

Tournament Contact

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Friday, June 15

Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm

Golden Opportunity Prs

750/500/200 MPs 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0-2500) 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 16 — Unit 115 Day

Senior Swiss Tms 10 am & 3 pm

Golden Opportunity Prs

750/500/200 MPs 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0-2500) 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series III (3rd) 1 pm

Side Game Series III (4th) 7 pm

Sunday, June 17

Bracketed Round Robin Tms 10 am

Top bracket played as Swiss-Open to all teams, 7

8-Board matches — short break for lunch

All Pair events are stratified

A (2500+) B (1000-2500) C (0-1000)

All team events are stratified by average MPs

Compact KO Teams — 4 players only

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President's Message

On Derby Day May 5, Unit 115 hosted its annual fun event, the President's Cup Swiss Teams. At post time, there were 24 teams at the gate, with the tote board showing each team's track odds at 23 to 1. Congratulations to the winning team of Michael Sharp, Gladys Brooks, and Firm and Joan Weaver, each collecting 5.67 master points out of the total purse. A photo confirmed a tie amongst the next three runners-up, with the team of Satya Pabuwal, Kamal Gupta, Jim Beard, and Jim Bornheim, the team of Gerry Cohen, Barbara Wolner, and Arlene and Ron Sahr, and the team of Roger Woodin, Paul Cuerdon, Glen Perry, and Kay Lang sharing place, show and fourth position purse monies, 3.28 master points each.

All 96 of us who played enjoyed the event, which would not have been possible without the hard work of Chairperson Tonette Deangelis, club directors who circulated sign-up sheets at their games, and the omnipresent involvement of Norma Shelly and Lorrie Chamberlin. Thanks from all of us.

While on the topic of Swiss teams, please take note of the new format for the Sunday

Swiss at the July sectional. For years we ran a bracketed Sunday Swiss event, but this became stale because teams ended up competing against the same teams sectional after sectional. For the last couple of years, we have run a stratiflighted A-x, B/C/D event. With this format, the Board noted we may have lost some teams who did not want to play in the A-x strat because one of their team members was over 2000 points. More surprisingly, however, is that on the day of four of the last seven Sunday Swiss games, we had to convert to the more standard flighted open Swiss format because not enough A teams came to play and we could not field a full A-x strat. So, in July we're going to the traditional flighted open Swiss format, with flight A teams over 8,000 total points, flight B teams between 3,000 and 8,000 total points, and flight C teams below 3,000. As for the play, the first match will pit A's against A's, B's against B's, and C's against C's. For subsequent matches, the Director will be asked "fool" the computer into thinking each A team won their first match, making it unlikely a winning B or C team will play against an A team for match 2 and further reduce their chance of playing against an A team even for match 3. In the end, B and C players will probably end up playing no more boards against A players than they do at their regular club games. Of course, the director will re-educate the computer at the end of the game, with final standings based on the actual number of victory points earned during play.

Finally, our next major event is the District 3 Spring Regional at the Saratoga Hilton June 11-17. This regional has been successful in recent years, but we need to keep attendance up if we're going to have District 3 continue holding the event here. So play if you can. As hosts of the event, Unit 115 dedicates a lot work and time, so my thanks to all the volunteers too numerous to mention by name. Alas, this year our contingent of volunteers will be without John O'Brien, who

worked tirelessly for as long as I can remember to make sure the registration table was properly staffed. Thanks, John, for the years of good work.

Bob Valenti

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

This is my first column for your newsletter, and I want to thank you for your support in my campaign to fill Joan Gerard's position on the ACBL Board of Directors. She is indeed a hard act to follow.

I began my work on the Board in November when I was invited to attend the meetings preceding the NABC in Seattle. Joan was still on board at that time, and I was an observer. It was a great opportunity to see the Board in action before becoming officially the new District Director.

In March I went to Memphis a few days in advance of the Board meetings to visit ACBL headquarters in Horn Lake, MS. I was given the full tour, meeting with staff members there; I left having faces and personalities to go with the names of the people I will work with. I had a very informative dinner meeting with Robert Hartman, our new CEO, and was very impressed with him, his enthusiasm and ideas.

The four days of board, committee and task force meetings were packed. The committees and working group I serve on include Junior/Youth, Full Service Clubs, Volunteers, and the Internet. As you probably know, Junior/Youth Bridge has been one of my priorities in District 3, and I was pleased that this Task Force worked so hard to present to the full Board a number of constructive motions that were approved.

- At all future NABCs we will give free entries to all players 19 years old and younger for regionally rated games,

junior coupons with a face value of \$10 for all events for players under 26 who are full time students, and \$10 coupons for all players under 19.

- The US Bridge Federation (USBF) which sends our juniors to international events has in the past been given the first \$50,000 of funds collected from Junior Fund games. Now they will have the opportunity to present a budget before the November Board meetings which will be reviewed by Management, and a recommendation will be made to the Board as to how much USBF will receive. Since there are more and more international events, this will open the door for more money to be given to cover the costs of our participation. Joan is the current President of USBF.

Strength of Field is another hot item for the Board. This is a proposed change to the current rules pertaining to masterpoint awards. It is designed to equalize the points given in events of varying sizes. There is to be a "shadow" testing beginning in May of this year. The results will be presented to the Board in November for review and action. There are many important and complex issues facing us at ACBL, but I am getting to be more comfortable in addressing them. I look forward to seeing all of you in Saratoga Springs in June. That is a highlight of the District 3 year and the work that all of your volunteers do to make it a success is much appreciated. Sharon Anderson, new President of ACBL, will visit during that week, and we know she will see us at our very best. In addition to Saratoga Springs, we have the NABCs in Philadelphia in July and a Parsippany Regional in August. Hope to see many of you at those events.

Glenda Calkins, District 3 Director

Sectional Results

Apr 13 - 15, 2012

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Bernie Neuhart – Lydia Bearden
2			Diane Burger – Bob Donald
3	1		Gregg Deitch – Edward Hornidge
4	2		Satya Pabuwal – Kamal Gupta
5	3		Norma Shelly – Joseph Salamone
6			Stephen Paskin – Kerry Cotterell
	4		Delores Inzero – Fran Leary
	5	1	Alex Dezieck – Shaz Taslimi
	6		Lois Phillips – Charlene Sunderland
		2	Glen Perry – Diana Lack
		3	Richard Bobilin – Barbara Wolner
		4	Linda & Lew Millenbach
		5	Berne Kouba – Lee Tabner

Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Martha Precheur – Sarah Hoy
2			Sandra Osterlich – Barry Ikler
3	2	1	Felicia Freed – Jesse Cohen
4	3		John Flynn – Barbara Flynn
	4	2	James Bornheim – Ernest Venerus
		3	Samuel Hill – Bernice Shoobe

Friday evening Duel Pro Am Teams

A	B	C	
1/4			Bill Dubay, Vito Ramundo, Ernest Venerus, James Bornheim
1/4	1/3		William Kelsey, Edward Hornidge, W Daniel Kelsey, Gregg Deitch
1/4	1/3		Susan Eastman, Diane Alexander, Mark Rosenholz, John Stellrecht
1/4	1/3	1	Ulla & Michael Sattinger, Alex Dezieck, Shaz Taslimi
5	4		Barry Ikler, William Teiper, Sandra Osterlich, Donald Bathrick

Friday evening Duel Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Gregg Deitch – Edward Hornidge
2	2		Satya Pabuwal – Kamal Gupta
3	3		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
4	4	1	Sandara Osterlich – Barry Ikler
5			Bill Dubay – Vito Ramundo
6/7	5	2	Ernest Venerus – James Bornheim
6/7			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
	6	3	Mark Rosenholz – John Stellrecht
		4	Alex Dezieck – Shaz Taslimi
		5	William Kelsey – W Daniel Kelsey

Saturday morning 299er Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Ernest Venerus – James Bornheim
2	2		Priscilla & Mohammad Yadegari
3			Andrew Campoli – Fraser Hunt
4			Barry Ikler – Jerry Lipfeld

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Bibs Pankin – Blaise Reinhart
2	1		Jon Fink – Joan Harvey
3			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
4	2		Fran Leary – Phyllis French
5	3		Louis Urbano – Ross Lounsbury
6			Gregg Deitch – Robert Donald
	4		William Teiper – John Riopelle
	5	1	Peter Mitchell – Robert Dickson
	6		Joe Phillips – Morris Cramer
		2	Alex Dezieck – Shaz Taslimi
		3/4	Diana Lack – Glen Perry
		3/4	Julianna McAllister – Peter Allen
		5	Patricia & James Ackerman
		6	Daniel Wulff – Bonnie Taylor

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Linda & Lew Millenbach
2			Satya Pabuwal – Arthur Bernhardt
3	2	2	Alex Dezieck – Shaz Taslimi
4	3		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
5	4	3	Glen Perry – Richard Bobilin
6			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
	5		Clementina Di Carlo – Deloris Inzero
	6	4	Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele
		5	Daniel Wulff – Bonnie Taylor

Saturday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Barry Ikler – Jerry Lipfeld
2	1	1	Priscilla & Mohammad Yadegari
3	2		Ernest Venerus – James Bornheim
4			Andrew Campoli – Fraser Hunt
	3	2	Norah Fredrickson – Betty Seeley

Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Bill Dubay, Judy Dubay, Walter Smith, Bob Valenti
2	1		Ulla & Michael Sattinger, Linda & Lew Millenbach
3			Satya Pabuwal, Larry Berman, Kamal Gupta, Stephen Paskin
4/5			Joe Phillips, Morris Cramer, Peter Wick, June Barach
4/5	2		Ross Lounsbury, Mark Fredrick, Dorothy Kraus, Charles Schmidt
	3	1	William Kelsey, W Daniel Kelsey, Barbara Wolner, Richard Bobilin
	4		Lois Phillips, Conrad Bader, Lois Tuohey, Diane Alexander
		2/3	Michael Wavada, Susan Rudd, Carol Hill, Lila Englehart
		2/3	Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni, Alex Dezieck, Shaz Taslimi

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings
Unit 115 (as of May 6, 2012)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Julie Shapiro Betty Seeley Norah Fredrickson	Julie Shapiro Kathleen Carr Betty Seeley
5-20	Catherine Brazelton Barbara Fallone Aggie O'Brien	Catherine Brazelton Aggie O'Brien Richard Zak
20-50	Ernest Venerus John Dillon Margaret Dillon	Ernest Venerus John Dillon Margaret Dillon
50-100	James Bornheim Barbara Wolner W Daniel Kelsey	Barbara Wolner James Bornheim Anne Beard
100-200	James Beard Kay Lang William Kelsey	James Beard Carolyn Accardi William Kelsey
200-300	Glen Perry Terry Bentley Carol Weaver	Carol Weaver Sandra Ostrellich Carol Paskin
300-500	Kamal Gupta Charles Mantia Richard Bobilin	Charles Mantia John Loeber Evelyn Markowitz
500-1000	Vito Ramundo Edward Hornidge Rosemary Isele	Rosemary Isele Edward Hornidge Harold Bigelow
1000-2500	Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander Gregg Dietch	Judy & Richard Hill Ruth Anderson Charles Schmidt
2500-5000	Satya Pabuwal Lucy & Gary Spongberg Rob Neuhart	Satya Pabuwal Lucy & Gary Spongberg Marty Birnby
5000-7500	Walter Smith Judy Dubay Stephen Paskin	Judy Dubay Walter Smith Stephen Paskin
7500-10000	Bill Dubay	Bill Dubay
Over 10000	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom

Club Corner

THE STUDIO

NAOP Stratified Qualifiers

Thurs. June 21 - 12:00
 Mon. June 25 - 12:00
 Thurs. July 12 - 12:00
 Wed. July 18 - 12:00
 Mon. July 30 - 12:00
 Mon. Aug. 13 - 12:00
 Wed. Aug 29 - 12:00

AVILA

Worldwide Pairs Fri. June 1 - 7PM and Sat. June 2 at 12:30PM
 STaC 6/9; Charity CC 7/14 & 7/21
 NAOP Qualifiers 6/30, 8/4, and 8/25
 Membership game 7/28

Please contact Rhoda Kratenstein to reserve a seat for the Worldwide Pairs. (518) 640-9553

RANK CHANGES

New Junior Masters

Kathleen Carr
 Julie Shapiro

New Club Master

Aggie O'Brien

New NABC Masters

Terry Bentley
 Kay Lang

New Life Master

Robert Nevin

New Silver Life Master

Ulla Sattinger

Puzzle Corner

	♠ KQ3 ♥ ♦ AKT8652 ♣ 542	
♠ J86 ♥ AKJ97 ♦ J5 ♣ KJ6	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ 5 ♥ T8652 ♦ Q93 ♣ 9873
	♠ AT9742 ♥ Q43 ♦ 4 ♣ AQ10	

You South are in 6♠.

West Leads the ♥A. Should you duck the lead, West continues the ♥K.

Answer:

Ruff the opening lead, play the ♦A, ♦K (pitching a heart), and another diamond, ruffing the diamond with the **ACE** of spades. Lead a trump to dummy and lead the fourth diamond pitching your last heart. Assuming West ruffs, ruff the expected heart return in your hand and lead a trump to dummy, making good the rest of dummy's diamonds. Interestingly, the problem was presented as a double dummy problem, but the above play is best for single and double dummy play.

Personal Notices

Condolences to the families of **George Halbfinger** and **Bill Exner**

	♠ KJT763 ♥ K93 ♦ 85 ♣ J6	
♠ A54 ♥ J7 ♦ AQJ4 ♣ KT97	North West East Declarer	♠ ♥ T84 ♦ 97632 ♣ Q8542
	♠ Q982 ♥ AQ652 ♦ KT ♣ A3	

E - W Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1♥	Dbf	Rdbl	2NT*
4♥	3♣	3♥	4♣
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

Today's deal comes from a pairs event at the Gold Coast Tournament in Australia last spring. Many a bloom is born to blush unseen, as the poet says, but fortunately Steve and Betty Bloom have teammates who can relate their deeds of derring-do.

The auction had made it hard for North-South to find their 10-card spade fit. Instead they ended in their eight-card heart fit. However, they had at least managed to declare the hand the right way up, and thus avoided the killing diamond lead.

When Betty Bloom led the club 10, declarer, Sartaj Hans, knew that with spade ruffs looming and an unpleasant diamond shift from East on the horizon, he needed to tread carefully. He covered the club 10 in dummy, captured Steve Bloom's queen with his ace, drew trumps, and played on spades. East had followed up the line in trumps (suit preference for the lowest suit), then pitched a discouraging diamond nine on the first spade lead and a suit preference diamond two on the second spade lead. Betty got the picture. When she won the spade ace, she underled her clubs. Her club seven was overtaken by Steve with the eight for the fatal diamond shift and one down.

This was a clear top for the defenders. At every other table in the main final, 10 tricks were taken in spades or hearts by North-South (even when North was declarer and a diamond lead would have defeated four spades by force).

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Mon – Sun	Jun 4 – 10	Unit STaC
Mon – Sun	Jun 11 – 17	Saratoga Regional
Fri – Sun	Jul 6 – 8	Sectional Studio
Thu – Sun	Jul 12 – 22	Summer NABC Philadelphia, PA