

# Capital District Bridge Association

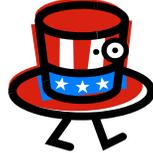
## NEWSLETTER

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### Schenectady Sectional (at the Studio) July 6-8, 2012

#### Friday July 6

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| 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 July 7

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 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 July 8

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Swiss Teams (2- Session stratiflighted play through; 42 boards) | 11 am |
| (1/2 hour break between sessions)                               |       |
| (Flights: 0-3000, 3000-8000, and over 8000)                     |       |

**Need Help:** Call Lois Phillips (518) 793-3375 or [Malois1539@aol.com](mailto:Malois1539@aol.com)

**For Partnerships:** Call Bernie Neuhart (518) 372-3936 or [bhnewhart@nycap.rr.com](mailto: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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### **Presidents Message**

The 2012 Saratoga Spring Regional is now history, with the chairs, tables, bidding boxes, and clock packed up and in transit to or in storage for the next District 3 sponsored event. I bring up the clock only because my team was late getting in the result for our last match on Sunday and the Director threatened to give us zero victory points for the match. As he put it, we were so late “even the clock was already packed”. Some observations on the tournament:

I did not hear of any concerns voiced by the players. Although I’m sure some issues had to have arisen during the week-long tournament, they were few and far between. Obviously, much credit for the smooth sailing goes to the directors for getting tickets sold to entrants, starting games on time, and keeping the games moving. However, “outside the lines”, a lot of credit goes to the volunteers whose efforts kept things comfortable for our out-of-town guests (my bad if I assume incorrectly our Unit players know the lay of the land). Many thanks to Terry Bentley and the volunteers who staffed the registration table, to Bernie Neuhart for his usual great job at the partnership desk,

and of course to Fran Leary for working with District 3 and coordinating the entire effort for the Unit. Fran was a ubiquitous presence at the Regional. Fran, for all the time you spent in Saratoga, did you ever get to play a hand?

1194 tables were in play at the Regional, with 806 players earning points. The table count was 6% below the table count of the 2011 Saratoga Regional, a little disappointing to me as it appeared we might exceed the 2011 turnout, but I hope not a big concern to the planners in District 3. Our District 3 representatives, Fran Leary and John Riopelle, will no doubt keep us informed as to the District’s thinking.

While serving at the registration desk, there were a number of players disappointed we did not have the same horse “stickies” as registration gifts we had the previous two years. Obviously, the Unit board went along with the preferences of the Unit membership we not have the stickies again this year. Perhaps in the future we can have a selection of gifts. We’ll discuss this at a future Board meeting.

The District hosted a thank you party for Joan Gerard in honor for her many years of hard work. As I’ve written before, Joan will be missed but the District remains in good hands under the leadership of Director Glenda Calkins and a slate of officers led by President Eli Schneider.

Finally, congratulations to Gary Taylor and Val Mosier for earning the gold points they needed to be Life Masters. At this writing, they are the only ones I’m aware of who made Life Master. If there are others, I will be sure to mention them in my message for the next bulletin.

Bob Valenti



# District 3 Autumn Leaf Regional Danbury CT — Oct. 22–28, 2012

The Crowne Plaza Danbury (new name, same location)  
18 Old Ridgebury Road • Danbury CT 06810 • 203-794-0600  
\$99 Single/double plus applicable taxes.

Reservation Deadline — October 8, 2012 *Bridge rate rooms may sell out before deadline.*  
Room Problems — Check with Joan Gerard 914-948-0841 joanandrongerard@gmail.com

**Golden Opportunity Pairs**  
(two-session events)  
Friday and Saturday  
750/500/200 MPs  
10 am & 3 pm  
GOLD POINTS for Overalls  
and section tops in top strat

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**Directions to Hotel** — *From the East:* Rte 84 to Exit 2A. Follow Old Ridgebury Rd. around curve and up hill. Hotel will be visible on left. *From the West:* Rte 84 to Exit 2. Make left and then right following signs to US 202 and US 6. Make another right onto Old Ridgebury Rd. *From the South:* Rte 684 to Exit 9E and follow Rte 84 as above.

**Tournament Info:** Jerry Goodman • 201-346-5390  
redouble@webtv.net  
Deborah Wasik • 973-699-5902  
dwasik@metrographusa.com

**Pairings:** Lynn Baker lynn@lynnandjerry.com

**Newpicate (Red) (0-200 MPs)**  
One-session Pair Games Tues., Wed., Thurs.  
10 am and 3 pm

Play both sessions and get a free snack, soda and a mini-lesson between sessions.

**Contact**  
Cheryl Porter-Garofalo 201-641-8055  
cherylmagic7nt@aol.com

Thanks to Dist. 25 (New England) for the loan of Connecticut to hold our Regional.

**Monday, Oct. 22**  
Bracketed Compact KO Tms .....7 pm  
2nd (final) session Tuesday 9 am  
Side Game Series I (1st) .....7 pm

**Tuesday, Oct. 23**  
Side Game Series I (2nd) .....9 am  
Stratified Senior Prs .....10 am & 3 pm  
Bracketed Round Robin Tms .....1 & 7 pm  
*Top bracket played as Swiss – open to all teams.*  
Side Game Series I (3rd & 4th) .....1 / 7 pm

**Wednesday, Oct. 24**  
Bracketed Compact KO Tms .....9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified Senior Swiss Tms (VPs) .. 10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Open Prs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Side Game Series II (1st & 2nd) .....1 / 7 pm  
One Session Swiss Tms (Red) .....1 pm

**Thursday, Oct. 25**  
Side Game Series II (3rd) .....9 am  
Stratified Senior Prs .....10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Open Swiss Tms (VPs) .....1 & 7 pm  
Side Game Series II (4th & 5th) .....1 / 7 pm

**Friday, Oct. 26**  
Bracketed Compact KO Tms .....9 am & 1 pm  
Golden Opportunity Prs  
750/500/200 MPs .....10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Senior Prs .....10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0-2500) ..... 1 & 7 pm  
One Session Swiss Tms (Red) .....1 pm  
Side Game Series III (1st & 2nd) .....1 / 7 pm

**Saturday, Oct. 27**  
Bracketed Compact KO Tms .....9 am & 1 pm  
Golden Opportunity Prs  
750/500/200 MPs .....10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Senior Prs .....10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0-2500) .....1 & 7 pm  
One Session Swiss Tms (Red) .....1 pm  
Side Game Series III (3rd & 4th) .....1 / 7 pm

**Sunday, Oct. 28**  
Open Bracketed Round Robin Tms ..... 10:30 am  
*Top bracket played as Swiss —  
open to all teams. Short break for lunch.*  
Side Game Series III (5th) ..... 10:30 am

**Stratified Games:** A (2500+) B (1000-2500) C (0-1000) All team events are stratified by average MPs  
Mid-Chart (except Multi) permitted in top bracket of all bracketed team events

## THIS ‘N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Having recently returned from our Regional in Saratoga Springs, I was once again impressed with the smoothness with which the Unit 115 volunteers handled their assignments. Many thanks, especially to Fran Leary who as usual handled the caddies, made sure all volunteers were in place, and took care of too many other odds and ends to list here.

For the first time we used the Bridge Mates automated scoring system for all Pairs events and were very pleased with the reaction of the players. Those who were unfamiliar with using the system learned quickly, and everyone appreciated the speed with which the session results were available. We will use Bridge Mates at all future regionals.

ACBL President Sharon Anderson and her husband Roger were with us for several days, and she was very impressed with the warmth of

their reception. At Sharon’s request, we scheduled a “listening” session which everyone found helpful.

I will head for Philadelphia on July 8, to participate in the Board of Directors meetings before play begins on the evening of July 12, and continuing through July 22. It is not often we have a national so close to us and I will hope to see many of you there.

There will be a Youth NABC July 19-21. A number of our youth will be participating, and District 3 is subsidizing their trips. We plan to actively look for ways to publicize their experiences there as part of our ongoing efforts to encourage young players.

Remember we have a Regional coming up in Parsippany July 30 – August 5.

I look forward to seeing you at the tables.

Glenda Calkins  
District Director

**Saratoga Regional (June 11 – 17)  
Unit Winners**

**Mon – Tue KO Bkt 1**

Betty Bloom – Steve Bloom,  
Richard DeMartino – John Stiefel

**Mon – Tue KO Bkt 2**

Gary Taylor – James Beard,  
Valdean Mosier – James Bornheim

**Mon – Tue Side Game Series**

Mary Frederick  
Ross Lounsbury

**Tue 9 AM Side Game**

Flight A – Ross Lounsbury – Mary Frederick  
Flight C – Sandra Osterlich – Martha Precheur

**Tue 1 PM Side Game**

Flight A – William Teiper – John Riopelle

**Tue 7 PM Side Game**

Flight A – Phyllis French – Fran Leary  
Flight C – Glen Perry – Barbara Wolner

**Tue RR Teams Bkt 2**

Bob Donald – Diane Burger,  
Lynda Flanger – William Fisher

**Wed 1 PM Swiss Side Game**

Flight C – Jack Baugh – Patricia Baugh  
(tied) Paul Cuerton – Frances Cuerton  
Flight C – Linda Stosberg – Tamar Odell  
(tied) Adah Nicklin – Richard Hall

**Wed Open Pairs**

Flight A – Sandara Nelson – Bill Nelson

**Wed 7 PM Side Game**

Flight C – Diana Lack – Anne Lapinski

**Wed – Thu KO Bkt 1**

Betty Bloom – Steve Bloom,  
Richard DeMartino – John Stiefel

**Thu 10 AM 299er Pairs**

Flight C – Florence McConville – Frances Naples

**Thu Senior Pairs**

Flight C – Charles Mantia – Patricia Feulner

**Thu 7 PM Side Game**

Flight A – Christine Converse – William Kelsey

**Thu Open Swiss Teams**

Flight A – Bob Feller – Michael Klein  
Sandara Nelson – Bill Nelson  
Flight B – Bob Donald – Diane Burger  
(tied) Gregg Deitch – Ed Hornidge  
Flight B – Richard Lee – Steve Paskin  
(tied) Rich Underwood – Kerry Cotterell

**Fri Compact KO Bkt 3**

Gary Taylor – Valdean Mosier,  
Charles Mantia – Rosemary Isele

**Fri Golden Opp Pairs**

Flight B – Timothy Briney – David Howorth

**Fri 1 PM Side Game**

Flight A – Judy Dubay – Bill Dubay

**Fri 1 PM Swiss Side Game**

Flight C – Anne Lapinski – Len Lapinski  
Sue Eastman – Diane Alexander

**Fri – Sat KO Bkt 2**

Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele,  
Marcia Metzger – Ann McDowell

**Sat 1 PM Side Game**

Flight B – Katie & Gino Scalamandre

**Sat Senior Swiss Teams**

Flight B – Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus  
Sue Eastman – Diane Alexander

**Sat Golden Opp Pairs**

Flight A – William Wade – Layton Davis

**Sun RR Teams Bkt 2**

Kamal Gupta – Satya Pubuwal,  
Walter Smith – Bob Valenti

**Sun RR Teams Bkt 3**

Anne Lapinski – Len Lapinski,  
Sue Eastman – Diane Alexander

**Sun RR Teams Bkt 5**

Harry Landry – Martha Precheur,  
Anne Beard – John Vary

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

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

## Club Corner

### THE STUDIO

Mon. Jul 16 - 12:00 Inv. Charity CC

Sat. Jul 28 - 12:00 Club Championship

Wed. Aug 15 - 12:00 Club Championship

Mon. Aug 27 - 12:00 Inv. Charity CC

#### NAOP Qualifiers:

Wed. Jul 18 12:00 - Mon. Jul 30 12:00

Mon. Aug 13 12:00 - Wed. Aug 29 12:00

### AVILA

Sat. July 14 - 12:30 Charity Club Championship

Sat. July 21 - 12:30 Charity Club Championship

Sat. July 28 - 12:30 Membership Game

Sat. Aug 11 - 12:30 Club Championship

#### NAOP Qualifiers: Saturdays 12:30

Aug. 4, Aug 25

International Fund games all September except  
Sep 8

No Game 7/7 and 8/18

Contact Rhoda Kratenstein  
(518) 640-9553

## Don't Forget Awards Dinner

The Unit's annual awards dinner will be held  
at the Studio on August 18 at 12 noon.  
Dinner will be served, followed by the  
awards presentation, and then bridge.

## Rank Changes

### New Club Master

Richard Zak

### New Sectional Masters

Margaret Dillon      Mohammad Yadegari

Sarah Hoy              Pricscilla Yadegari

### New Regional Master

James Bornheim

### New NABC Master

Kamal Gupta

### New Bronze Life Master

Richard Bobilin

### New Silver Life Master

Vito Ramundo

### New Gold Life Master

Gregg Deitch

## Personal Notices

Condolences to the families and friends of

**Beaz Aldi,**  
**Nancy Hayden,**  
**Dorothy Buchanan,**  
**Munir Jabbur**

Munir's favorite pastime was, without  
a doubt, playing bridge.

Get well wishes to **Joan Harvey**

# BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

## WRONG QUESTION

By: Brian Gunnell

|                                   |                                     |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                   | ♠ 9542<br>♥ AQJ64<br>♦ AT8<br>♣ 7   |                                   |
| ♠ K<br>♥ K832<br>♦ QJ97<br>♣ 8652 | North<br>West      East<br>Declarer | ♠ JT8<br>♥ T9<br>♦ K6542<br>♣ JT9 |
|                                   | ♠ AQ763<br>♥ 75<br>♦ 3<br>♣ AKQ43   |                                   |

N-S Vulnerable

|     |       |      |       |      |
|-----|-------|------|-------|------|
|     | South | West | North | East |
|     |       |      | 1♥    | Pass |
| 1♠  | Pass  | 2♠   | Pass  |      |
| 4NT | Pass  | 5♥   | Pass  |      |
| 6♠  | Pass  | Pass | Pass  |      |

Once North opens the bidding it is hard for South to stay out of slam. Not that it's a bad slam but it does require a little bit of luck in one or both of the major suits. But good players make their own luck!

West leads the ♦Q, won in Dummy. There are two ways to play the trump suit ... either Declarer can take a first round finesse, which is the best way to play the suit for no losers ... or Declarer can cash the ♠A first, and later lead towards the Queen, a line of play designed to maximize the chances of escaping with only one trump loser (as it caters for singleton King offside). Which line of play do you adopt (we'll pretend that you have not already peeked at the E-W hands)?

Actually, that's the wrong question, the right question is *when* should Declarer play trumps. At Trick 2 Declarer does not know what is the objective in the trump suit. That depends upon the Heart suit:

- If the Heart finesse loses, then Declarer must play the trump suit all out, finessing the Queen on the first round and hoping that the King is doubleton and onside.
- If the Heart finesse wins, then Declarer has some leeway and can improve the chances of not losing *two* trump tricks, by cashing the Ace and later leading towards the Queen.

It's not a difficult hand when Declarer realizes that the success or failure of the Heart finesse will allow the trumps to be played in optimal fashion. On the actual layout, the play goes: Diamond lead won in Dummy, Diamond ruff, successful Heart finesse, and a Spade to the Ace, dropping the King with great aplomb and holding the trump losers to one. Making 12 tricks.

Visit [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) for more about the fascinating game of bridge or email [marketing@acbl.org](mailto:marketing@acbl.org)

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**Schedule of Upcoming Events**

|                  |                    |   |
|------------------|--------------------|---|
| <b>Thu – Sun</b> | <b>Jul 12 – 22</b> | <b>Summer NABC<br/>Philadelphia, PA</b> |
| <b>Sat</b>       | <b>Aug 18</b>      | <b>Awards Dinner<br/>Studio</b>         |
| <b>Fri – Sun</b> | <b>Sep 7– 9</b>    | <b>Sectional<br/>Studio</b>             |
| <b>Sat</b>       | <b>Sep 29</b>      | <b>NAP Finals</b>                       |