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Schenectady Sectional (at the Studio) April 19-21, 2013

Friday April 19

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	1:00 pm
Stratified 299er Pairs (0-100, 100-199, 200-299)	1:00 pm
Pro/Am Dual Scored -Pair game movement with Pro-Am Team	6:30 pm

Saturday April 20

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

Sunday April 21

Swiss Teams (2- Session stratiflighted play through; 42 boards)	11 am
(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

I will begin this message with a question, and it is not "How many bridge players does it take to

_____? (Fill in the blanks yourself). The actual question is, "What do Mayor Michael Bloomberg and I have in common?" If you guessed we are tied as the 10th richest person in the world, sadly for me, you would be wrong. In fact, Mayor Bloomberg and I are tied for having been elected to three terms in office. That puts me one ahead of Rudolph Guiliani, who could not convince the NYC Council to change the law and allow him to run for a third term. Perhaps I should open up a consulting firm offering "Can Do" seminars, I'd gladly give the former mayor a special fee.

For those who are depressed by the news of my re-election, cheer up, you have only five more President's Messages authored by me to read, well, four and a half if you've already stopped reading this one. But before you discard this article, there is some real good news. The Board had the good sense to re-elect Rich Underwood as Vice President, Paul Cuerdon as Treasurer, Marilyn Hart as Secretary, and Renie Federighi as

Membership Chair. As officers, they, other members of the Board, and other volunteers work hard to enhance your enjoyment of Unit activities. Please give them your support.

Further good news, we have the use of the newest generation of BridgeMates for all Unit activities, thanks to club managers Terry Bentley, Ray Ratte, and the Studio, who purchased them for use at all their club games plus club games directed by Bill Dubay. They agreed to allow use of them by the Unit in exchange for the trade-in value of the old and nearly useless BridgeMates and servers, a good deal for all.

The starting times for the Friday sectional in January, 12:30 and 5:30, did nothing to increase the attendance for the Friday evening session. This sectional, we'll try 1:00 and 6:30, adding time for mid-session meals and giving those that work a better chance to make the evening session. I admit, getting the Friday night attendance up has been a difficult problem to solve, and if scheduling times is not the major issue, perhaps the type of game is. If you don't play because you don't like the pro-am format, scoring both as board-a-match teams and pairs, let us know. Recommendations for a different type of event would also be appreciated.

Finally, the 2013 President's Cup is scheduled for May 18 at the Studio. This year, the strats for each player in this fun team game are under 300, under 750 or non-life master, under 1250 or non-life master, and unlimited. This has been an especially important event to Norma Shelly and Lorrie Chamberlin. We endured a great misfortune with the loss of Norma, and Lorrie deserves a respite from her tireless efforts of the past. We do have several board members who have volunteered to make phone calls to recruit players to fill out teams, but our major recruiting tool this year will be at the club level.

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President's Message contd.

Beginning early April, we will be furnishing club directors with sign-up sheets for the event. Please, if you're interested in playing, sign up as an individual, pair, three-some, or team (assuming everyone signed up for the same team meets the master point limitations) at a local club. We'll manage the phone banks late in the process to fill in opening for each team. If you're unable to attend a club game before May 4 and want to play in the President's Cup, call me before May 11, (518) 326-3829, and I'll add you to our lists and get you on a team.

Bob Valenti

President's Cup

The Unit has scheduled the 2013 President's Cup for Saturday May 18th 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 2012 year-end masterpoint totals.

The District 3

Race
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Points



SARATOGA REGIONAL

June 10–16, 2013

The Saratoga Hilton

534 Broadway • Saratoga Springs NY 12866
518–584–4000 \$139 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 \$115 single/double, plus tax.
Free parking at both locations.

Room Problems? Call Joan Gerard 914–948–0841
or email: joanandrongerard@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS

From the South and West: NY Thruway to Exit 24.
North on Route 87 (Northway) 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.

4 GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS!!
(two-session events) Wed. – Sat. 10 am & 3 pm
750/500/200 MPs Stratified Open Prs
GOLD POINTS for overalls and
section tops in top strat

Tournament Manager: Deborah Wasik
973–699–5902 • dwasik@metrographusa.com

Pairing: Terry Bentley
518–668–2248 • terrybentley@verizon.net

Monday, June 10

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

Side Games Series I (1st) 7 pm

Tuesday, June 11

Norma Shelly Novice Game (0-20 MPs) 9 am

Side Game Series I (2nd) 9 am

Intermediate Prs (0–300) 9 am

Bracketed Round Robin Tms 1 pm & TBA

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 12

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 II (1st) 1 pm

One 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 13

Side Game Series II (3rd) 9 am

Golden Opportunity Prs

750/500/200 MPs 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0–2500) 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Swiss Tms 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series II (4th) 1 pm

Side Game Series II (5th) 7 pm

Friday, June 14

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

One 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 15 — 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 16

Bracketed Round Robin Tms 10 am

Top bracket played as Swiss—Open to all teams

— short break for lunch

All Pair events are stratified

A (2500+) B (1000–2500) C (0–1000)
All team stratification based on average for the team. In any
event or flight with an upper limit, no individual player's MP
total may exceed that upper limit.

Compact KO Teams – 4 players only
Mid-Chart (except Multi) permitted in top bracket
of all bracketed team events

For a list of motels and train service from
NYC visit bridge-district3.org

Sectional Results

Jan 25 - 27, 2013

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
2			Judy & Bill Dubay I
3			Betty & Steve Bloom
4			Albert Ross – Richard Lee
5	1		Gregg Deitch – Ed Hornidge
6	2		Paul Meier – Beth Snyder
	3		Charlene Sunderland – Ruth Anderson
	4	1	David Nerrow – Mary McQuade Murphy
	5		Lois & Joe Phillips
	6		Yvonne Mendleson – Bibs Pankin
		2	Peter Mitchell – Robert Dickson
		3	Barbara & John McDonald
		4	James Beard – James Bornheim
		5	Barbara Fallone – Vince DePasquale

Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

1		Justine Cook – Richard Hall
2		John Flynn – Barbara Flynn

Friday evening Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	James Bornheim – James Beard
2			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
3			Carol & Stephen Paskin
4			Walter Smith – Kamal Gupta
	2		Sue Eastman – Diane Alexander
		2	Diana Lack – Daniel Wulff

Saturday morning 299er Pairs

A	B	
1	1	Joseph Grimaldi – Barbara Curran
2		Justine Cook – Richard Hall
		Larry Woolbright – John Battenfield

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Xiaoqian Liu – Maxim Siline
2	2		Kerry Cotterell – Bruce Williams
3			Joan Meyer – Larry Berman
4	3		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
5			Betty & Steve Bloom
6			Gregg Deitch – Bob Donald
	4/5		Lou Brickman – Mary Fredrick
	4/5		Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele
	6		Lois & Joe Phillips
		2	Sandra Patack – Judie Mayer
		3	Joan Dobert – Louise Landry
		4	Linda & Lew Millenbach
		5	Diana Lack – Glen Perry

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Gregg Deitch – Bob Donald
2	1		Kerry Cotterell – Bruce Williams
3			Walter Smith – Art Bernhardt
4			Roger Woodin – Glen Perry
5			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
6	2		Fran Leary – Phyllis French
	3	1	Sandra Patack – Judie Mayer
	4		Xiaoqian Liu – Maxim Siline
	5	2	Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele
	6		Bob Valenti – Kamal Gupta
		3	David Buchyn – Evelyn Markowitz
		4	Joan Dobert – Louise Landry
		5	Sandra Osterlich – Barry Ikler

Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Bill Dubay, Judy Dubay, Gregg Deitch, Ed Hornidge
2			Richard Underwood, Stephen Paskin, Kerry Cotterell, Bruce Williams
3/5			Steve Bloom, Betty Bloom, Beth Snyder, Paul Meyer
3/5			Albert Ross, Roger Woodin, Walt Smith, Bob Valenti
3/5			Diane Burger, Bob Donald, Xiaoqian Liu, Maxim Siline
	1		Ulla & Michael Sattinger, Linda & Lew Millenbach
	2	1	Terry Bentley, Rosemary Isele, Gary Taylor, Valdean Mosier
	3		Bernard Neuhart, Robert Neuhart, Kamal Gupta, Malik Magdon-Ismael
	4		Vito Ramundo, Glenn White, Mary Williams, Joel Prescott

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings
Unit 115 (as of Mar 6, 2013)

Mini-McKenney

Ace of Clubs

0-5	Scott Chevy John Battenfield Nancy Walko	Scott Chevy James Neeley John Battenfield
5-20	Catherine Brazelton Jill Paltrowitz Larry Woolbright	Catherine Brazelton Jill Paltrowitz Gina McCormick
20-50	Kathleen Carr Richard Zak Phil Ulrich	Phil Ulrich Richard Zak Phyllis Levy
50-100	Margaret Dillon John Dillon Liz Foster	Margaret Dillon John Dillon Ernest Venerus
100-200	Judith Parker James Bornheim Ellen Cotterell	Judith Parker Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell
200-300	William Kelsey Barry Ikler Joan Dobert	William Kelsey Joan Dobert Barry Ikler
300-500	Glen Perry Firm Weaver Jean Drake	Jean Drake Stanley Cohen Sandra Cohen
500-1000	Kerry Cotterell Rosemary Isele Harold Bigelow	Rosemary Isele Harold Bigelow Evelyn Markowitz
1000-2500	Joe Phillips Diane Alexander Lois Phillips	Louis Urbano Mary Anne Pickett Diane Alexander
2500-5000	Bob Donald Rob Neuhart Lucy & Gary Spongberg	Don Cohen Rob Neuhart Lois August
5000-7500	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Judith Shulman	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Judith Shulman
7500-10000	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay Al Ross	Judy Dubay Bill Dubay Al Ross
Over 10000	Steve & Betty Bloom Lynn Deas Neil Chambers	Betty Bloom Steve Bloom

Club Corner

THE STUDIO

The studio is announcing a new Swiss Teams series on Sundays @ 1PM

AVILA - Saturday 12:30

All April games are Charity Club Championships
May 4 & May 25 - Charity Club Championship

June 1 - NAOP qualifier
Worldwide Pairs Fri. June 7 - 7PM and Sat. June 8 at 12:30PM
No Game - June 15

Please contact Rhoda Kratenstein (after May 1st) to reserve a seat for the Worldwide Pairs.
(518) 640-9553

RANK CHANGES

New Junior Masters

Florence McConville
Chunyu Wang

New Club Masters

Leilani Rigby
Larry Woolbright

New Regional Master

Ellen Cotterell

New NABC Masters

James Bornheim
Barbara Parks

New Life Master

Terry Bentley

New Bronze Life Master

Malik Magden-Ismail

New Silver Life Master

Rosemary Isele

Courtesy Guidelines

For Bridge Players

1. Be courteous and patient
2. Do not review the bidding or the play of a hand until the round
3. Partnership discussions should be held in private
4. Examine the traveler quietly, do not read it aloud.
5. Do not criticize.
6. Do not snap your cards.
7. Keep the noise down.
8. Be quiet while announcements are made.
9. Be responsible for your litter.
10. Turn off cell phones and pagers.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Rita Redlich** and **Satya Pabuwal** for finishing first overall in the Inter Club Championship game March 5.

Personal Notices

Get well wishes to **Joan Harvey**, **Lorrie Chamberlin**, and **Sam Hill**.

BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

DASTARDLY DECEPTION

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ Q4 ♥ J93 ♦ AQJ5 ♣ 7643	
♠ K852 ♥ K862 ♦ 9 ♣ A985	North West East Declarer	♠ AT973 ♥ T75 ♦ 842 ♣ T2
	♠ J6 ♥ AQ4 ♦ KT763 ♣ KQJ	

N-S Vulnerable

South West North East

1NT Pass 3NT Pass

Pass Pass

When this was played in a team game, 3NT was reached at both tables, and both West players failed to find the lethal opening Spade lead. Instead, they led their fourth-best Heart, and we can report that one Declarer made her contract, the other didn't. Here's how.

At Table 1, the opening Heart trick went: Two, Nine, Ten, Queen. Declarer could count just seven top tricks and at Trick 2 he played the ♣K in an attempt to set up two more. It was a futile effort, of course. West took his Ace and, not wanting to give Declarer a third Heart trick, he shifted to a Spade. Down two.

At Table 2, Declarer was more resourceful. She realized that, if she took that first trick with the ♥Q, the defense would probably find the Spade shift. So, in an attempt to muddy the waters, she squandered the ♥A! Now Declarer played a Club to West's Ace. Picturing East to have started with ♥QTx and Declarer with ♥Axx, West continued with a low Heart to East's supposed Queen. But it was Declarer who produced that card, and who promptly claimed nine tricks.

That was dastardly play by Declarer, but could West have seen through the deception? To West it seemed that Declarer might well have held something like: ♠Axx, ♥Axx, ♦Kxxx, ♣KQJ. Would Declarer not hold up in Hearts with such a hand? Not necessarily, if she did she might fall prey to a deadly Spade shift, allowing West to win his King and revert to Hearts for down one.

Postscript: There is a signaling device that could have saved E-W. It's the Smith Echo, whereby at Trick 2 East gives his attitude to the opening lead ... he plays a high Club to say "I like the opening lead" ... and a low Club to say "I don't" Here the message will be "I don't", so East plays the Two, after which West will presumably shift to a Spade. Or maybe not as, after the play to Trick 1, he might already have lapsed into auto-pilot mode.

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sat	Apr 6	Grand National Teams White Plains, NY
Sat	May 18	President's Cup
Mon – Sun	Jun 10 – 16	Saratoga Regional
Mon – Sun	Jun 24 – 30	Unit STaC