

# Capital District Bridge Association

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### 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.

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#### 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](mailto:dwasik@metrographusa.com)

**Pairing:** Terry Bentley  
518–668–2248 • [terrybentley@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://bridge-district3.org)

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

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**The Saratoga Hilton**  
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### President's Message

It's an honor to write this message as we fast approach the inaugural Norma Shelley Saratoga Regional. No doubt everyone knows Norma's commitment to the success of the regional in the Saratoga venue. What better way to convince District 3 there is no location superior to Saratoga than to have a good turnout of Unit 115 members at the event. Our District 3 representatives, Fran Leary and John Riopelle, have been reporting how attendance is down at regionals, and since we have no control over out-of-town attendees, we need to max out our entrees in order to return the regional to Saratoga in the future. Players registering will also receive a unique little gift, which I will not divulge at this time. (Hint, it will not work well with a Kindle.)

For those who have not been to the Studio lately to see it, the Board dedicated a very nice plaque inscribed to define Norma's commitment to the regional and bridge in general. The plaque will be displayed at the registration table, so come up and see it. I think you'll agree Joe Phillips and Charlene Sunderland, who designed and arranged for the making of the plaque, did a terrific job.

Unfortunately, there is some bad news to report. Joan Gerard, long-time Director of District 3 and strong advocate for the Saratoga Regional, passed away last month. Although Joan was no longer District Director, she still had an active role in District activities. The District will miss her efforts, and many will miss her on a personal basis. Be there no doubt, however, the District is in the very capable hands of Director Glenda Calkins and its current officers led by President Eli Schneider.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, we will have already held the President's Cup Team Event. As I write this, we had around a dozen full teams committed to play. We no longer have Norma to recruit for the event, so this year we relied on the club directors and teachers who did a nice job in spreading the word about the event and handling sign-up sheets. Many people signed up as whole teams, and most of those who signed up as individuals were in the 0-300 category. Consequently, it was impossible to find teams for many of you who signed up as individuals. My apologies to those who wanted to play but for whom we could not find a viable team. We'll find a different recruiting strategy next year.

Our upcoming events are the July Sectional and August Awards Dinner, both at the Studio. We had a respectable turnout for the Friday night game at the April Sectional, so we will keep starting times on Friday in July at 1:00 and 6:30. The Awards dinner is my favorite event, so come out and honor those getting awards for their achievements in 2012, and enjoy a nice game of bridge right after.

Bob Valenti

## THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

So much has happened since I last wrote to you, it is hard to know where to begin. I was not able to write an article for your March newsletter as I was still quite disabled following major surgery to remove a malignant tumor from my lower back. I am pleased to be feeling much better, and looking forward to returning to tournament bridge at your regional in June, always one of my favorite tournaments.

The passing of Norma Shelley in your Unit was a great loss. She was such a positive force. It is an incredibly fitting tribute that your June regional has been named for her.

By now, many of you have heard that Joan Gerard, the District 3 Director for 26 years passed away. She was a unique presence in the world of bridge – at the local, national and worldwide levels, and will indeed be missed. I personally feel an incredible loss – just days before she went into the hospital, she and I were in constant touch. While I was in the hospital and in rehab, she did not get her day started before she had talked to me or to Barkley to see how I was progressing. None of us had any thought that she was the one about whom we should be most concerned. The large turnout for her memorial service on April , was evidence of how much she was loved and respected.

As I was not able to attend the Board meetings or the NABC in Saint Louis, I was pleased that Carlos Munoz, our District 3 Treasurer, represented us; by all accounts he did a marvelous job. We are lucky to have so many capable people who share a commitment to our District. Many thanks, Carlos.

In St. Louis, the first ever 0-10,000 Swiss Team event was held. The ACBL board will evaluate the response in order to determine the wisdom of making it a regular event in the future. If any of you participated, I will welcome your feedback on the experience. I think this event will continue since there was a great turnout – more than anticipated.

The summer NABC will be in Atlanta in early August. I plan to attend the Board meetings the week before play begins and will stay to play for a few days. I hope some of you will be able to attend.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Norma Shelly regional in June.

Glenda Calkins, Director

**Glenda Calkins, District 3 Director**

<div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>District 3 Summer Regional Aug. 19–25, 2013</h3>  <p><b>Crowne Plaza</b> 690 Route 46 East • Fairfield, NJ 07004 • 973-227-9200 Room rate is \$119 single/double plus taxes Cut off is August 5.</p> <p><b>Tournament Manager:</b> Deborah Wasik 973-699-5902 dwasik@metrographusa.com</p> <p><b>Directions</b> From NYC - Lincoln Tunnel to Rt. 3 West to Rt. 46 West. Hotel is 5½ miles ahead on left. Use Passaic Ave, exit for the U-Turn onto Rt. 46 East. From GW Bridge - Rt. 80 West to Exit 52. Right turn under bridge. Follow Passaic Ave, onto Rt. 46 East. Hotel on right. From Garden State Pkwy, northbound - Exit 153B puts you on Rt. 3 West. Follow directions above from NYC. From Garden State Pkwy, southbound - Exit 159. Follow signs to Rt. 80 West. Follow directions above from GW Bridge. From Connecticut/Upstate NY - Rt. 287 West over TZ Bridge or NY State Thruway South into NJ. Take Rt. 287 South to Rt. 23 South to Rt. 46 West and follow directions above from NYC.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>FUN! YOUTH BRIDGE FUN!</b> (19 and under, 0-50 MPs) Saturday: 10 am – 12:30 pm Trophies • Refreshments • No fees Barbara Clark 973-736-1969 bsyllab@aol.com Betty Cox 973-895-3506 bcox10@optonline.net</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">VISIT OUR WEB PAGE AT <a href="http://BRIDGE-DISTRICT3.ORG">BRIDGE-DISTRICT3.ORG</a></p>	<p><b>Monday, August 19</b> NEW! Fast Pairs (Quick Break).....5 pm &amp; TBA <i>Light supper available between sessions</i> Side Game Series I (1st) ..... 7 pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday, August 20</b> Stratified Open Pairs ..... 10 am &amp; 3 pm Bracketed Round Robin Teams ..... 1 &amp; 7 pm <i>Top bracket played as Swiss* - Open to all teams</i> Side Game Series I (2nd &amp; 3rd)..... 1 &amp; 7 pm</p> <p><b>Wednesday, August 21</b> Bracketed Compact KO Teams†* ... 9 am &amp; 1 pm Stratified Senior Swiss Teams ..... 10 am &amp; 3 pm Stratified Open Pairs ..... 1 &amp; 7 pm One-Session Open Swiss Teams (red) ..... 1 pm Side Game Series II (1st &amp; 2nd) ..... 1 &amp; 7 pm</p> <p><b>Thursday, August 22</b> <b>Golden Opportunity Pairs</b> 750/500/200 MPs..... 10 am &amp; 3 pm Strat. Open Pairs (2500+, 0-2500) 10 am &amp; 3 pm Bracketed Round Robin Teams..... 1 &amp; 7 pm <i>Top bracket played as Swiss* - Open to all teams</i> Side Game Series II (3rd &amp; 4th) ..... 1 &amp; 7 pm</p>	<p><b>Friday, August 23</b> Bracketed Compact KO Teams†* ... 9 am &amp; 1 pm <b>Golden Opportunity Pairs</b> 750/500/200 MPs..... 10 am &amp; 3 pm Stratified Senior Pairs ..... 10 am &amp; 3 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2500+, 0-2500)... 1 &amp; 7 pm One-Session Open Swiss Teams (red) ..... 1 pm Side Game Series III (1st &amp; 2nd)..... 1 &amp; 7 pm</p> <p><b>Saturday, August 24</b> Bracketed Compact KO Teams†* ... 9 am &amp; 1 pm <b>Golden Opportunity Pairs</b> 750/500/200 MPs..... 10 am &amp; 3 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2500+, 0-2500)... 1 &amp; 7 pm One-Session Open Swiss Teams (red) ..... 1 pm Side Game Series III (3rd &amp; 4th)..... 1 &amp; 7 pm</p> <p><b>Sunday, August 25</b> Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams.....10:30 am Flight A/X Swiss* unlimited/4000 Separate (7 8-board matches — short break for lunch) Flight B: Bracketed Round Robin Teams 0-2500 (7 7-board matches — short break for lunch) All Pairs stratified: A (2500+) B (1000-2500) C (0-1000) All team strats 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 flight †In all KOs Top Bracket may be handicapped</p>
<p><b>NEWPLICATE GAMES (Red) (0-200 MP)</b> One-session Pair Games Tues. and Wed. — 10 am &amp; 3 pm Sun. — 10 am &amp; 2:30 pm Play both sessions Tues. and Wed. and get free snack, soda and mini-lesson between sessions. No Newuplicate games on Thurs., Fri. and Sat. Play in the <b>Golden Opportunity Pairs</b> and win <b>GOLD</b> points. Contact: Cheryl Porter-Garofalo 201-641-8055 Cherylmagic7nt@aol.com</p>		
<p><b>SOLLY SPEAKS</b> Mon. Aug. 19, 1:30-3:30 pm National Tournament Director Sol Weinstein will hold a Q&amp;A for directors, club managers, and anyone who wants to know more about the fine points of ACBL rules and regulations.</p>		

## Sectional Results

Apr 19 - 21, 2013

### Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Satya Pabuwal – Kerry Cotterell
2	1	1	Fran & Paul Cuerdon
3			Rob Newhart – Bernie Neuhart
4	2	2	Marilyn Hart – Lois Tuohey
5	3		Gregg Deitch – Edward Hornidge
6			Betty & Steve Bloom
	4		Delores Inzero – Donna Chambers
	5		Richard Bobilin – Diana Lack
	6		Ross Lounsbury – Louis Urbano
		3	James Bornheim – Ernest Venerus
		4	Barbara & John McDonald

### Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Stephanie Beling – Barbara Frank
2			Constance Barrett – Joyce Barrett
3	1		A. Hallenstein – Roberta Berk
4	2	1	Janet Kristel – Lynne Francey
	3	2	Roberta Nahill – Elizabeth Batchelor

### Friday evening Duel Pro Am Teams

A	B	C	
1	1		Kerry Cotterell, Satya Pabuwal, Ernest Venerus, James Bornheim
2			Diane Burger, Bob Donald, Margaret Winslow, Coreeen Nejame
3			Carol & Stephen Paskin, W Daniel Kelsey, William Kelsey
4/5	2/3		Charles Harding, Dorothy Shelley, Nancy & S Michael Sharp
4/5	2/3		William Teiper, Donald Bathrick, Kamal Gupta, Malik Magdon-Ismael
		1	Susan Eastman, Diane Alexander, William Wade, Layton Davis
		1	Diana Lack, Danial Wulff, Patricia & Jack Baugh

### Friday evening Duel Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Diane Burger – Bob Donald
2			Nancy & S Michael Sharp
3/4			Rob Newhart – Bernie Neuhart
3/4	1		Kamal Gupta – Malik Magdon-Ismael
5			Bill Dubay – Walter Smith
6			Kerry Cotterell – Satya Pabuwal
	2	1	Ernest Venerus – James Bornheim
	3/4		Susan Eastman – Diane Alexander
	3/4		Diana Lack – Danial Wulff
	5	2	Patricia & Jack Baugh
		3	Mark Rosenholz – Ellen Cotterell
		4	Glen Perry – Kathleen Carr

### Saturday morning 299er Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Claire Wengraf – Kay Duncan
2	1	1	David Benoit – Mary Walker-Dagesse
3	2	2	Kathleen Carr – Florence McConville
4	3		Robert Butterfoss – Kathleen Fahey

### Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Judy & Bill Dubay
2	1	1	Peter Mitchell – Robert Dickson
3			Gregg Deitch – Robert Donald
4			Joan Meyer – Larry Berman
5	2	2	Kamal Gupta – Malik Magdon-Ismael
6			Gerald Cohen – Stephen Paskin
	3		Louis Brickman – Mary Fredrick
	4	3	Matthew Spencer – Frank Morgan
	5	4	Marilyn Hart – Tonetter Deangelis
	6		Joe Rizzuto – Pdeter Wick
		5	James Bornheim – Ernest Venerus
		6	Glen Perry – Kerry Cotterell

### Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Diane Burger – Robert Donald
2	1	1	Kamal Gupta – Malik Magdon-Ismael
3			Rob Newhart – Bernie Neuhart
4			Judy & Bill Dubay
5	2		Lois & Joe Phillips
6	3		Nancy & S Michael Sharp
	4	2	Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele
	5	3	Ellen & Kerry Cotterell
	6	4	Dorothy Shelley – Kathleen Carr

### Saturday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Richard Hall – Kermit Weaver
2	1	1	June & Stephen McQuide
3			Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
4	2	2	Neeko Gardner – Caroline Atwood
	3		Paula Matteson – Barbara Monie

### Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1	1		Rob Newhart, Bernie Neuhart, Kamal Gupta, Malik Magdon-Ismael
2			Betty & Steve Bloom, Donna & Neil Chambers
3			Satya Pabuwal, Kerry Cotterell, Rich Underwood, Stephen Paskin
4	2		Lois & Joe Phillips, Lois Tuohey, Martha Precheur
5			Judy & Bill Dubay, Gregg Deitch, Edward Hornidge
	3		Charles Schmidt, Dorothy Kraus, Lou Urbano, Ross Lounsbury
	4		Diane Burger, Robert Donald, David Funk, Margaret Lavelle
		1	Terry Bentley, Rosemary Isele, Arlene & Rolald Sahr,
		2	Diana & Jonathan Lack, Richard Bobilin, Glen Perry

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

	<u><b>Mini-McKenney</b></u>	<u><b>Ace of Clubs</b></u>
<b>0-5</b>	Scott Shevy John Battenfield Susan Penny	Scott Shevy Susan Penny John Battenfield
<b>5-20</b>	Selena Balick	Selena Balick
<b>5-21</b>	Catherine Brazelton Jill Paltrowitz	Catherine Brazelton Jill Paltrowitz
<b>20-50</b>	Kathleen Carr Richard Zak Phil Ulrich	Kathleen Carr Richard Zak Phil Ulrich
<b>50-100</b>	Margaret Dillon John Dillon Ernest Venerus	Margaret Dillon John Dillon Ernest Venerus
<b>100-200</b>	Judith Parker James Bornheim Christine Converse	Christine Converse Judith Parker Joan Weaver
<b>200-300</b>	William Kelsey Joan Dobert Martha Precheur	William Kelsey Joan Dobert Nancy Nitzberg
<b>300-500</b>	Glen Perry Rhoda Levine Firm Weaver	Jean Drake Rhoda Levine Arlene Sahr
<b>500-1000</b>	Kerry Cotterell Rosemary Isele Malik Magdon-Ismail	Rosemary Isele Harold Bigelow Lois Tuohey
<b>1000-2500</b>	Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander William Peruzzi	Diane Alexander Louis Urbano Mary Anne Pickett
<b>2500-5000</b>	Bob Donald Lucy & Gary Spongberg Rob Neuhart	Don Cohen Lucy & Gary Spongberg Rob Neuhart
<b>5000-7500</b>	Walter Smith Judith Shulman Stephen Paskin	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Judith Shulman
<b>7500-10000</b>	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay Al Ross	Judy Dubay Bill Dubay Al Ross
<b>Over 10000</b>	Steve & Betty Bloom Lynn Deas Bill Nelson	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom



## Club Corner

### AVILA - Saturday 12:30

NAOP qualifier Sat 12:30 June 1, July 6, July 13, Aug 3, and Aug 31.

Worldwide Pairs Fri. June 7 - 7PM and Sat. June 8 at 12:30PM

No Game - June 15

ACBL-wide International Fund game Fri 7PM July 26.

Check Avila's web site ([www.bridgescore.com/rhoda](http://www.bridgescore.com/rhoda)) for other special events

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

## Personal Notices

Condolences to the families of **Joan Harvey** and **Morris Cramer**

## RANK CHANGES

### New Junior Masters

Annette Gentile	Susan Penny
Margaret Quinn	Scott Shevy

### New Club Masters

Judith Ciccio	Jill Paltrowitz
Gina McCormick	Betty Seeley
Catherine Brazelton	

### New Regional Master

John Dillon

### New Bronze Life Master

Glen Perry

## Unit Website

Unit 115 has had a web site for over 12 years, yet often when I mention it to other players, they tell me that they didn't know about it. The site contains a Calendar of upcoming unit games as well as sectional and regional information for the surrounding area that I think our players may be interested in attending. After the tournaments, links are posted to the ABCL site for the results of these tournaments. These results remain on the calendar for about 5-6 months after the event. For our own local sectionals, recap summaries are also included for all pair games and Board-a-Match.

Other information that you can find includes newsletter archives, unit and district officials, locations of clubs in the unit (with game times), the unit's constitution and by-laws, and a list of several other web sites which may be of interest.

If you have a computer with Internet access, I invite you to visit the site at <http://cdbanet.org/> If you have any comments or suggestions, my "Inbox" is open! Just send a note to [twilite@nycap.rr.com](mailto:twilite@nycap.rr.com)

Charlene Chamberlain  
(reprinted from Aug 2009)

## Newsletter by Email

The unit is attempting to email the newsletter directly to our members.

If you wish to receive your copy of the newsletter by email, send a request to Rich Underwood at [Richu12065@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Richu12065@nycap.rr.com)

## BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

### DUMMY REVERSAL

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ 8642 ♥ KQ9 ♦ KJ6 ♣ AKQ	
♠ AQJT53 ♥ 542 ♦ T42 ♣ 4	North West      East Declarer	♠ K97 ♥ 6 ♦ 9873 ♣ J9853
	♠ ♥ AJT873 ♦ AQ5 ♣ T762	

E-W Vulnerable

South West North East

1♥ 2♠ 3♠ Dbl

Rdbl Pass 4NT Pass

5NT Pass 7♥ All Pass

N-S do well to reach 7♥. North's 3♠ said "Good hand with Heart support", South's Redouble showed a control in Spades, 4NT asked for Aces, and the 5NT response said "Two Aces and a void". That void was clearly in Spades, so North took a shot at the grand slam.

Trusting that the ♠A was not cashing, West led a trump, at which point Declarer could see 12 top tricks. The 13<sup>th</sup> might come from the Club suit (if the Jack would come down in three rounds), or, if trumps were 2-2 then the 13<sup>th</sup> trick would come from a Club ruff in Dummy. As you can see, both these lines of play were doomed to failure, but there was another line available, in the form of a so-called dummy reversal. Instead of counting six trump tricks in her hand plus maybe a single (Club) ruff in Dummy, Declarer reversed her thinking and went for no fewer than four Spade ruffs in her own hand.

Here's how the play started: opening trump lead won in Dummy, Spade ruff, trump to Dummy (East showing out, and putting paid to any ideas of a Club ruff in Dummy) and another Spade ruff. Back to Dummy with a Club, another Spade ruff, back to Dummy with the ♦J, and a fourth Spade ruff. Declarer had negotiated all the required ruffs but still had to get back to Dummy to draw that last enemy trump. As there were more Diamonds out than there were Clubs, Declarer reckoned that returning to Dummy with Diamonds was less likely to run into a defensive ruff. And so it was, with the dummy reversal bringing in 13 tricks.

**P.S.** If trumps had been 2-2 then Declarer would have abandoned the dummy reversal, counting up to 13 tricks with six trumps plus six side-suit tricks plus one ruff in the short hand. But when the dummy reversal became necessary the arithmetic changed to only three trump tricks (in Dummy) plus six side-suit tricks plus four ruffs in the long hand.

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>Mon – Sun</b>	<b>Jun 10 – 16</b>	<b>Saratoga Regional</b>
<b>Mon – Sun</b>	<b>Jun 24 – 30</b>	<b>Unit STaC</b>
<b>Fri – Sun</b>	<b>Jul 19 – 21</b>	<b>Sectional Studio</b>
<b>Thu – Sun</b>	<b>Aug 1 – 11</b>	<b>Summer NABC Atlanta, GA</b>