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Schenectady Sectional (at the Studio) September 20-22, 2013

Friday September 20

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	1:00 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-199, 200-299)	1:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	6:30 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-199, 200-299)	6:30 pm

Saturday September 21

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 22

Swiss Teams (2- Session flighted 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

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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Presidents Message

Last week I stopped by the District 3 Regional in Fairfield, NJ, where I was honored to be able to sit down and chat with, among others, ACBL CEO Robert Hartman and District 3 Director Glenda Calkins. When I arrived, District 3 President Eli Schneider was sitting at the table but had to leave to attend to District 3 business before the session that morning, so he gave his chair to me. Unlike the commercial featuring Bob Uecker, I actually did have a seat in the front row.

Obviously, our conversation was extemporaneous and covered a myriad of topics, but two things stand out. The first is the ACBL and District 3 have to deal with issues far more complex than we do at the Unit level. These include marketing, membership, goodwill, charity, scheduling, record-keeping, negotiation with vendors, and, of course, financial well-being. I have no doubt our interests are well served by the leaders and staff people at the ACBL and District 3.

The second, CEO Hartman was very proud of the success of the fund raiser for the

Alzheimer's Association, the Longest Day, held June 21. ACBL members raised over \$300,000 during the bridge-playing marathon. See CEO Hartman's article in the August ACBL Bulletin for more details.

In general, things are going well within the ACBL. Membership continues to increase, with demographics being the major contributor to increased or decreased membership within Units and Districts. Unit 115 is experiencing some gradual attrition, so our focus should be both on stabilizing, if not increasing, membership and getting our members to the table. We have several members in the Unit teaching either beginner or continuing bridge classes which, hopefully, will help our membership numbers. Teaching now are Marilyn Hart in Cohoes (moving to HVCC during the school year), Linda Strosberg at the Shenendahowa Adult Community Center, Terry Bentley at Prestwick Chase in Saratoga, and Bernie Neuhart at the ROCC. And, starting next month, David Buchyn will be teaching a continuing education beginner bridge class at Adirondack Community College.

The news from District 3 is also encouraging. Their 2013 Regionals have so far been successful. We have already reported on the very good turnout for the Norma Shelly Saratoga Regional last June, and, although at this writing the number of tables at Fairfield have not been tallied, based upon room rentals at the hotel, everything looks good. District 3 has worked hard to find the right hotel at the right location for its Regionals (and next year, after intensive negotiations, a better schedule for the 2nd Norma Shelly Saratoga Regional), and their efforts are paying off. Don't forget, the District 3 Regional in Danbury is next month, so take the short drive and play some good bridge.

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"Bridge at
its Best"

District 3 Autumn Leaf Regional

Danbury CT — Oct. 7–13, 2013

The Crowne Plaza Danbury

18 Old Ridgebury Road • Danbury CT 06810 • 203-794-0600

\$104 Single/double plus applicable taxes.

Reservation Deadline — September 23, 2013

Bridge rate rooms may sell out before deadline.

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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: Deborah Wasik • 973-699-5902
dwasik@metrographusa.com
Pairings: Lynn Baker lynn@lynnandjerry.com

Newpicate (Red) (0–200 MPs)
One-session Pair Games
Tuesday & Wednesday at 10 am & 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

Strats: 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
In all KOs Top Bracket may be handicapped

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

Monday, Oct. 7

NEW! Fast Pairs5 pm & TBA

Light supper available between sessions

Side Game Series I (1st)7 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Side Game Series I (2nd)9 am

Stratified Open Pairs10 am & 3 pm

Bracketed Round Robin Tms1 & 7 pm

Top bracket played as Swiss – open to all teams.

Side Game Series I (3rd & 4th)1 / 7 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Bracketed Compact KO Tms9 am & 1 pm

Stratified Open Swiss Tms (VPs)10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Prs1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series II (1st & 2nd)1 / 7 pm

One Session Swiss Tms (Red)1 pm

Thursday, Oct. 10

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

NEW! Golden Opportunity Prs

750/500/200 MPs10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Swiss Tms (VPs)1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series II (3rd & 4th)1 / 7 pm

Friday, Oct. 11

Bracketed Compact KO Tms9 am & 1 pm

Golden Opportunity Prs

750/500/200 MPs10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Senior Prs10 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. 12

Bracketed Compact KO Tms9 am & 1 pm

Golden Opportunity Prs

750/500/200 MPs10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Senior Prs10 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. 13

Open Bracketed Round Robin Tms10:30 am

Top bracket played as Swiss —
open to all teams. Short break for lunch.

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

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

We have just finished a Regional Tournament in Fairfield, NJ where we enjoyed a visit from Robert Hartman, the new (less than two years on the job) CEO of ACBL; he was warmly welcomed by members of District 3. Your president, Bob Valenti, made a special trip to meet him, which was very much appreciated. Sol Weinstein held a question and answer event on Monday afternoon, which provided the opportunity for attendees to explore the finer points of bridge table rules and regulations.

The Board meetings in Atlanta produced some interesting new developments:

- The 0-10,000 National event which had been introduced in St. Louis last spring was very successful, and it was decided to add other 0-10,000 events which will award 10% platinum points (10 points maximum). Check your Bulletins for the schedule of these new events.
- NAP and GNT conditions of contest have changed. As of June 2014 Flight B will now be a maximum of 2500 masterpoints.
- Don Mamula, the ACBL President, resigned for personal reasons, and Bill Cook (District 10 – Tennessee) was elected to complete his term. Bill was also elected to serve out the remainder of Joan Gerard's term as the ACBL representative to the World Bridge Federation (WBF). I have a very high regard for Bill and know he will do an excellent job for us in these interim positions.
- The Celebration of Life for Joan Gerard on August 3, was well attended. Her accomplishments were many and representatives from District 3, ACBL, USBF and WBF were all present and spoke about her devotion and dedication over the years.

We have one more Regional for the calendar year – Oct. 7-13, in Danbury. I hope to see many of you there.

Glenda Calkins, Director
ACBL District 3

Sectional Results July 19 - 21, 2013

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Susan Eastman – Diane Alexander
2	2		Lois & Joe Philips
3			Judy & Bill Dubay
4	3	1	Malik Magdon-Ismael – Kamal Gupta
5			Joan Meyer – Larry Berman
6			Mary Williams – Walter Smith
	4		Gregg Deitch – Ed Hornidge
	5		Judy & Richard Hill
	6		Louis Urbano – Ross Lounsbury
		2	Frances & Paul Cuerdon
		3	Christine Converse – William Kelsey
		4	James Bornheim, James Beard
		5	Tonette DeAngelis – Marilyn Hart

Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Yona Hermann – Patricia Doyle
2	2		Betty Seeley – Margaret Quinn
3	3		Mary Walker-Dagesse – David Benoit
4			Phyllis Levy – Liz Foster
		1	William Hughes – Michael Kindlon
		2	Min Xu – Wei Yi Sun

Friday evening Duel Pro Am Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Satya Pabuwal – Kerry Cotterell
2			Bill Dubay – Roger Woodin
3			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
4	1	1	Malik Magdon-Ismael – Kamal Gupta
5			Diane Burger – Bob Donald
	2	2	Carolyn Accardi – Joan Dobert
	3	3	Diana Lack – Gary Belcher
	4		Ulla & Michael Sattinger

Friday evening Duel Pro Am Teams

A	B	C	
1	1		Carolyn Accardi, Joan Dobert, Diane Burger, Bob Donald
2	2		William Kelsey, W Daniel Kelsey, Bernard Neuhart, Robert Neuhart
3			Christine Converse, Ellen Cotterell, Bill Dubay, Roger Woodin
	3	1	Susan Eastman, Diane Alexander, Malik Magdon-Ismael, Kamal Gupta

Saturday morning 299er Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Barbara Curran – Philip Mower
2	2	1	A I Sandy Mackay – Nancy Van Dusen
3			Virginia Brewer – Richard Hall
4	3		John Leslie – Florence McConville
		2	Norah Fredrickson – Betty Seeley

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Rhoda Kratenstein – Shannon Cappelletti
2			Sandy & Bill Nelson
3			Roger Woodin – Kerry Cotterell
4			Gregg Deitch – Bob Donald
5			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
6	1		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
	2		Lois & Joe Philips
	3		Anne & Leonard Lapinski
	4	1	Marion Kuritz – Vince De Pasquale
	5		Louis Brikman – Mary Fredrick
	6		Judy & Richard Hill
		2	Carolyn Accardi – Joan Dobert
		3	Diana Lack – Kay Lang
		4	Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele
		5	Anne & James Beard

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Bernard Neuhart – Robert Neuhart
2	1	1	Richard Bobilin – Glen Perry
3			Satya Pabuwal – Kamal Gupta
4			Rhoda Kratenstein – Shannon Cappelletti
5	2		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
6			Roger Woodin – Jon Fink
	3	2	William Kelsey – W Daniel Kelsey
	4		Judy & Richard Hill
	5		Diane Alexander – Sue Eastman
		3	Ellen & Kerry Cotterell

Saturday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	C	
1		Barbara Curran – Philip Mower
2		Richard Hall – Virginia Brewer

Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Sandy & Bill Nelson, Gregg Deitch, Ed Hornidge
2			Roger Woodin, Kerry Cotterell, Rhoda Kratenstein, Shannon Cappelletti
3	1		Bernard Neuhart, Robert Neuhart, Malik Magdon-Ismael, Kamal Gupta
4	2		Diana Lack, Jonathan Lack, Joyce Lack, David Lack
5			Vito Ramundo, Paulin Nault, Lucy & Gary Sponberg
6			Judy & Bill Dubay, Diane Burger, Bob Donald
	3	1	John Nelson, Linda Nelson, Janet Steig, Donald Campbell
	4/5		Susan Eastman, Diane Alexander, Anne & Leonard Lapinski
	4/5		Lois & Joe Philips, Janice Woodbury, Lois Tuohey
		2/3	Richard Bobilin, Glen Perry, Sandra Walters, Barbara Frank
		2/3	Jane Philip, John Philip, Kiyoko Mills, Elliot Vines

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

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Chunyu Wang Margaret Quinn Scott Shevy	Scott Shevy Margaret Quinn John Battenfield
5-20	Timothy Briney Jill Paltrowitz Betty Seeley	Jill Paltrowitz Selena Balick Catherine Brazelton
20-50	Kathleen Carr Phil Ulrich Phyllis Levy	Phil Ulrich Kathleen Carr Richard Zak
50-100	W Daniel Kelsey John Dillon Margaret Dillon	John Dillon Margaret Dillon A. Hallenstein
100-200	Ellen Cotterell Christine Converse Anne Beard	Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell Barbara Wolner
200-300	William Kelsey Joan Dobert Carolyn Accardi	William Kelsey Jane Carusone Joan Dobert
300-500	Glen Perry Firm Weaver Terry Bentley	Glen Perry Arlene Sahr Firm Weaver
500-1000	Kerry Cotterell Richard Bobilin Rosemary Isele	Rosemary Isele Harold Bigelow Kerry Cotterell
1000-2500	Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander Ulla Sattinger	Diane Alexander Louis Urbano Judy & Richard Hill
2500-5000	Satya Pabuwal Bob Donald Rob Neuhart	Don Cohen Satya Pabuwal Rob Neuhart
5000-7500	Stephen Paskin Walter Smith Judith Shulman	Walter Smith Stephen Paskin Judith Shulman
7500-10000	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay Al Ross	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay Al Ross
Over 10000	Steve & Betty Bloom Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom

Club Corner

THE STUDIO

Sat. Oct 26 12:30 NAOP Qualifier
DISTRICT FINALS FOR NORTH AMERICAN
PAIRS
FLIGHT B 0-2000 and FLIGHT C Non-life master
under 500 MP.
Free Supper between sessions
Contact Vito Ramundo (518) 346-3773 for more
information

AVILA

International Fund games - all Saturdays
12:30pm in Sept (no game 9/21)

Oct. 5th - Club Appreciation TEAM game
(come as a pair, we'll form teams at the game)
Oct. 12th - Club Appreciation PAIRS
Oct. 19th - STAC (silver points)
October 26th - No game (NAOP at studio)

Contact Rhoda Kratenstein
(518) 640-9553

Presidents Message contd.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention, as I have in the past, how much I enjoyed presenting awards to our members at the Unit's annual Awards Dinner last month. Congratulations to all the winners for their success at the table, but also to Joe Phillips and Barbara McDonald, very worthy winners of the Marvin Friedman and Mrs. Bridge awards, respectively.

Bob Valenti

Rank Changes

New Junior Masters

Claire Brunkhorst	Neil Morrone
Alice Colley	

New Club Master

Charles Harding

New Sectional Masters

Jean Cockcroft	Joan Teal
Edward DeFranco	Ronald Teal

New Regional Masters

Margaret Dillon
Sarah Hoy

New NABC Masters

Sandra Cohen	Joan Dobert
Stanley Cohen	

New Life Masters

James Bornheim	Louise Landry
William Kelsey	

New Bronze Life Master

Louise Landry	Firm Weaver
Arlene Sahr	

New Silver Life Master

James Ackerman	Sharon Lyons
Delores Inero	Diana Lack
Bonnie Taylor	

Personal Notices

Condolences to the family of
Lydia Bearden

BRIDGE BITES

from the American Contract Bridge League

STRANGER THAN FICTION

By: Brian Gunnell

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

Both Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
	1♠	Dbl	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

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

Mon – Sun	Oct 7 – 13	Fall Regional Danbury, CT
Fri – Thu	Oct 14 – 20	Unit STaC
Sat	Oct 26	NAP Finals
Fri – Sun	Nov 15 – 17	Sectional Studio