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Sectional

NEW LOCATION: Albany (at the Albany JCC)

November 21-23, 2014

Friday November 21 NOTE NEW TIMES

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	12:00 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-299)	12:00 pm
Pro/Am Dual Scored -Pair game movement with Pro-Am Teams	5:00 pm

Saturday November 22

BLUE RIBBON PAIRS (2 Sessions) (0-5000, 5000+)	10 am and 3 pm
(Single Session Entries will be sold)	
BCD PAIRS (0-300, 300-750, 750-1000)	10 am and 3 pm
(2 One Session Games)	

Sunday November 23

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 Bob Valenti (518) 326-3829 or Lasrav@yahoo.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:

Albany Jewish Community Center
340 Whitehall Road
Albany, NY 12208

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President's Message

Shortly after the September sectional, the Studio received word from the new owners of the building that they would need to vacate the premises by November 1st. In turn, the Unit needed to find a new venue to hold our sectionals. Fortunately, we had a search committee of Unit board members, Paul Cuerdon, Bill Kelsey, and Bernie Neuhart looking for new possible locations. After looking at many unacceptable and/or expensive locations, we found that the Albany Jewish Community Center on Whitehall Road in Albany is willing to hold our November sectional at their location. The Albany JCC normally closes at 7PM on Fridays, but they are willing to stay open until 9PM to allow us to hold our Friday evening game. In order to guarantee that the evening session is finished before that time, we need to start the evening session by 5PM. So the Friday events will be 12PM for the afternoon session and 5PM for the evening session. The events on Saturday and Sunday can remain unchanged.

As for our sectionals for 2015, we have the option to hold our 2015 sectionals at the Albany JCC. However, before committing the

Unit to hold our sectionals at the Albany JCC, the search committee is looking at one or two other possibilities at other locations. We will make a final decision after examining the other locations.

The Shelley Studio is moving to a new location at 251 New Karner Road, between Washington Ave Ext., and Central Avenue. The Unit will continue to hold its charity events, including the Christmas Party, the President's Cup, and the Awards Dinner at the Shelley Studio. The studio's owners have undertaken a financial commitment to continue operations, and I encourage everyone to play at the new location.

For years, the Unit has been able to keep the Sectional card fees to a minimum because of the Studio. Now that we need to find a new location, and because of other recently introduced expenses, we need to raise our card fees. The Board has approved a change in card fees from \$8.00 to \$9.00 per session. Even with this change in card fees, we still may be operating at a loss. However, we will examine the finances and only raise the card fees if needed.

I wish to give a special thanks to Paul Cuerdon, Bill Kelsey, and Bernie Neuhart for their tremendous effort in finding us a new location. Most commercial based venues, such as hotels, country clubs, etc. are too expensive for holding our tournaments. Many possibilities such as fire halls, and community rooms were too small. So our choices were limited. However, they were able to find us a place to play. I also wish to thank Bill and Dan Kelsey in assisting me in moving the belongings of the unit to a temporary storage location until we have a more permanent home.

Rich Underwood

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

As I write this, I am looking forward to the upcoming regional in Danbury and the NABC in Providence in November. The Danbury tournament is actually held within the boundaries of District 25 and enjoys their full support and cooperation. It is a popular event with members of both districts; it is an excellent example of the importance of inter-district cooperation and good neighborliness. The recent regional in Fairfield was very good in many respects, including great support from the hotel. Nevertheless, attendance was disappointing, down from the previous year. I hope all of you will join the District board in encouraging participation in our regionals; they really do help all of us. Our youth program continues to be dynamic, thanks in large measure to the good efforts of Barbara Clark and Betty Cox, two members of the District board. The recent youth event at our regional in Fairfield was well received. The next one will be in Rye in January.

There are important new developments from ACBL headquarters:

- A flood at headquarters on September 11th caused extensive damage, not only to the building itself, but also to the computer based systems and operations. The site had to be closed for an extended period. Thanks to a tremendous effort by the staff, services to the clubs and tournaments were not interrupted.
- Some of you may be aware of the extensive discussion now taking place on line regarding the financial loss which accompanied the decision to scrap the new ACBL Score Plus program and to write off our substantial investment in it. Most of the board members, myself included,

do not believe that we have had an adequate explanation from management of all that occurred here. We are pressing for more information, and I expect to have much more to report on this front after our meetings in Providence.

- In Las Vegas there was a first reading of a number of motions to make some significant changes in master point awards. These require a second reading in Providence, and I will report the final outcome to you after that meeting. It seems highly likely that most of these changes will be made effective January 1, 2015; if you would like to see the motions as they currently stand, visit the ACBL web page and look at the portion of the minutes from the Las Vegas meeting to do with master points.
- If you have not yet done so, look at the new ACBL web page; one of the significant improvements is a "Learn to Play Bridge" program; the early feedback on the program has been positive.

I want to take this moment to say how much I appreciate the significant degree to which Unit 115 members continue to contribute to the life and work of District 3. Thanks to the efforts of Fran Leary, we were able to hold the B and C flights of the NAP finals in Schenectady.

Hoping to see many of you at the NABC in Providence, if not before.

Glenda Calkins, Director
District 3

Sectional Results

Sept 19 - 21, 2014

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Satya Pabuwal – Kamal Gupta
2			Sandy & Bill Nelson
3/4			Betty & Steve Bloom
3/4	1		Louis Urbano – Ross Lounsbury
5			Rich Kasprovicz – Richard Bobilin
6	2		Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus
	3		Barbara Burgess – Ray Ratte
	4	1	Eleanor Lisuzzo – Fran Gawron
	5	2	Christine Converse – Richard Hall
	6	3	Judith Mayer – Rochelle Rivers
		4	Lois Tuohey – Liz Foster

Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

A	B	
1	1	Patricia Finkle – Susan Wold
2	2	Andrea Campell – AnneDewell

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Betty & Steve Bloom
2			Sandy & Bill Nelson
3			Stephen Paskin – Gerald Cohen
4			Gregg Deitch – Bob Donald
5			Satya Pabuwal – Art Bernhardt
6	1		Glen Perry – Richard Bobilin
	2	1	Christine Converse – Richard Hall
	3	2	Patrick Rogers – Ray Ratte
	4		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
	5		R Muggia – Frank Morgan
	6		Joel Prescott – Mary Williams
		3	Marilyn Hart – Liz Foster
		4	W Daniel Kelsey – William Kelsey
		5	Norah Fredrickson – Betty Seeley
		6	Margaret Lavelle – David Nerrow

Friday evening Pro/Am Team Game

A	B	C	
1			W Daniel Kelsey, William Kelsey, Diane Burger, Bob Donald
2/3	1/2	1/2	Glen Perry, Kathleen Carr, Ulla & Michael Sattinger
2/3	1/2	1/2	Daniel Wulff, Diana Lack, Maria Weinberg, Peggy Fitzpatrick

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Diane Burger – Bob Donald
2	1		Gregg Deitch – Glen Perry
3	2		Bernard Neuhart – Sylvia Persico
4	3		Lindra & Lew Millenbach
5			Judy Shulman – Michael Klein
6			Satya Pabuwal – Art Bernhardt
	4	1	Patrick Rogers – Ray Ratte
	5		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
	6		Phyllis French – Fran Leary
		2	Christine Converse – Richard Hall
		3	Mary Ryder Wright – W Daniel Kelsey
		4	William Kelsey – Richard Bobilin
		5	Marilyn Hart – Liz Foster

Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Donna Chambers, Ron Harvey, Betty & Steve Bloom
2			Satya Pabuwal, Kamal Gupta, Diane Burger, Bob Donald
3			Rich Kasprovicz, Lynn Deas, Michael Klein, Judy Shulman
4			Kerry Cotterell, Gregg Deitch, Sandy & Bill Nelson
5	1	1	Evelyn Markowitz, Dave Buchyn, Anne & James Beard
	2	2	Christine Converse, Richard Hall, C Thomas Corwin, A Hallenstein
	3		Diane Alexander, Gloriana Clark, Anne & Len Lapinski
	4		Lindra & Lew Millenbach, Ulla & Michael Sattinger

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings
Unit 115 (as of October 6, 2014)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Kenneth Cohen Marjaa Zachary Alka Gupta	Kenneth Cohen Marjaa Zachary Lynne Francey
5-20	Susan Penny Patricia Berrian Julia Kilby	Susan Penny Patricia Berrian Julia Kirby
20-50	Betty Seeley Norah Fredrickson Rupinder Puri	Norah Fredrickson Betty Seeley Jill Paltrowitz
50-100	Kathleen Carr Barbara Fallone Maria Heverly	Kathleen Carr Maria Heverly Phil Ulrich
100-200	A. Hallenstein Barbara Wolner John Dillon	A. Hallenstein John Dillon Liz Foster
200-300	Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell W Daniel Kelsey	Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell Susan Klein
300-500	William Kelsey Terry Bentley James Beard	William Kelsey Terry Bentley James Beard
500-1000	Glen Perry Arlene Sahr Charles Mantia	Arlene Sahr Gerald Kaufman Charles Mantia
1000-2500	Kerry Cotterell Sue Eastman Diane Alexander	Diane Alexander Louis Urbano Bob Valenti
2500-5000	Satya Pabuwal Bob Donald Lynda Flanger	Satya Pabuwal Don Cohen Larry Berman
5000-7500	Arthur Bernhardt Walter Smith Stephen Paskin	Arthur Bernhardt Walter Smith Stephen Paskin
7500-10000	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay	Judy Dubay Bill Dubay
Over 10000	Bill Nelson Lynn Deas Sandy Nelson	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom

Club Corner

STUDIO

The STUDIO is MOVING!!! After more than 40 years on Eastern Parkway in Schenectady, the Shelly Studio of Bridge and Games, LLC is moving to a new location on Route 155 between Washington Avenue. Ext. and Central Avenue. Our new facility is located in a one story office building next to Ruth's Automotive. You may reach our parking lot from New Karner Road or VFW Road. We will hold games Mondays and Wednesdays at noon and Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. Our official opening will be Monday, November 3, 2014. Come out and join us.

Shelly Studio of Bridge and Games, LLC
251 New Karner Road
Albany, NY 12205

AVILA

AVILA Duplicate Bridge Sat at 12:30pm

See www.acbl.org Club Results for our schedule and game results.

No game Nov. 22 (Albany Sect.)

Beginning in November, the Thurs. eve game at 7:00 PM will be located at the new Studio location

Contact Rhoda for partners (email: rhodakratenstein@msn.com or phone: 561-495-6470).

Personal Notices

Condolences to **Marie Felthousen** on the death of her husband

Sybil's Christmas Party

You are invited to Sybil's Xmas Party on Sunday Dec. 14, 2014. Please note the changes that have been made:

1. It will be a dessert only celebration with all food & beverages provided by the unit. Food donations are not requested from our members - so no work for you!
2. It will begin at 12:30pm with desserts, coffee, and soda available all afternoon. The game begins at 1 pm.
3. The party will be held at the new Shelly Studio of Bridge & Games at 251 New Karner Road, Albany NY 12205.
4. The cost of the event will be \$9.00 per person.

Questions? Call Fran Cuerdon - 783-8094
Come join the fun!

Fran Cuerdon

Rank Changes

New Junior Masters

Alka Gupta	Kate Meath
John Morgan	Joyce Zweibel
Raymond Muldorf	

New Club Masters

Anne Herlihy	Julia Kilby
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New Regional Masters

John Leslie

New Bronze Life Master

Terry Bentley

New Silver Life Masters

Gerald I Kaufman	Anne Lipinski
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2015 Pie Fund Raiser

Thanks to Smith Orchard Bake Shop and member Walt Smith, the Unit will once again conduct its annual fund raiser by selling Smith pies. Funds raised will offset some of the Unit's costs for hospitality and registration gifts at the Norma Shelly Spring Regional scheduled for June in Saratoga. Pies may be ordered in 10-inch or 5-inch sizes (5-inch sizes must be ordered in multiples of three and be of the same flavor.) As in the past, Walt will deliver all pie orders to your club game of choice.

There will be a couple of changes this year. First, we will conduct the fund raiser earlier than in the past. Walt and his wife Laurie will be touring Australia from mid-February to mid-March, and he needs to deliver all the ordered pies before their vacation. Why, you might ask? Since most of the pies he delivers are frozen, the odds of delivering still-frozen pies to you are much higher in early February than late March. Unfortunately for us, a refrigerated truck is not in Walt's future.

Secondly, there will be a slight increase in cost for individual pies this year. We have had no price increases over the last eight years, as the Smith Orchard Bake Shop has absorbed all labor and materials costs over that time. It's unfair to them to ask them to do it again. Regardless of the cost, it will equal to or only slightly greater than you can buy the pies directly from the Pie Shop in Charlton, and look at the gas you save.

So be on the lookout for pie order forms in an upcoming Newsletter or at your local clubs.

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

	Nov 27 – Dec 7	Fall NABC Providence, RI
Sun	Dec 14	Sybil's Christmas Party New Studio (251 New Karner Road)
Tue – Mon	Jan 13 – 19	District 3 Winter Regional Rye, NY
Fri – Sun	Feb 6 – 8	Sectional (TBA)