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Sectional – Clifton Park (at the Shenendehowa Adult Community Center) January 29-31, 2016

Friday January 29		NOTE TIMES
Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)		1:00 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-299)		1:00 pm
Pro/Am Dual Scored - Pair game movement with Pro-Am Team		5:30 pm
Saturday January 30		
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 January 31		
Swiss Teams (2- Session stratiflighted play through; 42 boards)		11 am
(1/2 hour break between sessions)		

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For Partnerships: Call Bernie Neuhart 518.372.3936 or bhnewhart@nycap.rr.com

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Tournament Director's Message

Finally, we are out of the tunnel and into the light. Since the closing of Schenectady's Studio of Bridge and Games some two-plus years ago, the Unit has scrambled to find suitable venues to hold its five sectionals per year. With the opening of the new Shelly Studio of Bridge in Latham, we are pleased to be able to hold most of our future sectionals in their spacious new club.

We owe many thanks to both the Albany JCC and Shenendehowa Senior Center for opening their facilities to us while we searched for a permanent home for our tournaments. Staff at both facilities were very accommodating, and in several cases, moved activities with prior reservations to other dates and times so the playing area would be available to us on the weekends we needed.

As mentioned, most of our tournaments will be held at the new Shelly Studio of Bridge. In the future, we expect to hold one tournament per year at the Shenendehowa Senior Center as requested by our northern Saratoga and Warren County members. This year, we will

hold two sectionals at the Shenendehowa Senior Center, this one and one in September, as this January sectional was scheduled many months ago before the Shelly Studio became available.

In addition to our new playing location, there are a couple of other changes the membership should know about. First, there will be no spring sectional this year. The ACBL requested we cancel the tournament we had scheduled and ACBL had approved for the weekend of April 8-10 as no tournament directors were available for assignment. We worked with both District 3 and the Northeast Field Supervisor responsible for assigning directors to find an alternative weekend, but due to the confluence of several regionals, religious holidays, and vacations, none were available.

We announced this at the general membership meeting held in conjunction with the Unit's Christmas party, and an idea suggested by one of the members was well received. Instead of holding a sectional, we will sponsor a full weekend of Unit Championships, games whose masterpoint awards are nearly sectionally rated. Unit games do not require tournament directors, so we can conduct the games with club directors. As such, we have scheduled separate pairs games on Friday and Saturday. The Friday Unit Championship game will be managed by Judi Shulman at her club game at the Shelly Studio beginning at 12:00, the Saturday Unit Championship game will be managed by Rhoda Kratenstein **who is moving her Saturday game on April 9 from Avila to the Shelly Studio**, beginning at 12:30. Both games will be stratified as usual. Sunday will be a one-session Unit Charity Swiss team game managed by the Shelly Studio beginning at 12:00. The charity team game will be stratified, but if a sufficient number of teams come to play, we will bracket the field and teams will be playing against teams solely in

their bracket. Note, this team game will not be a Pro/Am, so come as a team of four, if possible. Individuals looking to partner with someone, or pairs looking to team with other pairs are welcome, but it is highly recommended you contact Bernie Neuhart (518) 372-3936, partnership chair, so he can do some advance work in setting up people looking for teams.

Another change we are considering is an earlier starting time of future sectionals for the first session on Friday. Sessions beginning at 10:00 or 11:00 are under consideration, if only to get people home after the first session or to the game for the second Friday session before build-up of traffic, especially at the Kosciuszko Bridge on Northway I-87.

The attendance at the second session on Friday continues to be somewhat disappointing for a sectionally-rated event, and we are asking for membership input on the following:

1. Should we continue with the Pro/Am team, matchpoint pairs hybrid or switch strictly to matchpoint pairs?
2. If we switch to pairs, should we have two-one session games as we do on Saturday, or should we hold a two-session event where one session entries will be sold with these entrants eligible for section awards but ineligible for overall awards.
3. Should we continue to leave a gap of one to one and one-half hours between Friday sessions or shorten the gap to one-half hour with food orders brought in by a local merchant?

If you have thoughts on these options, please let me or other board members know your preferences soon so we can incorporate any changes in the June sectional.

Here's the upcoming events currently scheduled:

April 8-10 Unit Championship weekend, Shelley Studio (one session each day)
Pairs Friday April 8, 12:00
Pairs Saturday April 9, 12:30
Charity Unit Championship Swiss Teams, 12:00

Sectional, **June 24-26** Shelly Studio

Unit Championship, July 21, Avila 7:00
Unit Championship, July 23, Avila 12:30

Sectional, **September 16-18**, Shenendehowa Senior Center

Unit Championship, October 8, Avila 12:30
Unit Championship, October 20, Avila 7:00

Sectional, **November 18-20**, Shelly Studio

Lastly, there are nine bridge clubs in Unit 115 that offer at least one open or open/invitational games each week, and they are easily found on the ACBL website, acbl.org. On their main page, click on "clubs" in the green banner across the top, then "find a club" on the menu on the left side of the next page. By clicking on "Unit", a draw down menu will be revealed, highlight "115" under district 3, then "search." A complete listing of clubs in the Unit will be displayed. Click on your club of choice to find out days, times, and type of game offered.

Bob Valenti

THIS 'N THAT
UNIT 115 – JANUARY 2016

There is much to report from the ACBL Board meetings in Denver. Ken Monzingo, Director of District 22 in California, was elected president for 2016 by an overwhelming margin. Ken brings many years of ACBL board experience; he has served in numerous capacities, most recently as Treasurer; he is already hard at work.

Strategic and CEO goals for 2016 have been identified; articulating the “measurables” will be an important next step. The goals include:

- Focus on membership growth and retention.
- Address policies and procedures to minimize cheating and thus ensure the confidence of our membership in the integrity of the game.
- Increase the investment in the training and continuing education of our tournament directors.
- Develop our technology infrastructure and establish a plan for the future of ACBL Score.

The extensive publicity about cheating, particularly in international competitions that represent the highest levels of the game, has intensified the board’s concern over the problem. I have considerable confidence in Georgia Heth, a lawyer and long time ACBL board member, who chairs the Charges and Appeals Committee, not only for ACBL, but also for the World Bridge Federation. Procedures are being improved and penalties increased. Stay tuned for more information on this important issue.

Managing technology more effectively continues to be a critical issue. The IT staff has been substantially upgraded, and continues to work with the technology committees of the board and the staff. An

open meeting was held in Denver to provide the opportunity for members to raise questions about all aspects of our IT management. Such meetings will continue to be held at each NABC for the foreseeable future.

In Denver, our own Marilyn Wells was one of four tournament directors promoted to associate national rank. Congratulations Marilyn, we are proud of you!!!!!!!!!!!!

By the time you read this, for the first time, the Joan Gerard Winter Regional will have been held at the Hilton Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey. The move from Westchester was necessitated by the growing deficits of the tournaments there. We are optimistic that the move will prove beneficial.

As always, I am very much looking forward to the Saratoga regional that you host so effectively each year. I just learned that Robert Hartman, the CEO of ACBL, will attend.

Barkley joins me in wishing a happy and healthy 2016 to all of the members of Unit 115.

Glenda Calkins
District 3 Director

**Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings
Unit 115**

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Patricia Detoffol Lisa Thaler Marjorie Zak	Patricia Detoffol Lisa Thaler Marjorie Zak
5-20	Robert Carter Jay Portnoy Susan Wold	Robert Carter Jay Portnoy Susan Wold
20-50	Susan Penney Alice Colley Jinny Morgan	Susan Penney Alice Colley Jinny Morgan
50-100	Richard Zak Steve McQuide June McQuide	Richard Zak Steve McQuide June McQuide
100-200	Margaret Dillon Sarah Hoy Ernest Venerus	Ernest Venerus Margaret Dillon John Leslie
200-300	A. Hallenstein John Dillon Susan Klein	A. Hallenstein John Dillon Susan Klein
300-500	Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell Dan Kelsey	Christine Converse Ellen Cotterell Dan Kelsey
500-1000	Malik Magdon-Ismail Bill Kelsey Kamal Gupta	Malik Magdon-Ismail Bill Kelsey Harold Bigelow
1000-2500	Glen Perry Kerry Cotterell Diane Alexander	Diane Alexander Lou Urbano Rosemary Isele
2500-5000	Rob Newhart Bernie Neuhart Bob Donald	Rob Newhart Lynda Flanger Bob Donald
5000-7500	Satya Pabuwal Arthur Bernhardt Stephen Paskin	Satya Pabuwal Arthur Bernhardt Stephen Paskin
7500-10000	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay
Over 10000	Lynn Deas Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson Betty & Steve Bloom

Sectional Results

November 20 - 22, 2015

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Alex Hallenstein – Don Cohen
2			Mike Rogers – Peter Allen
3	1	1	Richard Bobilin – Barbara Wolner
4			Bob Donaldl – Gregg Deitch
5			Lynda Flanger – Arthur Bernhardt
6			Betty & Steve Bloom
7	2	2	James Bornheim – James Beard
	3		Diane Alexander – Sue Eastman
	4		Malik Magdon-Ismael – Kamal Gupta
	5		Mary Williams – Amelia Urbano
	6		Barbara & John MacDonald
		3	Liz Foster – Tonette Deangelis

Friday afternoon 299er Pairs

D	E	F	
1	1	1	Steven Randle – Denny Lyster
2	2		Patricia Favreau – Philip Pearson
3	3	2	Roberta Nahill – Richard Norton

Friday evening Dual Pro Am Pairs

A	B	
1		Rob Neuhart – Bernie Neuhart
2	1	Ulla & Michael Sattinger
3		Mike Rogers – Peter Allen
4/5	2	Lynda Flanger – Barbara Wolner
4/5		Glen Perry – Gregg Deitch
	3	Ellen & Kerry Cotterell

Friday evening Dual Pro Am Teams

A	
1	Lynda Flanger, Barbara Wolner, Ulla & Michael Sattinger
2	Rob Neuhart, Bernie Neuhart, Steven Randle, Denny Lyster

Saturday Blue Ribbon Pairs

A	X	
1	1	Gregg Deitch – Malik Magdon-Ismael
2		Lynn Deas – Rich Kasprovicz
3	2	Don Cohen – Kamal Gupta
4	3	Mike Rogers – Peter Allen
5		Betty & Steve Bloom
6	4	Lynda Flanger – Dan Kelsey
	5	Terry Bentley – Rosemary Isele

Saturday morning B/C/D Pairs

B	C	D	
1	1	1	Roberta Nahill – Richard Norton
2	2	2	Denny Lyster – Steven Randle
3	3	3	Gail & Alan Gamble
4	4	4	Liz Foster – Phanindra Chakraborty
5	5		Bob Putz – Alice Platt

Saturday afternoon B/C/D Pairs

B	C	D	
1	1	1	Liz Foster – Phanindra Chakraborty
2	2	2	Bob Putz – Alice Platt
3	3		Denny Lyster – Steven Randle
4/5			Anne & James Beard
4/5			John Conova – Liz VonRiesenfelder

Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Victor King, Simon Kantor, Betty & Steve Bloom
2			Gregg Deitch, Malik Magdon-Ismael, Rob Neuhart, Bernie Neuhart
3	1		Mike Rogers, Peter Allen, Peter Mitchell, Nancy Hale
4	2	1	Diane & Jonathan Lack, Dan Kelsey, Bill Kelsey
5	3		Diane Alexander, Donald Bathrick, Anne & Len Lapinski
6	4	2	Maria Heverly, Mary Ryder Wright, Barbara & John McDonald
	5/6	3/4	Steven Randle, Denny Lyster, Alka Gupta, Marion Kuritz
	5/6	3/4	Evelyn Markowitz, Dave Buchyn, Anne & James Beard

Club Corner

AVILA

Games: (see acbl.org for events schedule)

Sat. Feb 6th ACBL-wide International Fund game awards RED points, hand analysis hanouts.

Compete with pairs across ACBL. Entry \$10 per pair

Fri. June 3rd and **Sat. June 4th** - Worldwide Pairs

Shelly Studio

Games: Mondays @ 11:30 AM, Tuesdays @ 7 PM & Wednesdays @ Noon. Judi's free lessons will precede Monday's game @ 10:45 AM.

Other games held at Shelly Studio of Bridge: Fridays @ Noon (Judi's)

Club Championships are 2/15, 2/16, and 2/17.
Unit STACs - 2/22, 2/23, & 2/24.
ACBL-wide senior pairs - 3/7

Personal Notices

Condolences to the families of **Anne Marie Gapp** and **George Tourajian**

Get well wishes to **Rosemary Zongrone** and **Alice Zyac**

RANK CHANGES

New Junior Masters

Ellen Ellis	Edward Polch
Thomas Levanduski	Deborah Rausch
Roberta Nahill	

New Club Masters

Tage Andersson	Janet Kristel
Michelle Monticup	Barbara Quick
John Settanny	

New Sectional Masters

Robert Carter
Jay Portnoy

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RANK CHANGES (continued)

New Regional Masters

Maria Heverly
Jill Paltrowitz

New NABC Master

Mary Ryder Wright

New Life Masters

Christine Converse	Alex Hallenstein
Sheela Kulkarni	Sudhir Kulkarni

New Bronze Life Master

Christine Converse

New Silver Life Masters

Harold Bigelow
Lois Tuohey

New Ruby Life Masters (new Rank)

Diane Alexander	Ruth Anderson
Don Chillrud	D.A.Collins
Kerry Cotterell	Teresa Fenimore
Joan Fisher	Phyllis French
Charles Halbfinger	Judy Hill
Richard Hill	Dorothy Kraus
Ross Lounsbury	Paul Meier
Lee Pearson	Glen Perry
Lois Phillips	Mary Anne Pickett
Blaise Reinhart	John Riopelle
Esther Roche	Ulla Sattinger
Larry Rosen	Charles Schmidt
Beth Snyder	William Teiper
Rich Underwood	Lou Urbano
Bob Valenti	Peter Wick

New Gold Life Master

Mary Fredrick

New Sapphire Life Masters (new Rank)

Don Cohen	Gerald Cohen
Bob Donald	Lynda Flanger
Rich Kasprovicz	Bernie Neuhart
Rita Redlich	Nele Rzad
Gary Sponberg	Lucy Sponberg

Unit 115 Bridge Events 2016

Jan 12 – 18	Regional (East Rutherford, NJ)
Jan 29 – 31	Sectional (Clifton Park)
Feb 22 – 28	Unit STAC
Mar 10 – 20	Spring NABC (Reno, NV)
Apr 8 – 10	Unit Club Championship Weekend (Studio)
May 21	Awards Presentation and Game (Studio)
May 21	District 3 GNT Final (Allendale, NJ)
Jun 6 – 12	Saratoga Regional
Jun 24 – 26	Sectional (Studio)
Jul 12 – 22	Regional (Fairfield, NJ)
Jul 21 – 31	Summer NABC (Washington DC)
Aug (tbd)	President's Cup (Studio)
Sept 16 – 18	Sectional (Clifton Park)
Sep 24	NAP Finals (Allendale, NJ)
Oct 17 – 23	Fall Regional (Danbury, CT)
Oct 26 – Nov 1	Unit STAC
Nov 18 – 20	Sectional (Studio)
Nov 24 – Dec 1	Fall NABC (Orlando, FL)
Dec (tbd)	Sybil's Christmas Party (Studio)