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Unit Championship Weekend (at the Shelley Studio) April 8 - 10, 2016

Friday April 8 (See details Page 2)

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	12:00 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-299)	12:00 pm

Saturday April 9 (See details Page 2)

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 750-2000, 2000+)	12:30 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 100-199, 200-299)	12:30 pm

Sunday April 10 (See details Page 2)

Swiss Teams (Single Session stratiflighted)	12:00 pm
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Tournament Director's Message

It's unusual for the Unit to issue a newsletter not announcing a sectional, the Norma Shelley Spring Regional, or the general membership meeting held in conjunction with the Unit's annual Christmas Party. But, as reported in the February newsletter, the ACBL asked us to cancel our scheduled April sectional due to a shortage of tournament directors. So we're publishing this newsletter to inform the membership of changes in the format and time for the next sectional in June, and advertise upcoming events including a weekend of Unit-Rated games held in lieu of the spring sectional.

All of the Unit-Rated games will be conducted at the Shelley Studio of Bridge in Latham. Friday and Saturday April 8 and 9 will be single session pairs games, Sunday will be a single session Charity Swiss team. If a sufficient number of teams come on Sunday, we will bracket the field so A teams will play only A teams, B teams play only B teams, and the same for C. If not, we will stratify the game and offer A, B, and C points. Both Friday and Saturday pairs will be stratified, with club managers given discretion to offer

separate 0-300 sections should enough pairs show up to play.

Although all games will be played at the Shelley Studio, none of the games is sponsored by the Unit. All are sponsored by local clubs. The Friday pairs game is sponsored by Guilderland DBC, starting at its normal Friday start time of 12:00. Saturday's pairs game is sponsored by Avila DBC starting at its normal Saturday time of 12:30, with Sunday's team game sponsored by the Shelley Studio starting at 12:00. We hope the membership is enthusiastic about playing, if so, there will be a lot of fun bridge, masterpoint awards close to sectional rating, and a chance to support our local clubs.

There are some changes coming beginning in the June 24-26 summer sectional. First, we are please to hold our first tournament at the new Shelley Studio. Second, the game time for the first session on Friday will begin at 12:00. This will give players the best chance of avoiding Friday afternoon traffic on Route 7 and Northway. Third, we are dropping the BAM/pairs hybrid for Friday's second session and substituting a Pro/Am team game. We will conduct the game so that the Pro pair of each team always plays against their opponent's Pro pair, with the Am pair always playing against the Am pair. We hope this will encourage more Am pairs to play since they will always be playing against a comparable pair. Second, Am teams will be able to interact with their Pro teammates before and after every match, something the BAM format did not allow.

The one downside to a Pro/Am format is one pair will not be able to play if an odd number of teams come to play. We will be seeking a pair, who in exchange for a free play, volunteer to be the team to go home if an odd number of teams sign up. Absent that volunteer pair, the last pair to buy an entry will be the odd pair out.

There will be a sign-up sheet for those playing in the Friday afternoon session, where signing up to play in the evening session guarantees them an entry as long as they return from their meal break before game time.

We have scheduled the annual Awards Ceremony and charity pairs game for the Shelley Studio on Saturday, May 21. Awards presentations are at 12:00, game time 1:00.

Finally, the ACBL will again be sponsoring their longest day competition supporting Alzheimers care and research on Monday, June 20. Last year the Shelley Studio participated and had a very successful day. Should any clubs be participating this year we will provide details in the May newsletter.

Bob Valenti

THIS 'N THAT - UNIT 115 – MARCH, 2016

There is much to report from the ACBL Board meetings and the NABC in Reno. Attendance was up significantly.

The Strategic Review and CEO Review Committees combined forces to present a comprehensive plan for 2016 and beyond. Mission and vision statements were re-affirmed; the ACBL mission is "Promote, grow and sustain the game of bridge, and serve the bridge-related interests of our members. Our vision is "Bridge is regarded as the world's most enjoyable and rewarding card game."

To further the mission and vision, four strategic priorities were re-confirmed. These are:

1. Increase Membership Acquisition and Retention.
2. Develop and accelerate tournament director training and recruitment.

3. Build the confidence of ACBL members through dealing effectively with cheating and maintaining financial health.
4. Upgrade technology and secure our infrastructure while establishing the future architecture of ACBL Score.

For each of these priorities, goals were established, staff accountability was defined, and the board committee responsible for oversight was identified. Progress against the goals will be reviewed at each future board meeting.

The board was enthusiastic about the increased level of clarity regarding the direction of ACBL.

The position of legal counsel was abolished as of August 1st, and the CEO will hire in-house counsel who will be located in Horn Lake. Peter Rank, formerly our counsel, will be retiring effective August 1st, after many years of service.

A District 3 team captained by Dori Byrnes won the 0-10,000 team event, and Mark Cohen and Bill Pollack finished second in the Silver Ribbon pairs. Congratulations to these District 3 reps.

The GNTs will be Sunday, May 21st at Guardian Angel in Allendale. Our next regional will be in Saratoga Springs, your unit, June 6-12; Robert Hartman, ACBL's CEO, plans to be there over the weekend, and I hope many of you will be able to share the famous Unit 115 hospitality with him.

I hope to see many of you at these upcoming events.

Glenda Calkins
Director, ACBL District 3

Sectional Results January 29 - 31, 2016

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Judy & Bill Dubay
2			Bernie Neuhart – Rob Neuhart
3			Betty & Steve Bloom
4			Gregg Deitch – Glen Perry
5	1		Ellen Cotterell – Ulla Sattinger
6	2		Justine Cook – Jim Hartnett
7	3		Dave Buchyn – Bob Valenti
8/9			Charles Schmidt – Dorothy Kraus
8/9			Peter Allen – Michael Rogers
	4		Alene & Ronald Sahr
	5		Lois & Joe Phillips
	6	2	Alka & Kamal Gupta
		3	David Funk – Margaret Lavelle
		4	James Bornheim – James Beard

Friday afternoon Newcomer Pairs

D	E	F	
1	1		Aggie O Brien – Richard Zak
2/3	2/3	1	Michelle Monticup – Barbara Quick
2/3	2/3		Charles Harding – Mary Ryder Wright
4	4	2	Roberta Nahill – Dick Norton
5	5		Renie Frederighi – Marie Felthousen
		3	Norah Fredrickson – Betty Seeley
		4	Janet Kristel – Lynne Fancey

Friday evening Dual Pro Am Teams

A	B	C	
1			Malik Magdon-Ismael, Satya Pabuwal, Glenys Mountford, Charles Harding
2			Gregg Deitch, Glen Perry, Wilma Delucco, Susan Klein

Friday evening Dual Pro Am Pairs

A	B	
1		Malik Magdon-Ismael – Satya Pabuwal,
2		Gregg Deitch – Glen Perry,
3	1	Ulla & Michael Sattinger
4/5		Michael Rogers – Peter Allen
4/5	2	Bonnie Taylor – Daniel Wulff
	3	Ellen & Kerry Cotterell

Saturday morning 299er Pairs

D	E	F	
1	1		Aggie O Brien – Richard Zak
2	2	1	Rhonda Cooper – Patricia Detoffol
3	3	2	Norah Fredrickson – Betty Seeley

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Betty & Steve Bloom
2			Bernie Neuhart – Rob Neuhart
3	1		Lois Tuohey – Mary Ffredrick
4			Judy & Bill Dubay
5	2		Arlene & Ronald Sahr
6			Kerry Cotterell – Stephen Paskin
7	3		Ray Ratte – Peter Wick
	4		Dan Kelsey – Glen Perry
	5		Charles Harding – Lynda Flanger
	6	1	Sarah Hoy – Martha Precheur
		2	Susan Klein – Phyllis Levy
		3	Marigay Harkins –
			Phanindra Chakraborty
		4	Ellen Cotterell – Terry Bentley

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Peter Allen – Michael Rogers
2	1		Dan Kelsey – Glen Perry
3	2	1	Evelyn Markowitz – Dave Buchyn
4			Malik Magdon-Ismael – Gregg Deitch
5			Bob Donald – Diane Burger
6			Satya Pabuwal – Kamal Gupta
	3		Ulla & Michael Sattinger
	4	2	Susan Klein – Phyllis Levy
	5		Bonnie Taylor – Daniel Wulff
		3	Marion Kuritz – Alka Gupta
		4	Elizabeth Davidson – Francine Coby

Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Gregg Deitch, Malik Magdon-Ismael, Kamal Gupta, Satya Pabuwa
2/3			Judy & Bill Dubay, Bob Donald, Diane Burger
2/3	1		Kerry Cotterell, Rich Underwood, Bob Valenti, James Bornheim
4			Lois & Joe Phillips, Peter Allen, Michael Rogers
5	2		Dan Kelsey, Glen Perry, Charles Harding, Lynda Flanger
	3		Dorothy Kraus, Charles Schmidt, Diane Alexander, Gloriana Clark
	4		Bonnie Taylor, Daniel Wulff, Mary Williams, Joel Prescott
		1	Evelyn Markowitz, Dave Buchyn, Anne & James Beard

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings
Unit 115

	Mini McKenney	Ace of Clubs
0-5	Jim Reed Richard Norton	Sonja Goodwin Patricia Dudes & Martha Marty Smith
5-20	Roberta Nahil Marjorie Zak	Lisa Thaler Marjorie Zak
20-50	Tage Anderson Patricia Detoffol	Susan Wold George Leibowitz
50-100	Aggie O Brien Robert Carter	Susan Penny Robert Carter
100-200	Charles Harding Richard Zak	Charles Harding Richard Zak
200-300	John Dillon Margaret Dillon	Ernest Venerus John Dillon
300-500	Susan Klein Dan Kelsey	Dan Kelsey Susan Klein
500-1000	Christine Converse Linda Millenbach	Christine Converse Bill Kelsey
1000-1500	Malik Magdon-Ismail Diana Lack	Malik Magdon-Ismail Charles August
1500-2500	Diane Alexander Ulla Sattinger	Diane Alexander Lou Urbano
2500-3500	Gregg Deitch Diane Burger	Lois August Gregg Deitch
3500-5000	Robert Neuhart Bob Donald	Rob Neuhart Bernie Neuhart
5000-7500	Satya Pabuwal Bob Feller	Satya Pabuwal Arthur Berhardt
7500-10000	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay
Over 10000	Lynn Deas Betty & Steve Bloom	Betty & Steve Bloom Neil Chambers

Club Corner

AVILA

Games: (see acbl.org for events schedule)
 Thurs eve **March 31st** and Sat aft **April 9th** will be held at the Studio. Sat aft game on **May 28th** cancelled for Richard Clark's (Gloriana's husband) memorial service at Avila.
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)

Personal Notices

Condolences to the families of **Claire Beams, Richard Clark, and Kathleen Carr**

Get well wishes to **Ross Lounsbury, Mary Anne Pickett and Charlene Sunderland**



RANK CHANGES

New Junior Masters

Peter Danziger
 Richard Ellis
 Leonard Sugin

New Club Master

Patricia Detoffel
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New Regional Masters

Charles Harding
 Steve McQuide
 Betty Seeley
 Richard Zak

New Life Master

Kamal Gupta

New Bronze Life Master

Kamal Gupta

New Gold Life Master

Mary Fredrick

Puzzle Corner

	♠ KQ3 ♥ ♦ AKT8652 ♣ 542
	<i>North</i>
	<i>West</i> <i>East</i>
	<i>Declarer</i>
	♠ AT9742 ♥ Q43 ♦ 4 ♣ AQ10

You South are in 6♠. (no opposition bidding)

West Leads the ♥A. Should you duck the lead, West continues the ♥K.

(answer next issue)

DOUBLE END-PLAY

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ A8 ♥ K987 ♦ AJT8 ♣ AJ8	
♠KJT6532 ♥ J6 ♦ 32 ♣ K3	North West East Declarer	♠ 9 ♥ Q53 ♦ 9764 ♣ 97652
	♠ Q74 ♥ AT42 ♦ KQ5 ♣ QT4	

E-W Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♣	3♠	Dbf	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

This is not a good slam! After a Diamond opening lead, even if trumps are 3-2 and the Club finesse works, it still looks as if Declarer must lose a Heart and a Spade for down one. How does Declarer avoid that Spade loser?

West's 3♠ overcall (showing seven Spades) points the way to the winning line. Declarer wins the opening lead with the ♦K, and now proceeds to remove all of East's safe exit cards. At Trick 2 he takes the Club finesse, then cashes the ♥K, back to hand with the ♥A, and another Club. After Declarer has taken his minor suit winners, the ♠A is cashed, at which point East is down to the ♥Q and two Clubs. Declarer now throws in East with a trump, and East is forced to return a Club, allowing Declarer a so-called "ruff and sluff", whereby one hand pitches a (Spade) loser and the other one takes the ruff. That's a pretty elimination play for 12 tricks.

Strangely enough, if South declares 6NT, there is a totally different elimination play, this time directed against West. Say that West leads a Diamond as before. Declarer wins, finesses the Club, returns to hand with another Diamond, and plays off the rest of the Clubs and Diamonds. By now, West is down to ♥J6 and ♠KJT5. Dummy's ♥K is cashed and a Heart is run around to West's Jack. West must return a Spade and that gives Declarer the 12th trick. West might try and wriggle out of the end-play by throwing his ♥J under the ♥K, but to no avail as that only serves to set up a Heart finesse against East.

Visit www.acbl.org for more about the fascinating game of bridge or email marketing@acbl.org

Unit 115 Bridge Events 2016

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)