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Sectional Shelly Studio of Bridge March 8-10, 2019

Friday March 8

Stratified Open Pairs (0-1250, 1250-3000, 3000+)	10:00 am and 3 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (3 strats TBD by the field) (both events - 2 one-session games)	10:00 am and 3 pm

Saturday March 9

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

Sunday March 10

Swiss Teams (2- Session stratiflighted play-through, 42 boards) 11 am
(1/2 hour break between sessions)
(Flights: 0-5000, 5000-12000 and, over 12000 per team of 4)

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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 750MPs, each player must have fewer than 750 MPs.

Event to be held at:

Shelly Studio of Bridge
6 British American Blvd
Latham, NY 12110

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President's Report

Sally Hoy and I attended the Tarrytown Regional in January. While there, we participated in the District 3 board meeting and discussed the upcoming Albany Regional. The attendance figures for this year's Regional will be closely watched, and will determine if we will continue to have an upstate Regional each year. The district 3 board thinks is important to have Upstate regional, but we can't lose money like we did last year. I know almost everybody wishes we were still in Saratoga Springs, but we won't be this year. Hopefully attendance will be up from last year.

At the sectional level, at our last Unit 115 board meeting we put together a committee to take a look at food costs. Since most people either go out for lunch or bring their own lunch, the committee decided to cut back on afternoon snacks and to put most of our funds toward morning and pre-lunch food. Hopefully this will work out for everybody. Of course we will still have pizza on Sunday. Please let me or one of the Unit 115 board members know if you have any comments or suggestions regarding food.

\$11 seems to be the right fee for our Sectional game. At this price, we are able to run sectionals at a breakeven point, provided we get 80 or more tables.

And please don't forget to participate in our 50/50 raffle.

Dave Buchyn

50/50 Raffle

The November 50/50 raffle was a great success for the unit. The winning ticket was drawn on Sunday of the sectional. Winner Dick Ellis received \$229! The same amount went into the treasury which is used for our Norma Shelley Regional gifts.

Be sure to watch for our next raffle in March. Tickets will be \$5 a piece or \$10 for 3 tickets.

We thank you for your support

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

As I'm sure you've heard by now, Hawaii was a great loss for the ACBL (over \$700,000), due to low attendance and related attrition costs. Attendance was some 2000 tables below estimates. In addition, the ill-fated Customer Relationship Management System resulted in a \$327,000 software write off and investment losses (a function of market declines since improved) were over \$200,000. Membership also declined by about 1.5%, and membership growth is the top priority for 2019, along with greater financial stability and more incentives to clubs and teachers.

On the positive side, Russ Jones, District 10 Director, was elected President and Joe Jones, former CFO, was appointed Executive Director. Joe already has achieved significant cost savings for the current year. In an effort to make NABCs financially viable, entry fees were increased to \$30 per session for NABC+ events, \$22 for other NABC events, and \$20 for regional events (NABC regionals not having been increased for the past ten years), while Intermediate/Novice fees remain unchanged at \$15 per session. An additional \$10 per pair will be charged in all events at the point screens are introduced, to reflect the cost of more than doubling the space needed and additional directors and security. All of these changes will take effect July 1, 2019.

On the bridge front, the Board decided NOT to eliminate the requirement to announce ALL no trump ranges, and it was decided that all individuals who have won a Grand Master qualifying event will be required to compete in the top flight or top bracket of any event, irrespective of master point levels or averages. Management and the Board will

continue to work on efforts to motivate players to stay at NABC host hotels.

District 3 regionals continue to suffer from declining attendance, partially result ing from a decline of over 500 members during the fall and winter months. Attendance at our Tarrytown Regional was about equal to last year, but still not enough to produce a positive return. With the return of our "snowbirds", we are hoping for higher attendance at our revamped Albany regional this coming June, where the hotel has provided significant concessions, including expanded free parking space in an excellent, well lighted and comfortable environment with easy access to restaurants and transportation.

Please do your best to support the District tournaments, by attendance and volunteer support where possible, and above all, bring in some new members! Best wishes to all for a healthy and happy 2019.

Carlos Muñoz
District 3 Director

Sectional Results

Nov 16 - 18, 2018

Friday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1/2	1		Kerry Cotterell – Malik Magdon-Ismail
1/2			Bernie Neuhart – Rob Neuhart
3			Michael Rogers – Peter Allen
4	2	1	Dexter Sanft – Alex Hallenstein
	3	2	Charles Harding – Dan Kelsey
	4	3	David Funk – Margaret Lavelle

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1		Kerry Cotterell – Malik Magdon-Ismail
2	2		Joe Rizzo – Peter Wick
3	3	1	Alka & Kamal Gupta
4	4	2	Dexter Sanft – Alex Hallenstein
5			Diane Alexander – Diana Lack
		3	Dave Buchyn – Evelyn Markowitz

Friday afternoon 0 - 750 Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Thomas Levanduski – Jim Reed
2	2	2	Roberta Nahill – Peggy Mockry
3			Dan Kelsey – Richard Laplante

Saturday morning B/C/D Pairs

B	C	D	
1	1		Roberta Berk – Alex Hallenstein
2			Terry Bentley – Sarah Hoy
3	2		Elden Gray – Sandra Rohner
4			Deborah Rausch – Margaret Lavelle
5	3	1	Sonja Goodwin – Betty Seeley
	4	2	Agie Seife – Eileen Grant
	5	3	Susan Wold – June McQuide

Saturday Blue Ribbon A/X Pairs

A	X	
1	1	Michael Rogers – Peter Allen
2	2	Gregg Deitch – Malik Magdon-Ismail
3		Betty & Steve Bloom
4	3	Alka & Kamal Gupta
5	4	Tim Joder – Margaret Winslow

Saturday afternoon B/C/D Pairs

B	C	D	
1	1		Richard Laplante – Michale Esposito
2	2		Elden Gray – Sandra Rohner
3			Vince De Pasquale – Barbara Fallone
4	3		Jan Nettler – Alice Shearer

Sunday Swiss

A	B	C	
1			Donna & Neil Chambers, Betty & Steve Bloom
2	1		Larry Rosen, Rich Underwood, Gregg Deitch, Malik Magdon-Ismail
3	2	1	Deborah Rausch, Margaret Lavelle, Richard Laplante, Michale Esposito
4	3		Diana & Jonathan Lack, Lynda Flanger, Dan Kelsey
5	4		Michael Rogers, Peter Allen, Peter Mitchell, Peter Allen

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings
Unit 115 (final 2018)

	Mini McKenney	Ace of Clubs
0-5	Peggy Mockry Robert Jacobson	Peggy Mockry Robert Jacobson
5-20	Wendy Terk Rosemary Tucci	Rosemary Tucci Linda Law
20-50	John Templin Jr. Deborah Rausch	John Templin Jr. Deborah Rausch
50-100	Richard Laplante Patricia Detoffol	Richard Laplante Daniel Burns
100-200	Jim Reed Thomas Levanduski	Alice Colley Jim Reed
200-300	Alka Gupta Liz Foster	Barbara & John Flynn (tied) Richard Zak
300-500	Patrick Rogers Joel Prescott	Patrick Rogers Joel Prescott
500-1000	Charles Harding Firm Weaver	Charles Harding Firm Weaver
1000-1500	Gerald Kaufman Harold Bigelow	Harold Bigelow Ronald Sahr
1500-2500	Malik Magdon-Ismail Diane Alexander	Malik Magdon-Ismail Diane Alexander
2500-3500	Kerry Cotterell Ross Lounsbury	Kerry Cotterell Ross Lounsbury
3500-5000	Robert Neuhart Gregg Deitch	Rob Neuhart Bernie Neuhart
5000-7500	Bob Donald Arthur Bernhardt	Bob Donald Arthur Bernhardt
7500-10000	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay	Bill Dubay Judy Dubay
Over 10000	Lynn Deas Bill Nelson	Bill Nelson Sandy Nelson

Club Corner

Avila DBC at the Studio

Thursday Evening @ 7PM

Mar 14, Unit STAC (silver points)

All April and May extra masterpoints

See our schedule on acbl.org Club Results
under New York - Latham.

Shelly Studio of Bridge

Monday - 11:30

Tuesday - 6:45

Wednesday - 12 Noon

Thursday Evenings - 7PM (Avila)

Friday - 12 Noon (Rick's game)

Mar 11 - 15 Unit Stac

Mar 18 - 20 Charity Club Championship

All April - Charity games

Personal Notices

Condolences to the family of Phyllis French.

Welcome New Members

Michael Auerbach

Carol Coggins

Robert Doyle

Sarah Goldberg

Teresa Harris

Edward Linville

Lisa Mayron

Connie North

Robert Seidel

John Mara (transfer)

Rank Changes

New Junior Masters

Mary Carrado

Sandra Kunz

Susan O'Bryan

New Club Masters

Mary Arthur-Beebe

Annette Burns

Henry Donaldson

John Duffy

Linda Fish

Peggy Mockry

New Sectional Masters

Sonja Goodwin

Diana Graff

Jonathan Schwalb

New Regional Masters

Andrea Campbell

Richard Laplante

New NABC Master

Phyllis Levy

New Advanced NABC Master

Alka Gupta

New Bronze Life Masters

Christopher Almy

Judy Dolbert

New Silver Life Masters

Charles August

Ellen Cotterell

Tonette Deangelis

Dexter Senft

New Ruby Life Masters

Diana Lack

Ray Ratte

Ronald Sahr

New Gold Life Masters

Diane Alexander

Malik Magdon-Ismail

BRIDGE BITES

from The American Contract Bridge League

HERO OR ZERO

By: Brian Gunnell

	♠ 75 ♥ A52 ♦ K72 ♣ AJT62	
♠ K3 ♥ KQT8 ♦ T986 ♣ 853	<i>North</i> West East Declarer	♠ T86 ♥ J643 ♦ QJ3 ♣ Q74
	♠ AQJ942 ♥ 97 ♦ A54 ♣ K9	

Both Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

4♠ is an iron-clad contract, and the play is simply a battle for overtricks. Not a big deal if you are playing rubber bridge, but in the world of duplicate bridge, overtricks are important. You are West, do something brilliant!

All the West players led the ♥K (nothing brilliant there), won by Dummy's Ace, after which it was a routine matter for Declarer to lose the Spade finesse. West cashed a Heart, and Declarer won the Diamond shift in her hand. Trumps were drawn, then came the ♣K, the ♣A and the ♣J. When the ♣Q tumbled down, Declarer had 11 tricks.

The resulting -650 was the standard E-W score around the room, except at one table, where West did something wickedly clever. Yes, no doubt you spotted it right away, West ducked the ♠K on the first round of trumps! Of course, Declarer had no way of knowing that West now had the unprotected King, so she crossed to Dummy's ♦K and repeated the finesse. West won the King, cashed a Heart, and shifted to a Diamond and, although Declarer had made her contract, there were no overtricks and her score of +620 was worth zero matchpoints. That diabolical duck by West had persuaded Declarer to waste a valuable Dummy entry on a futile finesse.

However, West's play was not without risk, and he would hardly have been a hero if his Partner's trumps were, for example, Jx or JT_x. But, if that had turned out to be the case, then at least he would have had an amusing story to tell on himself later. And he could no doubt count on Partner's legendary sense of humor as they ruefully scored -680 and zero matchpoints.

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Remaining

Unit 115 Bridge Events 2019

Mar 8 – 10	Sectional (Shelly Studio)
Mar 11 – 17	Unit STAC
Mar 21 – 31	Spring NABC (Memphis, TN)
May 11	Awards Presentation and Game (Shelly Studio)
Jun 3 – 9	Unit STAC
Jun 10 – 16	Albany Regional
Jul 8 – 14	Regional (Fairfield, NJ)
Aug 2 – 4	Sectional (Shelly Studio)
Jul 18 – 28	Summer NABC (Las Vegas, NV)
Aug (TBD)	President's Cup (Shelly Studio)
Sept 22	NAP Finals (Allendale, NJ)
Sept 27 – 29	Sectional (Shelly Studio)
Oct 14 – 20	Fall Regional (Danbury, CT)
Nov 11 – 17	Unit STAC
Nov 22 – 24	Sectional (Shelly Studio)
Nov 28 – Dec 8	Fall NABC (San Francisco, CA)
Dec (TBD)	Sybil's Christmas Party (Shelly Studio)