

Capital District Bridge Association

UNIT 115

May/June Newsletter

Sectional Results

62 ½ Tables for 3 days

Congrats to our top

Unit winners:

Gregg Deitch 15.14

Ed Zecchini 14.75

Rosemary Isele and Terry

Bentley 10.6

278.84 Total Silver

**Masterpoints earned
by 79 players**

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Congratulations Life Masters

2024 & 2025

John Barnes

Judith Ciccio

Richard Plante

Mark McKensie

Sandra Rohner

Congratulations to Rank Achievers for 2025!

Jan David Buchyn

Silver Life Master

Jan Frederic Seltzer

Sectional Master

Feb Jean Roy

Club Master

Mar Justine Cook

Silver Life Master

Mar Barbara DelCogliano

Sectional Master

Mar Carol Cascio

Junior Master

Mar Thomas Sauer

Junior Master

May Mark McKensie

Silver Life Master



Save the Date Sunday, June 29th

at the Shelly Studio

Award Ceremony at 12:00

Free Picnic Lunch

Game at 12:30

Updates from May 17 meeting

Unit Officers

John Templin, Jr., President

Dave Buchyn Vice President

Andrea Campbell, Secretary

Agie Seife, Treasurer

Treasury Report: \$10,449.55

Need a Partner for Bridge Games?

Diana Lack – Shelly Studio – Monday, Thursday

518-424-8240

Terry Bentley – Glens Falls - Monday

518-796-2481 Clifton Park Senior Center – Tuesday

Lake George – Wednesday

Rhoda Kratenstein – Saturday

561-252-0517

2025 JUNE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|--|--------|--|
| 01 | 02 SS 11:30AM Open GF 12:00PM Open SS 6:30PM Open SS 3 PM Chat | 03 CP 11:30AM Open | 04 LG 12:00PM Open | 05 SS 11:00AM Lesson SS 11:30AM Open | 06 | 07 |
| 08 District 3 Regional Sunday, June 8 - Thursday, June 12 Fairfield, NJ | 09 SS 11:30AM Open GF 12:00PM Open SS 6:30PM Open Dan DiTursi | 10 CP 11:30AM Open | 11 LG 12:00PM Open | 12 SS 11:30AM Open Dan DiTursi | 13 | 14 |
| 15 STaC Week Silver points | 16 SS 11:30AM Open GF 12:00PM Open SS 6:30PM Open Dan DiTursi | 17 CP 11:30AM Open | 18 LG 12:00PM Open | 19 SS 11:30AM Open Dan DiTursi | 20 | 21 Avila 12:00pm Open |
| 22 | 23 SS 11:30AM Open GF 12:00PM Open SS 6:30PM Open Dan DiTursi | 24 CP 11:30AM Open | 25 LG 12:00PM Open SS 10AM Improving Bridge \$10/lesson | 26 SS 11:00AM Lesson SS 11:30AM Open | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Unit 115 Awards Free Picnic Lunch Unit Championship Game | 30 SS 11:30AM Open GF 12:00PM Open SS 6:30PM Open SS 3 PM Chat | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| | SS = Shelly Studio Director Diana Lack | GF = Glens Falls Senior Center Director Terry Bentley | CP = Clifton Park Senior Center Director Terry Bentley | LG = Lake George Holiday Inn Director Terry Bentley | | Online Game 7:10pm BBO vacb270942 Director Rob Neuhart |

BRIDGE QUIZ

South is the Dealer.

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | <u>North</u> | |
| | ♠ 10987 | |
| | ♥ 6543 | |
| | ♦ — | |
| | ♣ 76532 | |
| <u>West</u> | | <u>East</u> |
| ♠ 65432 | | ♠ AKQJ |
| ♥ 109872 | | ♥ AKQJ |
| ♦ J109 | | ♦ AK |
| ♣ — | | ♣ KJ9 |
| | <u>South</u> | |
| | ♠ — | |
| | ♥ — | |
| | ♦ Q8765432 | |
| | ♣ AQ1084 | |

What is your bid? Clue 007!

Solution on page 7.

Unit 115 Spring Sectional Results

May 16-18, 2025

Fri AM Open Pairs - 11.0 Tables

| MPs A | B C | Names | Score |
|-------|-------|---|--------|
| 5.73 | 1 | Gregg Deitch, Mayfield NY; Edward Zecchini, Bolton Landing NY | 61.90% |
| 4.30 | 2 1 | James Morrison, Woodstock NY; Peggy Casey Fitzpatrick, Saugerties NY | 60.71% |
| 3.22 | 3 2 1 | Justin Mucelli, Stamford CT; Glen Perry, Selkirk NY | 59.82% |
| 2.42 | 4 | William Dubay - Judy Dubay, Voorheesville NY | 59.52% |
| 1.74 | 5/6 3 | Alex Hallenstein, Niskayuna NY; Gerald Kaufman, Delray Beach FL | 57.74% |
| 1.59 | 5/6 | Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA | 57.74% |
| 1.30 | 4 | Terry Bentley, Lake George NY; Rosemary Isele, Saratoga Spgs NY | 56.55% |
| 0.98 | 5 | Dan Ditursi, Troy NY; Penny Stoeve, Albany NY | 55.65% |
| 1.23 | 2 | David Buchyn, Troy NY; Mark Rosenholz, Albany NY | 45.83% |

Fri AM 0-750 Pairs - 3.5 Tables

| MPs 7 | B C | Names | Score |
|-------|-------|---|--------|
| 1.68 | 1 1 | Agie Seife, Catskill NY; Judith Ciccio, Delmar NY | 73.75% |
| 1.34 | 2 2 1 | Betty Seeley, Albany NY; Barbara Delcogliano, Schenectady NY | 53.12% |
| 1.01 | 3 3 2 | Ellen Ellis - Richard Ellis, Troy NY | 51.25% |

Fri Aft Open Pairs - 9.0 Tables

| MPs A | B C | Names | Score |
|-------|-------|--|--------|
| 5.27 | 1 | Peter Allen, Plattsburgh NY; Michael Rogers, Ticonderoga NY | 60.71% |
| 3.95 | 2 1 1 | Justin Mucelli, Stamford CT; Glen Perry, Selkirk NY | 60.42% |
| 2.96 | 3 | Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA | 58.93% |
| 2.22 | 4 | Gregg Deitch, Mayfield NY; Edward Zecchini, Bolton Landing NY | 58.04% |
| 2.19 | 5 2 | Terry Bentley, Lake George NY; Rosemary Isele, Saratoga Spgs NY | 56.85% |
| 1.64 | 3 | Michael Sattinger - Ulla Sattinger, Slingerlands NY | 55.65% |
| 1.23 | 4 | Gerald Kaufman, Delray Beach FL; Alex Hallenstein, Niskayuna NY | 54.46% |
| 0.97 | 5 | Dan Ditursi, Troy NY; Penny Stoeve, Albany NY | 53.57% |
| 1.32 | 2 | Christopher Almy, Scotia NY; Mark Rosenholz, Albany NY | 47.92% |
| 0.99 | 3 | Richard Laplante, Albany NY; Daniel Burns, Niskayuna NY | 45.83% |

Fri Aft 0-750 Pairs - 4.0 Tables

| MPs A B C Names | Score |
|---|--------|
| 1.68 1 1 Steve McQuide - June McQuide, Voorheesville NY | 65.28% |
| 1.26 2 2 Carrie Murphy, Poestenkill NY; Judy Halstead, Saratoga Spgs NY | 54.17% |
| 0.95 3 3 Michael Lipnick - Joseph Paolucci, Delmar NY | 52.08% |

Sat AM Open Pairs - 8.0 Tables

| MPs A B C Names | Score |
|---|--------|
| 4.81 1 1 Terry Bentley, Lake George NY; Rosemary Isele, Saratoga Spgs NY | 62.50% |
| 3.61 2 2 Alka Gupta - Kamal Gupta, Latham NY | 59.52% |
| 2.37 3/4 3 Penny Stoeve, Albany NY; David Buchyn, Troy NY | 56.55% |
| 2.37 3/4 Gregg Deitch, Mayfield NY; Malik Magdon-Ismail, Albany NY | 56.55% |
| 1.33 5/6 Mary Ose, Incline Village NV; Dave Vidaver, Sacramento CA | 55.65% |
| 1.33 5/6 4 Edward Zecchini, Bolton Landing NY; Mark McKenzie, Greenwich NY | 55.65% |
| 1.79 1 Richard Laplante, Albany NY; Daniel Burns, Niskayuna NY | 51.49% |
| 1.34 2 Thomas Levanduski - Jim Reed, Schenectady NY | 50.00% |

Sat AM 0-750 Pairs - 3.0 Tables

| MPs A B C Names | Score |
|--|--------|
| 1.56 1 1 Ruth Adams - Steven Huang, Sharon CT | 57.29% |
| 1.17 2 2 Agie Seife, Catskill NY; Judith Ciccio, Delmar NY | 54.17% |

Sat Aft Open Pairs - 10.0 Tables

| MPs A B C Names | Score |
|---|--------|
| 4.58 1 Michael Rogers, Ticonderoga NY; Peter Allen, Plattsburgh NY | 63.02% |
| 3.44 2 1 1 Richard Laplante, Albany NY; Daniel Burns, Niskayuna NY | 60.97% |
| 2.58 3 2 Edward Zecchini, Bolton Landing NY; Mark McKenzie, Greenwich NY | 60.61% |
| 1.93 4 Gregg Deitch, Mayfield NY; Malik Magdon-Ismail, Albany NY | 56.77% |
| 1.84 5 3 Terry Bentley, Lake George NY; Rosemary Isele, Saratoga Spgs NY | 54.21% |
| 1.15 6 Davis Heussler, East Aurora NY; Linda Burroughsford, Fort Erie ON | 53.89% |
| 1.38 4 Dan Ditursi, Troy NY; Penny Stoeve, Albany NY | 49.50% |
| 1.32 5 2 John Templin Jr, Greenfield Ctr NY; Sandra Kunz, Ballston Spa NY | 49.18% |
| 0.99 3 Julianne Dickinson, Cohoes NY; David Buchyn, Troy NY | 49.06% |

Sun AM Open Swiss Teams - 14 Tables

| MPs | A | B | C | Names | Score |
|------|-----|-----|---|---|-------|
| 4.40 | 1 | | | Alka Gupta - Kamal Gupta, Latham NY; Betty Bloom - Steve Bloom, Duaneburg NY | 59.00 |
| 2.89 | 2/3 | | | Gregg Deitch, Mayfield NY; Rhoda Kratenstein, Delray Beach FL; Edward Zecchini, Bolton Landing NY; Malik Magdon-Ismael, Albany NY | 53.00 |
| 2.89 | 2/3 | 1 | 1 | Patricia Hoffstatter, Hurley NY; Peggy Casey Fitzpatrick, Saugerties NY; Monelle Richmond - James Morrison, Woodstock NY | 53.00 |
| 1.86 | 4 | | | Robert Valenti, Adirondack NY; Peter Allen, Plattsburgh NY; Michael Rogers, Ticonderoga NY; Anne Hale, Westport NY | 48.00 |
| 1.90 | 5/6 | 2/3 | | Glen Perry, Selkirk NY; Dan Ditursi, Troy NY; Penny Stoeve, Albany NY; W Daniel Kelsey, Averill Park NY | 46.00 |
| 1.90 | 5/6 | 2/3 | | Michael Sattinger - Ulla Sattinger, Slingerlands NY; Lew Millenbach - Linda Millenbach, Albany NY | 46.00 |
| 1.22 | 4 | | | Warren White - Betsy Clark, Sharon CT; Betsy Kopstein-Stuts, Pleasant Valley NY; Roger Price, Millerton NY | 45.00 |
| 1.21 | 2 | | | Jim Reed - Thomas Levanduski, Schenectady NY; Sudhir Kulkarni - Sheela Kulkarni, Latham NY | 43.00 |

Many thanks to Rich Underwood for his years of service producing the Unit 115 Newsletter!

Contributions for future issues may be sent to Diane Palmer, Publicity Chair, DPalmer2040@gmail.com

Solution to Bridge Quiz

Here is the incredible auction:

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <u>West</u> | <u>North</u> | <u>East</u> | <u>South</u> |
| — | — | — | 7♣!! |
| P | P | Dbl | Rdbl |
| All Pass | | | |

Marty Bergin first encountered this remarkable hand as a teenager while reading Ian Fleming's Moonraker, a James Bond novel. Bond (Dealer, South) is hot on the trail of the evil Hugo Drax (East) who, along with more serious vices, enjoys cheating at bridge. While the two are spending a lively evening at the bridge table, needling and jousting, Bond sets up this infamous hand. It is renowned in bridge lore as "The Duke of Cumberland hand".

Drax is given the imposing East cards, a point counter's dream come true. At this juncture in the evening, the betting between adversaries has become fierce, "150 pounds a 100, 1500 pounds on the rubber, and 100 pounds a trick on the side." Bond has pretended to be intoxicated in order to justify his 7C opening! Note: If West has guessed to take out the double, Bond might have become known as .007 --- seven of either major is makable.

As you can see, dummy did not have much, but was "exactly what the spy ordered". The JD lead was ruffed in dummy. However, no other lead would have affected the outcome. At trick two, Bond led a trump from dummy and covered East's 9 with his 10. He ruffed another diamond, removing East's last diamond honor. S\Another trump finesse followed, and all that remained was to pull East's trump king. Bond then led the QD, capturing West's 10. All of Drax's honors were totally useless in the face of declarer's minor suit winners!

The moral of the story is: **Point count is only one factor in hand evaluation.** Do not allow yourself to become dependent on it. No matter how many points you hold, high cards can always be neutralized by trumps and distribution. You can either accept this now, or you can join the "Draxes" of the world who learn the hard, expensive way.

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