

THE CAPITAL DISTRICT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

JULY 2026 Newsletter



President John Templin's Message...

Hello "Bridge-Mates"...

We had a fun awards lunch and bridge on Flag Day. Too bad many of you missed the party. Thanks again to Jean Roy for the great lunch. We are continuing our practice of highlighting one board member per month. Our July poster child is Andrea Campbell, unit secretary.

I'm sure most of you have summer plans. We often say the summer goes by too fast. So, before it is September please remember to mark your calendars for our fall sectional on Friday September 25 to Sunday the 27th. We will once again have a Swiss Team game on Sunday. As I mentioned in the June newsletter, 100% of the teams won silver master points in the teams event. Over the three days in May a total of 268 silver points were awarded. With a few more unit members attending let's set a goal of 300 silver points in September.

Ever wonder how our unit governs itself? Our 20-member board of directors meets three times per year. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 26 between the morning and afternoon master point sessions. The board meetings are open to all unit members. Plan to attend the next board meeting. Perhaps you will be inspired to be part of our future.



UNIT 115 Fall Sectional

SEPT 25-27

At the Shelly Studio, Latham, NY

District 3 Autumn Regional

October 4 – 7, 2026

Poughkeepsie, NY

Please support this Regional if you want to keep this event near Albany.



Andrea Fenton Campbell, Unit 115 Secretary

I was born and grew up in the small Catskill Mountain village of Margaretville, where my mom was a teacher and my dad was a lawyer. After high school I was an art major at Skidmore College until I met Bill. Following my sophomore year, we married and enrolled at SUNY Oneonta. After graduation we moved to SUNY Delhi where Bill ran the theater program for 45 years. During that time, I worked for Delaware County Social Services, then taught high school English at Franklin Central School, and for the last 22 years taught in the humanities department at SUNY Delhi.



During a visit with Mom in Florida she said, “You two aren’t leaving until I teach you to play bridge!” Back home, I discovered a 6-week beginner course offered in Oneonta, enrolled, and began to play. I was hooked!

In 2017, we retired and moved to Saratoga Springs to be closer to family. I found many more opportunities to play Duplicate Bridge than in the Delhi area.

Playing here has been wonderful. I’ve met many nice people, some of whom have become good friends, and even though I still have not yet made Life Master, I have learned so much and enjoy every day of it. Many thanks to all who make our games here possible!

In Memoriam

JUDY DUBAY

JUNE 18, 2026

Platinum Life Master

Our sincere condolences to Bill and Andy.

Congratulations Recent Rank Achievers!

Steve A Garcia	New Regional Master
Richard N Smith	New Regional Master
Karen Pranchak	New Sectional Master
Susan H Brown	New Junior Master
Rich Landers	New Junior Master

Watch for opportunities to win glitter points

Week of July 13, Shelly Studio will award 1/3 Silver points in all games.

NAPQ game dates:

Games award ½ red & ½ black plus an invitation to play in District 3 NAP finals to be held October 10, 2026, in Ridgewood, NJ.

Strats are OPEN/3000/750(non-LM)

Players can see their NAP qualification status on the ACBL website: <https://www.acbl.org/nap-qualifiers/>

Avila August 15

Shelly Studio

F2F 7/27, 7/30, 8/10, 8/13, 8/24, & 8/27

Online 7/28, 7/30, 8/11, 8/13, 8/25, & 8/27

*What is a **NAPQ** game?*

NAP stands for [North American Pairs](#) a grass roots three-stage event hosted by ACBL. The Q stands for Qualifying event.

Each North American ACBL District selects the top three pairs in each flight to compete at the Spring North American Bridge Championship (NABC), Dallas, TX. The event begins with qualifying games at Clubs during June, July and August. These games are followed by Unit- (optional) and District-level competitions to select players for the NABC final. Financial subsidies are provided by ACBL to the top two pairs in each flight in each District to offset the cost of travel to the NABC.

The Three Stages of NAP

1. **Club Level:** You qualify between June and August by either finishing in the top half of your stratum, scoring over 50% in a qualifying ACBL game, or ranking in the top half of any club.
2. **District Level:** District-level finals are held between Sept 1, 2026 and Jan 17, 2027, to determine who advances to the National Finals.
3. **National Level:** The final event occurs at the Spring NABC in Dallas, TX March 2027.

Flights and Eligibility

To ensure fair competition, the NAP is divided into four flights based on masterpoint holdings as of May 2026.

Eligibility for the various flights is as follows:

1. **Championship Flight** Open to any player
2. **Flight A** Players with fewer than 6000 MPs
3. **Flight B** Players with fewer than 3000 MPs
4. **Flight C** Players with fewer than 750 MPs who are not Life Masters

How to Qualify & Participate

- **Find a Game:** You can qualify in-person at your local club or online through [ACBL World](#) on Bridge Base Online (BBO).
- **Check Status:** Review your qualification progress through your local [ACBL Unit](#) listings.
- **Official Rules:** For masterpoint cut-offs, qualification methods, and prize subsidies, you can download the full [2026-27 Conditions of Contest](#) document.

UNIT 115 Duplicate Bridge Games...

Avila Retirement Community

100 White Pine Drive, Albany

Saturday 12:00 noon - Game Dates

July 11 & 25 (Unit Championship)

August 8 (Unit Championship), & 15 (NAP)

Clifton Park Duplicate Bridge

Senior Center, 6 Clifton Common Blvd

Tuesday 11:30 AM

Glens Falls Duplicate Bridge

Senior Center, 380 Glen St.

Monday 11:30 AM

Lake George Duplicate Bridge

Holiday Inn, 99 Canada Street.

Wednesday 12:00 noon.

Shelly Studio Duplicate Bridge

6 British American Blvd

Monday 11:30 AM NO experts unless mentoring
& 6:30 PM Open

Monday 3-5 PM Chat Bridge Very casual.

Thursday 11:30 AM Open

Online Bridge Games BBO vacb270942 Search for
"Shelly" under Competitive, ACBL e-Clubs.

Tuesday & Thursday 7:10 PM

Shelly Studio Summer Bridge Lessons

Lessons 2 hours for \$10

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Eddie Kantar Lessons

Saturday, 10:30 - 12:30 PM Declarer Play

Saturday, 1:00 – 3:00 PM Beginner Bridge Lessons

If interested....

Call or Text Diana Lack – 518-424-8240

Need a Partner for Bridge Games?

Diana Lack – 518-424-8240

Monday & Thursday - Shelly Studio, Latham

Terry Bentley – 518-796-2481

Tuesday - Clifton Park Senior Center

Wednesday - Lake George Holiday Inn

Rhoda Kratenstein – 561-252-0517

Saturday - AVILA Retirement Community

Albany

Unit Officers

John Templin, Jr., President

John Barnes, Vice President

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