

THE CAPITAL DISTRICT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 2026 Newsletter



President John Templin's Message...

Hello "Bridge-Mates"...

July saw waves: heat waves, smoke waves, and waves of rain. As we wave goodbye to July we welcome August and we learn about another BOD member. Our board member of the month is Life Master and former treasurer Agie Seife.

There is plenty of bridge to be played this month, both face-to-face and online. Support our clubs playing F2F and hone your skills playing online.

Be on the lookout for additional announcements regarding both sectional and regional tournaments. Our **Fall Sectional is Friday, September 25 to Sunday the 27th**. Sunday will again be played as Swiss Teams with IMPs. You will recall that at our spring sectional 100% of the teams won silver master points. Will this happen again? Half of our unit members have 100 master points or less and they do not participate in the sectionals. We are adjusting the cutoff points to encourage these players to come out and compete against other newer players without fear of playing against more experienced members.

SAVE the DATE

Thursday, August 27



Summer Bridge Outing at The Lake George Club

Watch for a flyer with details, coming soon!



Enjoy the Fall Foliage
District 3 Autumn Regional
Oct 4 – Oct 7, 2026

Double Tree Poughkeepsie

40 Civic Center Plaza **845-485-5300**

<https://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2026/10/2610116.pdf>

Congratulations Recent Rank Achievers!

Ruth S. Anderson **Gold Life Master**

Corey Curran **Club Master**

In Memoriam

Barbara McDonald – Bronze Life Master
December 6, 1935 – July 24, 2026

Agie Seife's Journey to Duplicate Bridge

My introduction to bridge came early, as I watched my mother play “kitchen bridge” with her friends. I still remember one woman offering this bit of advice: “If you ever play bridge, don’t play duplicate.” As you can see, I chose a different path.

In the decades that followed, duplicate bridge remained in the background while I earned degrees in mathematics and business and built a successful computer consulting firm.

When my husband and I retired, we chose Catskill over a move south, relocating from Upper Nyack. About fifteen years ago, we decided to make a sincere effort to learn duplicate. Finding teachers was not as easy we had hoped; many experienced players seemed more eager to play than to teach. Still, Mike and I persisted with books, DVDs, and more than a little trial and error, well as the school of “Hard Knocks”, and we learned the basics. Over time, Mike stepped away from bridge, while I found



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others who shared my enthusiasm for improving. My long journey, including many regional tournaments, culminated in early 2025, when I earned both Life Master and Bronze Life Master within weeks of each other. I will never forget the thrill of earning the final fraction of a gold point online at 11:30 p.m. on a Sunday night—proof that bridge milestones can arrive at unexpected hours. Compared with some of the people I play with, I still feel like a beginner, but I took great satisfaction in serving as the Unit’s treasurer for more than ten years. Most of all, I cherish the people I have met and the game that brought us together: Duplicate Bridge.

UNIT 115 Duplicate Bridge Games...

Avila Retirement Community

100 White Pine Drive, Albany

Saturday 12:00 noon - Game Dates

August 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. [More on Finesses](#)

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

Saturday, 1:00 – 3:00 PM Basic 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

Monday – Glens Falls Senior Center

Tuesday - Clifton Park Senior Center

Wednesday - Lake George Holiday Inn

Rhoda Kratenstein – 561-252-0517

Saturday - AVILA Retirement Community

Albany

Unit Officers

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