

THE CAPITAL DISTRICT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 2026 Newsletter



President John Templin's Message...

Hello "Bridge-Mates"...

Never forget. That is the theme for the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. We are all old enough to appreciate the sacrifice of the thousands who died that morning or in the past 25 years from 9/11 related illnesses. Please never forget.

I was flying that day from Albany to Pittsburgh to Fort Wayne. Our pilot came on the speaker and informed us we were diverting from Fort Wayne to Toledo, and more information would be available when we were on the ground. We wondered if our plane had a problem. All my family knew was that I was flying. Also, 9/11 happened to be my wife's birthday.

September is our unit's fall sectional three-day event. Morning and afternoon master point games Friday and Saturday and the play-through Swiss Teams event on Sunday. As I mentioned in previous newsletters – 100% of the teams won silver master points in May. Will lightning strike twice?

We continue to look for incentives to have our newer members with less than 100 master points play in the sectional. Please see later in this newsletter what incentives pertain to you.

As mentioned in the August newsletter, our next unit 115 board of directors meeting will take place on Saturday September 26 between the morning and afternoon games. All BOD meetings are open to the entire membership, and you are welcome to attend.

Finally, shortly after our sectional there is our District 3 autumn regional tournament. It will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Poughkeepsie. The dates are Sunday, October 4 to Wednesday, October 7. I earned my Life Master rank at the winter regional in Suffern and I look forward to hopefully earn my Silver Life Master. I look forward to seeing many of our unit members at the regional.

John Templin, President

UNIT 115 Capital District

FALL 2026

SECTIONAL



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Friday & Saturday, September 25 & 26

Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Stratified 750* Pairs 10:00 am & 2:30 pm

*No player with more than 750 MPs

Sunday, September 27

Stratified Open Swiss Teams

Two Session play-through*

10:00 am start

**FREE Lunch provided halfway through*

Strats* for Open Games:

Unlimited/3000/1000*

Strats* for 750 Games:

750/400/150

*Subject to change based on attendance

Games will be stratified by Pair/Team Average

**Free snacks & coffee provided throughout
the weekend**

**SILVER POINTS! SILVER POINTS!
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**Under 100 MPs – Buy one entry, second
session on the same day is free**

Pair Games: \$13/player Swiss Teams: \$104/team

Credit Card Preferred

ACBL membership required: \$4 additional per person per session for lapsed ACBL members

Guest ACBL Member Link: <http://my.acbl.org/membership/join?guest=X&club=270942&teacher=1881116>

Here is your opportunity to earn Red and Gold points, only 85 minutes south of Albany. District 3 needs Unit 115 members to attend this Regional Tournament so that they can continue to bring a Regional to our area. There are pair and team games each day with lower masterpoint limits!



Enjoy the Fall Foliage

District 3 Autumn Regional
Oct 4 – Oct 7, 2026

Double Tree Poughkeepsie

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

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

Congratulations Recent Rank Achievers!

Jim M Reed

Ruby Life Master

Richard R Laplante

Silver Life Master

Jonathan Schwalb

NABC Master

Meet Joanne Schlang, Unit 115 Treasurer

Having grown up in New Rochelle, I attended the University of Michigan where I first learned to play bridge. After college, I moved to Boston for a year and then to Albany to join my husband-to-be. The following year I got a Master's degree in Social Work and then began my career working at the Capital District Psychiatric Center. In 1973, my husband and I purchased a home in New Scotland where I still live with Rich



Underwood, my partner of almost 25 years. In 1976 my daughter was born and after taking some time off, I resumed my career.

In 1984, after getting a second Master's in Criminal Justice, I was able to start an alternatives to incarceration program in Albany called TASC of the Capital District. The mission was to place offenders in drug, alcohol and mental health programs to avoid or shorten jail or prison sentences. In the late 90's we purchased two buildings in downtown Albany that we turned into supervised housing for those male and female

offenders who were on their way to treatment programs and others who were leaving prison and needed safe housing while transitioning back into the community. I ran this program for almost 35 years and was really proud of the work we did helping people restore their lives.

While my daughter was growing up, I played bridge in a 4-table Monday night game that fueled my interest, but I didn't really get started until she left for college. After that, my friends helped me learn duplicate bridge and I began to play on a regular basis. Now that I am retired, I play a couple times a week and Rich and I try to get to the nationals at least once a year. Other than playing bridge, I try to spend as much time as I can with my teenage grandsons who live in Baltimore, and to travel with Rich and our close friends. I am also on the Board of the Community Loan Fund of the Capital District and would gladly talk about that organization with anyone who's interested.

UNIT 115 Duplicate Bridge Games...

Wolfert's Roost Bridge Club

is back for the September 2026 – May 2027 season!

Lunch and Sanctioned games are held on Wednesdays, alternating between the Mohawk Golf Club & Wolfert's Roost. Game starts at 10:30, Lunch break at 12:15. Usually finished by 3:00.

September 9th @ Wolfert's Roost
September 23rd @ Mohawk Golf Club

Reservations are required. Cost \$35

Contact Diane Burger 518-273-5371 (home) 518-669-0177 (cell)
 dijean7@yahoo.com

Avila Retirement Community Duplicate Bridge

100 White Pine Drive, Albany

Saturday 12:00 noon - Game Dates

September 5th International Fund game
September 19th Unit Championship game

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

Thanks to Ginger Ryan, Janice Woodbury, Julia, Terry Bentley, and Ed Zucchini the Lake George Bridge Event was a huge success!

After Ed's enlightening discussion on Competitive Bidding with sample boards, we adjourned to lunch overlooking beautiful



Lake George. The afternoon concluded with an 11 table Unit Championship.

Shelly Studio Summer Bridge Lessons

Lessons 2 hours for \$10

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Negative Doubles

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

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

No 1 PM class 9/5/26

Extra lessons playing additional hands.

9/12, 9/19, 10/3 & 10/10

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

John Templin, Jr., President

John Barnes, Vice President

Andrea Campbell, Secretary

Joanne Schlang, Treasurer