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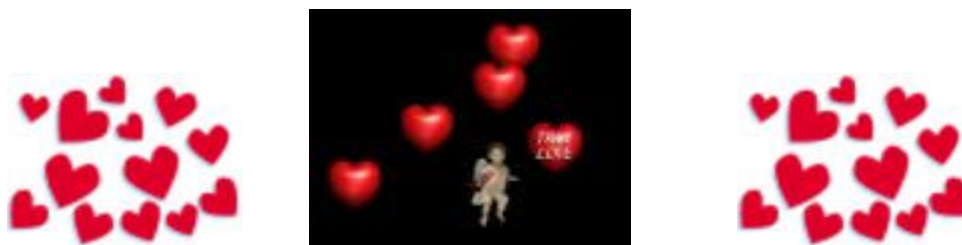
NEWSLETTER

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MID-WINTER SECTIONAL FEB 8-10

Friday - February 8

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 0-2000, Open)	1:00 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300)	1:00 pm
Pro-Am Swiss Teams (Random Draw Pairing)	7:00 pm

Saturday, February 9

Stratified Open Pairs; Stratified Newcomer Pairs	10:00 am and 3:00 pm
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Sunday, February 10

Swiss Teams (1- Session Bracketed)	1:00 pm
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President's Message

Sybil's Christmas Party was our last event of 2007 even though it was held in 2008. It was a huge success and Ronald McDonald house was the beneficiary. Many thanks are due Marian Clowe and Rosemary Zongrone who planned and hosted the event, Lois Tuohey, Chairperson of the Charity Committee, and Norma Shelly who directed the game for us. And, of course, thanks to all of you who attended and made the event and the game a tasty smorgasbord of food and fun.

This is also my chance to thank the members of the 2007 Board of Directors whose contributions to Unit 115 often go unheralded. When you see any of them at a bridge game, please say thank you for all they do on your behalf. They are Lorrie Chamberlin, Marian Clowe, Bill Dubay, Sue Eastman, Renie Federighi, Stan Felland, Ellen Finch, Diana Lack, Fran Leary, Ross Lounsbury, Tom Ludwig, Barbara & John McDonald, Bernie & Rob Neuhart, Marian Sheehan, Charlene Sunderland, Lois Tuohey, Joan Harvey, Rich Underwood.

I particularly want to thank Tom Ludwig, Treasurer, Diana Lack, Education Coordinator, and Bill Dubay, Representative to the District 3 Board of Directors, who are leaving the Board after many years of service.

Ray Ratte

**Ray Ratte appointed John Riopelle
as a Unit 115 Representative
to the District 3 Board of Directors**

This 'n That from your District Director

2007 ended quite sadly. Peter Kalat, president of District 3 and a member of the District Board died in his sleep the morning of December 1st. Peter will be remembered as a great bridge administrator, a fine bridge player and a man who always had a smile on his face and a good word to say about everyone. Our condolences we send to his wife Nie Lih and his many children and grandchildren. Peter will be missed.

If you didn't go to the San Francisco NABC, you were one of the few. It was the 3rd largest Fall NABC - probably because of the city, the good playing conditions, the great hospitality and the fact that it

A letter from your Editor

In recent times, we have discussed the behavior of players at our games. ACBL has recommended penalties for violators of unacceptable behavior. What we haven't discussed at length in a public forum are other types of undesirable and intolerable behavior not necessarily characterized as behavior falling within the ACBL Zero Tolerance policy. Here, I would like to briefly mention a behavior that expands beyond the simple rude and abusive comments levied upon one's own partner. Comments hurt only briefly, what I describe below hurts for a lifetime.

I am speaking of certain players who take advantage of others (their partners and supposed friends) monetarily (\$\$). In my own limited experience, I had occasion to encounter one such player. Not only did the player not pay her own entry fee, she insisted I must have forgotten (even though my wallet contained neither a \$5 nor a \$1 bill she claimed she just gave me...). Only a few days later, she attempted the same roguery but this time I paid with a FREE certificate. She insisted she put her \$6 on the table and told me to pay my \$6. I pointed to the certificate. While she kept insisting she placed her money on the table and I must pay mine, our most astute bridge director then spoke up and said "Sue paid with her certificate; you owe your \$6". After that, I found others with whom to partner. This lasted more than a year until a recent tournament when circumstances were such that made it difficult to NOT play a game with her. This time, I was out far more than any \$6 entry fee...closer to \$300. I say to every woman out there ...hold onto your pocketbooks; and men ...check your wallets. There is a wolf out there....dressed in sheep's clothing.

started on Thanksgiving Day instead of having Thanksgiving in the middle of the tournament. The Board of Directors always asks management to do this. Hopefully it will happen more often in the future.

I did not attend the Board meetings in SF. Instead I had the pleasure of attending one of my grandson's bar mitzvahs- a wonderful moment. Steve Surasky, District 3's First Alternate went in my absence. He was well informed before he went and I can assure you he represented the District well. Happenings of note: A second reading of our new MasterPoint Plan took place, was affirmed and is now in effect. Many of you may have noticed that the Bracketed KO's now pay MP's based on Strength of Field rather than Size of Field. This tends to help the smaller tournaments if there are better players in the field and is a better criterion than size. The Board is hopeful that in the not too distant future this can be done for Pair events as well. Note also that more overall placings are being given in Pair games which should make a lot of people happy. ACBL headquarters has been sold and the Board is considering moving away from Memphis. Other cities being thought about are Atlanta, Dallas and Orlando. A decision may be made as early as this Spring.

The Rye Winter Regional was a huge success. The new feature of this tournament was the use of pre-duplicated boards in all pair games. The players loved this. It saves about 15 minute a session. We plan to do this at all four of our regional so see this in action in Saratoga Springs. We had nothing but compliments. Next on the Tournament Trail is the GNT's which will be held on Sunday, April 13th at the Bridge Deck in White Plains. The B&C Flights are a 2 session Swiss starting at 12:30 with a brunch at 11:30am and Flight A and the Super Flight are KO's - which are two sessions if you survive and then if the field is large enough there is another round at a time to be arranged. Check our District 3 web-site for all the details.

Then it's time for the favorite - The Saratoga Springs Regional - Tuesday, May 27th - Sunday, June 1st. Once again this is a new date but all the snowbirds will be home so it should be Wonderful.Pleaser. Note that we are not starting on Monday which is Memorial Day but, we are still having many KO's Compact KO's Swiss Teams and even have put two Senior Events back into the schedule. - One a Pair's game and one a Team's game at 10 am on Thursday and Saturday. So check out the schedule, note the additions and make your dates to spend 5 great days with us in Saratoga Springs.

For updated information and all the news check our website: www.bridge-district3.org....See you all soon.

Joan Gerard, District Director



Congratulations

Nashville NABC Winners

Points

170.00 Lynn Deas
55.70 Steve & Betty Bloom
44.39 Andrew Dubay
41.06 Bill Dubay
21.17 Sue Eastman
15.80 Steven Shaye
15.80 Larry Rosen
14.42 Lucy & Gary Spongberg
12.26 Steve Paskin
12.26 Richard Underwood
1.80 Carol Paskin
1.15 Emily Rankin
.37 Kenneth Tubbs

San Francisco NABC

(submitted by Lucy Spongberg
...Thank you)

Points

92.63 Lynn Deas
62.23 Neil Chambers
59.95 Lucy & Gary Spongberg
32.78 Donna Chambers
32.78 Louis Golub
53.86 Bernie & Robert Neuhart
19.84 Walt Smith
14.96 Sue Eastman
12.03 Jack & Pat Baugh
6.47 Lorrie Smith
1.90 Bill Dubay
1.64 Rich Underwood
.83 Andrew Dubay
.59 JoAnn Schlang

Personal Notes

Our condolences we send to the friends and family of Bernice Busch, Bessie Levine, and Doc Sandler.

Mary Fredrick is the Sunshine Chairwoman. Let her know if there are any people, we need to send cards or notes.

Club Corner

The Studio

Tuesday	March 11	7:00	Non-LM CC
Saturday	March 15	12:30	Open CC
Wednesday	April 16	12:00	Inv CC
Monday	May 5	12:00	Inv Charity CC
Tuesday	May 13	7:00	Non-LM CC
Thursday	May 15	12:00	Open CC

Coming Events

Fri- Sunday	Feb 8-10	Sectional
Fri- Sunday	Apr 25-27	Sectional

Rye Brook Regional Winners

20.51 John Rose
 17.27 Ross Lounsbury
 8.41 Robert Donald
 8.41 Diane Burger
 7.67 Satya Pabuwal
 6.66 Xiaoqian Liu
 6.66 Maxim Siline
 6.34 Susan Eastman
 6.34 Roger Woodin
 4.86 Walter Smith
 4.27 Daniel Wulff
 4.27 Bonnie Taylor
 3.70 Robert Neuhart
 3.70 Judith Shulman
 3.59 Ulla Sattinger
 3.59 Michael Sattinger
 1.57 Peter Wick
 1.57 Joe Rizzuto
 1.21 William Dubay
 .93 Lorrie Smith
 .68 June Barach
 .68 Joan Fisher



Rank Changes

Club Masters (20 MPs):

Martha Precheur

Sectional Masters (50 MPs):

John Loeber

NABC Masters (200 MPs):

Ken Balch

Silver Life Master (1,000 MPs):

Donald Bathrick

Sybil's Christmas Party

Section A North-South

A	B	C	<u>MPs</u>
1			2.04 Judy Dubay-Rob Neuhart
2/3	1/2		1.19 Bill Teiper-Andy Archibald
2/3	1/2		1.19 John Riopelle-Shirley Grady
4/5			.44 Ray Ratte-Frank Legnard
4/5			.44 Charlene Sunderland-Joan Harvey
		1	.78 Rosemary Isele-Harold Bigelow

Section A East-West

1			3.62 Diane Burger-Bob Donald
2	1	1	2.41 Renie Federighi-James Borgia
3			.79 Paul Meier - Beth Snyder
4	2	3	1.81 Lois Lyon - Joe Phillips

Section B North-South

1	1	1	3.21 Gene Vennesland-Pat Feulner
2			1.17 Gary & Lucy Spongberg
3			.84 Fran Leary - Phyllis French
4	2		.80 Ed Hornidge -Richard Bobilin
		3	.57 John & Patsy Schulenberg
		2	.58 Carolyn Macdonald-Norm Stewart

Section B East-West

1			4.83 Betty & Steve Bloom
2			1.17 Roger Woodin-Sue Eastman
3	1		1.20 Lukas Fekete-Dorothy Shelly
4	2	1	1.04 Mary Wright -Nancy Streeter
		3	.60 Harry & Marilyn Soffer

Imagine a handmade, gourmet pie you can bake and serve with no mess in your kitchen while helping to raise money for hospitality at the Saratoga Regional. The pie comes with simple instruction that read: "Bake from frozen at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 15 to 30 minutes." It will be no lie when you tell your family or guests that YOU baked the pie!

This can be done by purchasing frozen pies made by Smith's Orchard Bake Shop at our unit's fundraiser. These pies are a product of Walt Smith's niece in Charlton, NY and were served at our sectionals in the past. Many of our fellow bridge players have purchased these pies as well – ask around and you will find out first hand how special they are.

From February 1-18 we will be taking orders for 10" frozen pies at a price of \$10 each and our Unit 115 will make \$3 on each pie sold to be put towards hospitality at the Saratoga Regional. The pies will keep in your freezer until you are ready to bake and serve them, so you can order several. To order pies you may use the attached order form or pick up an order form at any club game or the sectional. You can turn in your order at the sectional or any club game up until February 10. You must make payment for the total of your order when you turn in your order. You can choose to pick up your order on any of the following 3 times and locations: Studio Sat. February 23 3-5 PM, ROCC Monday February 25 3-5 PM, Clifton Park Senior Center Tuesday February 26 3-5 PM, but you must specify your pick up choice when placing your order.

We encourage you to solicit additional pie orders from your friends and relatives and include them in your order. The more pies we sell, the more money we make!

	Regular Crust	Crumb Top	Sugarless (Regular top only)
Apple			
Apple Blackberry			
Apple Blueberry			
Apple Cherry			
Apple Cranberry			
Apple Peach			
Apple Raisin Walnut			
Apple Raspberry			
Blackberry			
Blueberry			
Blueberry Peach			
Cherry			
Peach			
Pecan		Not available	Not available
Pineapple			
Pumpkin		Not available	Not available
Raspberry			
Raspberry Peach			
Rhubarb			
Strawberry Rhubarb			
Tollhouse		Not available	Not available
Very Berry			

Name_____

Phone_____

CIRCLE PICK-UP POINT Sat. 23rd STUDIO Mon. 25th ROCC Tues. 26th Clifton Park

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115 (as of Jan 9, 2008)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Richard Bobilin Joanne Dechants Judi Jacquin	JoAnne Dechants Richard Bobilin Judi Jacquin
5-20	Harold Bigelow Stan Felland John Loeber	John Loeber Stan Felland Harold Bigelow
20-50	Gloriana Clark Frances Cuerdon Harry Landry	Gloriana Clark Mark Hartley Harry Landry
50-100	Patricia Baugh Jack Baugh Paul Cuerdon	Pat Exner Maria Joyner Paul Cuerdon
100-200	Len Lapinski Ellen Finch Lew Millenbach	Ellen Finch Stanley Cohen Mary Ellen Nevin
200-300	Ulla Sattinger Bonnie Taylor Michael Sattinger	Lois Tuohey Ulla Sattinger Michael Sattinger
300-500	Judy & Richard Hill Sue Eastman Diane Alexander	Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander Conrad Bader
500-1000	Robert Valenti Lou Urbano Andrew Dubay	Louis Urbano Robert Valenti Dorothy Kraus
1000-2500	Robert Neuhart Bernie Neuhart Diane Burger	Donald Cohen Joan Meyer Charles Schmidt
2500-5000	Lucy & Gary Spongberg Arthur Bernhardt Edna Doigan	Arthur Bernhardt June Barach Edna Doigan
5000-7500	Bill Dubay Walter Smith Judy Dubay	Stephen Paskin Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann
7500-10000	Al Ross Neil Chambers	Al Ross Neil Chambers
Over 10000	Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas	Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Thurs-Sunday	Feb 13-18	Regional, Cromwell, CT
Thurs-Sunday	Mar 6-16	NABC, Detroit Mich
Mon-Sunday	Apr 7-13	Women's Bridge Festival
Sunday	Apr 13	Grand National Teams
Mon-Sunday	Apr 14-20	Regional, Gatlinburg, TN
Tues-Sunday	Apr 29-May 4	Regional, Smithtown NY
Wed-Sunday	Apr 30-May 4	Senior Regional, Cape Cod
Tues-Sunday	May 27-June 1	Regional, Saratoga

Club Events

Mon-Sunday	Mar 24-30	STACs
Fri-Sunday	Apr 25-27	Sectional, Schenectady



Deadline for submission for April Newsletter:

Mar 18, 2008

Save Trees and postage. Those households that could do with 1 newsletter instead of 2; let me know.