

# Capital District Bridge Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### Friday - April 25

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 0-2000, Open)	1:00 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300)	1:00 pm
NEW!--Board-a-Match Teams (Pair Scoring)	7:00 pm

### Saturday, April 26

Stratified Open Pairs; Stratified Newcomer Pairs	10:00 am and 3:00 pm
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### Sunday, April 27

Swiss Teams (1- Session Bracketed)	1:00 pm
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Elsewhere in this issue (pg7), Bill Dubay will explain a new type of game (for us) which we will be trying on Friday night of the next two Sectionals in an attempt to provide more diversity to our playing options and to attract more participation on Friday night. If you have not been attending on Friday night in the past, please add it to your schedule for next time. Try it; you might like it. If driving at night is the problem, maybe you can make arrangements with your partner or another player to provide transportation. We have great attendance on Friday afternoon; let's build up Friday night to equal proportions. May I suggest trying some of the great new restaurants in Schenectady between games?

As I start my second year as President, I want to thank the Board for their confidence in re-electing me, and, thank all of you for your support and participation in the bridge games within the Capital District, District 3, and ACBL nationally.  
Ray Ratte

***Correction***

Lucy and Gary Spongberg won 59.95 points at the San Francisco Nationals, not 14.42. The Editor most humbly apologizes for her gross error.

**A letter from your Editor**

**We come together to play, to sit, to enjoy.  
It is our time together.  
For some, it is a place to learn, to compete, to laugh.  
For others, there is pleasure in discord, gossip.  
Some leave us far too soon.  
Were their days with us ...  
Time well-spent?**

**President's Message**

I received a number of comments regarding the article by the Editor in the February issue. I discussed my concerns with her and her article was discussed at our last Board meeting. The Board established a policy to help prevent future publication of any article in our newsletter which would be potentially offensive to any member, incorrect in its content, or damaging to the ACBL or to Unit 115. It will be the responsibility of the Editor to review all articles submitted for publication and, if necessary, discuss concerns with the author in an attempt to correct, clarify, or reword the article as appropriate. Articles by the Editor shall be reviewed by the President. Articles by the President shall be reviewed by the other Officers of the Unit and by the Editor.

We continue to encourage all members to consider submitting articles on bridge related matters, suggestions, or concerns and we request your understanding and cooperation if the Editor contacts you with suggestions for change.

In my article in the last newsletter, I neglected to include the name of John O'Brien as a member of the Board. I apologize for that oversight. John has been and is continuing as an active member of the Board and his contributions are much appreciated by all of us.

**This 'n That  
from your District Director**

Just home from the Detroit NABC and while this was not thought to be a great location, the total attendance was 8553.5 – not at all terrible for a Spring NABC. The Renaissance Center really did have a wonderful food court and there were two or three more upscale restaurants. The People Mover, a train that runs one way through parts of the city, takes you to Greek Town with a casino and many, many interesting restaurants. .. this was entered right through the Renaissance Center, 2 stops to get there and 8 or so stops to return since the train only goes one way. The host group was spectacular, wonderful nightly entertainment, plus great food... playing conditions were probably in the top two or three in the last several years. While not somewhere we should go often because it does not have vacation appeal, it was indeed a good experience for those who attended.

Congratulations to Lynn Deas who finished on the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team in the Women's event and you should know that District 3 had its first win in the NAP's... Sydney Kantar and Ron Nelken from our North Jersey Unit won Flight B... a great feat!

News from the Board meetings of interest: Teachers will be able to teach a shortened Mini-Bridge course though the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and receive subsidy from the ACBL; Multi 2 Diamond was barred from pair games that allow mid-chart conventions. This can only be played in events with 6 or more board segments. The new Laws of Duplicate Bridge will go into effect on September 8, 2008. I strongly advise club directors to read the laws carefully. Hopefully, District 3 will be arranging seminars at various Regionals for club directors to become familiar with the changes. Everyone should know that the new

Masterpoint Plan which has already been in effect had a major computer program glitch and needed some tweaking. The net result of this is a reduction on the masterpoints received from January to March in Bracketed KO's at Regionals of 11% in the top bracket and will now be a 24% reduction, mainly in the top bracket of KO's from March 17<sup>th</sup> on. Still, the top bracket of the KO's will be receiving more points than previously based on the strength of field. District 3 Regionals will not be very different from the past. A very big issue that the board addressed in Detroit was use of electronic devices in the playing area. In all NABC events (this does not include Regional events or IN events at the NABC's) – all electronic devices, excluding health-related equipment, capable of sending or receiving communication shall not be allowed in the playing areas, adjacent hallways, rest rooms or accessible break areas. Before you say that this is ridiculous, you should know that there have been scandals in the chess world and golf and tennis tournaments. Now, of course, chess tournaments ban the use of electronic equipment. There will be ways that you can be reached through a call to the hotel or convention center directly to the director's room if there is an emergency. And note that now this is only for NABC events.

Saratoga Springs is just around the corner. This is the last year that we will be out of sync. Next year we will be back at our usual time in the middle of June. District 3 is grateful for your support, I heard that the pie sale was great and I know you all volunteered to help at the tournament and play as many days as you possibly can. It's a great location so be there to make it a great tournament. There are many new events on the schedule – we kick off on Tuesday with an Open Bracketed Round Robin Teams (more MP's than you can believe) and then we have loads of KO's and Swiss teams during the rest of the week. And please note that we have put back two senior events at a brand new and often requested time 10AM – one on Thursday and one on Saturday. We hope they will be popular. Our new location at the end of June through the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday in Fairfield, NJ (just 10 minutes from Parsippany) is a must for your July 4<sup>th</sup> vacation weekend. Check our website for details: [www.bridge-district3.org](http://www.bridge-district3.org)

Hope to see you all soon. Write or call with any questions: [joanandron@att.net](mailto:joanandron@att.net) or 914-948-0841.

Joan Gerard, District Director

## Personal Notes

Get well wishes we send to Arlene Sheber, Sharon Lyons, Ed Hornidge and Shirley Grady. We are hopeful you have a speedy recovery.

We send our condolences to Marian Clowe on the death of her mother. Our condolences we send to the family and friends of Ruth Blendell, who recently died.

(Note: Contact Mary Fredrick-- Give her names of players for whom we may send cards of condolences or get well wishes)

## CDBA Board of Directors 2008-2009

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## Congratulations

### Detroit NABC Winners

96.47	Steve & Betty Bloom
93.95	Neil Chambers
92.69	Lynn Deas
25.25	William & Judy Dubay
22.88	Donna Chambers
21.74	Bob Feller
21.45	Steven Shaye & Larry Rosen
21.45	Larry Rosen
4.38	Xiaoqian Liu & Maxim Siline
4.06	Joan Gerard
3.17	Harold Bigelow & Gene Vennesland

### March 24-28 STACs (top 10)

17.23	Robert Valenti
17.10	Walter Smith
16.24	John Riopelle
9.44	Diane Alexander
8.70	Patricia & James Ackerman
7.49	William Dubay
7.26	Lucy & Gary Spongberg
6.96	Sandra Quinn & Rosemary Mullaney

### President's Cup

Saturday, June 7 @ 1pm @ The Studio  
Not too early to start forming your teams for the President's Cup, a Unit Charity game. Each team will consist of a Life Master, 1 person with less than 500 points, 1 with less than 300 points, a 4th less than 100 points. Sign up sheet at any club. If you form your own team or are looking for a team please contact Lorrie Chamberlin 286-2851 ([lorcham3@aol.com](mailto:lorcham3@aol.com)) or Norma Shelly 346-3773 ([bridgestudio@hotmail.com](mailto:bridgestudio@hotmail.com)).

## Club Corner

### The Studio

Wednesday April 16 12:00 Invitational CC  
 Monday May 5 12:00 Invitational Charity CC  
 Tuesday May 13 7:00 Non-LM CC  
 Thursday May 15 12:00 CC  
 Monday May 26 12:00 We will be open  
 Monday June 9 12:00 Invitational CC  
 Saturday June 21 12:30 CC

Studio closed for Saratoga Regional May 27-June 1

### Coming Events

Saturday June 7 President's Cup  
 Saturday June 14 Award's Dinner  
 NAOP Qualifiers: Monday June 23, 12:00  
 Thursday July 24 12:00  
 Saturday August 16 12:30  
 Wednesday August 27 12:00

## Sectional Results

**Feb 8-10, 2008**

### Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Donna Chambers - Delores Inzero
2			Judy Dubay - Joan Meyer
3	1		Paul Meier - Beth Snyder
4			Stephen Paskin - Al Ross
5/6	2		Ross Lounsbury - Lou Urbano
5/6			Lucy & Gary Spongberg
	3		Satya Pabuwal - Corrado Baglioni
	4	1	Raymond Ratte - Frank Legnard
	5/6	2	Jacquelyn Viana - Peggy Mann
	5/6		Franceline Leary - Phyllis French
		3	Conrad Bader - Diane Alexander

### 299ers

1			Jean Drake - Peggy Mount
2			Ellen Finch - Patricia Favreau
3	1	1	Robert Dickson - Philip McLaughlin
4			Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin
5	2	2	Lionel Biagiotti - Richard Phillips

### Friday evening Pro-Am Swiss

1	1	1	Eleanor O'Connor - Richard Hurd Elizabeth VonRiesenfelder - C Kirk Osterland
2	2	2	Richard Bobilin - Diane Alexander John Riopelle - Mark Rosenholz
3			Rich Kasprowicz - Marion Sheehan Tom & Judith Ludwig

### Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Roger Woodin - George Halbfinger
2	1		Franceline Leary - Phyllis French
3	2	1	Frank Legnard - Raymond Ratte
4			Donna Chambers - Priscilla Cleary
5	3		Satya Pabuwal - Corrado Baglioni
	4	2	Rosemary Isele - Marian Webster
			<b>299ers</b>
1	1	1	James Beard - Mark Hartley
2	2	2	Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
3	3		Jason Griffith - Chris Chudzicki

### Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Arthur Bernhardt - Albert Ross
2			Clare & Marilyn Beames
3			Gary & Lucy Spongberg
4			Diane Burger - Robert Donald
5			Nicholas Ecker Racz - Norma Shelly
6	1		Franceline Leary - Phyllis French
			<b>299ers</b>
1			Susan Brammer - Fred Stefaniak
2			Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni

### Sunday Swiss

A	Bracket 1	
1		Roger Woodin - Tony Prindle Al Ross - Walt Smith
2		Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline Richard Underwood - Steve Paskin
3/4		Norma Shelly - Nicholas Ecker Racz Donna & Neil Chambers
3/4		Robert Neuhart - Judy Dubay Bernard Neuhart - Arthur Bernhardt
	Bracket 2	
1/2		Diana Lack - Norm Stewart Maryclare Devlin - Ruth Anderson
1/2		Peggy Mann - Ruth Bickel Barbara Zautner - Joan Belle Ricks
3		Lou & Myra Brickman Richard & Gloriana Clark
	Bracket 3	
1		Rosemary Isele - Martha Precheur Harold Bigelow - Sandra Ostrelch
2		Leonard & Anne Lapinski Lois Tuohey - Sandra Graper
3/5		Michael & Ulla Sattinger Linda & Lew Millenbach
3/5		Tom & Judith Ludwig Jean Drake - Charles Close,

### Judi's Lessons

at the ROCC  
 Fridays 9:15am

"Sherlock Holmes, Bridge Evaluator" - this set of lessons deals with hand evaluation - cost is \$11.00 per lesson

The Third Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>  
 at the ROCC (Not at JCC)

"More Headache Hands" - These are hands that have no easy solution. Lesson at 9:30am; followed by lunch; and the duplicate game in the afternoon.

## Rank Changes

### Sectional Masters (50 MPs-5silver):

Barbara Flynn  
John Flynn

### Regional Masters (100 MPs -5r/g,15s):

Harold Bigelow  
Harry Landry

### NABC Masters (200 MPs-5g,15r/g,25s):

Lew Millenbach  
Lorrie Smith  
Daniel Wulff

### Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs):

Xiaoqian Liu  
Maxim Siline

### Silver Life Master (1000 MPs):

Robert Valenti

### Gold Life Master (2,500 MPs):

Roger Woodin

## Suggestions Requested

The awards dinner is coming. We'd like suggestions for the two awards given. 1- Mr/Ms Bridge is given to a person who has gone above and beyond normal contributions to the Unit; 2- Marvin Friedman Award is given to the person who "at all times creates a pleasant environment to play at club games and sectionals, is courteous and non-critical to opponents as well as partners and typifies the epitome of a lady or gentleman." Notify us: [lorcham3@aol.com](mailto:lorcham3@aol.com), or in person to: Lorrie Chamberlin, Lois Tuohey, Bernie Neuhart

## Caddies Wanted

I would like to add to my list of caddies. Caddies are paid \$30 per session. They must be 14+, but 14-yr olds may not work evenings. Needed for Saratoga Regional, starting the Tuesday following Memorial Day. Please contact Fran Leary: [flearyny@aol.com](mailto:flearyny@aol.com) or 518-372-7806.

## Pies Pies Pies

You did great, buying 182 pies (profit \$650). FANTASTIC! Thank you all. Special thanks to Walt Smith for planning, organizing, and delivering; Secondary thanks to Peggy Mount and Lois Touhey. Eat more pies. Marian Clowe

## ANNUAL NON-BAKE BOOK SALE!!!

April 25-27 at the Sectional

We need books and tapes brought to the Studio the week of April 21. All proceeds will benefit hospitality at the Saratoga Regional.

## Cromwell Results

Feb 13-18, 2008

45.64	Walter Smith
38.15	Xiaoqian Liu & Maxim Siline
32.85	William Dubay
31.07	Judy Dubay
19.91	Peter Wick & Morris Cramer
19.51	Paul Meier & Beth Snyder
19.31	Lucy & Gary Spongberg
18.72	Steve & Betty Bloom
15.32	Robert Donald & Diane Burger
8.90	Roger Woodin
8.37	Ulla & Michael Sattinger
8.37	Linda & Lew Millenbach
8.20	Richard & Gloriana Clark
7.94	Ellen Finch
7.12	Sue Eastman
4.87	Paul & Frances Cuerdon
4.85	William Teiper & Bonnie Taylor

## Saratoga Regional

Date Change

May 27-June 1, 2008

### Tuesday, May 27

Bracketd Rd Robin Tms 1 & 7pm  
Side Game Series 1 & 7pm  
Interm Prs 1 & 7pm

### Weds, May 28

Bracketed KO Tms1 9am  
(cont Thur 9am)  
Open & Interm Pairs 1 & 7 pm  
Side Game Series 3-4<sup>th</sup> 1 & 7 pm

### Thurs May 29

NEW! Senior Prs 10am & 3pm  
Open Swiss 1 & 7pm  
Side Game Series 5-6<sup>th</sup> 1 & 7pm  
Interm Prs 1 & 7pm

### Friday, May 30

Bracketed Comp KO Tms 2  
9am & 1pm  
Open Prs 1 & 7pm  
Interm Prs 1 & 7pm  
Side Game Ser2 1 & 7pm  
1-Session Swiss 1pm  
Bracketed KO Tms2 7pm  
(cont Sat 9am, 1 & 7pm)

### Sat, May 31

NEW! Senior Swiss 10am 3pm  
Side Game Ser2 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am  
Open Prs 1 & 7pm  
Interm Prs 1 & 7pm  
Side Game Ser 4-5<sup>th</sup> 1 & 7pm

### Sunday, June 1

Open Bracketed Round Robin Tms 10:30am

## Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115 (as of Mar 6, 2008)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Lionel Biagiotti Maris Faigin Theresa Igoe	Lionel Biagiotti Maris Faigin Theresa Igoe
5-20	James Beard Arlene Belott Byron Rem	Arlene Belott Byron Rem James Beard
20-50	Richard Bobilin Joanne Dechants Sandra Ostrellich	Joanne Dechants Richard Bobilin Shirley Wilson
50-100	Harry Landry John Loeber Rhoda Levine	John Loeber Rhoda Levine Harry Landry
100-200	Louise Landry Linda Millenbach Gloriana Clark	Louise Landry Gloriana Clark Barbara Zautner
200-300	Ellen Finch Lew Millenbach Mary Ellen Nevin	Ellen Finch Lois Tuohey Daniel Wulff
300-500	Maxim Siline Xiaoqian Liu Ulla Sattinger	Conrad Bader Gene Vennesland Jill Factor
500-1000	Judy & Richard Hill Dorothy Adams Sue Eastman	Dorothy Adams Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander
1000-2500	Diane Burger Satya Pabuwal Roger Woodin	Donald Cohen Lawrence Berman Satya Pabuwal
2500-5000	Robert Donald Lucy & Gary Spongberg Arthur Bernhardt	Arthur Bernhardt June Barach Robert Donald
5000-7500	Walter Smith Judy Dubay Harry Kaufmann	Anthony Prindle Harry Kaufmann Stephen Paskin
7500-10000	Al Ross	Al Ross
Over 10000	Neil Chambers Betty & Steve Bloom	Betty & Steve Bloom

## A USEFUL ADDITION TO D.O.N.T. (by Lou Brickman)

Suppose an opponent opens 1NT and you have a *powerful 2-suited hand, at least 5/5*. Examples: KQJxx-AKJxx, KQJTxx-KQJxxx, QJT9x-AKJxx with an outside A. With such hands, Larry Cohen recommends bidding 2NT instead of your usual DONT bid. This makes it more difficult for the opponents to bid further, and you and your partner could even make a game (example below). Our purpose here is to explain how you and partner, if left alone in the bidding, can reach the most promising contract with one of your long suits as trump. This is an impressive feat because your 2NT, unlike your usual DONT bid, gives partner no clue to the identity of either of your suits.

### PARTNER'S RESPONSE TO YOUR 2NT

Bids 3C if any suit holding is shorter than clubs; otherwise bids 3D.

#### RESPONSE EXAMPLES

3C with 3-4-2-4, 4-5-1-3, 5-5-1-2, 4-2-4-3; 3D with 5-3-3-2, 5-2-4-2, 3-3-4-3, 3-4-3-3

#### YOUR REBID

If partner bids one of your long suits, pass. If not, make your cheaper bid of a long suit.

#### EXAMPLES WITH COMPLETE AUCTIONS

YOUR SUITS	PARTNER'S SHAPE	AUCTION WITH PARTNER
clubs & diamonds	4-5-1-3	2NT, 3C; P
clubs & hearts	5-2-4-2	2NT, 3D; 3H, P
clubs & spades	3-4-3-3	2NT, 3D; 3S, P
diamonds & hearts	3-3-2-5	2NT, 3C; 3D, 3H; P
diamonds & spades	3-4-2-4	2NT, 3C; 3D, 3H; 3S, P
hearts & spades	2-3-2-6	2NT, 3C; 3H, P

#### EXAMPLE MAKING GAME WHEN PARTNER HAS TWO VALUABLE HONORS

KQJxx-AKJxx-xx-x

Ax-T98x-KQTx-AKT

xx-x-Jxxxx-QJxxx

xxxx-Qxx-Ax-xxxx

NORTH-SOUTH AUCTION AFTER WEST OPENS 1NT: 2NT; 3C, 3H, 4S

### PRO-AM BOARD A MATCH - PAIR GAME

Friday April 25

At the Sectional

We are constantly trying to find an event that will increase the attendance at our Sectionals on Friday nights. At the next two Sectionals, we will try a Pro-Am BAM. Teams will be formed as they have been, with a pair with a lot of masterpoints joining a pair with few MP's. The game will be run with a BAM movement, and scored that way. The game will also be scored by matchpoints. Each pair will get the MP award from the method of scoring that gives them the most points. If there are 12 or more teams and an even number of teams, the AMs and the Pros will each have their own section. If this sounds confusing, don't worry about it. The director does all the work. Any questions, call Bill Dubay.

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### Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sunday	Apr 13	Grand National Teams
Tues-Sunday	Apr 29-May 4	Regional, Smithtown NY
Wed-Sunday	Apr 30-May 4	Senior Regional, Cape Cod
Wed-Sunday	May 21-26	Regional, NYC
Tues-Sunday	May 27-June 1	Regional, Saratoga
Wed-Sunday	June 18-22	Regional, Sturbridge

### Club Events

Fri-Sunday	Apr 25-27	Sectional, Schenectady
Saturday	June 7	President's Cup
Saturday	June 14	Awards Dinner
Mon-Sunday	June 9-15	STACs



Deadline for submission for June Newsletter:

**May 19, 2008**

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