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Friday – September 5

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, September 6

Stratified Open Pairs; Stratified Newcomer Pairs	10:00 am and 3:00 pm
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Sunday, September 7

Swiss Teams (1- Session Bracketed)	1:00 pm
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A letter from your Editor

Responsibility rests
not only with the individual;
our community shares this task.
We each look to the other
for guidance, support, acceptance.
One models the behavior of another.
What we accept and condone
with one
applies to all,
No matter whom they are.
Sue Eastman

President's Message

While watching television during the U.S. Open Golf
Tournament, I saw a golf promo proudly touting good

sportsmanship and self-enforcing rules among members of the
golfing community. I started comparing that assertion with the
situation in our bridge community and discovered that I had
reason to feel some pride also. Just recently, I received an e-
mail from a participant in one of the games in which I am the
director which informed me of an error in the scoring. On
checking the travelers, I confirmed the error and corrected it. I
tell you this because the error correction was in favor of the
other players in the game, not of the reporting pair, whose
match point total was reduced. That's good sportsmanship!

Do you know other examples of good sportsmanship
at the bridge table? I would like to hear your stories which
detail those examples. If you do, would you send me an e-mail
or telephone or speak to me in person to let me know. I would
like to include more examples in a future president's message
so we can all feel proud of ourselves and our behavior at the
bridge table. Just in case you don't know, my e-mail address is
shown above in the list of officers, and my telephone number
is 371-3648.

This year, the North American Pairs District level
competition will have both B & C strats held in Schenectady,
saving a trip to northern New Jersey for all except A players. I
think all clubs will be holding qualifying sessions during July
and August. You can win red and black points at the club
level, and gold and red points at the district and national level.
You might also win a free trip to the national. Last year, only
C players could compete at the district level in Schenectady. It
was so successful that this year it was expanded to include B
players. Let's make this year again so successful that next year
we may have all strats in Schenectady. Be sure to qualify at
your club before September. Good luck to all!

Ray Ratte



This 'n That from your District Director

Hi! Hope you all are enjoying your summer. Just before
summer officially began our Saratoga Regional at the
beginning of June was a huge success story. Everyone loved
our newest idea to make the players happy – pre-duplicated
boards. The 10am Senior games were very well attended
without damaging the 1pm Open Pairs. Knock-Outs and other
team games are still super popular as well. Thanks to your
Unit for fully supporting the tournament with volunteers, with
registration gifts and best of all by attending. Next year we will
be back on schedule running June 15-21. All snow birds will be
home so we expect to be even bigger than this year which was
only 51/2 days.

Our 4th of July Regional at a new location, Crowne Plaza,
Fairfield, New Jersey was super. Everyone loved the great
room rate, terrific playing conditions, easy access to good and
inexpensive restaurants – District 3 was pleased with the

response. I didn't see too many Unit 115 people there but please do think about it for next year.

Upcoming is Flights B& C of the North American Pairs District Finals. These two Flights will be run at the Studio if Bridge & Games as well as at the Guardian Angel Church in Allendale, New Jersey. Flight A will only be in Allendale. This year we have added Flight B at the Studio. This is a great opportunity for B&C players to try to win a trip to Houston next Spring to compete in the National Finals of this great event. Norma Shelly will be running this two session event with the help of Bill Dubai. The Studio is guaranteed at least one qualifier from each flight. Gold points are available and the possibility of being able to participate in a National Finals. Of course, you are scored with the game in Allendale so a win in Schenectady might not hold up as #1 but your site is indeed guaranteed a winner. Brunch will be served compliments of District 3 and Norma. All B& C players take note and be sure to qualify at the clubs so that you can participate on September 27th at the Studio!!!

Danbury, Ct., October 13-19 at the Danbury Plaza Hotel & Convention Center (same hotel as last year- new name) is our final regional of the year. Many of you have attended this tournament so you know that the room rates are spectacular - \$86 – and playing conditions, restaurants, bridge schedule are fantastic. Don't miss the beautiful New England Fall Foliage and our great hospitality.

On a final note – Most of you know Steve Arshan who has been our Tournament Manger for the past 10 years. Well – he has retired. District 3 gave him a Retirement Party in Fairfield and I must say that Steve's dedication to the District was spectacular. No job was too much for him. Steve was in charge of arranging for all the volunteers, handling room reservations for the directors, storing and transporting our supplies, working out details with the hotels during the tournament and I could go on and on. Finding a replacement will be next to impossible. Our great thanks to Steve for a job more than well done!

Keep on playing bridge – there is no better way to enjoy life!
Joan Gerard

Personal Notes

We send get well wishes to Jane Loeb

We send our condolences to Renee Whitman and her family and friends.

More Thanks

A huge thank you to the following people who helped with hospitality at our July Sectional:

Alice Zayac

Pat and John Baugh

Mary Ellen and Bob Nevin

Fran Leary

Carolyn Combi

Mark this date

Judi's Lesson & Duplicate game- Lake George Club

August 14th Registration 9:30, Lesson 10:00 am

"Takeout Doubles - What you need to know"

Lunch on the porch overlooking Lake George

\$45.00 for the whole day

Ph # 813-4545 www.bridgescore.com/judis



Rank Changes

Junior Masters (5 MPs):

Terry Bentley

Carol Weaver

Sectional Masters (50 MPs-5silver):

Joan Carusone

Marian Kunz

Michael Lipnick

Lois Novak

John O'Donnell

Sandra Ostrelich

George Zautner

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

David Atkinson

Patricia Callopy

Pat Exner

Mark Hartley

John Loeber

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

Gloriana Clark

Berne Kouba

Tom Ludwig

Life Masters (300 MPs-25g,25r/g,50s):

John Matuszek

Roberta Matuszek

Lee Tabner

Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs):

Conrad Bader

Lee Tabner

Gold Life Master (2500 MPs):

Joan Harvey

Club Corner

The Studio

Tuesday August 5 7:00 Non-LM CC
 Wednesday August 27 12:00
 Saturday August 16 12:30
 Thursday August 21 12:00 CC
 Wednesday Sept. 17 12:00 Invitational CC

Coming Events

NAOP Qualifiers: Saturday August 16 12:30 pm
 Wednesday August 27 12 pm
 Monday Sept. 22 12:00 Charity game for
 Multiple Sclerosis

Judi's games will also hold NAOP
 qualifiers – check her website for dates

Sectional Results

July 11-13, 2008

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Judy Dubay - Harry Kaufmann
2/3	1/2		Judy & Richard Hill
2/3	1/2		Richard & Gloriana Clark
4			Corrado Baglioni - Don Cohen
5	3	1	Ed Hornidge - Richard Bobilin
6			Steve Paskin - Al Ross
	4		Linda Basinait - Susan Cohen
	5	2	Len Lapinski - Chris Almy

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1			Barbara Mangano - Peggy Casey
2			Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin
3			Jean Drake - Charles Close
4			Peggy Mount - Bette Sovik

Friday evening BAM

1			Walt Smith - Steve Paskin
			Patricia & Jack Baugh
2	1		Rob & Bernie Newhart
			Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin
3			Michael & Vanessa Gruen
			Morton Friedman - Loretta Bromberg
4	2		Norma Shelly - Stan Felland
			Michael & Ulla Sattinger

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Judy Dubay - Harry Kaufmann
2			Anthony Prindle - Albert Ross
3			Don Cohen - Walt Smith
4			Bibs Pankin - Blaise Reinhart
5	1		Corrado Baglioni - Satya Pabuwal
6	2		Jacquelyn Marsh - Sharon Lyons
	3	1	Richard Bobilin - Diane Alexander
	4		Mary Frederick - Lou Brickman
	5	2	Rosemary Isele - Harold Bigelow
		3	Pat & Jack Baugh
		4	Ulla & Michael Sattinger

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1	1	1	Sheela & Sudhir Kulkarni
2			Judith & Tom Ludwig
3	2		Paul & Frances Cuerdon

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Gerald Cohen - Ron Harvey
2			Al Ross - Art Bernhardt
3			Rob & Bernie Neuhart
4			Robert Donald - Diane Burger
5			Neil & Donna Chambers
6	1		William & Margaret Peruzzi
	2		Ross Lounsbury - Mary Frederick
	3		Fran Leary - Phyllis French
	4		Lois Lyon - Joe Phillips
	5	1	Diana Lack - Daniel Wulff
	6	2	Michael & Ulla Sattinger
		3	Rosemary Isele - Harold Bigelow
		4	Richard Bobilin - Diane Alexander

Sunday Swiss

A	Bracket	
1	Bracket 1	Betty & Steve Bloom
		Donna & Neil Chambers
2		Paul Meier - Beth Snyder
		Judy & Andrew Dubay
	Bracket 2	
1		Joe Phillips - Lois Lyon
		Morris Cramer - Janice Woodbury
2		Ross Lounsbury - Bob Valenti
		Dorothy Kraus - Charles Schmidt
	Bracket 3	
1		Michael & Ulla Sattinger
		Sue Eastman - Diane Alexander
2		Judy & Richard Hill
		Ann Walker - Jill Factor
	Bracket 4	
1		Jack & Patricia Baugh
		John & Roberta Matuszek
2		Harry & Louise Landry
		Ann McDowell - Marcia Metzger

UNIT 115: CAPITAL DISTRICT
ACTIVE CLUBS (Corrections)

<u>Game</u>	<u>Club Address:</u>	<u>Manager:</u>
Wed (Open game) 12:30 pm	Adirondack DBC; Holiday Inn Route 9, Canada St Lake George 12845	Berne H. Kouba ph# 798-6180
Tues 11:30 am	Saratoga Duplicate Club Shenendehowa Senior Ctr	Raymond G. Ratte ph# 371-3648
Inv & Open Wed 12:00 pm	6 Clifton Common Court Clifton Park, NY 12065	http://www.cuebid.com
Mon, Wed, Thurs 12 pm Tues 7pm NLM	Studio of Bridge & Games 1639 Eastern Parkway Schenectady 12309	Norma J. Shelly ph# 346-3773 http://www.cuebid.com
No game Weds 9:30 am Sat 12:30pm Open		

Congratulations

Top Winners --Saratoga

<u>Points</u>		<u>Points</u>	
102.78	Betty Bloom	21.91	Larry Rosen
102.78	Steve Bloom	20.19	Ross Lounsbury
63.74	Robert Neuhart	19.59	Gerald Cohen
54.37	Maxim Siline	19.11	Richard Stearns
54.37	Xiaoqian Liu	18.33	Louis Urbano
44.59	Arthur Bernhardt	18.25	Diane Alexander
38.42	Ronald Harvey	18.21	Roger Woodin
38.18	Robert Valenti	17.09	Berne Kouba
38.11	Judy Dubay	16.94	Stephen Paskin
37.14	Judith Shulman	16.75	Lucy Spongberg
33.11	Walter Smith	16.75	Gary Spongberg
32.88	David Standig	15.84	Edna Doigan
32.23	Satya Pabuwal	15.47	Judy Hill
32.20	Robert Donald	15.47	Richard Hill
32.20	Diane Burger	15.18	Lois Lyon
29.90	Donna Chambers	15.18	Joseph Phillips
29.90	Mary Fredrick	15.17	Nancy Hayden
24.30	Steven Shaye	15.13	Mark Hartley
		15.13	John Loeber

Did you know ??

Saturday Sept. 27.. The Studio will be the site for the District Finals for Flight B (0-2000) and Flight C (non-life masters with fewer than 500 MP's). Each flight will be a separate 2 session event and scored across the field with the same events in Allendale. You must have placed, with a score of 50% or higher, in one of the qualifying games held at the various clubs in our unit during June, July, and August. We will post a list of qualifiers at our Sectional in September or you may contact your club director to find out if your status. This will be the second year the District has allowed a split event for Flight C (last year we had 15 tables) and, because Flight C was so successful they have added Flight B for this year. It's an opportunity to win gold points and a chance to win a trip to Houston.

FOR THE DISTRICT FINAL, YOU MAY PARTNER WITH ANYONE ELSE THAT QUALIFIED IN YOUR FLIGHT.

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings

Unit 115 (as of July 6, 2008)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Lionel Biagiotti Terry Bentley Carol Weaver	Lionel Biagiotti Ann Johnson Maris Faigin
5-20	Byron Rem Judi Jacquin Arlene Belott	Byron Rem Judi Jacquin Arlene Belott
20-50	Richard Bobilin Sandra Ostrellich Sylvia Persico	Sylvia Persico Richard Bobilin Joanne Dechants
50-100	John Loeber Harry Landry Mark Hartley	John Loeber Rhoda Levine Richard Rem
100-200	Gloriana Clark Linda Millenbach Louise Landry	Gloriana Clark Barbara Zautner Harold Bigelow
200-300	Lew Millenbach Lois Tuohey Ellen Finch	Lois Tuohey Ellen Finch Rosemary Isele
300-500	Xiaoqian Liu Maxim Siline Ulla Sattinger	Gene Vennesland Shirley Prince Conrad Bader
500-1000	Judy & Richard Hill Lou Urbano Richard Clark	Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander Dorothy Adams
1000-2500	Diane Burger Robert Neuhart Satya Pabuwal	Donald Cohen Lois August Satya Pabuwal
2500-5000	Robert Donald Lucy & Gary Spongberg Arthur Bernhardt	June Barach Robert Donald Arthur Bernhardt
5000-7500	Walter Smith Judy Dubay William Dubay	Harry Kaufmann Judy Dubay Bill Dubay
7500-10000	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Al Ross	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Betty & Steve Bloom Neil Chambers Lynn Deas	Betty & Steve Bloom Neil Chambers

OPENING LEADS AND DANGEROUS DUMMYS

by Louis Brickman

Often you must predict whether dummy will be “dangerous” before you can make a good opening lead. There are two types of dangerous dummies, which we now define and discuss.

BIG-SUIT DUMMY

This is a dummy that contains a long strong suit, usually 5+ cards. Here are some auctions by the opponents that indicate such a dummy.

3D - 3NT, 1C - 1S - 3C - 6NT, 1S - 2H - 4H

The danger is that dummy’s suit will be used to discard declarer’s losers. This is especially likely when you, on opening lead, have holdings in that suit such as Kx, Qx, xxx. To combat the threat your lead must be an aggressive scramble for tricks outside of dummy’s suit. Otherwise your or partner’s winners will probably disappear. Leads from AK and KQ are appropriately aggressive and also usually safe (unlikely to give away a trick). Safety, however, is relatively unimportant. Therefore you must also lead unsupported aces (usually a bad idea), under-lead kings and queens (often unsafe), or just guess where partner might have tricks.

Example: The opponents bid 1S - 2H - 4H and you hold Kx-xxx-JT9xxx-Kx. Dummy’s jump to 4H and your spade holding strongly imply that dummy’s spades will be used for discards. Try the daring lead of the K of clubs. If partner has the A you will probably win the first three tricks. If partner has the Q you probably promote a trick.

SHORTNESS DUMMY

This is a dummy in a suit contract, with a short side-suit, no long strong suit, and usually with fewer trumps than declarer. Declarer can usually gain tricks by ruffs in dummy. Here are two telltale auctions. In the first only the opponents are bidding. In the second everybody’s calls are shown.

1H - 1NT - 2D - P

You open, LHO shows the minors, and RHO declares: 1S - 2NT - P - 3D - P - P - P

The first auction implies that dummy has at most two hearts, and often fewer. Declarer will probably want to ruff hearts in dummy. In the second auction the usual roles of declarer and dummy are reversed. Therefore declarer will probably want to ruff clubs *in hand*. In both of these and similar examples lead a trump.

Example: With the auction 1H - 1NT - 2D - P given above suppose you hold xxx-KQT-Axx-xxxx. Protect your nice hearts by leading the ace and another diamond. A heart lead would be awful.

AUCTIONS WITHOUT DANGEROUS DUMMY WARNINGS

These auctions neither imply nor deny a dangerous dummy, and they are very common. The choice of opening leads is mostly “case by case,” but for suit contracts there is a reasonably accurate guideline: On lead against a suit contract, with no dangerous dummy warnings, strive for safety. For example if the opponents’ auction is 1S - 2S - 4S, and you hold xxx-Qx-Kxxx-Axxx, lead a spade. This will probably be satisfactory if dummy proves to be non-dangerous, ideal if a shortness dummy comes down, and unfavorable only if a big-suit dummy appears. With the same auction and the holding Kx-Kxx-xxxx-Axx, lead a diamond. Against no-trump giving away a trick is frequently acceptable. For instance if you hold AQxxx-Ax-xxx-xxx, lead a spade after 1NT - P - P - P. If it loses to declarer’s K you may very well get your trick back with interest.

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

Tues-Sunday	Aug 5-10	Regional, Syracuse
Wed-Sunday	Aug 27-Sept 1	Regional, Nashua, NH
Tues-Sunday	September 16-21	Regional, Smithtown, NY
Saturday	September 27	NAP (Flight A), Allendale, NJ
Mon-Sunday	October 13-19	Regional, Danbury, CT
Thurs-Sunday	November 20-30	NABC, Boston

Club Events

Tuesday	Aug 12 & 19	NAP Shen Senior Ctr
Thurs; Weds	Aug 14 & 20	NAP Malta Ridge Meth Church
Saturday	September 27	NAP (Flights B, C), Studio
Saturday	October 4	Charity game, Studio



Deadline for submission for August Newsletter:

Sept 15, 2008

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