

# Capital District Bridge Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### Sybil's Christmas Party

Dec 6, 2008 @ 1pm

Donations of desserts and/or appetizers welcomed

A money jar will be available for contributions to a local charity



### MID-WINTER SECTIONAL

Note: NEW TIMES for games on Friday

#### Friday – January 30

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 0-2000, Open)	12:30 pm
Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-299)	12:30 pm
Pro/Am Dual Scored –Pair game movement with Pro-Am Team	6:30 pm

#### Saturday, January 31

Stratified Newcomer Pairs; Stratified Open Pairs	10 am and 3 pm
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#### Sunday, February 1

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

As this year ends, let us look  
Not at the behavior of others  
But, at ourselves  
For those are the ones we can control.  
When we accomplish this, all will be well.  
Happy Holidays!

Sue Eastman

### President's Message

At the meeting of the Unit 115 Board of Directors on 9 November 2008, there was a sustained outburst of disappointment and displeasure at a perceived deterioration of civility at bridge games at both the unit and club level since the inauguration of "zero tolerance" in our unit. Since this is my last opportunity to write this column, (if I hear any sighs of relief, I'll call the Director), I want to finish my crusade as President for improved behavior at the table.

One Board member stated that the term "zero tolerance" might not be the best description for the improvements we want. Indeed, we do want an increased tolerance and understanding for mistakes or memory lapses by our partners and opponents. Too many of us go into attack mode and seemingly can't wait to call attention to them, sometimes in a most obnoxious manner and tone. Many times, I see and hear such attacks referred to as "teaching." Ha!

There seems to be some reluctance to call the Director when such behavior occurs at the table. I want to suggest one possible way to approach the problem. When partner or opponents engage in discussion or behavior which is objectionable to you, first, tell them, then, ask them to stop. If the response is anything other than ending the behavior, then call the Director. I think the other person(s) has a right to know the behavior

bothers you and be given the opportunity to cease and desist. If there is disagreement on whether the behavior is objectionable or prohibited by ACBL rules, then call the Director to settle the dispute and, in the Director's judgment, apply a penalty when appropriate. Try it and, by the way, apply it to yourself too.

There is another way to bring official attention to inappropriate behavior at a game. Our Unit Recorder, Rob Neuhart, has forms available to report behavioral problems. He maintains files of these reports and if the severity and/or frequency warrant action, he can bring charges to the Unit Disciplinary Committee. I have done that and counseled players in games which I direct to do that, especially when they tell me after the fact about the behavior. Remember, the Director can be most effective when she is called to the table when the potential offense occurs.

There is another aspect of the problem which I want to address. The rules of the game apply to all equally. A short time ago, I read an article in the Gazette about a simultaneous chess exhibition where the grandmaster allowed some players to correct an error in play. I admired this in that setting. It was between two chess players and did not affect any of the other games being played. That's not the situation in a duplicate bridge game. Please do not make unilateral decisions at the table to forgive a violation of the rules. Call the Director! He is not only qualified, but also is responsible for applying the rules fairly and equitably.

Please, please, don't discuss hands at the table after they have been played. If you must discuss a hand, wait until you have an opportunity to leave the table and discuss the hand where other players cannot hear you. In fact, when discussing anything, make sure your voice level does not disturb others still playing.

I know some players who have made tremendous improvements in behavior at the table. If you are one of them, congratulations! If you are not, please start trying. It's tough to change long standing habits, but it can be done. Yes you can!

I want to thank all the members who have made my two years as President an enjoyable experience which I shall never forget. And a special thank you to the members of the Board who make the Unit function effectively for all of you.

See you at the tables...**Ray Ratte**

This 'n That

from your District Director

Time to wind up this year...some good things and some not so good in the real world but in our bridge world and District 3 all things were good. The NAP's were a success in both locations. Although the Studio had less Flight C pairs – the Flight B pairs more than made up the difference.... Thanks to Norma for her tireless effort in making phone calls and food and then directing as well. Bill Dubay was our other

director and he also did a great job. The Danbury Regional in October had the same wonderful turnout as last year; People love autumn in New England, good bridge, good fun and great hospitality.

While the Regional was going on I was busy at the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing. These games (Chess, Draughts, Go, Bridge and Xiangqi (Chinese checkers)) are the brainchild of Jose Damiani, president of the World Bridge Federation. He formed a group named IMSA (International Mind Sports Games). These sports all competed at the site of the Olympics and all the juniors stayed where the Olympic athletes had stayed. There were 143 countries and regions represented; more than 3000 participants, 2000 of which were bridge players. Bridge show cased Open, Women, Senior, Junior and Transnational Team events. USA came home with a silver medal in the Seniors and a bronze medal in the Women's. One of our juniors, Kevin Dwyer won Flight C in the Individual Competition. IMSA hopes to be able to run this event again in 2012 following the Olympics in London. It's just a question of finding sponsors in such an expensive city. The goal is to be recognized by the Olympics as are the Paraplegic Games which followed the Olympics in Beijing this year. My job was to attend meetings and chair Appeals.

As this year draws to a close it is fitting to thank Fran Leary for her dedication not only to your unit but to District 3. Fran has worked with the regional in your unit for at least 25 years. There is nothing she will not do to help insure the regional's success. As a member of the District Board for almost that long she has held many varied positions and is always there to offer help when needed. John Riopelle is your other representative and we look forward to working with him.

If you missed the Boston NABC you missed a great one. I will fill you in on the details and the news from the Board meetings in my next message. Congratulations to Lynn Deas who won the Life Master Women's Pairs and the Women's Board-A-Match Teams. Wow! District 3 is proud of you! Make sure to plan to come to Rye January 13-19 and earn your first gold points of the new year. Just keep your fingers crossed for no snow! And finally, Ron and I wish you a New Year filled with health and happiness from our family to yours. May all your wishes come true.

Joan Gerard

### **Personal Notes**

We send our get well wishes to Charlie Schmidt and George Zautner.

We send our condolences to Lois Lyon on the death of her son and to Sudhir and Sheela Kulkani on the death of their daughter. We send our condolences to the family and friends of Shirley Grady and Rosemary Misurelli.

## **TOP STAC WINNERS -- Nov08**

<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>
14.68	Judy Dubay
14.68	William Dubay
14.50	Satya Pabuwal
11.26	Sandra Nelson
11.26	William Nelson
9.61	Mary Fredrick
8.35	Corrado Baglioni
7.32	Louis Brickman
7.31	Loretta Bromberg
7.30	Ruth Anderson
7.24	Martin Birnby
7.22	Arthur Bernhardt
6.92	Myra Brickman
6.59	Diane Alexander
6.38	John Rose

### **Rank Changes**

#### **Junior Masters (5 MPs):**

Carolyn Accardi  
Justine Cook  
Ann Johnson  
Firm Weaver

#### **Club Masters (20 MPs)**

Terry Bentley  
Lionel Biagiotti  
Owen Smith

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

Mary Jean Church  
Joanne Dechants  
Sheela Kulkarni  
Sudhir Kulkarni  
Sandra Rohner  
Bernice Shoobe

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

Richard Bobilin  
Rhoda Levine

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

Patricia Feulner  
Marcia Metzger  
Miriam Sommers

#### **Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs):**

Barbara McDonald  
Amelia Urbano

#### **Silver Life Masters (1000 MPs):**

Joe Rizzuto

#### **Gold Life Masters (2500 MPs):**

Donald Cohen

## Club Corner

### The Studio

#### Coming Events

Wednesday Dec. 3 11:30 Inv CC

Saturday Dec. 22 12:30 CC

Monday Jan. 12 11:30 Inv CC

Tuesday Jan.27 7:00 Non-LM CC

Wednesday Feb. 11 11:30 Inv CC

Studio closed Thursday Dec. 25, Saturday Dec. 27,

Thursday Jan. 1 & Saturday Jan. 3.

## DISTRICT 3 WINTER REGIONAL JAN. 13-19, 2009

### Hilton Rye Town

699 Westchester Ave., Rye Brook NY

## Sectional Results

November 7-9, 2008

### Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Donna Chambers - Ron Harvey
2	1		Lee Pearson - Mary Anne Pickett
3			Sandra Nelson - William Nelson
4			Robert Donald - Diane Burger
5			Loretta Bromberg - Phyllis French
6	2		Judy Hill - Richard Hill
	3		Peter Wick - Edward Winke
	4		Ruth Anderson - Mary Williams
	5	1	Berne Kouba - David Atkinson
		2	Barbara McDonald - John McDonald

#### 299ers

1	1		Mark Hartley - John Loeber
2			Margaret Lavelle - David Funk
3	2	1	Lionel Biagiotti - Justine Cook

### Friday evening BAM

1			Steve Paskin - Richard Underwood
			Grace Hamilton - Anna Delrosario
2			Walter Smith - Donald Cohen
			Martha Precheur - Sandra Ostrellich
3	1	1	Lois Tuohey - Mark Rosenholz
			Jack Baugh - Pat Baugh

### Saturday Blue Ribbon Pairs

A	X	
1		Betty & Steve Bloom
2		Lynn Deas - Judith Shulman
3	1	Corrado Baglioni - Satya Pabuwal
4		Sandy & Bill Nelson
5	2	Timothy Joder - Manuel Henriques
6	3	Robert Donald - Diane Burger

### Saturday morning 999ers

A	B	C	
1	1		Marion Kuritz - David Nerrow
2	2		Mary Ellen & Robert Nevin
3	3		Conrad Bader - Diane Alexander
4			Judy & Richard Hill
5	4	1	Martha Precheur - Sandra Ostrellich
6	5	2	Jack & Pat Baugh

### Saturday afternoon 999ers

1	1	1	Mark Hartley - John Loeber
2			Ellen & Munir Jabbar
3	2	2	Jack & Pat Baugh
4			Judy & Richard Hill
5	3		Sally Warner - Louise Landry

### Sunday Swiss

Bracket A			
1			Lynn Deas - Judy Shulman
			Sandy & Bill Nelson
2			Al Ross - Tony Prindle
			Roger Woodin - Walt Smith
Bracket B			
1			Ros emary Isele - Harold Bigelow
			Lou Urbano - Fenimore
2			William Teiper - Andrew Archibald
			Diane Alexander - Richard Bobilin
Bracket C			
1			Jack & Pat Baugh
			Roberta & John Matuszek
2			Michael & Ulla Sattinger
			Lew & Linda Millenbach

## More Thanks to these Wonderful Helpers

Thank you to **Renie Federighi**, **Alice Zayac**, **Marilyn Hart**, and **Len and Ann Lapinski** who volunteered and hosted the November Sectional in Schenectady. Your willingness to serve at our game is truly appreciated. Volunteers are most welcomed. Contact Marian Sheehan for details on what you can do to help.

## PIE FUND RAISER For Saratoga Regional Hospitality

Get your pies (\$10 each) made by Smith's Orchard Bake Shop, a product of Walt Smith's niece in Charlton, NY. They were served at our April sectional last year and the President's Cup. Many of your fellow bridge players have purchased these pies as well – ask around and you will find out first hand how special they are. We encourage you to solicit additional pie orders from your friends and relatives and include them in your order.

From now until February 1 we will be taking orders for 10" pies and come with easy baking instructions. Unit 115 will make \$3 on each pie sold and the money we earn will be used for 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, please use the attached order form or pick up an order form at any club game. You can turn in your order at any local bridge game up until February 1. You must make full payment when you order. Please pick up your order on any of the times and locations listed below and circle your choice of location on this form. Please provide your phone number in case delivery date changes due to weather. Thank you!

	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**

Mon. Feb. 2 ROCC 3-4 PM  
 Tues. Feb 3 JCC 3-4 PM  
 Wed. Feb. 4 Malta 3-4 PM  
 Wed. Feb 4 JCC 10-11 PM

Fri. Feb 6 ROCC 3-4 PM  
 Mon. Feb. 9 Studio 3-4 PM  
 Mon. Feb. 9 JCC 10-11 PM  
 Tues. Feb. 10 Clifton Park 3-4 PM

## Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs Standings

Unit 115 (as of November 6, 2008)

### Mini-McKenney

### Ace of Clubs

0-5	Lionel Biagiotti Justine Cook Terry Bentley	Lionel Biagiotti Justine Cook Firm Weaver
5-20	Judi Jacquin Arlene Belott James Beard	Judi Jacquin Arlene Belott Miriam Netter
20-50	Richard Bobilin Sandra Ostrellich Joanne Dechants	Richard Bobilin JoAnne Dechants Sandra Ostrellich
50-100	John Loeber Harry Landry Mark Hartley	John Loeber Rhoda Levine Richard Rem
100-200	Gloriana Clark Linda Millenback Jack Baugh	Gloriana Clark Harold Bigelow Marcia Metzger
200-300	Lois Tuohey Lew Millenbach Ellen Finch	Lois Tuohey Ellen Finch Rosemary I sele
300-500	Xiaoqian Liu Maxim Siline Ulla Sattinger	Conrad Bader Gene Vennesland Ulla Sattinger
500-1000	Judy & Richard Hill Lou Urbano Richard Clark	Lou Urbano Judy & Richard Hill Diane Alexander
1000-2500	Diane Burger Satya Pabuwal Robert Neuhart	Donald Cohen Satya Pabuwal Joan Meyer
2500-5000	Robert Donald Arthur Bernhardt Lucy & Gary Spongberg	Arthur Bernhardt Robert Donald June Barach
5000-7500	Judy Dubay Walter Smith William Dubay	Anthony Prindle Stephen Paskin Harry Kaufmann
7500-10000	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Al Ross	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas Neil Chambers	Betty & Steve Bloom Neil Chambers

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### **Schedule of Upcoming Events**

<b>Fri-Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 12-14</b>	<b>Sectional, Watertown, MA</b>
<b>Fri-Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 26-30</b>	<b>Regional, NYC</b>
<b>Wed-Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 7-11</b>	<b>Regional, Newton MA</b>
<b>Mon-Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 13-19</b>	<b>Regional, Rye Brook</b>
<b>Thurs-Sunday</b>	<b>Mar 12-22</b>	<b>NABC, Houston TX</b>

### **Club Events**

**To be announced...**

### **Sybil who??**

As the holiday season opens with Sybil's Christmas Party, many ask "Sybil who?" The following will give you a brief idea of who she was.

She and her husband, Willis, were very active in CDBA for many years. They managed and directed popular weekly games in and around Albany. Their games met in various hotels, restaurants, and community centers. They grew and grew. She was very active in the various Sectionals in the area, and was chairman of several Albany Regional Tournaments. She made sure that the hospitality was the best, making many of the goodies that were served. Their club games were fun. Their hospitality included home made snacks, cookies and sandwiches.

For her Christmas party, Sybil out did herself, cooking and baking for weeks. Her specialties included maple cake and assorted pastries. She reigned supreme in the culinary arts.

Sybil became Mrs. Bridge in 1969. After Willis' death in 1978, her active bridge life slowed down. Sybil's Christmas Party continued at the Studio. She was made an honorary emeritus member of the board in 1980. She died in 1983.

So to honor her many years of work, and her many contributions to our Unit, we still have Sybil's Christmas Party. There is no one who will do all the work she did, so we all do our best to make it a fun time.