

THE CONSUMER

WITH ALL THE MEST NEWS



JULY 2018

WORDS FROM MBU PRESIDENT

Greetings, all,

The hazy, lazy days of summer are finally upon us but fortunately, we can enjoy duplicate bridge year-round. We need to continue to support our member clubs and the other members of the Eastern Section: the Philadelphia Bridge Unit on August 25, 2018, the Diamond State Bridge Club on November 7^{th} , 2018 and then our own AAA from December 10-13, 2018.

It's exciting to see the ranks of our new players growing and we hope the trend continues. Progress is slow but kudos to those members who have committed their time and energy to promoting bridge and the MBU in our community.

Congratulations to our members who were among the winners in the June 1, 2018 Nationwide Headquarters Benefit Day game: Rupert Mitchell & Annetta Wallace, Alfred Knight & Gloria Hobbs, Julius Fields & George Hudson, Valerie Brooks & Christian Baxter, Steven Bond & Philippe Gerdes, and the Evening game: Rupert Mitchell & Charles Guest, and Steve Bond & Ronald Prester. Mark your calendars for the next Nationwide tournament — September 28 and 29, 2018.

Our Longest Day Alzheimer's games were once again very successful. Our participation on June 21, 2018 during our two Benefit games enabled us to send \$756.00 for Alzheimer's Research. Thank you to all who made donations to our complimentary luncheon and all who made cash donations through the ABAECF.

The Eastern Section will be co-hosting the 2019 Spring National with the ABA at the Resorts Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City. This will require a major effort on the part of the MBU, the North Jersey BU, the Philadelphia BU and the two independent clubs, Diamond State and Martha's Vineyard. Be ready to hear more about this in the near future and how we can help to make it a success.

Both personally and on behalf of the MBU, I wish much success to the MBU and Eastern Section contingent that will be competing in the Summer National in Austin, Texas beginning on July 26, 2018.

See you at the tables,

President, Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.



CLUB NEWS

Twilight DBC 2018 elected officers: President - Paul Walford, Vice President - Carol Smith, Recording Secretary — Mercedes Mann, Financial Secretary — Eleanor Waymer, Treasurer - Christine Blount, Tournament Chair — Bettye Sherrill, point coordinator — Kenneth Thomas, Reporter / Good and Welfare — Jesse Palmer and Doris Douglas.,

Effective Friday, 7/13/18, **The Brooklynites Bridge Club** will begin a mentor-mentee game for all interested in promoting bridge skills of new players. The game will be held every 2nd Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Bayview DBC will be closed from Monday, JULY 30TH through Monday Sept. 3rd. We will re-open on Monday, September 10th. Class will begin at 10:00AM.

Triangle and Leisure DBC will be saying goodbye to Anthony Donovan. Anthony and his family are relocating to North Carolina. Anthony you will be missed.

Leisure DBC will be on Summer Vacation during the month of August.

DBCMV class being taught by DR. Parvez Mehta.







2018 MBU SANCTION GAMES

JULY-OCTOBER

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JULY-9, Triangle's "C" Game July 16 DBCMV's "C" Game July 18, Cosmo's Sp. Club Benefit O/P MBU Meeting & "C" Game July 26- Aug4 Summer National **AUGUST**

AUGUST 13, Triangle's "C" Game August 17, Brooklynite HQ Benefit

SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 5, Springfield/ Astro 2session B Game

SEPT. 10, Triangle "C" Game

Sept. 12, Cosmo BAM Team "C" Sept. 17, DBCMV 's "C" Game

Sept. 19, CO-OP City "C" Game

Sept. 21, Brooklynite "C" Game Sept. 25, Westbury "C" Game

OCT. 1, Bayview UNCF Game Oct. 10 CO-OP City's UNCF Game Oct. 11, Twilight UNCF Game

OCTOBER

OCT. 15, DBCMV's

Oct. 17. Cosmo's UNCF Game, **President Pairs**

Oct. 20, Springfield's UNCF Game

Oct. 22, Triangle UNCF Game Oct. 26. Brooklynite UNCF

Oct. 28, MBUUNCF Game





May 15, Jetsetters "C" Game

Section A

Flight A

1st K. Thomas – E. Grant

2nd C. Baxter - V. Brooks

Flight B

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2nd d. Durpley – M. Barnes

Flight B

1st S. Bond - R.Prester

2nd D. Duperly - H. Williams

June 11, Triangle "C"

Section A

Flight A

1st E. Grant - P. Mehta

2nd A. Morton – C. Jones

Flight B

1st M. Barnes - R. Kotkin 2nd D. Edgerton Norman -

P.Jackson

June 21, Longest Day AM

Section A

Flight A

1st M. Grant - P. Metha

2nd J. Fields – G. Hudson

Flight B	Flight B
1 st C Estwick – A. Donovan	1 st M. Barnes – R. Prester
2 nd L. Blackman – B. Jennings	2 nd N. McFarlane – J. Deveau
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June 14, Twilight "C" Game	June 21, Longest Day PM Section A
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	2 nd V. Brooks – C. Baxter
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	2 nd M. Barnes-R. Prester
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	Flight C
	1st M. Barnes-R. Prester
	2 nd C. Smith – Delius Wilson
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1 st M. Barnes – R. Kotkin 2 nd D. Edgerton-Norman	2 nd S. Fox – S. Bond
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1 st J. Fields - P. Mehta	2 nd J.Barash – B. Diskin
2 nd A. Butler – Y. Allen	Flight B
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EASTERN SECTION SPRING FLING

May 21, Headquarters Benefit	May 23, Open Pair	May 24, Modified Round Robin	
Section A	Section A	Flight A	
Flight A	Flight A	1 st R. Champman, H. Brickman, B. Side	
1st R. Champman- H. Brickman	1 st J. Fields – G. Hudson	A. Brown	
2 nd Julius Fields – J. Demos	2 nd A. Snead – B. Clark	2 nd G. Hudson, M. Womack,	
Flight B	Flight B	S. Horwitz, W. Edwards	
1st Daisy Smith – C. smith Jr.	1st A. Snead – B. Clark	Flight B	
2 nd G.Smith – C. Hargrave	2 nd L. Straker – J. McBean	1 st L. Ragland, Charles Guest, Ruth	
Section B	Flight C	Shuler, C. Chiles	
Flight A	1 st A. Snead – B. Clark	2/3 rd D. Smith, C. Smith Jr., V. Butler,	
1 st C. Willis – M. Holmes	2 nd V. Brooks – C. Baxter	B. Parker	
2/3 rd L. Copeland – Patrica Jackson	Section B	2/3 rd L. Mathis, L. Francis, P. Purcell,	

2/3 rd V. Brooks – C. Baxter	Flight A	C. Taylor
Flight B	1 st D. Haime – M. Dawkin	Flight C
1 st L. Copeland – Patrica Jackson	2 nd M. Holiday – G. Zachery	1/2 ND G. Smith, C. Hargrave, M. Goka,
2 nd P. Gerdes – G. Zachery		B. Garner, Gloria Rivers
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1st L. Copeland – Patrica Jackson	-and Bear	F. Peavy
2 nd E. Williams – Charles Williams		
May 22, Open Pair	Eastern Section Knock Out	Flight D
Section A	Flight A	1 st M. Hagans, B. Wingate, C. Baxter,
Flight A	1 st R. Champman, B. Sides,	V. Brooks
1 st R. Champman – H. Brickman	A. Brown, H. Brickman	2 nd C. White, K. hill, M. Holiday, G.
2 nd C. Smith – E. Patterson	2 nd G. Hudson, M. Womack,	Zachery.
Flight B	W. Edwards, Peggy Coe	May 24, Side Game
1st V. Brooks - C. Baxter	Flight B	1st R. Brennan -L. Gutman
2 nd G. Leverett – C. Roberson	C. Smith, D. Wilson, C. Roberson'	2 nd B. Battle – J. Deveaux
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2 nd J. Ramsey – C. Taylor	P. Jackson, T. Stukes, L. Copeland,	and the second second
	B. Brown	





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Ruby Diamond 600 1199 L. Blackman, R.Brennan, A. Butler, D. Haime, T. Stokes, B. Williams	Black Diamond Errol M. Grant	LIVE LONG A M. HAPPY LIVE LONG A M. HAPPY PLAY BELDGE





July

August

Bayview DBC	Bayview DBC
Rudy Cummings – Lenora Gates	Dorothy Jackson – Valerie Brooks
Leisure DBC Eileen Madison CO-OP City DBC Dorothy Smith – Vivian Edwards – Estelle Richmond – Carla Jones	CO-OP City DBC DoloresDavis – Herman Francis – William Fairley Cosmo DBC Ronald Preston - Edna Moses - Patricia Jackson
Triangle DBC Dorothy Haime -	Triangle DBC Vivian Cox – Bernice William
Cosmo DBC Lois Wright, Annetta Wallace,	Springfield DBC Mary Luther
Mt. Vernon DBC Leonard Hawthrone – Gladys Smith	Mt. Vernon DBC Alfred Knight – Viola Porter
Twilight DBC	-
Pearl Bostic	

HURRY BACK TO THE BRIDGE TABLE

Leisure DBC	Twilight DBC	Springfield DBC	Bayview DBC
Pat House –	Oliver Clarke, Barbara	Karen Carter – Marie	Lenora Gates – Rudy
Eileen Madisn	Coston, Shirley Gross	Crockwell – Daisy	Cummings
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I was told that due to diminished ABA funds, my attached letter to the Editor of the ABA magazine couldn't be published.

Letter to the Editor:

Our membership deserves an explanation about why the income from 2 ABA National tournaments in 2017 was not shown in the 2017 Profit and Loss statement. It was reported at the Spring 2018 tournament that there were over a thousand tables in 2017. Not one game entry was less than \$10 per player. Enlighten the membership as to the amount of income received from the 2017 tournaments.

According to a recent ABA website article, drastic changes were made affecting members based on a 2017 deficit in a Profit and Loss statement, and the failure to meet the Spring National 2018 hotel room agreement. If the 2017 Profit and Loss report revealed the Spring and Summer National tournament income, the report may not have shown a loss. How many rooms did we estimate we would occupy during the 2018 Spring National, and what was the estimate based upon? Exactly how many were occupied? For the sake of transparency, kindly explain, in dollars and cents, the great loss we suffered by not meeting our quota.

The Treasurer's report for year 2017 (published in a Flash) at the Spring 2018 National, showed liquid cash of over \$80,000. At the same tournament, we were asked to pay special attention to a 2017 loss of \$14,000+ in a Profit and Loss report. It was most confusing. It appears that the ABA should build on the more than \$80,000 in the bank. Let us not overestimate hotel room occupancy for the upcoming Summer National. Let's have a successful 2018 tournament.

Lois Francis



BRIDGE ETIQUETTE and PROTOCOL

Above all, avoid any behavior that would make anyone (especially beginners) feel uncomfortable.

TABLE MANNERS

General

Cards should not be taken out of the board before all players are at the table.

Before you look at your cards count your hand and ensure that you have exactly thirteen cards.

Do greet your opponents at the table and treat them with respect and courtesy.

Do not include in post-mortems with your partner directly after a hand is finished. (Save it for after the game.) Not only could a post-mortem undermine partnership confidence, but it may communicate information to players who have not played the hand at other tables.

Do not criticize partner. (Keep it to yourself until after the game. You will have cooled down by then.) And you may also have figured out that you share some of the blame. **Do** compliment your opponents for fine bidding or play. (Especially beginners)

Do not gloat! (It is ugly) Be modest.

Do say 'Director Please' in a pleasant tone. Keep your hand up so that the Director can quickly determine who called.

Do support your partner at all times. She/he is the only player in the room that is on your side!

The auction Bidding boxes are designed to reduce the possibility of information being communicated between partners by voice intonation or other mannerisms such as eye contact. When using a bidding box, decide what

your bid is going to be *before* reaching for or touching cards in the bidding box. An extreme example of this impropriety is when you touch a 2H card and then pull out a pass card.

Do not ask for information from your opponents unless it is your turn to bid.

Do not ask what a bid means unless you are intending to bid. Asking for explanation without bidding could in certain circumstances be construed as passing unauthorized information to one's partner. If one doesn't intend to bid, questions of the opponents, should be made after the auction has concluded.

Play of the hand

Do say 'Thank you' to your partner when he/she puts the Dummy on the table. (Even though you are thinking to yourself 'where the heck is the hand my partner was bidding?')

Do, when you are on opening lead, lead first and then write the contract on your score sheet. When you are on opening lead, detach a card from your hand and lay it face down on the table. This prevents irregularities...such as leading when it is not your turn to do so and allows questions about the auction and any alerts to be answered. All players, except dummy, may now request a review of the auction and an explanation of any alerted calls. You, as the opening leader, may ask for any review of the bidding before you make your first lead. Other players may also ask for a review of the auction at their first opportunity to play.

Do not SNAP your cards down on the table.

Do not detach a card from the hand before it is your turn to play. Do not pull up a card, push it back into your hand, and then pull up another card. Nor should you detach a card and then replace it to play another card. Also do not detach your card before it is your turn to play and never rearrange your hand when you are out of a suit.

All of these maneuvers provide additional valuable information to the declarer.

You have the right to inspect the cards that have been played on the current trick as long as your card remains face up. Once all cards have been turned over (face down) no one can ask to see the cards that were played.

At the end of a hand ensure that you do not mix up your cards until the result is agreed with the opponents.

North, when scoring the traveler, must present it to East West for their acceptance *prior* to folding and returning it to the board. The same applies when entering the result into Bridgemates.

Do not look at your opponent's or partner's cards after the hand has been played without their permission.

DUMMY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

You may not call declarer's attention to anything except that he is about to lead from the wrong hand or to ask if he is out of the suit being played.

As dummy you may not play or touch any card in dummy (even a singleton) until declarer calls the card. If declarer designates a suit, but not the rank, he is deemed to have called for the lowest card of the suit indicated. If declarer designates a rank but not a suit, he is deemed to be continuing the suit in which dummy won the last trick. Otherwise, be silent during the play.

Dummy is not allowed to call the Director.

PRINCIPLE OF FULL DISCLOSURE

The philosophy of active ethics tells us that winners should be determined solely by skill, flair and normal playing luck. Actively ethical partnerships take pains to ensure their opponents are fully informed.

A major tenet of active bridge ethics is the principle of full disclosure. This means that all information available to your partnership must be made available to your opponents.

Let's take a look at "weak two" bids from the point of view of full disclosure. When an established partnership opens a weak two bid, they have a great deal of information of which their opponents are not aware. The convention card discloses the point range, but little else. However, the partners are aware of the range of hands on which the bid can be made (discipline? suit quality requirements? fiveor-seven card suits allowed? side four-card major ok? void ok? positional variations? Etc.). Full disclosure requires that all these inferences, restrictions and tendencies be made known to any opponent who inquires about their style.

If you are interested in knowing these things about your opponent's bid, merely say to the bidder's partner, "Would you tell me more about your style?" You may use the style inquiry to ask about any bid your opponent makes.

The actively ethical player will often go beyond what is technically required in volunteering information to the opponents. Quite often, the declaring side in an actively ethical partnership will volunteer such information before the opening lead is made. (But remember, when there has been misinformation given, such as a failure to alert or a mistaken alert, there is a LEGAL obligation on the player whose partner misinformed the opponents. He, the bidder, must give the opponents the correct information at the end of the auction if his side is the declaring side or at the end of the play if his side is defending.)

New players or infrequent partnerships usually will not have understandings about the items discussed here and, of course, it will be perfectly proper for them to reply "We have no agreement as to style."

SLOW PLAY

Failure to finish on time can do a great deal to chase players away from the game and is extremely distressing to waiting players. Bridge is a timed event. If a pair takes more than their share of the allotted time for each round, they are inconveniencing their fellow competitors as well as gaining an unfair advantage over them. When a pair has fallen behind it is incumbent on them to make up the time lost as quickly as possible whether at fault or not.

The actively ethical player makes a concerted effort to catch up when they have fallen behind, regardless of the reason for their lateness. All players are expected to develop this good habit.

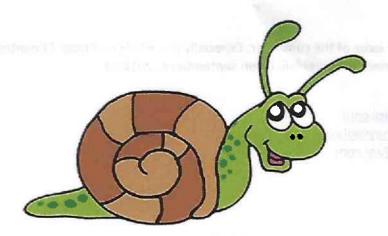
Avoid hesitations by being consistently deliberate in your bidding and play. An acquired habit of playing smoothly and evenly (even on very bad hands) will always give you more time to think. Remember that a hesitation followed by a pass places an extra burden on partner as any bids by him or her must be very clear cut. Do not be upset if an opponent calls the director to monitor the auction in this situation as it is the proper thing to do.

Remember: Slow play is subject to penalty, and the penalties are well earned when slow pairs disrupt the normal progression of the game.

Additionally, players should be available to start each subsequent round promptly, avoiding wherever possible, being late to a table for non-bridge reasons.

If you are still playing when the next round is called, finish playing the trick then stop. You must pass the played boards to the next table before you restart play.





What do sea snails, Alice Walker and Bridge have in common, the color purple?

In ancient times, thousands of murex snails were the source of a yellowish fluid secreted from its gland, once boiled and treated made a moderate quantity of permanent purple dye. Cotton and wool dyed purple brought very high prices that only Royalty and the elite could afford to wear the color. In Alice Walker's movie version, the Color Purple, a beautiful field of Cosmos inspired Shug to say, "I think it pisses God off if you walk by the color purple and don't notice it". Physically purple uplifts and calms the mind and nerves.

On June 21, 2018, aka the Longest Day (Summer Solstice) MBU bridge members wore purple to support and bring awareness to a specific degenerative brain disease.

Alois Alzheimer a German physician psychiatrist who died in June 1915 is acclaimed for his dedication to research & clinical observation of the brain functions has it differed from dementia & senility. The disease was not known as Alzheimer until 1910.

According to Alz.org, as many as 5.7 million Americans of all ages are living with the disease. The good news, neurological research is developing a rapid blood test for early signs of Alzheimer.

D. Watson

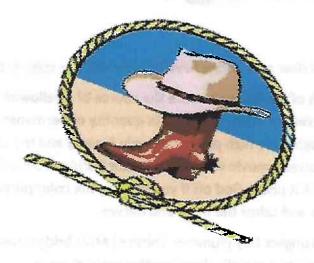


MBU lost one member in June, Frances McDermott. Frances was an active member of CO-OP City DBC and will be missed.

Hello MBUers,

Hope you enjoyed the July issue of the consumer. Expecially the article on Bridge Etiquette and Protocola. Information for the Septemer Consumer will be on September 6, 2018.24

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