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Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.

July 2019



President's Message

By Lynda J. Straker

Greetings, MBU Family,

As we approach the summer season, please be excited by the many opportunities presented by the MBU and the ABA to play your best bridge and to support the organizations dedicated to our favorite pastime.

Check your MBU calendar for sanctioned games scheduled for July, August and September and participate in as many as possible. Plan to attend the Summer National in Atlanta which promises to offer not only bridge but interesting and worthwhile activities in and around Atlanta.

Our first sanction free Special "A" Game on July 1, 2019 is the first of its kind – in the MBU at least. The ABA Constitution provides for an "A" game and or "C" game when the Unit has sponsored duplicate bridge educational activities for new players and throughout the Unit.

Planning for our 2019 "AAA" is underway and we need the support of everyone in the MBU. While this event is popular throughout all sections of the ABA, we are hoping for full participation of all MBU members. To this end, I will circulate a survey among the membership to (I) identify the reasons why members do not attend and (2) to determine if the MBU can address those reasons to increase participation. The survey will be released via email and Club Presidents will have paper copies to distribute. Please watch for the survey in your email.

We will not hold a quarterly meeting in July. Yoonne Ebea will be leading the nominating committee that will present a slate for the election of new MBU officers at the October 2019 membership meeting. Voting will take place at our January 2020 meeting.

Good luck to all who are planning to attend the Summer National in Atlanta. Play your best bridge and have a great time!

See you at the tables,

Aces & Knaves The Film

By Dolores Watson

A rewarding experience awaits you in this 60-minute provocative documentary Aces & Knaves, as it explores through a series of micro-interviews, the love, dedication and awe bridge players have for this special game.

To my surprise, two familiar faces flashed by: Alfred Knight and Jimmy Pelham, both MBU members. Sorry, I don't know which tournament or where. Renowned Bill Gates, Microsoft giant, was spotlighted as an avid player.

The game reflects life, as elite players express the emotional investment, commitment of time and mental concentration required toward mastery. The Aces (principled) use honed skills to win; Knaves (unprincipled) use fraud to win. The World Championship competition arena is one of sponsorship and high financial gain.

What makes this film outstanding is it shines light on the difficult decision made by Boye Brogeland, a top professional world champion player from Norway, to blow the whistle on his fellow competitors and expose them as world-class **CHEATERS**.

This is not the first bridge scandal tribunal authorities have uncovered but it is the first made into a documentary for the general public to see. It took a team of code breakers working tedious hours into days to analyze gestures, card and board movements to determine illegal information was being passed from partner to partner.

When Aces & Knaves comes to the New York area, members will be informed of showing venue. <u>Click here</u> to view trailer.









"Duplicate bridge is not just a card game, it's an endless intellectual adventure."

If it's Friday, There's Bridge in Brooklyn!

By Jane Atlas

Brooklynites' June 14 double-session "B" Game included a graduation ceremony with Pomp and Circumstance between the sessions. Regular Friday games begin at 11 am.

Congratulations to Brooklynites John Hopkins and Inez Lambert, the second-place winners at our May 10 Herman Huff Scholarship game.

At the May MBU quarterly meeting, President Lynda Straker congratulated Brooklynites Dorene Christmas and Jane Atlas on having attained the new level of Master.

Brooklynites were well represented at the ABA Spring National tournament in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Headquarters notified Jane Atlas that she will be presented the Asterisk Player award during the 2019 Summer National. Congrats Jane.

Get well wishes to Brooklynite Lucille Wilkinson in the Susan B. McKinney Rehabilitation facility, and to Associate Member Jerry Cunningham who is out of the hospital and recuperating at home.

Westbury DBC

By Patricia Binyard

The Westbury Bridge Club thanks the entire Metropolitan Bridge Unit for supporting our recent "B" game. We had outstanding attendance from all the clubs in the organization along with the most positive feedback. We especially thank our club and associate members for all their efforts in making this a fun and successful event with a special "shout-out" going to Jeraldine Odoms for hosting our plentiful breakfast.

Our club is now closed for the summer and will reopen the second Tuesday in September (September 10, 2019) at the "Yes We Can" Center at 6 pm. We look forward to seeing you at our "C" game on September 24. Lunch at 11:30 am with the game to follow at 12:30 pm.



METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT SICKLE CELL BENEFIT GAME SATURDAY. SEPTEMBER 14. 2019

DBC of Mount Vernon

By Rita Thompson

We had the pleasure of hosting several visitors during June. When asked how they heard about our club, they said "we picked up a flyer at the United Federation of Teachers in the Bronx where we take bridge lessons. The flyer also mentioned there's a lesson by Dr. Mehta before the game." Club President Charles Guest was pleased to see that our publicity endeavors are paying off as well as the good will engendered by DBCMV members Parvez Mehta and Alfred Knight who both teach bridge at the UFT.

Our club is open throughout the summer months. We play every Monday—refreshments at 5 pm; game at 6 pm. Please join us.

Come Exercise Your Body and Mind

By Yvonne Ebea

Jet Setter Club President Yvonne Ebea will sponsor free six-week chair exercise/line dance classes on Tuesdays at 10:30 am on June 11, June 25, July 23, July 30, August 20 and August 27. Supervised bridge classes will be on going as usual with lunch at 11:30 am and club game at 12:30 pm.

Jet Setters and Bayview

co-sponsors

Two-Session "B" Game

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Community Bridge Home 120-50 Springfield Blvd. Cambria Heights, NY 11411

Complimentary Breakfast at 9 am

Session 1 - Open Pairs at 10 am

Lunch (\$5) at 1 pm

Session 2 - Open Pairs time TBA

Director: John Demos

Astro Duplicate Bridge Club

By Doris White

Greetings bridge family. Astro is alive and well thanks to our erstwhile president, Julia Rinehardt, and associate member Edna Boothe. We were saddened by the death of our long-time member Rupert Mitchell who passed in March. He was a fixture in the bridge world having served as director, teacher and mentor to many.

We still meet every Thursday at 12:30 pm. Thank you for your support. We will be closed on August 8 and 15 during the Summer National in Atlanta, Georgia.

Martha and Calvin, we miss you.

Springfield DBC

By Eliza Brann

Greetings from Springfield Duplicate Bridge Club. Missing at the table: June Robinson continues to get stronger. Give her a shout out when you can. Evelyn and Moses Smallwood are keeping up with appointments.

Springfield will be open during July and August Please join us! Check your calendars and email.

Twilight DBC

By Jesse Palmer

Father's Day and the beginning of summer have passed and we are preparing for our 4th of July celebrations. Birthday shout outs to Pearl S. Bostic in July; Mercedes Mann and Gloria Johnson in September.

We are happy to announce that Shirley Gross is home after a brief hospital stay. Remember to keep Shirley in your prayers.

Congratulations to all the winners at the Eastern Section Spring Fling held in Atlantic City.

As always please come and play with us on Thursdays at 1630 St Marks Place, Brooklyn, New York. Lunch is served at noon and the game begins at 1 pm.

Triangle DBC

By Bernice Williams

Greetings from Triangle Duplicate Bridge Club of the village of Harlem. Hope all are well and preparing for the 2019 Summer National Tournament in Georgia to enjoy the games and what that state has to offer. My experience at games there was pleasant and satisfying.

Our new members are enjoying the camaraderie involved. We are pleased and will continue to foster their growth in the organization.

Belated June birthday wishes to Annie Nelson and Charlotte Cottman, who is on sabbatical. Yours truly has one coming on the 28th of August.

Well bridge players, enjoy life until next time.

Community Bridge Home News

Greetings, Bridge Home Family:

The Community Bridge Home Executive Board and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support.

To Our Financial Donors: We express our deepest thanks for your generous contributions. Donations from generous people like you help us in continuing to keep the Bridge Home afloat.

To Our Volunteers: We thank you for your willingness to donate your time, energy and expertise. A heartfelt "thank you" for volunteering to cover the office. We really appreciate it.

Again, thank you for the support and compassion we receive from everyone, and we hope it will continue.

Special Information

On May 9, 2019 our Rental Agent, Debra Miller, created a GoFundMe page. It is our hope that it will assist in our effort to raise money to aid with the much needed building repairs. We are asking everyone (who can) to please assist in this effort. More information to follow shortly.

Sincerely,

Ruth M. Shuler, President

The Director's Corner

By Annetta Wallace

CALCULATING GAME SCORES

This article addresses a question posed by a new player. She wanted to know how her score was calculated. She thought she did well because she "won" most of the boards. She presented her score card with most of the entries in the "plus" column and did not understand why the press sheet indicated that she had a poor game.

We are used to the idea that a plus score is good and a minus score is bad. This is not always the case in duplicate bridge. We need to understand how the game is scored. When we have a good understanding of the scoring system, it can help to improve our game because we are able to make better decisions at the table.

There are two basic types of duplicate bridge played in clubs and tournaments:

Pairs

In a pairs game, you play with one partner and sit either North/ South or East/West. You play two or three boards at a table (this is called a round) and then the East/West pair moves to another table and plays other boards against other opponents. Scoring is done by match points.

Teams

In a team game, you play on a team of four to six players. Your team plays against another team of players for the duration of the match. You and your partner take either North/South or East/West at one table, and your teammates take the other direction at a second table. The opposing team does the same. Scoring is done by International Match Points (IMPs).

Match Point Scoring

In a duplicate bridge pair game, your score is "matched" against all the pairs sitting in the same direction. If you are sitting North/South, you are hoping to get a higher score than the other North/South pairs who have played the same board. If you are sitting East/West, you are hoping to beat the other East/West scores.

You get one match point for each pair you beat and one-half match point for each pair you tie. Your score on a board is the actual number of match points you scored on that board. The "top" on a board is based on the number of pairs that play that board. If nine pairs play a board, the top is eight, (the number of pairs you can possibly beat). The average on the board, one-half of top, is four. It does not matter by how much you beat or lost to a particular pair. All that matters is that you beat them or lost to them. On the recap sheet, your raw score is shown, and the match points are shown above the raw score.

Match Points*	4	3	I-	I-	0
Raw Score	420	170	140	140	100

*I- = I.5, 2- = 2.5, etc.

In table form, the above would look like:

Pair	Contract	Score	Match Points	Comment
I	4♥N making	420	4	Top score (beat 4 pairs)
2	3♥N making 4	170	3	Beat 3 pairs
3	3 ♥ N making	140	1.5	Beat I pair and tied another
4	3 ♥ N making	140	1.5	Beat I pair and tied another
5	3 ♠ E down I	100	0	Bottom (even though score is positive, it is the lowest)

At the end of the session, your score is calculated by adding up the match points you earned on each board. The pair with the greatest number of match points is the winner in that direction. Your score for the game is usually expressed as a percentage.

Your percentage is calculated by dividing your score by the total number of match points possible on all the boards you played; that fraction is then multiplied by 100 to convert it to a percentage. For example, in a nine-table game with 24 boards, the match point maximum is 192. (8 match points on each board x 24 boards). If your match point score was 96, that would be a 50% game. A 55+% game is considered to be good and should usually earn you some master points. A 60+% game is excellent and will often result in a 1st or 2nd place finish.

In match point scoring, each board you play represents the same percentage of your total score. Each board is important, so you must be focused at all times. Over-tricks are crucial, an over trick can mean a big difference in your match point score. You only compare your results with pairs sitting in the same direction. You need to maximize your score when you are declarer and minimize the opponents' score when defending.

BRIDGE LESSONS BEGINNING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9 AT THE BRIDGE HOME

Monday 10:00 am Intermediate
Wednesday 10:30 am Intermediate
Saturday 10:00 am Beginner









The Winners Circle

April 8, 2019

Mt. Vernon Scholarship

Flight A

- I J. Fields P. Mehta
- 2 G. Hobbs A. Knight

Flight B

- I B. Jennings Y. Ebea
- 2 C. Baxter D. Thompson

April 10, 2019

Co-op City ABA Scholarship

Flight A

- I G Hobbs A. Knight
- 2 J. Fields P. Mehta

Flight B

- I V. Porter L. DeVeaux
- 2 J. Smith D. Davis

April 15, 2019

Triangle Alzheimer's Benefit

Flight A

- I A. Morton C. Jones
- **2** B. Jennings G. Leverett

Flight B

- I B. Jennings G. Leverett
- 2 B. Williams A. Butler

April 20, 2019

Springfield HH Scholarship

Flight A

- I C. Baxter V. Brooks
- 2 Y. Ebea L. Blackman

Flight B

- I Y. Ebea L. Blackman
- 2 D. Green J. McKeown

April 24, 2019

Cosmopolitan BAM

- I E. Boothe D White
 L. Straker J. McBean
- 2/3 M. Mercer C. Story
- R. Shuler B. Sherrill
- 2/3 M.E. Grant P Mehta L. Hinds - W. Wood

May 4, 2019

MBU Membership Game

Flight A

- I V. Brooks C. Baxter
- **2** J. Fields G. Hudson

Flight B

- I T. Stukes H. Gaines
- 2 P. Bostic M. Sheppard

May 6, 2019

Triangle ABA HQ Benefit

Flight A

- I E. Stewart M. Goka
- 2 B. Jennings Y. Ebea

Flight B

- I B. Jennings Y. Ebea
- 2 B. Williams A. Butler

May 10, 2019

Brooklynites HH Scholarship

Flight A

- I J. Fields P. Mehta
- 2 J. Hopkins I. Lambert

Flight B

- I J. Hopkins I. Lambert
- 2 C. Kearse J. Cole

May 13, 2019

Mt. Vernon ABA HQ Benefit

Flight A

- I G. Hudson A. Knight
- 2 V. Porter C. Guest

Flight B

- I R. Thompson B. Smith
- 2 A. Mapp Carlyn Jones

May 14, 2019

Jet Setter C Game

Section A

Flight A

- I E. Grant P. Mehta
- 2 D. White E. Boothe

Flight B

- I L. Straker J. McBean
- 2 V. Brooks C. Baxter

Section B

Flight A

- I J. Handy R. Prester
- 2 L. Copeland P. Jackson

Flight B

- I J. Handy R. Prester
- 2 L. Copeland P. Jackson

May 15, 2019

Co-op City C Game

Flight A

- I V. Brooks C. Baxter
- 2 A. Knight G. Leverett

Flight B

- I V. Brooks C. Baxter
- 2 L. Blackman E. Harley

June 5, 2019

Co-op City C Game

Flight A

- I C. Schmidt C. Guest
- 2 G. Rodriguez A. Mapp

Flight B

- I G. Rodriguez A. Mapp
- 2 W. Fairley G. Washington

June 7, 2019

ABA Nationwide

Flight A

- I A. Morton C. Jones
- 2 J. Fields G. Hudson

Flight B

- I S. Surita G. Leverett
- 2 S. Bond Dorene Christmas

June 10, 2019

Mt. Vernon C Game

Flight A

- I C. Guest A.Knight
- 2/3 J. Fields G. Hudson
- 2/3 M. Goka N. McFarlane

Flight B

- I R. Thompson B. Smith
- V. Brooks C. Baxter

June 12, 2019

Cosmopolitan Under 600

Section A

- I J. McBean L. Straker
- 2 W. Russell V. Brooks

Section B

Flight A

- I R. Kotkin J. Kotin
- 2 H. Dennis M. Legall

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Flight B

I H. Dennis - M. Legall

2 S. Bond - P. Gerges

Flight C

I H. Dennis - M. Legall

2 S. McNeil - A. Faison

June 14, 2019

Brooklynites Benefit Game

Flight A

I L. Straker - J. McBean

2 V. Brooks - C. Baxter

Flight B

I L. Francis -T. Drayton

2 J. Atlas - D. Christmas

June 17, 2019

Triangle ABA Benefit

Flight A

I L. Cleaton - E. Madison

2 A. Morton - C. Jones

Flight B

I L. Cleaton - E. Madison

2 G. Leverett - P. House

Flight C

I L. Cleaton - E. Madison

2 I. Minault - P. Cobb

June 18, 2019

Westbury B Game - A.M.

Section A

Flight A

I E. Grant - P. Mehta

2 J. Fields - G. Hudson

Flight B

I S. Surita - D. Sconiers

2 C. Smith - D. Wilson

Section B

Flight A

I P. Watford - L. Copeland

2 B. Wingate - H. Gaines

Flight B

I B. Wingate - H. Gaines

2 A. Faison - D. Christmas

Westbury B Game - P.M.

Section A

Flight A

I |. Fields - G. Hudson

2 E. Grant - P. Mehta

Flight B

I J. DeVeaux - N. McFarlane

2 L. Straker - J. McBean

Section B

Flight A

P. Watford - L. Copeland

2 B. Wingate - H. Gaines

Flight B

B. Wingate - H. Gaines

2 A. Faison - D. Christmas

June 21, 2019

Longest Day - A.M.

Section A

Flight A

I P. Mehta - E. Grant

2 V. Brooks - C. Baxter

Flight B

I W. Wood - L. Hinds

2 G. Leverett - S. Surita

Section B

Flight A

I C. Blount - M. Mann

2 L. Wright - D. Woo

Flight B

I L. Wright - D. Woo

2 P. Jackson - L. Copeland

Longest Day - P.M.

Flight A

I E. Grant - P. Mehta

2 J. Fields - G. Hudson

Flight B

I L. Straker - J. McBean

2 C. Smith - D. Wilson



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The MBU is passionate about the fight against Alzheimer's disease and about the game of duplicate bridge. That's why on The Longest Day, June 21, 2019, the Metropolitan Bridge Unit hosted two games to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association.

<u>Click here</u> to donate and help the MBU reach its fundraising goal.



Get Well Wishes

Astro **Martha Hewitt**

Bayview Rudy Cummings Jane Harris Phyllis Jones

Brooklynites Jerry Cunningham

Co-op City Queenie May

Cosmopolitan Catherine Reid **Harvey Stone**



let Setter Sylvia Thomas Sylvia Yearwood

Mount Vernon Naeema Mubaarak Charlotte Roberson Louise Shaw **leanne Simmons**

Springfield June Robinson

Twilight Shirley Gross

Condolences **BROOKLYNITES** To the family of Lucille Wilkinson **JET SETTER** To Lemuel Copeland, on the loss of his brother To the family of Diane Oliver **MOUNT VERNON** To Charles Guest, on the loss of his father To the family of Dorothy Scott **TWILIGHT** To the family of Oliver Clark WESTBURY To Doris Duperly, on the loss of her sister

MAPPY BIRTHDAY

JIILY

Bayview

Valerie Brooks **Rudy Cummings** Phyllis Jones

Brooklynites

Aquilla Middleton **Mildred Adams Donna Harris-Bowman Patricia Campbell-James**

Co-on City

Vivian Edwards **Carlyn Jones Estelle Richmond Dorothy Smith**

Cosmo

Annetta Wallace Lois Wright

Mt. Vernon

Leonard Hawthorne Nathalie McFarlane Gladys Smith

Triangle

Brenda Smith

Twilight Pearl S. Bostic

Westburv

Denise Thompson

AUGUST

Brooklynites

Roxie McKoy Consuelo Tomlinson

Co-op City

Dolores Davis William Fairley

Mt. Vernon Alfred Knight Viola Porter

Springfield

Mary Luter

Triangle

Bernice Williams

SEPTEMBER

Brooklynites

Lois Francis Andrea Flateau Dianne Lawrence

Co-op City

Iannie Smith

Mt Vernon

Lorraine Hinds

Cosmo

Philippe Gerdes Patricia Jackson **Edna Moses Ronald Prester**

Twilight

Mercedes Mann Gloria Johnson

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METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT "AAA" TOURNAMENT

DECEMBER 2 - 5, 2019

DECEMBER 2

 2 pm
 Open Pairs**
 11 am
 MBU

 7 pm
 ABA Headquarter's Benefit**
 2 pm
 Open

DECEMBER 3

9 am Open Pairs**
2 pm BAM (Team of 4) Session 1
2 pm Side Game**

7 pm BAM (Team of 4) Session 2
7 pm Side Game**

Need a partner? Contact Charles Guest 914.803.7491

DECEMBER 4

11 am MBU Awards Luncheon 2 pm Open Pairs Session 1* 2 pm Side Game**

7 pm Open Pairs Session 2*
7 pm Side Game**

DECEMBER 5

9 am MRR Session 1 9 am Side Game** TBA MRR Session 2

es Guest 914.803.7491

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Thank you to our reporters.

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CALENDAR

July

- MBU Special A Game
- 9 Jet Setter/Bayview B Game (2 sessions)
- 15 Mount Vernon C Game
- 17 Cosmo Bridge Home Benefit & C Game (2 games)

August

- I Springfield Under 600 Game
- 8-17 ABA Summer National Tournament
 - 23 Brooklynites ABA Headquarters Benefit Game

September

- 4 Springfield/Astro B Game (2 sessions)
- 5 Springfield/Astro Modified Round Robin (2 sessions)
- 9 Triangle Sickle Cell Benefit Game
- II Cosmo BAM (Team of 4)
- 14 MBU Sickle Cell Benefit Game (2 games)
- 18 Co-op City C Game
- 20 Brooklynites Club Benefit Game
- 24 Westbury C Game
- 25 Leisure UNCF Game
- 27 ABA Nationwide Game (6 pm)
- 28 ABA Nationwide Game (12 pm)
- 30 Mount Vernon C Game

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