



THE CONSUMER

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Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.

April 2022



President's Message

By Lynda J. Straker

Dear MBU Family,

It is my pleasure to greet everyone with the hopeful and joyous spirit of spring ahead of us and the fading memories of a worldwide pandemic behind us. As our member clubs thoughtfully move forward to the return of bridge at the bridge tables, I want to encourage everyone to support your club's efforts whenever and wherever you can. There are still some locations that are no longer available for us to use and the playing time in other locations will have to change. Please support the clubs currently open – the Brooklynites DBC, the Cosmopolitan DBC, and the Springfield Blvd DBC and the Bayview DBC and the DBC of Mount Vernon scheduled to open in April, and others as additional re-openings roll out.

The 2022 Spring National Tournament in Baltimore, Maryland promises to be a safe playing venue located in the exciting Inner Harbor. Good luck at the tables and enjoy the entertainment to all members who will be attending. Our Eastern Section Spring Fling is scheduled for May 23 – 26, 2022 at the Resorts Casino and Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ. The room rate is \$74 plus tax and fees and the reservation deadline is May 14, 2022. Don't wait. Make your reservation today.

The MBU continues to host a Benefit Game for the Community Bridge Home on Wednesdays on BBO at 11 am. Please join members of the MBU and other bridge players from around the country in playing this game to support the Bridge Home.

Our next membership meeting will be held at the Community Bridge Home on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 11 am. The meeting will be followed by our first "A" game since 2019 and I hope to see you there. Expect to receive more information about this meeting and "A" game in future emails.

Stay well, support our bridge clubs, the Eastern Section and the American Bridge Association.

Innovators

By Dolores Watson

Everything has a history, and Standard American bridge is without exception. While we may prefer to just play the game, its journey road post is, "you've come a long way baby." And with this in mind, you may find this quick read interesting for it will acquaint you with two of its early bidding innovators.

Harold S. Vanderbilt (1884-1970) created the first bidding system for the new game: the artificial and forcing 1♣ opening bid which allowed responder to respond 1♦ with any hand that was without an ace or king; then Vanderbilt changed the theory (innovation time). Opener should rebid with 2 notrump in which south describes his hand by bidding 4♥. Opener rebids 4 notrump indicating that hearts is his weak suit and when responder shows shape with a bid of 5♠, opener raises to slam. (See sample hand below.) Among his other innovations, concept of vulnerability, balanced scoring table which allowed for part-score. (HCPs and distribution points were not used at this time.)

NORTH	♠ A K 8	♥	♦ A K 8 6	♣ A K J 8 7 2
SOUTH	♠ Q 6	♥ K J 8 6	♦ J 9 5 3 2	♣ 6 5

Alvin L. Roth (1914-2007), considered one of the greatest bidding theorists of bridge, invented various bidding conventions including five-card major opening, negative doubles, forcing notrump and unusual notrump. The forcing notrump response (still popular) is a one level bid. Roth's unusual notrump convention is an overcall showing a two-suited hand, showing minor suits after opponents open in a major. The general concept is to show "two lowest unbid suits." Also, using a five-card major opening made it easier to incorporate forcing notrump bid.

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Bayview Breeze

By Valerie Brooks

We were saddened to begin this year with the transition of our beloved, longtime member Phyllis Jones on January 1. May she rest in peace.

Though COVID-19 remains and seems to be waning, we do our best to keep going. This is our prayer:

"It's a new season, Lord, and we do not know what it will bring. But you do, so we put our lives in your hands and move forward.

Father, things are happening around us that we do not understand, and we sometimes feel helpless and afraid. But in the midst, we know that You are Lord.

Help us to be at peace. Continue to be our strength and shield. Amen."

Bayview will re-open on Monday, April 4. Our doors will open at 11 am. Game time is 12 pm. We will not serve food so bring lunch if you need to. Snacks and water will be provided.

Wishing all players attending the ABA Spring National and Eastern Sectional good luck and traveling mercies.

Brooklynites DBC

By Jane Atlas and Lois Francis

Brooklynites DBC invites you to join our Friday games at 625 Quincy Street. Enjoy a delicious meal between noon and 12:45 pm. Game time is 1:00 pm. At a time when other clubs continue to look for playing venues, we are grateful that our club was invited back to the venue we had prior to COVID. We are hopeful that our sister clubs in the MBU will find suitable homes soon.

If it's Friday, there's bridge in Brooklyn, but there will be no game on Friday March 25th as we intend to participate in the ABA Spring National tournament. We ask God's travel mercies and God's blessings on our stay in Baltimore.

As a member of the Brooklynites, I have been learning and playing bridge with Lois Francis for some time. At the onset of COVID, Zoom classes were scheduled for lessons and we're encouraged to go on BBO to practice skills taught. I am grateful and fortunate to have a teacher who takes pride and is willing to share her bridge knowledge with anyone who is willing to learn. I've been introduced to players in many states who take pleasure in attending weekly classes on Sunday and play set game boards on Monday. The fundamentals are important, and repetition makes remembering easy.

Kathleen Marshall

Cosmopolitan DBC

By Steven Bond

WE'RE BACK AGAIN! Cosmo returned to in-person bridge (again) after the Christmas break, on January 6th, but then decided to wait until March for further in-person bridge. We had a regular club game on Thursday, March 3rd, followed by a "C" game on March 10th, that included lunch. Our regular schedule is snacks at 11 am (you can bring your own lunch), with game time at noon, on Thursdays.

We want to thank all those who came out and supported our games. We look forward to continuing to play in-person with you in the weeks ahead.

Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays this quarter: Ellen Tauber and Helen Williams in April; Joan Barash and Martha Hewitt in May; and Cheryl Jones, Jose Ramos, and Ruth Shuler in June.

We are glad to be one of the first clubs to have resumed in-person games, and we look forward to seeing more of our friends at the tables in 2022. Continue to take care and be safe.

Jet Setter DBC

By Beverly Sessions-Kelly

Sunday, March 20, was the first day of spring. So excited to see a new season, the warmer weather and all the possibilities the future holds. I hated losing one hour of sleep on March 13, but grateful for more hours of daylight.

It has been great playing face to face again and socializing with other bridge players. The Jet Setters will be back on Tuesdays beginning April 5. While some may feel more adventurous and want to play without a mask, others are more cautious and will be wearing a mask. So, we are requiring all players at our games to be vaccinated and boosted. This will be in effect until all our members feel more comfortable.

We hope to see you face to face in April. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

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DBC of Mount Vernon

By Rita Thompson

The Duplicate Bridge Club of Mount Vernon became a member of the American Bridge Association in 1959 and will be celebrating 63 years at its "welcome back to the bridge tables" game on April 18 at Vernon Manor, 30 Ehrbar Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10552.

Our president, Charles Guest, will also celebrate 63 years during April. Although he is one of the youngest in the ABA, Charles has been playing bridge for more than 48 years. Wow!

We congratulate ten DBCM members who are among the top five winners of the 2021 ABA on BBO games in their category within the Eastern Section, including:

Ann and Harvey Brandwein (Master)
Rita Thompson (Life Master)
Viola Porter (Ruby)
William Wood Jr. and Charlotte Roberson (Diamond)
Charles Guest and Gladys Smith (Silver Diamond)
Gloria Hobbs (Gold Diamond)
Parvez Mehta (Platinum Diamond)

Springfield DBC

By Eliza Brann

Well, bridge family, spring has sprung and so has our club. We had our first face-to-face game on Friday, March 11 and celebrated our coming out with four tables. What a joy! Going forward, our games will be on Fridays at 11:30 am. Please bring your mask and a smile. Also, no lunch will be served. We look forward to seeing you.

Birthday wishes are in order for Lavis Marks (April), Janice McBean and Sharon Fox (May) and Diana Green (June). We hope they will enjoy a blessed day and celebrate with family and friends.

It's so nice to hear really good news once in a while and that came when we learned of our dear Evelyn Smallwood's return home from the hospital. Our prayers are with her in hopes she will have a speedy recovery.

Triangle DBC

By Bernice Williams

Greetings, fellow bridge players. It's time for an update on what's going on here in Harlem.

As of this writing, we are in limbo as to when and where we will again have a home. We are trying but as we all know, everything takes time and since our home is under the jurisdiction of the city and the Department of the Aging, who knows when they will lift the COVID mandates.

It is good to know some of our clubs have survived and are playing face to face. Even though the face is masked, it still remains a wonderful sight to behold. I'm looking forward to seeing quite a few of us in Baltimore, God willing.

Julius Fields is home and playing online and congratulations to those of you who continue to do so. Recently, I attended a Brooklynites game where all the protocols were adhered to and we had a wonderful time.

Triangle has a belated birthday shoutout to our point coordinator Marzella Dawkins, whose birthday was during March. Our treasurer May Ott celebrates in April, Betty Donnerson and Ida Minault during May and in June our beloved Grand Life Master Julius Fields.

That's all for now. Stay well and stay strong.

Twilight DBC

By Jesse Palmer

Spring is here, St. Patrick's Day has passed and Palm Sunday and Easter are fast approaching. Please be safe as you observe your holidays.

Happy birthday to Shirley Gross (May) and Raye Liverpool (June) and belated birthday wishes to Robert Patterson who celebrated his day in February. Betty Sherrill and Mercedes Mann are home. Please remember them in your daily devotions.

Westbury DBC

By Patricia Binyard

Happy springtime, bridge family. What a wonderful time of the year. We have come through another winter, and once again, I can see the flowers beginning to bloom.

Many of the bridge clubs have reopened and we will be announcing our opening date soon. STAY TUNED. We can't wait to see you all at the bridge table. Enjoy the season and stay safe.

Please keep Ted Conliffe and Mayer Wiesen in your prayers.



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By Lois M. Wright

The officers and Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank our bridge family for the continued support during these extraordinary times. We greatly appreciate your financial support which has helped keep the Community Bridge Home afloat. What a blessing you have been.

A special thank you to Community Bridge Home members that have already sent in their \$50 yearly dues and donations, and to all bridge players that have mailed in donations for 2022. Thanks again to all who are participating in the weekly I am ABA/BBO online game benefitting the Community Bridge Home. And, to Mr. Willie Fuchs and those who participated in the Zoom bridge classes on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, thanks for your generous donations.

Thank you, everyone. Be blessed and stay safe.



2022 MBU: ABA/BBO

January - February 2022

Level / Rank	Points	Club	Name
Asterisk / 1 st Place	(1.22)	Cosmopolitan	Robert Diskin
2 nd Place	(0.78)	Westbury	Cynthia Bohanan
Master / 1 st Place	(10.66)	Mt. Vernon	Ann Brandwein
2 nd Place	(7.18)	Twilight	Adrienne Faison
Life Master / 1 st Place	(22.67)	Mt. Vernon	Rita Thompson
2 nd Place	(18.82)	Cosmopolitan	Ronald Prester
Sr. Life Master / 1 st Place	(17.85)	Twilight	Raye Liverpool
2 nd Place ...	(10.45)	Cosmopolitan	Therese Hamilton
Ruby / 1 st Place	(11.58)	Mt. Vernon	Viola Porter
2 nd Place	(29.90)	Westbury	Barbara Wingate
Diamond / 1 st Place	(84.69)	Bayview	Christian Baxter
2 nd Place	(36.80)	Bayview	Valerie Brooks
Silver Diamond / 1 st Place	(22.01)	Mt. Vernon	William Wood, Jr.
2 nd Place	(21.49)	Mt. Vernon	Charles Guest
Gold Diamond / 1 st Place	(28.92)	Cosmopolitan	Annetta Wallace
2 nd Place	(24.48)	Springfield	Lynda Straker
Platinum Diamond / 1 st Place	(38.71)	Mt. Vernon	Parvez Mehta
2 nd Place	(11.31)	Triangle	Allen Morton
Black Diamond / 1 st Place	(33.58)	Westbury	Dr. Errol Grant
2 nd Place / NA			
Grand Life Master / 1 st Place and 2 nd Place / NA			



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"January - February 2022 Top 25 Men Players"

MBU Rank	Name	Level	Total Points
1.	Julius Fields	Grand Life Master	31,455.76
2.	Dr. Errol Grant	Black Diamond	15,910.58
3.	Parvez Mehta	Platinum Diamond	14,478.45
4.	Allen Morton	Platinum Diamond	10,245.52
5.	Alfred Knight	Gold Diamond	7,546.39
6.	Kenneth Thomas, Jr.	Gold Diamond	6,209.79
7.	Charles Guest	Silver Diamond	3,567.76
8.	William Wood, Jr.	Diamond	2,641.79
9.	Delius Wilson	Diamond	2,362.91
10.	Larry Gutman	Diamond	2,110.48
11.	Clarence Schmidt	Diamond	2,095.73
12.	Christian Baxter	Diamond	2,093.79
13.	Thomas Holloway	Diamond	1,820.24
14.	Willie Fuchs	Diamond	1,287.56
15.	Paul Watford	Ruby	1,177.72
16.	James McKeown	Ruby	1,164.81
17.	John Demos	Ruby	903.81
18.	Calvin Hewitt	Senior Life Master	363.88
19.	Ronald Prester	Senior Life Master	349.89
20.	Lemuel Copeland	Life Master	315.06
21.	Robert Patterson	Life Master	304.02
22.	Rudolph Cummings	Life Master	278.15
23.	Steven Bond	Life Master	238.33
24.	Edwin Ward II	Life Master	209.50
25.	Leonard Hawthorne	Life Master	196.99



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"January - February 2022: Top 25 Women Players"

MBU Rank	Name	Level	Total Points
1.	Cheryll Jones	Platinum Diamond	12,208.04
2.	Dr. Gloria Hobbs	Gold Diamond	7,922.06
3.	Annetta Wallace	Gold Diamond	6,724.29
4.	Doris White	Gold Diamond	6,002.61
5.	Evelyn Smallwood	Gold Diamond	5,756.84
6.	Lynda Straker	Gold Diamond	5,507.61
7.	Janice McBean	Gold Diamond	5,396.64
8.	Edna Boothe	Gold Diamond	5,199.96
9.	Minnie Goka	Silver Diamond	4,523.56
10.	Ermile Stewart	Silver Diamond	3,871.99
11.	Ruth M. Shuler	Silver Diamond	3,707.18
12.	Eleanor Waymer	Silver Diamond	3,507.43
13.	Nathalie McFarlane	Silver Diamond	3,369.62
14.	Dorothy Smith	Silver Diamond	3,150.23
15.	Gladys Smith	Silver Diamond	2,832.84
16.	Jean DeVeaux	Silver Diamond	2,748.36
17.	Beryl Battle	Silver Diamond	2,711.88
18.	Ernestine Miles	Silver Diamond	2,658.47
19.	Marion Mercer	Silver Diamond	2,580.32
20.	Carole Smith	Diamond	2,464.98
21.	Patricia Thomas	Diamond	2,367.53
22.	Alverna Lewis	Diamond	2,356.26
23.	Marcia Demos	Diamond	2,215.13
24.	Pearl Bostic	Diamond	1,919.46
25.	Valerie Brooks	Diamond	1,916.88



History in My Backyard

America's Oldest Community Founded by Free Black People

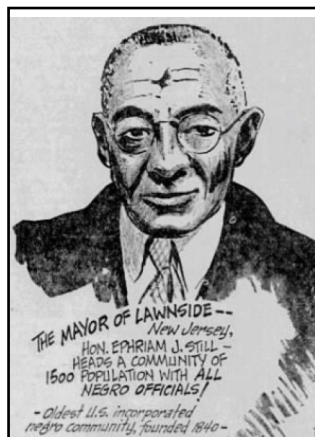
By Rita Thompson

Among my fondest childhood memories are visiting my great grandparents, Lewis "Pop Lewis" (1883-1972) and Geneva "Mom G" (1887-1979) Wilson. Their home on the eastern shore of Maryland, set back an acre from the unpaved road with a long dirt driveway leading to the house, lacked the modern conveniences we all are accustomed to. A pump outside the back porch provided water, the outhouse near the chicken coop, and bedrooms, each with a chamber pot and a vanity station containing a pitcher and bowl to wash up in the morning, were likely how most everyone in rural America lived during the 19th and early 20th century.

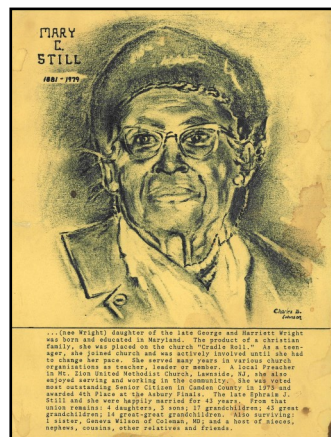
Pop Lewis had a funny way of calling for the chickens at feeding time and they would come running. One time, soon after arriving, he showed us a hen whose clutch of eggs had hatched the day before. What an adorable sight, a hen and at least a dozen little yellow fuzzy chicks. We visited for their 58th wedding anniversary, Pop Lewis' 87th birthday (it snowed on Easter Sunday that year and took nearly eight hours to drive home to the Bronx) and many times for no reason at all. Other family was often there too, traveling from Baltimore, Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Delaware. We feasted on crabs, ate scrapple with breakfast, some pitched horse shoes and played touch football, and all had a great time.

It was here that I first met Mom G's sister, my Aunt Cassie (Mary Cassandra Still; 1881-1979). Aunt Cassie, along with daughter Ruth and sons Carl and Norris, drove from Lawnside, New Jersey. She is the widow of Ephraim Jerome Still (1876-1941), a grand nephew of abolitionist William Still (1821-1902).

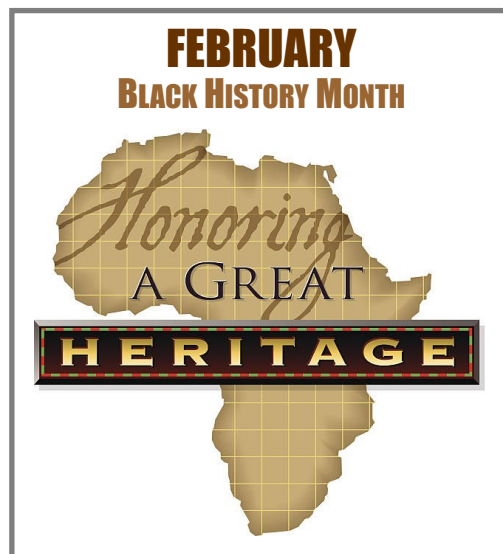
In 1938, Ephraim Still was elected mayor of Lawnside, New Jersey. Lawnside, established in 1840 during the abolitionist anti-slavery movement, is America's oldest community founded by free Black people. It was first named Free Haven, later changed to Snow Hill and then to Lawnside when the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad built a station there. In 1940, the centennial of its founding, Mayor Still described Lawnside as "a beautiful little town of neat homes and 1,500 inhabitants enjoying complete autonomy."



The Evening Sun, Sep 4 1940
Baltimore, Maryland



William Still (1821-1902) was an abolitionist, conductor on the Underground Railroad, businessman, writer, historian and civil rights activist. He directly aided fugitive slaves and also kept records of the people served in order to help families reunite.





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Join Your Friends at the Bridge Tables

CLUB	DAY	OPENING DATE	DOORS OPEN	MEAL	GAME	PLACE	MASK REQUIRED	PROOF OF VACCINE
BAYVIEW	Monday	April 4	11:00 AM	None	12:00 PM	Bridge Home	Highly Recommended	NO
BROOKLYNITES	Friday	Now Open	12:00 PM	Meal at 12:30 pm	1:00 PM	625 Quincy St. 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11221	YES	YES
COSMOPOLITAN	Thursday	Now Open	11:30 AM	Snacks at 11:30 am	12:00 PM	Bridge Home	YES	NO
JET SETTERS	Tuesday	April 5	11:00 AM	Light Snacks	12:00 PM	Bridge Home	YES	YES
MOUNT VERNON	Monday	April 18	1:00 PM	Light Snacks	2:00 PM	30 Ehrbar Avenue Mt. Vernon, NY 10552	YES	YES
SPRINGFIELD	Friday	Now Open	11:00 AM	None	12:00 PM	Bridge Home	YES	YES

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB OF
MOUNT VERNON**

♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

Celebrating 63 Years
1959 - 2022

**WELCOME BACK TO THE TABLES,
BRIDGE PLAYERS**

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

DOORS OPEN: 1:00 PM
ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM: 1:30 PM
GAME AT 2 PM
PLAYING FEE: \$8

NEW VENUE
30 Ehrbar Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10552
****PROOF OF VACCINATION AND MASK REQUIRED****
Very light refreshments. Feel free to brown bag it.
RSVP: Call or Text 914.803.7491



Get Well Wishes

Bayview
Rudy Cummings

Mount Vernon
Charlotte Roberson

Springfield
Evelyn Smallwood



Triangle
Julius Fields

Twilight
Mercedes Mann
Betty Sherrill

Westbury
Ted Conliffe
Mayer Wiesen



APRIL

BAYVIEW
Donna Woo
BROOKLYNITES
Kathleen Marshall
COSMO
Ellen Tauber
Helen Williams
MOUNT VERNON
Charles Guest
Charlotte Roberson

SPRINGFIELD
Lavoris Marks
TRIANGLE
Marzella Dawkins
May Ott
WESTBURY
Deborah Mabry
Joel Ross

MAY

BAYVIEW
Patricia Thomas
BROOKLYNITES
Florence Belton
Regine Latortue
COSMO
Joan Barash
Martha Hewitt
JET SETTER
Grace Parris

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Jean DeVeaux
Jean Keizs
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Sharon Fox
Janice McBean
TRIANGLE
Betty Donnerson
Ida Minault
TWILIGHT
Shirley Gross

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BAYVIEW
Christian Baxter
COSMO
Cheryll Jones
Jose Ramos
Ruth Shuler
MOUNT VERNON
Elmond Harley
Wanda Miles
Delius Wilson

SPRINGFIELD
Diana Green
TRIANGLE
Julius Fields
TWILIGHT
Raye Liverpool
WESTBURY
Lenny Binyard
Donna Lewis



Condolences

Bayview
To the family of Phyllis Jones

Mount Vernon
To the family of Lorraine Hinds

Triangle
To the family of Carla Estwick

Twilight
To the family of Morris Johnson



ACBL Debuts New Convention Card

With the new Alert procedures implemented last year, it was time for the convention card to be overhauled as well. A committee consisting of Danny Sprung, Chris Weigand, Linda Trent, Tom Dressing and Tom Carmichael was appointed to redesign the card. The product of their work is the new card you see here, which the Board approved during their meetings at the Austin NABC.

You may start seeing the new card as soon as now, although it could take several months for the existing cards in circulation to be replaced with the new one. During the transition, either card will be acceptable.

Much of the card should look familiar to those already using an ACBL convention card. The use of names for conventions has been limited where possible. Common abbreviations and terms used on the card are explained in the glossary on the facing page.

We will explain each section in detail over the next few months.

Note that each section is now separated with vertically shaded columns: Overview, Minors, Majors, Notrump, 2 Level, etc.

Rather than starting with notrump openings, the new card arranges opening bids in ascending order.

There are now separate areas for 1♣ and 1♦ opening bids. Those who treat these bids the same, opening the "better minor," don't need to fill out the minor sections twice; there is a check box which indicates "same as over 1♣."

The section on defensive carding methods has been greatly expanded with separate areas for leads against suits and notrump, carding and signals.

More room is given to explain general style for preempts and what is to be expected from a balanced opening bid.

The new Alert procedures have been incorporated with the same color coding: red = Alert, blue = Announce.

The new card contains many improvements designed to help opponents locate desired information efficiently and help partnerships with their own agreements. While it may seem like a lot of information – especially at first – it's perfectly fine to only fill out the areas that apply to your partnership.

DOUBLES	Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Thru _____ Penalty <input type="checkbox"/>	NT OVERCALLS	Direct 1NT ____ to ____ Systems On <input type="checkbox"/>
	Responsive <input type="checkbox"/> Thru _____ Maximal <input type="checkbox"/>		Balance 1NT ____ to ____ Systems On <input type="checkbox"/>
OVERCALLS	Support <input type="checkbox"/> Thru _____ Rdbl <input type="checkbox"/>	vs 1NT OPENING	Conv <input type="checkbox"/> _____
	T/O Style _____		Jump to 2NT: 2 Lowest Unbid <input type="checkbox"/>
DIRECT CUEBIDS	Other _____	vs TAKEOUT DBL	Other _____
	1-Lvl ____ to ____ Often 4 Cards <input type="checkbox"/>		Vs _____ Vs _____
PREEMPTS	2-Lvl ____ to ____	vs PREEMPTS	Dbl _____ Dbl _____
	Jump Overcalls: Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Int <input type="checkbox"/> Str <input type="checkbox"/>		2♣ _____ 2♣ _____
SLAMS	Conv <input type="checkbox"/> _____	vs 1NT OPENING	2♦ _____ 2♦ _____
	Responses _____		2♥ _____ 2♥ _____
CARDING	New Suit: F <input type="checkbox"/> NFConst <input type="checkbox"/> NF <input type="checkbox"/> Tfr <input type="checkbox"/>	vs TAKEOUT DBL	2♠ _____ 2♠ _____
	Jump Raise: Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> Inv <input type="checkbox"/>		2NT _____ 2NT _____
LEADS vs SUITS	Cuebids _____ Support <input type="checkbox"/>	vs TAKEOUT DBL	Other _____
	Other _____		New Suit F: 2 Lvl <input type="checkbox"/> Tfr <input type="checkbox"/> _____
LEADS vs NT	Describe _____	vs TAKEOUT DBL	Jump Shift: Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Inv <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> Fit <input type="checkbox"/>
	Vs: Art Quasi Nat Nat ♣♦ ♣♦ ♣♦ ♣♦		Rdbl: 10+ <input type="checkbox"/> Conv <input type="checkbox"/> _____
LEADS vs NT	3-Level Style (Seat/Vul) _____	vs TAKEOUT DBL	2NT Over: Nat Raise Range ♣♦ <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> _____ to _____ ♥♠ <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> _____ to _____
	Resp _____		Other _____
LEADS vs NT	4-Level Style _____	vs TAKEOUT DBL	2NT Overall _____
	Resp _____		T/O Dbl Thru _____ Penalty <input type="checkbox"/>
LEADS vs NT	4♣/4♦ Tfr <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	vs TAKEOUT DBL	2NT Lebensohl Resp <input type="checkbox"/> _____
	4♣ Gerber: Directly Over NT <input type="checkbox"/> Over NT Seq <input type="checkbox"/> Non-NT Seq <input type="checkbox"/>		Cuebid _____
LEADS vs NT	4NT: Blackwood <input type="checkbox"/> RKC 0314 <input type="checkbox"/> RKC 1430 <input type="checkbox"/>	vs TAKEOUT DBL	Jump Overcalls _____
	Control Bids _____		Other _____
LEADS vs NT	Vs Interference _____	vs TAKEOUT DBL	Other _____
	Other _____		Other _____
LEADS vs NT	Suits _____ NT _____	vs TAKEOUT DBL	Other _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard – Attitude <input type="checkbox"/>		Primary Signals to:
LEADS vs NT	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard – Count <input type="checkbox"/>	vs TAKEOUT DBL	Declarer's Lead Partner's Lead
	<input type="checkbox"/> Upside Down – Attitude <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Attitude <input type="checkbox"/>
LEADS vs NT	<input type="checkbox"/> Upside Down – Count <input type="checkbox"/>	vs TAKEOUT DBL	<input type="checkbox"/> Count <input type="checkbox"/>
	Exceptions _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Suit Preference <input type="checkbox"/>
LEADS vs NT	Other Carding: _____	vs TAKEOUT DBL	Exceptions _____
	Smith Echo: Suits <input type="checkbox"/> NT <input type="checkbox"/> Reverse <input type="checkbox"/>		First Discard: Std <input type="checkbox"/> Upside Down <input type="checkbox"/>
LEADS vs NT	Trump Signals _____	vs TAKEOUT DBL	Lavinthal <input type="checkbox"/> Odd/Even <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
	CIRCLE CARD LED (if not bold):		Other _____
LEADS vs NT	Length Leads: 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd /5 th <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd /Low <input type="checkbox"/>	vs TAKEOUT DBL	CIRCLE CARD LED (if not bold):
	Attitude <input type="checkbox"/> Small from xx <input type="checkbox"/>		Length Leads: 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd /5 th <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd /Low <input type="checkbox"/>
LEADS vs NT	xx xxx xxxx xxxxx	vs TAKEOUT DBL	Attitude <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd from xxxx(+) <input type="checkbox"/>
	Hxx Hxxx Hxxxx		xx xxx xxxx xxxxx
LEADS vs NT	After 1 st Trick _____	vs TAKEOUT DBL	Hxx Hxxx Hxxxx
	Honor Leads: _____		After 1 st Trick _____
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Glossary

- 1Rnd One round
- 2Way NMF . . . Two-way new minor forcing
- 4th SF Fourth Suit Forcing
- Art. Artificial
- Conv Conventional
- F Forcing
- GF Game forcing
- HCP High Card Points
- H Honor
- Int Intermediate
- Inv Invitational
- Inv+ Invitational or better
- Nat Natural
- Neg Negative
- NF Non-forcing
- NMF New minor forcing
- Pen Penalty
- Quasi Balanced with two or more, or natural length
- Resp Response(s)
- Semi-F Semi-forcing
- Std Standard
- T/O Takeout
- Tfr Transfer
- Wk Weak
- XYZ A convention similar to 2Way NMF

DOWNLOAD CONVENTION CARD

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METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT, INC. Annual Membership Meeting January 15, 2022

Lynda Straker called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM and welcomed everyone to our ZOOM virtual meeting.

Roll Call – Present: Lynda Straker, Jean DeVeaux, Janice McBean, Raye Liverpool, Sharon Fox, Charles Guest, John Demos, Lois Wright, and representatives from the following clubs: Bayview, Cosmo, Jet Setters, Mount Vernon, Springfield, Triangle, Twilight, and Westbury.

Invocation – Diane Edgerton-Norman

Memorial Service – [Video](#) prepared and presented by Rita Thompson

Good and Welfare – Lois Wright stated report was previously distributed via email. Club presidents were reminded to submit their reports timely. Get-well card previously sent to Lorraine Hinds was returned; it will be resent. Members were asked to please read Wilma Alexander's posthumous message to the membership which is printed in the Good and Welfare report.

Good and Welfare Report - For MBU, Inc. / January – December 2021
Prepared by: Lois M. Wright; Email address: Mystuff1944@netzero.net

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>January 2021</u>		
Dr. Gloria L. Hobbs	Mount Vernon	Get Well Card
<u>February 2021</u>		
Julia Rinehardt	Astro	Get Well Card
Charles Guest	Mount Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of his 1 st Cousin
Dr. Gloria L. Hobbs	Mount Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Brother
<u>March 2021</u>		
Edna Boothe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Jerri Odoms	Westbury	Get Well Card
Patricia Binyard	Westbury	Get Well Card
Evelyn Smallwood	Springfield	Get Well Card
Moses Smallwood	Springfield	Get Well Card
Cynthia Stroy	Twilight	Get Well Card
Mercedes Mann	Twilight	Get Well Card
Georginna Rodriguez	Co-Op City	Get Well Card
<u>March 2021 (Members & Former Members with Long Term Illnesses)</u>		
Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Get Well Card
Phyllis Jones	Bayview	Get Well Card
Theodore Conliffe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Tom Holloway	Westbury	Get Well Card
Meyer Wiesen	Westbury	Get Well Card
Jane Harris	Jetsetter	Get Well Card
<u>April and May 2021</u>		
Cynthia Stroy Family	Twilight	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Naomi Jones Family	Mt. Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of Life Member
Jose Ramos	Cosmopolitan	Sympathy Card-Passing of his Mother
Harry Gaines	Jetsetter	Get Well Card
Queenie May	Co-Op City	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Husband
Marilyn Guishard Family	Mt. Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member



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WITH ALL THE MBU NEWS FIT TO PRINT

Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.

June and July 2021

Julia Rinehardt	Astro	Get Well Card
Genesis Washington	Co-Op City	Get Well Card
Betty Sherrill	Twilight	Get Well Card
Devora Sconiers	Jetsetter	Get Well Card
Moses Smallwood	Springfield	Get Well Card
John H. Washington Family	Triangle	Sympathy Card-Passing of Life Master
Rosalee W. Samuels Family	Cosmopolitan	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Julius Fields	Triangle	Get Well Card
Devora Sconiers Family	Jetsetter	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Patricia Jackson Thomas	Bayview	Get Well Card
Minnie Hagans	Jetsetter	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Brother
Sylvia Simmons	Bayview	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Son
Annie Nelson Family	Triangle	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Betty Mitchell	Brooklynites	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member

June and July 2021 Members and Former Members with Long-Term Illnesses

Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Get Well Card
Phyllis Jones	Bayview	Get Well Card
Mercedes Mann	Twilight	Get Well Card
Wilma Alexander	Westbury	Get Well Card
Theodore Conliffe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Jane Harris	Jet setter	Get Well Card

August 2021

Moses Smallwood	Springfield	Get Well Card
Clarence Polite	Co-Op City	Sympathy Card-Passing of his Son

September and October 2021

Alverna Lewis	Westbury	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Brother
Gladys Smith	Mt. Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Nephew
Dorothy Smith	Co-Op City	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Nephew
Jane Harris Family	Jetsetter	Sympathy Card-Passing of Life Member
Julius Fields	Triangle	Get Well Card
Mercedes Mann	Twilight	Get Well Card
Wilma Alexander	Westbury	Get Well Card
Deborah Mabry	Westbury	Get Well Card
Julia Rinehardt	Astro	Get Well Card
Georgianna Rodriguez	Co-Op City	Get Well Card
Dolores Thompson	Mt. Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Brother
Edna Britt Family	Unknown	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Georgina Correa	Mt. Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of her daughter-in-law
Moses Smallwood Family	Springfield	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member

September and October 2021 (Members & Former Members with Long Term Illnesses)

Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Get Well Card
Phyllis Jones	Bayview	Get Well Card
Theodore Conliffe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Tom Holloway	Westbury	Get Well Card

November 2021

Ernestine Myles	Co-Op City	Get Well Card
Lorraine Hinds	Mount Vernon	Get Well Card
Wilma Alexander Family	Westbury	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member

December 2021

Julius Fields	Triangle	Get Well Card
Betty Sherrill	Twilight	Get Well Card
Julia Rinehardt	Astro	Get Well Card
Ruth M. Shuler	Cosmopolitan	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Sister
Lois M. Wright	Cosmopolitan	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Aunt
Barbara Wingate	Westbury	Get Well Card



November & December 2021 (Members Former Members) with Long Term Illnesses

Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Get Well Card
Theodore Conliffe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Tom Holloway	Westbury	Get Well Card
Meyer Wiesen	Westbury	Get Well Card
Mercedes Mann	Twilight	Get Well Card
Genesis Washington	Co-Op City	Get Well Card

Thank You Cards to Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) Members Received January 2021 thru December 2021

A Special Thank You from Dr. Gloria L. Hobbs: "Thank You for Your Sympathy". Dear Bridge Friends: "On behalf of my family and me, I would like to thank you for your expressions of sympathy on the death of my brother, Horace A Lindsay, Jr.....Your messages and other forms of condolences were very comforting and greatly appreciated. They have helped so much during this time. And, May He Rest In Peace".

A Special Thank You from "The Yearwood Family": Dear Ms. Straker and the MBU Family. "During a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us. Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered.....With Love the Yearwood Family".

In Loving Memory of Sylvia Yearwood: God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change....Courage to change the things I can....and Wisdom to know the difference. "Thank you for your contribution and your overall love and support shown to our family. And, also thank you for contributing to our Mother's Funeral Service. Your acts of kindness were appreciated. David and Sharon Yearwood"

A Special Thank You from Charles Guest: "Thank you for your support during this difficult time. Your blessings on the loss of my cousin Keith, are much appreciated."

Thank You Card from "The Guest Family":

"Your kind expressions of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thank You. Ms. Beatrice Guest"

Thank You Card from Kathryn C. Boxill:

Angels are not only in heaven. They also walk among us here on earth. Forever grateful for your grace, comforting heart, and generous spirit. With Gratitude.

"Thank You Ms. Straker & All MBU Members. It was a true blessing when my Dad, Enric Boxill, discovered Bridge and fell in love with the game. And, I'm sure he appreciated, and was grateful for all of the friendships made. // Thank You for the Generous Gift. // Wishing All Peace, Love and an Abundance of Continued Blessings. With Love & Gratitude, Kathryn C. Boxill and Family.

Thank You Letter from Betty Sherrill:

Dear Bridge Family: "Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, and words of encouragement. My Bridge Family continues to be a source of comfort and joy, during a time when so many people can easily get lost in loneliness and fear. We must all keep each other in our prayers. And, may God continue to bring us peace."

Thank You Card from Jose Ramos:

Thank You Very Much: "To Ms. Straker and Metropolitan Bridge Unit Members, for your support and comfort." From: Jose and Family.

Thank You Card from Minnie Hagans:

"With Thanks. More than Thank You could ever say – your thoughtfulness is appreciated". Sincerely, Minnie Hagans.

Thank You to My Bridge Family:

"Many Thanks to you for your cards and kind words during my recuperation. I greatly appreciate you thinking of me. God Bless all of you".... Best Regards from Patricia Jackson Thomas

Thank You for your Sympathy - From Gladys and Dorothy Smith:

"Dear Bridge Friends, Thank you for kind expressions of sympathy on the death of our nephew. Your kind words and beautiful cards were very comforting and greatly appreciated"...They helped so much during this difficult time.

Thank You Card from The Family of Former Member Edna Britt:

"Thank You for your Sympathy. Whatever you did to console our heart, we thank you sincerely whatever the part".....God Bless you all.

A Special Thank You Card from Georgina Correa:

"Dear Ms. Straker, thank you deeply for your expression of comfort and sympathy. I am most appreciative to You and Members of Metropolitan Bridge Unit. Thank you again, Georgina Correa.



A Special Thank You Card from Ruth Mosley Shuler and Lois Mosley Wright:

"Dear Bridge Friends. The Family of the late Mrs. Ethel Mosley Goff would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your many expressions of sympathy and love, during our hours of bereavement".....May God Bless You.

A Special Thank You Card from Julia Rinehardt:

To Lynda and The Metropolitan Bridge Unit...."Thank You for your Prayers. May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you throughout the New Year."

A Special Thank You Card from the son of the late Mrs. Rosalind Dixon, "Jawanza Phoenix":

To Lynda Straker and Metropolitan Bridge Unit Members: "Thank You for your card and kind words. Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged".....From: Jawanza Pheonix / Eastern Section, Passaic, New Jersey

In Loving Memory

"Special Words from the Family of Mr. Moses Alton Smallwood"

*A life well lived is a precious gift, of hope and strength and grace,
from someone who has made
our world a brighter, better place.
It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
with smiles and sometimes tears,
with friendships formed and good times shared, and laughter through the years.
A life well lived is a legacy, of joy and pride and pleasure,
A living, lasting memory our grateful hearts will treasure.*

Thank You Card from The Smallwood Family:

"Thank you sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy and thoughtfulness. It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered by the family of..... Moses A. Smallwood."

Thank You Card from Lynda Straker:

"Thank you for your kindness, support and comforting words. We gratefully appreciate the cards, contributions and kind expressions of sympathy during this difficult time.....Family of Moses A. Smallwood."

Thank You Card from Janice McBean:

"Thank You for your expression of sympathy. Your words have comforted us, your support has strengthened us, and your love has sustained us. We extend our deepest thanks to you for your kindness during our greatest sadness. We appreciate it more than words can express and it will always be remembered". Your kindness means so much at this difficult time...May God's peace be with us all Janice McBean and Family.

From Wilma: (Written in May 2009)

To my beautiful Family and Friends

"If you are reading this, it means my heart was not able to keep me alive as long as we all wanted. I know you are grieving but it is important that you try to remember not how my heart failed in the end, but how grateful I was that my heart was so full while I lived..... Because all of you filled it every day with your love."

"And when you think of me, remember all the good things that you have in your heart---courage, spirit, generosity, and compassion, and most of all love! I know they are there in each of you. I've seen them. You loved me so much and I love you all so very very much! Please know that wherever I am, you will always be in my heart, and I will always be with you."



Thank You Card from The Family of Wilma Carmen Alexander.

"Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent us flowers, if so, we saw them there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part."

Dear Metropolitan Bridge Unit: "Thank You for your love and support during this difficult time. Knowing that your group was our Mother's "Second Family" gives us peace and we thank you for making her days fun, bright and lively!!"
Fondly, Robin Tyrell & Michelle Roberts

Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) 2021 Final Grand Slammers



Cynthia Stroy (April)
Naomi Jones (April)
John H. Washington (June)
Betty Mitchell (June)
Rosalee W. Samuels (July)
Devora Sconiers (July)
Annie Nelson (July)
Jane Harris (September)
Moses A. Smallwood (October)
Wilma Alexander (November)

Twilight
Mt. Vernon
Triangle
Brooklynites
Cosmopolitan
Jetsetter
Triangle
Jetsetter
Springfield
Westbury

Former Members

Marilyn Guishard (May)
Edna Britt (October)

Mt. Vernon
Unknown



A Special Message From The Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU)



“Wishing You and Your Family Peace, Love and Joy.”

“Be Blessed and Stay Safe”

Minutes – Presented by Janice McBean. Minutes of the October 16, 2021 membership meeting were reviewed by the membership. MOTION (Jean DeVeaux/Lois Wright): Accept minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence – Club closing letters from Astro and Co-op City were read to the membership.

Astro DBC
40 Tanglewood Road
Rockville Centre, New York 11570

December 28, 2021

Mrs. Lynda Straker, President
Metropolitan Bridge Unit
926 Pine Lake Drive
West Hempstead, New York 11552

Dear Lynda:

Sadly, I write to inform you that effective December 31, 2021, the Astro Duplicate Bridge Club will no longer be in existence.

Our president, Julia Rinehardt, Edna Boothe, and the members worked diligently to keep the club afloat. However, it became too difficult for a nonagenarian, octogenarians, and septuagenarians to do the task. Unfortunately, we were unable to bring in new members.

The equipment at the Bridge Home can be used by the clubs that play there. Any money we have will be donated to the Community Bridge Home.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Doris White, Club Secretary

cc National Secretary
Eastern Section



Dorothy Smith
900 Co-op City Blvd #9E
Bronx, NY 10475

December 13, 2021

Lynda Straker, President
Metropolitan Bridge Unit
926 Pinelake Drive
West Hempstead, NY 11552

Dear Lynda,

I am writing to officially notify you that Co-op City Duplicate Bridge Club held their final meeting virtually on December 8, 2021. It was decided at that time to dissolve the club. Three club members have chosen to merge with Duplicate Bridge Club of Mt Vernon.

We have enjoyed being a part of Metropolitan Bridge Unit over many years. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has played a role in disrupting our lives and lives worldwide. Most of our members do not play online and are elders. We thank the MBU and are grateful we were privileged to be members.

We wish the entire MBU family a Happy Holiday Season.

Dorothy Smith

Cc: Gladys Smith, ABA Eastern Section Vice President

President's Report – Presented by Lynda Straker

Good afternoon, all,

Here we are beginning year three under the influence of a pandemic. I am hearing we are going to have to learn how to live with a number of variants that may arise. And it seems we all, in our own way, are doing just that. Some of us are getting around quite comfortably and others are living under restrictions that we feel will keep us safe. The MBU is taking an optimistic approach to the future of bridge and our social activities and we are looking forward to when we will all be able to sit down together at the bridge table.

The Spring National is coming up in March and the Eastern Sectional in May and I'm hoping that we will be comfortable enough to attend these events. Our own AAA is coming up in December 2022 and we will begin planning in earnest by our next quarterly meeting on April 16, 2022 (subsequently changed to April 23) for the success of this tournament. It may be different than what it has been in the past but we will try to make it safe and fun for all.

Be safe and wear the right kind of masks. See you all soon.

January 15, 2022



Financial Secretary's Report – Presented by Raye Liverpool, 1/1/21-12/30/21

Metropolitan Bridge Unit of NY, Inc		
Annual Financial Secretary's Report		
January 1, 2021 thru December 30, 2021		
Income		Totals
Annual Dues 2021		1,770.00
Annual Dues 2022		1,438.00
Good & Welfare 2021		240.00
Good & Welfare 2022		200.00
Herman Huff		800.00
Chase Bank Fee		4.00
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA		3,027.49
MBU BBO Games		814.66
Total		8,294.15
2020 Income Received		
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA		662.69
Total		662.69
Total Funds Received		<u>8,956.84</u>
Expenses		
Scrip		
Consumer		722.11
Bank Fees		8.00
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA		2,783.92
MBU BBO Games Director Fees		280.00
Stipend		1,250.00
Web Fees		503.26
Zoom Fees		202.29
Memoriums		250.00
Good & Welfare Supplies		17.41
Scholarship		500.00
DBCMV Scholarship Fund		150.00
Point Card Postage		8.20
Spring National Ad		
Sanctions		

MBU Charter		50.00
Longest Day Donation-ABA		500.00
UNCF Donation-ABA		500.00
Sickle Donation-ABA		500.00
Bridge Home Shed Rental		210.00
Total		8,435.19
2020 Expenses Paid		
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA		662.69
Memoriums		150.00
Total		812.69
Total Expenses		<u>9,247.88</u>
Net Income/Loss	\$	<u>(291.04)</u>

Notes: Scrip on hand: \$656

ABA checks for Bridge Home are thru November 2021.

ABA check for MBU is thru August 2021 which is the final check.

Submitted by: Raye Liverpool



Treasurer's Report – Sharon Fox (January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021)

**Metropolitan Bridge Unit of NY, Inc.
Annual Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021**

Checking Account	
Opening Balance	\$16,211.24
Deposits	\$8,956.84
Total	\$25,168.08

**Checks/fees paid	\$9,247.88
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Closing Balance	\$15,920.20
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****Checks paid/misc. expenses**

\$50.00	MBU charter fee to ABA
\$500.00	Longest Day donation
\$500.00	Sickle Cell Donation
\$500.00	UNCF donation
\$500.00	Charrone Higgins Scholarship
\$202.29	zoom/webinar fees
\$280.00	BBO Director fees
\$8.20	point card mailing
\$722.11	Consumer printing and mailing
\$511.26	web/bank fees
\$2,783.92	2021 BBO proceeds to Bridge Home
\$662.69	nov/dec 2020 BBO proceeds to Bridge Home
\$17.41	Good and Welfare
\$550.00	memoriums
\$1,250.00	board stipends
\$210.00	CBH shed rental
\$9,247.88	TOTAL

Respectfully Submitted

Sharon Fox asked Jean DeVeaux to contact the NAACP and obtain acknowledgement for the MBU 2021 donation.

Treasurer's report accepted for audit.



Congratulations and thank you offered to Raye, Sharon and Lois for doing a great job.

Entertainment Tax – None.

Point Coordinator Report – Lois Wright

January thru December 2021

MBU: ABA/BBO/Club 1st and 2nd Place Players by Category

<u>Level</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Name</u>
Asterisk	/	1 st Place	..... (13.47)	Cosmopolitan	Paula Joseph
		2 nd Place	..... (3.39)	Cosmopolitan	Robert Diskin
Master	/	1 st Place	..... (86.47)	Mt. Vernon	Ann Brandwein
		2 nd Place	..... (44.74)	Bayview	Marilyn Legall
Life Master	/	1 st Place	..... (102.39)	Twilight	Raye Liverpool
		2 nd Place	..... (100.14)	Cosmopolitan	Ronald Prester
Sr. Life Master	/	1 st Place	.... (49.49)	Cosmopolitan	Lois M. Wright
		2 nd Place	... (45.21)	Cosmopolitan	Patricia Jackson
Ruby	/	1 st Place	..... (43.27)	Westbury	Barbara Wingate
		2 nd Place	..... (29.90)	Mt. Vernon	Viola Porter
Diamond	/	1 st Place	..... (476.48)	Bayview	Christian Baxter
		2 nd Place	..... (175.90)	Bayview	Valerie Brooks
Silver Diamond	/	1 st Place	..... (115.87)	Mt. Vernon	Charles Guest
		2 nd Place	..... (60.24)	Mt. Vernon	Gladys Smith
Gold Diamond	/	1 st Place	..... (136.85)	Springfield	Lynda Straker
		2 nd Place	..... (136.46)	Astro	Doris White
Platinum Diamond	/	1 st Place	.... (333.61)	Mt. Vernon	Parvez Mehta
		2 nd Place	..... (90.70)	Triangle	Allen Morton
Black Diamond	/	1 st Place	..... (175.88)	Westbury	Dr. Errol Grant
		2 nd Place	/ NA		
Grand Life Master	/	1 st Place	..... (98.69)	Triangle	Julius C. Fields
		2 nd Place	/ NA		



UPDATE!!!!

Received the 2021 Closing Point Cards and Reports from ABA on Tuesday, January 25, 2022.
(These Point Cards consist of Players Prior Points AND the 2021 ABA/BBO Points earned during the 2021 period)

Please note that the Point Cards and Point Reports received are for **ABA/BBO Online Players Only**. In other words, Members/Players who DID NOT play online during the 2021 period covered, will not receive a Point Card. However, all Non-ABA/BBO Members/Players can obtain their Current Point Count via ABA Online access.

ABA Masterpoints Access: ababridge.org/masterpoints

For MBU Members to access "View My Profile" and/or "View Point My Transactions" requires Member to Login. For Members To Login, requires the Member to Register and create a "Username" and "Password".

NOTE: Sending the Point Cards to Club Presidents via Mail on Friday, 1/28/22.

Additionally, I would like to update our MBU Records. Can you please send me the name of your Club's Point Coordinator? (via email)

If you need any additional information, please let me know via email @Mystuff1944@netzero.net.

Thank You.

Lois M. Wright
MBU Point Coordinator
Cell: 718-640-7651

Sectional Representative Report - Charles Guest reported: The Eastern Section will have their 'Spring Fling' at the Resorts Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey, from May 23, to May 26, 2022.

Property – none.

Constitution – Please contact Diane Edgerton-Norman by 2/7/2022 if you have concerns about amending the bylaws.

Scholarship – Presented by Valerie Brooks. A \$500 scholarship has been processed for Cherone Higgins, nursing major at Mercy College. Cherone is eligible to re-apply for the scholarship next year. The MBU application link will be printed in the Consumer.

Donations are always welcome.

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED

Each year, the Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) awards \$500 grants to two undergraduate students. The minimum requirement for eligibility is having completed at least three semesters of their continuing education towards a four-year degree by June 2022. Students who meet this requirement can request an application at mbuscholar@gmail.com or [download the application here.](#)



Tournament Report – Presented by John Demos

Membership asked if we can have a December tournament if we are not collecting an entertainment tax? Lynda Straker advised that we will plan for the tournament and evaluate our limitations in April.

Consumer Report – Presented by Rita Thompson

Thank you to our reporters for getting the news in throughout this dreadful pandemic.

A special thank you to Dolores Watson for her work on each and every issue. Dolores selected “Oh, Happy Day” for the final grand-slamers remembrance in *The Consumer* and the link to a performance of the song. If you missed the performance, click the link in the January 2022 issue to see it.

If you cannot find your copy of *The Consumer*, remember the current and past issues are on the MBU website at www.mbuinc.org

Hospitality Report – None.

Website/Facebook – None.

Unfinished Business –None.

New Business –

Next MBU Executive Board meeting is 4/6/22.

Next MBU Quarterly Membership meeting is 4/16/22 (subsequently changed to 4/23/22).

Resorts Contract: We have until May 2022 to cancel without a penalty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

1. Dolores Thompson needs help signing onto BBO games. Lynda Straker will contact her.
2. Membership questioned how successful was the New Orleans ABA tournament. Lynda Straker stated interested members can visit the Tournament Trail on the ABA website results page and view the games and possible tables in play.
3. Members asked what to do with scrip? Players will be able to use the scrip in ABA events as usual for entry fees and payment of membership dues until April 2022. Clubs, Units, and Sections will be permitted to use scrip to pay sanction fees and dues until December 31, 2022.
4. Julius Fields is recovering at home.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM

Respectfully submitted by Janice McBean, MBU Secretary



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