



THE CONSUMER

WITH ALL THE MBU NEWS FIT TO PRINT

www.mbuinc.org

Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.

October 2022



President's Message

By Lynda J. Straker

Greetings, Bridge Family,

As we begin the fall season, it's great to see so many of our old friends at the bridge table. As more and more clubs become active again, I hope everyone will participate in their weekly club games and special A, B and C games. It is up to us to maintain the bridge legacy of the MBU that has spanned the last 50 plus years and now is the time for all of us to act. We now have a bridge game on Sunday in Westbury, on Monday in Mount Vernon, on Tuesday and Thursday at the Bridge Home and on Friday in Brooklyn. Please attend as many games as you can to support our clubs and enjoy the warmth of social interaction with our bridge family.

We are excited about the plans underway for our 2022 "AAA" at Resorts Casino and Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey. It will be held December 5 - 8, 2022. Rooms are \$54 plus tax/fees for double occupancy. If you haven't done so already, please call 1-609-340-6300 and make your reservations. Be sure to use the Group Code which is VAAA22 to get the reduced room rate. Please consider making a donation as a sponsor to help us create an event that at a minimum equals or surpasses the outstanding reputation of our prior "AAA" tournaments.

I encourage all members at every level to participate in the next Nationwide that will be held on September 30, 2022 at the Community Bridge Home.

Our next MBU Membership meeting will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 11:00 am at the Community Bridge Home. One of the items on the agenda will be the presentation of the slate of new MBU officers up for election in January 2023. I hope you will plan on attending this important meeting.

Stay well and see you at the bridge tables,

Good Vibrations

By Dolores Watson

Success is measured by many different standards, with an end game being results. During the pandemic some may have thought recruitment efforts for new members was at a standstill or better to wait until face-to-face bridge resumes. But this is far from the truth. Individuals were working behind the scenes who were willing to put in the time and preparation to build a stronger membership in ways I am not aware.

In May, June and July, Lynda Straker, National Chairperson for New Players, hosted Zoom meetings to officially welcome and introduce new player members to the American Bridge Association. Prior to this connection, the opportunity to learn duplicate bridge free of charge was set in motion to attract new players from 2020-2022 using a new recruitment method. People greeted the opportunity with great interest that spread from person to person and state to state.

The new recruiting method used by certified instructors was the utilization of a virtual platform to instruct students in the learning process and upon the completion of the program students graduated and were ready to practice and play bridge online with ABA on BBO. Since recruitment is ongoing if you have resources or would like to refer someone, contact Lynda Straker, our National Chairperson for New Players.

The Metropolitan Bridge Unit of New York is pleased to have gained fourteen* new members of thirty-one who joined the ABA in the Eastern Section, and we say thank you for your membership.

Bridge is a good vibration. Can you feel it?

*See page 4

METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT OF NEW YORK
"AAA" HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT
DECEMBER 5 - 8, 2022



*Enjoy the Gift of Bridge
at Our Holiday "AAA"*



Bayview Breeze

By Valerie Brooks

Happy Fall, Bridge Family!

Hope everyone had a great summer and that more of you are ready to come back to bridge. Bayview and Jet Setters will continue to host games on Tuesdays.

Bayview is planning two "C" games this quarter. Please plan to join us on Tuesday, October 4 and Tuesday, November 1 (pre-Thanksgiving holiday kick-off). Lunch will be served at 11 am, game begins at noon and masks are required.

Enjoy the holiday season.

See you at our "AAA" Tournament.

Jet Setter DBC

By Beverly Sessions-Kelly

Hello, Fellow Bridge Players,

I hope you all had a fabulous summer. I am sorry to see summer leave, but I'm ready for the fall and all the holidays.

It has been so much fun to be back to face-to-face bridge games. It has been a safe environment as all the members who attend the games have been vaccinated. Those of you who have not come out, please know that you are sorely missed.

Wishing everyone a great holiday season.

Brooklynites DBC

By Jane Atlas

Happy autumn to all bridge players.

Brooklynites DBC continues to thrive. Our membership continues to grow. We are grateful for this opportunity as we still have many members who are fearful of face-to-face playing due to the recent pandemic.

Join us on Fridays at the bridge table at 625 Quincy Street. Play begins at 12:30. Lunch is provided at noon.

Cosmopolitan DBC

By Steven Bond

Thank you to all of you who have supported Cosmo over these many months. It's a pleasure to see old friends who have returned to the tables for in-person bridge.

Congratulations to all those who ranked nationally in July's Nationwide game.

Looking ahead, Cosmo will hold its next "C" game on October 13, and we look forward to seeing everyone then.

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays in October, Steven Bond; November, Diane Edgerton-Norman; and December, John Demos.

Even though many Covid restrictions have been lifted, remember to take care and be safe.

DBC of Mount Vernon

By Rita Thompson

It feels like "musical chairs" in Mount Vernon. We have been playing at two venues — Vernon Manor and First Presbyterian Church — and it appears we will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. We will keep you informed of the location of upcoming games by email. Stay tuned.

A "C" game is scheduled for Monday, October 31 — Halloween. Please come in costume if you can. Refreshments will be provided at 1 pm and the game begins at 2 pm. Thank you to Annetta Wallace for accepting our invitation to direct.

Our long-time member Gladys Smith is moving to Maryland. Gladys directs bridge games at our club and is also the Eastern Section Vice President. Although she is leaving our geographic area, she will continue to fulfill her duties as Eastern Section Vice President until her term of office ends on December 31, 2022. We wish her well in her new home but are saddened by her departure.

There are now only two directors for our club games — Parvez Mehta and Rita Thompson. We encourage ABA members, not only at our club but throughout the MBU, to learn to direct, chair a committee and accept a leadership role in your club. We need the participation of our members if we are to continue to thrive. Remember, "it takes a village."





Springfield DBC

By Eliza Brann

As fall approaches, once again we invite you to join our weekly game with Cosmo every Thursday at 12 noon at the Bridge Home. Snacks will be available. We hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and look forward to great bridge playing.

Upcoming birthdays that must be mentioned are Liam Samples, Sandra Surita, and Dolores Watson. Wishing all good health and successful friendships in the coming year.

A grand shout out is sent to our Springfield nonagenarians. We acknowledge and honor you, James McKeown, Julia Rinehardt, and Evelyn Smallwood. You are our "beacons of light" and we bless and honor your presence. May God continue to keep you.

Triangle DBC

By Bernice Williams

Greetings, fellow bridge players. Hope all are well as we strive to overcome this COVID era. We at Triangle have not lost any members to the virus, but we seem to have lost some to apathy.

We have retained our previous venue, the St. Nicholas Senior Center on 131st Street and 7th Avenue. The new day is Wednesday at 10 am. Congregant lunch is still available for a reasonable \$1.50. As of yet, we do not have a director for sanctioned play. Some of us are willing to go in order to guarantee the time and day as sanctioned play will be in the near future.

In November we have Ermile Stewart on the 11th, which used to be Armistice Day. On the 12th we have Betsy Sola, ending the month on the 30th we have Allen Morton and wish all continued good health, wealth and nothing but good stuff in the future.

Here in Harlem we now have a street named for Althea Gibson, the first Black with historic inbounds in the tennis world. What she did for the sport was inspirational and phenomenal.

Well, bridge players, waiting and wanting to meet with good fellowship in the near future.

**SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JANUARY 2023
ISSUE ARE DUE DECEMBER 15**

Thank you to our reporters.
EDITORS

**Rita Thompson 917.887.5200
Dolores Watson 516.485.7868**

Westbury DBC

By Patricia Binyard

Hello, Bridge Family. We hope you all had a fun-filled summer; if not fun-filled, at least a peaceful one. Fall is upon us, and we wish you all a happy Halloween and a blessed Thanksgiving.

Our club has finally opened. We appreciate all the support you have given us to keep our club afloat and we look forward to supporting your club endeavors as well. Being shut down for two years and playing on-line versus in-person feels a little different. Some of us had to get used to holding cards in our hands, sorting suits, and ensuring we don't play out of turn. But how great it has been to see our bridge family in person. Our club meets on Sundays at the "Yes We Can" Center at 1 pm.

Please keep our recent deceased members in your prayers.



By Lois M. Wright

The Officers and Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to the many that continue to send donations to help keep the Community Bridge Home afloat. What a blessing you are.

As we head toward the end of another month of adapting to the unprecedented circumstances impacting our everyday life, we truly appreciate your continued support as these extraordinary times continue to call for extraordinary measures at the Community Bridge Home.

Again, we would also like to "Thank" all who are participating in the weekly ABA/BBO online game benefiting the Community Bridge Home. Just a reminder, this Benefit Game is held every Wednesday at 11 am.

Thank you. Be blessed and stay safe.



**Bridge Players
Under 300 Points
This Game's For You!**

**EVERY SATURDAY ON BBO
7:00 PM EDT**



Bridge Club Schedule

SUNDAY	WESTBURY	Open at 12:15 pm Light Snack Game at 1 pm	"Yes We Can" Community Center 151 Gardner Street Westbury, NY 11590
MONDAY	MOUNT VERNON	Open at 1 pm Light Snack Game at 2 pm	Vernon Manor 30 Ehrbar Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10552
TUESDAY	BAYVIEW & JET SETTERS	Open at 11 am Light Snack Game at 12 pm	Community Bridge Home 120-50 Springfield Blvd Cambria Heights, NY 11411
WEDNESDAY	TRIANGLE	Open at 10 am Game at 10:30 am	St. Nicholas Senior Center 210 West 131st Street New York, NY 10027
THURSDAY	COSMO & SPRINGFIELD	Open at 11 am Light Snack Game at 12 pm	Community Bridge Home 120-50 Springfield Blvd Cambria Heights, NY 11411
FRIDAY	BROOKLYNITES	Open at 12 pm Meal at 12:30 pm Game at 1 pm	625 Quincy Street, 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11221

New Members 2020 - 2022

Brooklynites

Florence Bolton
Monique Fountaine
Connie Freeman
Norma Holder
Sheree Moore
Rhonda Phoenix-Tildon
Bettye Wilburn-Peppers
Patricia Williams

Cosmopolitan

Robert Diskin

Mount Vernon

Ann Brandwein
Harvey Brandwein
Susan Samtur
Marcella Shelton

Springfield

Liam Samples

Thank You, Willie Fuchs

During August 2022, Willie Fuchs provided lessons to MBU members at the Bridge Home including new minor forcing, the importance of counting, bidding slams, competitive rules and principles in bridge and an open forum allowing for a wide range of questions on any topic. He prepared lesson plans, handouts, bridge hands to play and evaluate and he always included graphics and interactive discussions.

Willie asked that in appreciation for the lessons, donations be directed to the Community Bridge Home. A total of \$384 was collected and donated because of Willie's lessons.

Thank you to Willie and to all who participated in one way or another to help us improve our bridge game.



Get Well Wishes

Bayview
Rudy Cummings

Mount Vernon
Lorelei Blackman



Triangle
Julius Fields

Westbury
Ted Conliffe

Condolences



Bayview

To Christian Baxter on the loss of his grandmother, Audrey Davis

Mount Vernon

To Marcella Shelton on the loss of her mother

Twilight

To the family of Kenneth Thomas

Westbury

To Donna Lewis and Alverna Lewis on the loss of mother and sister-in-law Mary E. Lewis

To the family of Mayer Wiesen



Long Island DBC

Former Members

To the family of Faye Gasaway

To the family of Robert Johnson



OCTOBER

BAYVIEW

Delores Brooks

BROOKLYNITES

Inez Lambert
Jane Atlas

COSMO

Steven Bond

MOUNT VERNON

Marcella Shelton

SPRINGFIELD

Liam Samples
Sandra Surita
Dolores Watson

TWILIGHT

Doris Douglas

WESTBURY

Edna Boothe
Doris Duperly
Cynthia Bohanan

NOVEMBER

BROOKLYNITES

Connie Freeman
Dorene Christmas

COSMO

Dianne Edgerton-Norman

JET SETTER

Victoria Williams

MOUNT VERNON

Ersaline Callender
Susan Samtur
Rita Thompson

TRIANGLE

Allen Morton
Ermine Stewart
Betsy Sola

TWILIGHT

Clara Kearse
Jesse Palmer
Carole Smith



DECEMBER

BAYVIEW

Marilyn Legall
Joan Sanders

BROOKLYNITES

Leon Roland
Patricia Williams

COSMO

John Demos

JET SETTER

Yvonne Ebea

MOUNT VERNON

Gloria Hobbs
Elinor Williams
William Wood

TWILIGHT

Sharon Lucas
Paul Watford





THE METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT OF NEW YORK, INC.
"AAA" HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT
DECEMBER 5 - 8, 2022

Enjoy the Gift of Bridge at Our Holiday "AAA"

Monday, December 5

- 2:00 pm Headquarters Benefit Game
- 2:00 pm New Player Open Pair Game
- 7:00 pm Scholarship Open Pair Game
- 7:00 pm New Player Open Pair Game



Tuesday, December 6

- 9:00 am Round Robin Team Game (Session 1)
- 9:00 am Open Pair Side Game
- 9:00 am New Player Open Pair Side Game
- 2:00 pm Round Robin Team Game (Session 2)
- 2:00 pm New Player Open Pair Side Game
- 7:00 pm Open Pair Side Game
- 7:00 pm New Player Open Pair Side Game

**NEW PLAYER
SEMINAR WITH
FREE LUNCH**

**Tuesday
December 6
12:30 pm
(or after play)**

Wednesday, December 7

- 2:30 pm Sectional Open Pair Game (Session 1)
- 2:30 pm New Player Open Pair Side Game (Session 1)
- 7:30 pm Sectional Open Pair Game (Session 2)
- 7:30 pm New Player Open Pair Side Game (Session 2)

**AWARDS
BRUNCH**

**Wednesday
December 7
11:00 am**

Thursday, December 8

- 9:00 am Open Pair Game
- 9:00 am New Player Open Pair Game



Colors: *Red Black Gold*

Masks required in playing area

*Reservation by deadline guarantees seat at Awards Brunch

RESORTS CASINO HOTEL

1133 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ 08401
Room Rate: \$54+taxes/fees (double occ)
1.609.340.6300 ♦ Group Code: VAAA22
Reservation Deadline: November 20, 2022*

PARTNERSHIPS

Charles Guest 914.803.7491
Patricia Thomas 718.476.2783



It is critical that all our attendees support the Metropolitan Bridge Unit by reserving their rooms only in our headquarters hotel, Resorts Casino Hotel, for this event. The MBU receives a much needed incentive toward convention expenses based upon the number of attendees staying overnight at the headquarters hotel. If you stay in hotels other than the headquarters, your attendance does not count toward our incentive.



THE CONSUMER
WITH ALL THE MBU NEWS FIT TO PRINT

Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.



**BECOME A
METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT
SPONSOR**



“AAA” SPONSOR BENEFITS

- Prominently displayed on a poster in the playing area at the tournament
- Acknowledged in the Awards Luncheon Program
- Featured in the winter edition of *The Consumer*
- Recognized by their peers as supporters of the Metropolitan Bridge Unit

Become a “AAA” Sponsor and enjoy the gift of bridge at our Holiday “AAA.”

MARCIA DEMOS, FUNDRAISING CHAIR
AAA TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE



PAY WITH ZELLE. IT'S QUICK AND EASY.

Zelle \$50 sponsor fee to MBU at deiavvonne@gmail.com.
Include your "name and AAA 2022" on the Zelle memo field.

If you have any questions, contact MBU Treasurer Sharon Fox
at 917-414-7658 or deiavvonne@aol.com



2022  **SPONSOR**

(PLEASE PRINT)



Remit \$50 check payable to
“Metropolitan Bridge Unit.”

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Submit form and payment to your club or mail to MBU Financial Secretary:
Raye Liverpool, 185 Hall Street #306, Brooklyn, NY 11205
Write “AAA 2022” on check memo.



Metropolitan Bridge Unit Quarterly Membership Meeting July 17, 2022

Lynda Straker called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM and welcomed everyone to our face-to-face meeting.

Roll Call – Present: Lynda Straker, 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, Twilight, and Westbury.

Invocation – Janice McBean

Good and Welfare – Lois Wright

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>January 2022</u>		
Phyllis Jones	Bayview	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Carla Estwick	Triangle	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Cynthia Wilson	Triangle	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Mother
Lorraine Hinds	Mt. Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member

January 2022 (Members & Former Members) with Long Term Illnesses

Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Get Well Card
Theodore Conliffe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Thomas 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

February 2022

Morris Johnson	Twilight	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Evelyn Smallwood	Springfield	Get Well Card
Charlotte Roberson	Mt. Vernon	Get Well Card

March 2022 (Members & Former Members with Long Term Illnesses)

Julia Rinehardt	Springfield	Get Well Card
Julius Fields	Triangle	Get Well Card
Meyer Wiesen	Westbury	Get Well Card

April 2022 (Members & Former Members)

Peggy Crichlow	L. I. Dupl. Bridge Club	Sympathy Card-Passing of former Member
Betty Ball	Twilight	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Sister
Marjorie Davis	Jetsetter	Get Well Card



THE CONSUMER

WITH ALL THE MBU NEWS FIT TO PRINT

Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.

Mercedes Mann	Twilight	Get Well Card
Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Get Well Card
Theodore Conliffe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Thomas Holloway	Westbury	Get Well Card
Meyer Wiesen	Westbury	Get Well Card
Genesis Washington	Co-Op City	Get Well Card
Carole Smith	Twilight	Get Well Card
Evelyn Smallwood	Springfield	Get Well Card
Bertha Robinson	Triangle	Sympathy Card-Passing of former Member

May 2022

Raye Liverpool	Twilight	Get Well Card
Lorelei Blackman	Mt. Vernon	Get Well Card
Helen Williams	Cosmopolitan	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Julia Rinehardt	Springfield	Get Well Card

June 2022 (Members & Former Members) with Long Term Illnesses

Rudolph Cummings	Bayview	Get Well Card
Theodore Conliffe	Westbury	Get Well Card
Thomas 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
Evelyn Smallwood	Springfield	Get Well Card
Julius Fields	Triangle	Get Well Card

June 2022

Charlotte Roberson	Mt. Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Husband
Ruthie Alexander	Jetsetter	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Yvonne Allen	Leisure	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Mother

July 2022

Jean Keizs	Mt. Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Julia Rinehardt	Springfield	Get Well Card
Lorelei Blackman	Mt. Vernon	Get Well Card

Thank You Cards To Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) Members Received January 2022 – June 2022

A Special Thank You Card from Cynthia Wilson:

To MBU and the CBH..."Thank you kindly for your Sympathy and thoughtfulness during this time of my Mother's passing. It is very much appreciated."Cynthia Wilson and Family

A Special Thank You Card from Gloria A. Jones-Johnson and Family:

To MBU President and Members..."Thank you for your generosity and kindness. God Bless."



THE CONSUMER

WITH ALL THE MBU NEWS FIT TO PRINT

Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.

A Special Thank You Card from Betty Ball:

Dear Bridge Family....."There are not enough words to express how much my Family and I appreciate the many, many outpourings of Love and Sympathy; from old and new Bridge Friends, for the loss of My Dear Sister. Thank You So Much"..... Love Betty Ball and Family

Condolences May Be Sent To Families of Former Members

The Family of Peggy Crichlow
374 Park Place
Brooklyn, NY 11238

The Family of Bertha Robinson
730 Riverside Drive Apt. 7E
New York, New York 10031

Thank You Cards To Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) Members Received January 2022 – June 2022

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."Julia Rinehardt

A Special "Thanks Everyone" from Evelyn Smallwood:

"I want to Thank Everyone for their Prayers, Cards and Messages I received while in the hospital."

Note To MBU Members:

While she convalesces, please send cards to: Evelyn Smallwood, 1181 Ossipee Rd., West Hempstead, NY 11552

A Special Thank You Letter from Raye Liverpool:

Life is crammed with things to take care of, and still you made time to show you care.
That means everything.....Thanks.

Dear Bridge Family,

"Thank you for the cards, texts, calls & meals you gave me during my recuperation. All of them made me smile. I appreciate your prayers, thoughtfulness and the unexpected kindness." Raye

Condolences May Also Be Sent To Families of MBU Friends: Eastern Section Members

The Family of Gayle Powell, Plaza Duplicate Bridge Club, North Jersey Unit

Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) 2022 Final Grand Slammers

Members:

Phyllis Jones (January)	Bayview
Lorraine Hinds (January)	Mt. Vernon
Morris Johnson (February)	Twilight
Helen Williams (May)	Cosmopolitan
Jean Keizs (July)	Mt. Vernon

Former Members:

Carla Estwick (January)	Triangle
Peggy Crichlow (April)	Long Island Duplicate Bridge Club
Bertha Robinson (April)	Triangle
Ruthie Alexander (June)	Jetsetter



A Special Message From The Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU)

"To God Be The Glory"

And Remember; His Grace Is Sufficient For All Our Needs.



"Be Blessed and Stay Safe."

Minutes – Presented by Janice McBean. Minutes of the April 23, 2022 membership meeting were reviewed by the membership. MOTION (Thomas/Guest): Accept minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence – None

President's Report – Presented by Lynda Straker

Message delivered concerning the importance of clubs opening face-to-face and attending the 2022 ABA Summer National.



THE CONSUMER

WITH ALL THE MBU NEWS FIT TO PRINT

Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.

Financial Secretary's Report – Presented by Raye Liverpool

Metropolitan. Bridge Unit of NY, Inc		
Quarterly Financial Secretary's Report		
April 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2022		
Income		
Annual Dues	20.00	
Entertainment Tax	47.00	
Special Entertainment Tax	320.00	
Good & Welfare	120.00	
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA	604.86	
MBU Game Player Fees 4-30-22	190.00	
Longest Day Player Fees	240.00	
Web Fee Refund	169.98	
Total Funds Received	\$1,711.84	
Expenses		
MBU Game 4-30-22 Expenses	150.80	
Longest Day Game Expenses	272.24	
Consumer	121.62	
Bank Check Order & Supplies	234.97	
Bridge Home BBO Proceeds from ABA	604.86	
Web Fees	434.91	
Webcam Purchase	65.16	
MBU Eastern Section Rep	117.77	
Good & Welfare Supplies	24.47	
MBU Tournament Band Deposit	50.00	
Total Expenses	\$2,076.80	
Net Income/Loss	<u>-\$364.96</u>	
Notes: Scrip on hand: \$656		
Submitted by Raye Liverpool		



**Metropolitan Bridge Unit of NY, Inc.
MBU Quarterly Treasurer's Report
April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022**

Checking Account

Opening Balance	\$14,100.49
Deposits	\$1,631.84
Total	\$15,732.33

****Checks/fees paid \$2,195.88**

Closing Balance \$13,536.45

****Checks paid/misc. expenses**

\$234.97	new check order and supplies
\$183.64	collations
\$434.91	web fees and renewals
\$963.34	Bridge Home proceeds from BBO
\$65.16	webcam purchase
\$117.77	one night hotel for Eastern Section Rep
\$50.00	Band deposit for AAA
\$24.47	good and welfare cards and postage
\$121.62	Dec 2021 and Mar 2022 Consumer mailings

\$2,195.88 TOTAL

**Respectfully Submitted
Sharon Fox, Treasurer**

Individual expenses and deposits are itemized on the financial secretary's report.
Accepted for audit.

Entertainment Tax – None.

Point Coordinator Report – Lois Wright

Waiting for the January through June 2022 stats from ABA national office.

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



Sectional Representative Report - Charles Guest reported:

- The Western and Northwest Sections of the ABA have merged into one Section now called the Western Section.
- The ABA is celebrating our ninety years of existence, and our very own Dr. Deluis Wilson was recognized in the ABA Bulletin as a member who has attained 90+ years.
- Staff Developer Annetta Wallace has been upgraded from a Level 4 to a Level 5 director. John Demos was upgraded from a Level 2 to a Level 3 director, and Charity Patton from Delaware has resigned as Staff Developer for the Eastern Section but will still direct games.
- The MBU has six clubs that reopened: Cosmo/Springfield (Thursdays), Jetsetter/Bayview (Tuesdays), Brooklynites (Fridays), and Mount Vernon (Mondays). Two Clubs have closed: Astro and Co-op City.
- New Jersey Unit has one club that is open (Plaza) Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm.
- Philadelphia Unit Has one club open: Calvin Wesley.
- Diamond State plays twice a month.
- I asked the Eastern Section President, Gladys Smith, if we could reach out for a liaison between ABA and ACBL for membership development and game sharing ideas.
- Merit Award and Life Membership: Lois Wright was selected to receive the Merit award for 2022. Life Membership is now a buy-in opportunity of \$1,000 (pay no ABA Membership dues for a life time),
- Thanks to our Eastern Section officers for their service. VP- Gladys Smith, Sec- Rita Thompson, and Treasurer - John Stevens. Our new officers, effective January 2023 are VP - Lynda Straker, Secretary - Janice McBean, and Treasurer - Rita Thompson.

The membership suggested the following action items:

1. Annetta Wallace asked that the MBU send a letter to the ES asking that the membership be involved in changes that involve Life Membership.
2. Touch base with Eunice Patton (ACBL Liaison) about what we are experiencing with our membership and club games.

Property – None

Constitution – None.

Scholarship – Presented by Valerie Brooks

No applications were received. Deadline was 7/15/22. A special thank you to the scholarship committee:

Sharon Fox suggested contacting a principal to see if a six-week bridge program would be possible in the school. Pat Jackson suggested a six-week program on Saturdays for students.

Tournament Report – Presented by John Demos

The dealing machine is running slow and needs a tune-up. He will get an estimate.

Consumer Report – Presented by Rita Thompson

If you are not receiving the Consumer newsletter in your email, please verify your email address. Send an email to metropolitantbridgeunit@aol.com and they will forward it to the Consumer staff for verification. The Consumer is online with active links. Please visit the MBU website and check it out. www.metropolitanbridgeunit.org or www.mbuinc.org



Hospitality Report – None

2022 “AAA” – Lynda Straker

Lynda Straker discussed one way to fund the 2022 AAA. BINGO as a fundraiser in September and October.

You can play online or by phone.

Play 5 boards

Pay online or by check. Suggested entry fee is \$20

There will be 5 rounds with entertainment between each round.

Website/Facebook – None.

Old Business –

Sweeps for club games only: 1st place overall partnership receives \$2. 2nd place overall partnership receives \$1.
At all other games no sweeps will be paid.

New Business – None

Next MBU Quarterly Membership meeting is 10/15/2022*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

1. Willie Fuchs offered to give 2 hour classes at the Bridge Home during the month of August. Will discuss after the meeting to see how the Bridge Home will get paid.
2. Charles Guest mentioned a lot of his members don't want to pay \$20 toward the AAA. Is this payment mandatory?
Response: All members are encouraged to pay \$20 toward the AAA.
3. Call we sell popcorn as a fundraiser for the AAA? Please see Lynda if you are interested.
4. Westbury DBC opening postponed.
5. A nominating committee has been formed. They will present a slate to the membership at our October quarterly meeting. If interested in running for an office, please contact Gwen Leverett at trianglebridgeclubmbu@gmail.com with a cc to Lynda Straker at metropolitanbridgeunit@aol.com.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM

Respectfully submitted by Janice McBean, MBU Secretary

*The quarterly membership meeting date has subsequently been changed to October 22, 2022, 11AM, at the Bridge Home.



THE CONSUMER
WITH ALL THE MBU NEWS FIT TO PRINT

Metropolitan Bridge Unit, Inc.
c/o Watson
80 Tennessee Avenue
Hempstead, NY 11550

TO: