

## **A Concept on Bridge Education**

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At a recent monthly Director's Meeting, we were given to understand that the card-dealing machine is now (almost) fully paid and is available for all MBU Bridge Clubs to use. The ability to have pre-dealt hands and a printout is a great educational tool to improve our Bridge skills (bidding and hand play) and to learn how to achieve the optimum contract on each hand dealt.

All clubs are urged to utilize this tool at their regular Bridge games. Member selected played hands which were difficult to bid can be discussed by the club expert after the game (immediately after or at the beginning of the following week's game at your club's discretion).

The machine will continue to reside at the Bridge Home and we hope all clubs having their games at the Bridge Home will use this tool at their regular Bridge games.

Eventually, MBU may consider purchasing another machine for a different location. In the interim, those clubs who play at other locations (such as the Bronx and Manhattan) are urged to consider how best they can utilize this very useful Bridge educational tool.

Whenever I come to play at the Bridge Home, I will bring a few sets of boards and prepare pre-dealt hands and printouts for use at appropriate weekly games. It is additional work for our Bridge instructors but the sacrifice is worthy of consideration. Let's use this tool and improve the general standard of Bridge play at the MBU. We had the foresight to buy the machine, now let's use it at every possible opportunity.