

Bridge club deals out entertaining Tuesday nights

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Where can you go for an evening's entertainment and

And there are tournaments almost every weekend. Most of the big ones are in Toronto, so it's handy, he said.

Both come from Brampton. Mr. Raymond said there's a lot of reciprocation between the clubs in the area, with



The Georgetown Bridge Club started in 1964 as a bridge game in Duke Wilson's home. The game attracted a lot of players and moved into bigger quarters at the Legion Hall. Mr. Wilson was director of the club until this year, when John Rivers took over his duties.

only spend \$1.50? Not too many places these days. The Georgetown Bridge Club is one of the cheapest things you can do Tuesday nights and its 100 members know it. They meet in the Legion hall right off Georgetown's Main Street, at 7:45 p.m.

Many players come from Guelph and Brampton and half are from Georgetown, said Mr. Rivers. Mark Loeb comes every second or third week to play bridge in Georgetown with his buddy, Richard Raymond.

members of one club playing at nearby clubs as well. "We play here because there are no other games on Tuesday. We've played here for ten to eleven years now. It's a nice club. The directors have always been amiable," said Mr. Loeb.

Del Wallace said he's a regular at the Georgetown bridge club "every week except when I'm on holidays." Everybody can recognize a bridge table but not everybody can play bridge. Mr. Rivers welcomes novices. "We'll teach anybody who wants to learn," he said. He's especially keen on attracting high school students to come out and play.

Chris Deschenes, 24, of Georgetown, was recently learning how to play with the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Judy Rivers. "An ad in the paper last week brought me to the club," he said. "I used to play before and it's coming back to me now."

Chris joked that he came out for the pretty girls, and said he wasn't disappointed. Players play in pairs, sitting opposite their partner. Some people come to the club with a regular partner, others find a partner there.

"I promise singles that they'll always play. My wife Judy is my extra if we have an odd number. She sits in and makes a pair," said Mr. Rivers.

SAME GAME
Duplicate bridge is primarily the same card game as rubber bridge, but it's more competitive, he said. "Every once in a while they

get loud and I have to say 'shh', so nobody knows what is going on at the next table," said Mr. Rivers. All the pairs in the room are playing against all the other pairs in the room. They rotate from table to table and end up playing the same hand at some time in the evening, explained Mr. Rivers. "Everybody is dealt 13 cards at the table, and that hand will never change all night for

whoever sits at the table," he said. A board should be played in seven minutes.

"Bridge players are very honest," said Mr. Rivers. "They're out to test their skill. He says it's rare to find cheating at the club level."

Mr. Rivers said that at world club championships they pull down a big screen in front of each of the players during the bidding and have the players

write out their bids instead of delivering them orally. They want to be sure cheating doesn't take place even in voice inflection between partners.

BRIDGE TALK
"I've been damaged," in bridge talk means somebody's complaining of poor conduct at

the table. Some no-no's may have been committed.

A code of conduct hanging on the wall of the Legion hall lists unacceptable behavior for bridge players. Any movement, expression or action which conveys information to a partner is an infraction of the rules, so is the use of differing

designations, words, tones or emphasis for bids which give your partner information about your hand. A director is present to ensure that all play is within the rules.

So watch what you say and how you say it if you plan to play duplicate bridge with proper etiquette.

Getting to know duplicate bridge

Today's hand is a bridge player's dream. As the saying goes, there are tricks to burn. No less than five of the nine north-south pairs reached the top score on this board, however, the east-west pairs at other tables did not sit idle. Some bid enough to create a

The game of bridge developed from whist. Charles Gorin developed the system of playing called the American Standard. Other systems since invented tend to confuse beginners, according to John Rivers, director of the club since January. "We can play any system we want, but everybody at the table must know what the bids mean according to that system. If they don't know what a particular bid means, they can ask and the other players are obliged to explain it to them," said Mr. Rivers. A bid is the naming of a suit.

The Georgetown club was formed in 1964, starting with a bridge game in Duke Wilson's home. Mr. Wilson was director of the club until this January. The game at his home eventually got too big and the players had to move to other quarters. "Most everybody here is a regular bridge participant and attends clubs elsewhere. A lot of these people are playing almost every night of the week," said Mr. Rivers. "It's possible for them to play that often because there's a game on nearly every night."

doubt in the north-south contract and succeeded in causing the latter to stop in an inferior contract.

This was the hand. If you were East-West, what would you leave bid to create doubt?

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