

Coldwater Bridge Club News

by
PETER SHAW

In previous articles we have named given the location, phone number, address, and approximate cost of playing at various ACBL clubs in this general locality. Now we are going to offer some advice as to the type of bridge and where and when you may play the kind of game that suits you.

The advice will be limited, as I have never played at the Collingwood Club, but I have been told by others that it is a fine club to attend, although I have certainly played in Barrie, I will restrict comments to the Orillia, Parry Sound, Washago, and Coldwater Clubs.

For many, the choice may be restricted to when you can play. If you can only play, or wish to play, in the afternoon, there is Monday or Thursday. Of course, you may play both afternoons if you wish. Coldwater plays on Monday, Orillia on Thursday. In Orillia, with enough players they may play two sections, both duplicate, one Novice and the other open.

At Coldwater it might be advisable to obtain a schedule, because they play an ordinary contract type of game on one Monday afternoon, and a Novice Duplicate the next. The Novice game is for non-ACBL players, or for ACBL players who hold less than 20 master points.

But anyone can play in the contract game. If you wish to play in the evening, there is more choice. On Monday, Parry Sound or Coldwater; Tuesday Orillia; Wednesday Parry Sound; Thursday Washago; Friday Parry Sound or Orillia. All of these games are "Open" Duplicate. The larger number of tables could be at Orillia, perhaps Parry Sound, but Washago or Coldwater usually have good turn outs.

The first thing to do is to analyze yourself. What bridge you play depends upon your nature, previous bridge experience, how good you are or wish to be, and have you played duplicate in the past.

The technical improvement in bridge in the last twenty years make the game much more exciting for those who pursue excellence and who really categorize the many possible meanings of an auction call. The technical improvements have not been limited to the language of the auction. New methods of score comparisons have been devised.

Many have elevated the players having the greater skill to the detriment of the less skilled. For this reason many new players may wish to enter clubs which provide special facilities for a gradual transition. If you have experience in duplicate, enjoy playing against players with the latest technical knowledge,

concentrate on the game, go straight into "Open" Duplicate games.

Do not feel that you must comprehend all of

the "newer" systems. If you use common sense, play good rubber bridge, have an excellent understanding with your partner, you

may be able to compete and perhaps defeat the duplicate players. I know of a couple from the Washago club, playing against a good

field of players in the Orillia Duplicate Club, second won playing against this sociable couple, I often have a premonition of loss

which is justified by the score. So you don't have to be an expert in the newer systems to win.

If you are the more usual type of rubber bridge player, if your purpose is to have long-lasting and enjoyable entertainment, it might be prudent to begin your adventures into the world of club bridge in a more sedate manner, perhaps by playing contract bridge in a club that offers this program.

Both Washago and Coldwater will give a new player a friendly welcome. Parry Sound can be quite friendly. If

you have not had previous duplicate experience, cannot attend in the afternoon, make up a party of 4 players and give one of the clubs a phone call. Coldwater has a special set-up so that new players may ease into duplicate during the evening.

For further information phone 756-8325, and ask for Peter or Friedel. Do not hesitate to phone for information regarding other clubs. We can provide the phone numbers for any club in the area you wish to contact.

Community Calendar

Dec. 10, 12

Student production of operetta Tom Sawyer Dec. 10 and 12, 7:30 p.m., Huron Park Public School, Midland. Performing Arts Club of Huron Park Public School production. Admission \$1.50 per adult and 75 cents per student.

Dec. 10

Huron chapter of Trout Unlimited of Canada information night at 7 p.m., Blue Flame Room, Consumers' Gas, Barrie. Information about Trout Unlimited and stream rehabilitation. Tackle display, fly tying and fly casting demonstration,

films, slides. Learn how you can get involved in protecting Simcoe County's fishing resources.

Ladies' Coffee Hour - Dec. 10 at 9:45 a.m., Midland Alliance Church. "An Old-fashioned Christmas." Carols, readings, special music. The nursery children will also have their own Christmas program. All welcome.

Dec. 11

Organ recital by Giles Bryant, St. Mark's Anglican Church, Midland, 7:30 p.m. Organist from St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Toronto. Singing by the Jubilee Chorale from

Orillia. No charge.

Dec. 12

Computer Club meeting, Barrie Users Group, meets at 7:30 p.m. in a new location, Innisdale High School. For more information, telephone Frank (737-4180) or write BUG, Box 1028, Barrie, Ont., L4M 5E1.

Penetanguishene General Hospital Auxiliary sponsored craft and home baking sale in the board room and lower hall of PGH, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Included will be Christmas decorations and gifts, stools and other wooden articles, touch and take items. Donations greatly appreciated. For more information, telephone 526-8014, 322-1893, or the hospital. Proceeds to the Hospital Gift Shop Fund.

Members and friends of the Midland, Penetang District branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association,

please note that the annual Christmas dinner and party of the branch will be held in the Penetang Legion, 6 p.m. Cost \$7 per person, \$3.50 for children. Phone 526-8997 and leave name and number attending, by Dec. 9.

We're glad you asked!



Jim Lynn
Funeral Director

PRE-PAID, PRE-PLAN OR NOT? WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE

One's pre-planned funeral need not be paid for in advance. If it is paid for it becomes your protection against inflation. Let me explain further; funeral service details are noted, casket chosen, price fixed and pre-paid. These funds are placed in a guaranteed trust certificate in your name, in care of our funeral home (copy provided to holder). The interest on these funds is compounded and locked in. This enables the funeral home to guarantee your selected service at today's prices (the interest covers the inflation). For further protection these funds are bonded through our association.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE EXCESS FUNDS? DO YOU KEEP THEM?

No, at our firm we give the family a statement after the funeral showing the original amount plus interest, present costs and the excess of funds over the amount needed. In 90 percent of the cases there is a substantial refund back to the family (or estate). This amount varies with the length of time funds were on deposit and interest rate at time.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I GO INTO A NURSING HOME AND MY MONEY RUNS OUT, CAN THESE FUNDS BE TOUCHED?

No, the trust fund is for funeral expenses only. This means that if your assets are used up through health care the trust fund cannot be touched. Your family will not have to pay out money for your funeral. The funds are available immediately upon death but not before.

WHAT IF DEATH OCCURS WHILE I AM AWAY ON HOLIDAYS?

At the time of pre-arrangement we will give you an identification card. This will have your name, doctor, next of kin and our name, address and phone number on it. Those in authority will have no doubt as to who to contact. We will assume cost of transportation home. This transportation charge would be the only additional charge to the family.

MY FRIEND WOULD LIKE TO PRE-ARRANGE HER FUNERAL BUT IS UNABLE TO LEAVE HER HOME, COULD YOU COME OVER?

Yes, we have a book containing pictures, descriptions and prices of all caskets and services, just phone our office for an appointment.

DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION BOOKLETS WE COULD LOOK OVER BEFORE YOU COME?

Yes, we have pre-planning information booklets, estate planning, cremation information and would be glad to mail these or drop them off at your home.

We also have films relating to grief therapy, estate planning, suicide, cremation explaining death to children, etc. These are available to any family or group at no cost. We are also available to speak to groups, just give a call...

JL James H. Lynn
Funeral Homes
Midland 526-6551 Elmville 322-2732

FREE TURKEY
WITH ANY CASH PURCHASE OF \$300⁰⁰ or more

Gilles Maurice 13 Robert St. W., Penetanguishene
FURNITURE & APPLIANCES
owner 549-2191

EVERYTHING FOR YOUR TABLE

The Gifts of Christmas

Pimpernel Placemats & Coasters
Choose from a large selection at **1/3 OFF**

Aurora Crystal Figurines
32% Austrian Crystal from as low as **\$16.95**

Bunnykins, Cabbage Patch & Denby Nurseryware
25% OFF
Bunnykins Giftware
20% OFF
Children's Heritage Flatware
25% OFF

Handpainted Jewellery from \$5.99

Midland's own Collector's Plate
9" decorated in 22Kt Gold
\$29.95

Quality Figurines-Royal Doulton, Lladro, Hummel-just to name a few brands NOW ON SALE

For Many GIFT IDEAS at Fantastic SAVINGS, Visit **THE PLACE SETTING**
711 Yonge St. W., Midland
526-8523