Washago Club small and friendly

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Perhaps the general public does not realize how often some players play duplicate bridge. I know a player who plays approximately eight times a week, and several more who play from two to five times a week. Many of us play a lot less, but are members of more than one bridge club. The Coldwater Club has taken a short recess over the Christmas and New Year's holiday period, the last game our Christmas Guest Member Championship, and our next begins the new year with two games on Jan. 6.

In the interval my wife and I were privileged to attend a Christmas Bridge Game, as members, at the Washago Duplicate Bridge Club on Dec. 19. The Washago Club is not a wealthy club, but all members played and enjoyed themselves without charge, at the club's expense. It was one of the best year end Christmas parties that my wife and I have attended.

The Washago

Duplicate Bridge Club is a small but friendly club, founded in the spring of 1984. Games are played in a congenial atmosphere. John Dean is the amiable and competent director, with a sense of humor that makes everyone feel at ease. Sanctioned by the ACBL, game rating points are issued in accordance with ACBL Visitors (in rules. pairs) are most welcome to play at any or all games upon payment of table fees of \$2 per person. Coffee is available at 10 cents a cup; if you prefer tea bring your own tea bags - the hot water is free!

The club encourages players to take an annual membership of \$3 per year since it helps to finance the operation and promotes greater personal interest in the well being of the club. Members are entitled to vote on club affairs and to run for any of the executive officials. I know most of the executive personally and they are a dedicated group. The same table fee is charged members as non-member visitors.

The bridge game is an open duplicate pairs game held weekly on Thursdays designed to start at 7:30 p.m. Players should arrive at least 10 minutes ahead of time. The games are held in Washago Community Center which is just behind the hamlet.

The hall is spacious, well lighted, air conditioned and acoustically treated to minimize unwanted noise. Currently it is being further improved by the construction of large new washrooms and kitchen facilities. I can recommend the Washago Duplicate Bridge Club as a most pleasant experience to play with friendly members and guests in comfortable surroundings.

As President Stan Love puts it, "Whether you are an experienced player gunning for points, or a novice who plays this stimulating game for the sheer fun of it, you will enjoy our duplicate bridge sessions."

Midland YMCA is presenting the first of a number of opportunities for the citizens of Midland and the surrounding areas to play progressive bridge in a congenial atmosphere on Jan. 15, with registration at 7 p.m. at the Y.

The occasion is simply a non-profit, uncomplicated event designed to promote and re-acquaint the people of this area with the enjoyment that can be derived from the world's best card game; one more recreational activity that can be engaged in. The organizers have reported that there is already considerable interest in this event, which is part of the Winterfest Warm up.

This Fun-A-Rama is designed strictly as a fun affair, with participation from all classes of players invited. Although not a serious contest, there will be trophies donated to the winning pair, as well as the lowest scoring pair.

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donating two copies of the "Joy of Bridge", the fascinating new book on bridge co-authored by the Toronto bridge teacher and well known player Audrey Grant, and world famous expert Eric Rodwell, as door prizes.

The interesting introduction to this book is by Easley Blackwood, inventor of the now standard convention of the bid of 4NT to ask for the number of Aces in partner's hand. I understand that there may

be other surprises in Rose Ellen

(Nellie) McMann A funeral service for the late Rose Ellen (Nellie) McMann was Washago Hotel in the held Dec. 23, 1985, in the Lynn Funeral Home. Rev. Wesley Oake officiated.

The Tay Township native was 84 years of age when she died on Dec. 20 in Huronia District Hospital. The King Street, Midland resident spent her last 10 months in the Villa

Community Centre.

The daughter of Edward and Evelyn Searl married the late David G. McMann in Victoria Harbour. Her later homes were on RR 1, Midland and RR 1, Wyebridge.

The Ebenezer United Church member was a member of the UCW and a charter member of the

Cecil Ladouceur

Cecil late Ladouceur of Church Street, Penetanguishene, died suddenly in Penetanguishene General Hospital on Dec. 25, 1985, at the age of 67 years.

Mr. Ladouceur lived all of his life in Penetanguishene and had been employed with Brewers Retail for 42 years. He had been manager of the Midland store for 23 years and retired in 1983.

His funeral service was held in the Martin Funeral Home, Penetanguishene, on

Riley Roote

The late Riley Roote of Georgian Manor, Penetanguishene, died in Penetanguishene General Hospital on Dec. 27, 1985, following a brief illness, at the age of 83 years.

Mr. Roote, a former chief of the Beausoleil Band, Christian Island, was born on the Saugeen Indian Reserve. He came to Christian Island as a young man following his marriage. He lived most of his life on Christian Island. He was a resident of Georgian Manor for the last four years.

Mr. Roote was a

veteran of World War Two. Members of Royal Canadian Legion No. Branch 68, Penetanguishene, tended his funeral service.

The funeral service was held in the United Church, Christian Island, on Dec. 31, with Rev. Dale Measures officiating. Interment in the United Cemetery, Christian Island.

His pall-bearers were all members of the present Beausoleil Band council: Chief Rodney Monague, Gerald Monague, Bev McCue, Kenny King, Arnold &

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store.

When one realizes that the neighboring municipality to the north, Parry Sound, has TWO well established and successful bridge clubs; Barrie several; Orillia offering three open games a week; and even the small communities of Coldwater (twice a week) and Washago have clubs offering games on a regular basis, it is apparent that this area needs more of the excellent recreation that this game provides.

As the director of the

successful series of games held by various Senior Citizens clubs, sponsored by the Recreation Department of Simcoe County in cooperation with the Senior Citizens' advisory committee, I expect to see many old friends and new faces at this fun-fest.

For further information phone Jim (526-9190) or Brian at the YMCA (526-7828). Or simply be at the Y before 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening, ready to play.

Huronia Association for the Mentally Retarded.

Her foster son Ray Windross and daughter Ena (Mrs. Frank Livingstone) of RR 1, Wyebridge, and Evelyn (Mrs. Jack Banks) of Midland, sister Margaret Carpenter of the Wyevale area, and five grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren survive her.

Granddaughter Bonnie Banks, sister Carrie Adamson, Dick and Bill Searl and Ena Searl, are deceased members of her immediate family.

Interment in Waverley's United Church Cemetery.

"Mother enjoyed quilting, and children. She was always happy if she could rock a little person."

Dec. 28, 1985, with Rev. Joan Waters and Rev. R. Jacobsen officiating. Spring interment will be in St. James On-thelines Cemetery, Penetanguishene.

His wife Evelyn (Ellis) Ladouceur of Penetanguishene,

daughter Wendy Ladouceur of Barrie, brothers Arthur A. Ladouceur and Gilbert Ladouceur, both of Penetanguishene, survive him.

His brothers Fred, Joseph and Theophile and sister Edna Lacroix pre-deceased him.

Wallace Jamieson.

His son Lorne of Christian Island, daughters Lena Roote & Bertha Cronkrite, both of Toronto, Lila King of Port McNicoll, grandchildren Michael King of Midland, Roger & Ralph Roote

Christian Island, Rosalie Sandy of Barrie, brother Edward of Saugeen Indian Reserve, and 10 greatgrandchildren, survive him.

wife Rosie (Peters) Roote died in

We're glad you asked!

Jim Lynn **Funeral Director**



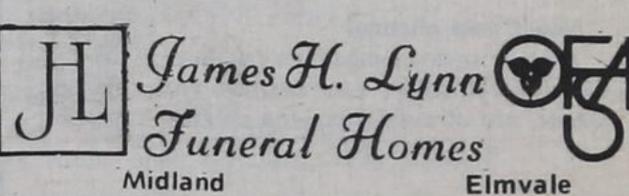
May I Recommend a Book for You to Read?

In this column we usually answer a question that represents a concern expressed to me. This time we would like to recommend an excellent book by Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, Questions and Answers on Death and Dying.

This book presents many of the questions which have been asked of Dr. Kubler-Ross by people who have heard her lectures, attended her seminars or workshops on caring for the dying. The answers found in this book relate mostly to adults.

Death is still a subject all too often avoided in thought and discussion - not because we do not care, but because we feel so helpless and find too many unanswered questions about this final parting. This book can provide a thoughtful and constructive guide.

We have a collection of books on the subject of deathand-dying which might be helpful to you, especially if you have a close friend or relative who has died or is close to death. Please consult us whenever we can serve you.



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