

BRIDGE ON THE EDGE, INC.
*A NOT FOR PROFIT BRIDGE CLUB OWNED BY ITS MEMBERS
 SERVING THE ST. JOHN'S DUPLICATE BRIDGE COMMUNITY*

NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

MILESTONES

SILVER LIFE MASTER 1,000 MASTERPOINTS



Joan has taken a five year break from the bridge table as she concentrated on building Bridge on the Edge. True, it was not a total break, but her time at the table was severely restricted. Joan has returned and has marked the occasion by achieving an ACBL silver life master ranking. Look for the announcement in a future ACBL Bulletin.

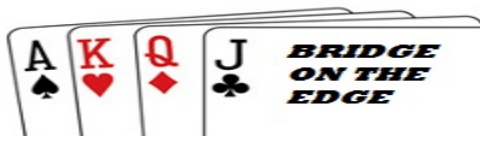
ACCREDITED DIRECTORS

Bridge on the Edge's innovative program "Directors in Training" has borne fruit. The St. John's community has three new Accredited Directors - Jonathan Cook, Peter Stacey and Brian Collins.



Club Statistics

| | | | |
|---------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Table Count | | November | Year to Date |
| Competitive | | 94.00 | 294.50 |
| Newcomers | | 33.50 | 105.25 |
| Highest table count | | September 1, 2016 | 16.5 |
| Web Page Visitors | | | 41,782 |
| Membership count | | | 153 |



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CHRISTMAS POT LUCK

The December 2016 schedule has been drawn up to reflect that the last pre Christmas will be held on the 15th. A potluck is planned to be held before the game beginning at 11 O'clock.

AUDREY GRANT WORKSHOP



Audrey Grant has undertaken to continue her cross-country tour this spring. She will be in St. John's to offer a variety of workshops this coming May 12th and 13th. This is an important opportunity for our club to grow, and to provide the base to offer additional services to the St. John's duplicate bridge community. Audrey is known for delivering interesting and informative, yet humorous, presentations. For more information on the workshops to be offered in May, please follow this link:

<http://cbf.ca/better-bridge-tour-featuring-audrey-grant/>

For any further questions or to book your attendance, contact **Joan FitzGerald**.

BRIDGEMATES

It has been suggested that the consistent rotation of the Bridgemates would remove confusion and speed up the scoring process. In an informal discussion with a number of players, a consensus emerged that the club should follow Janet Parson's procedure of moving the Bridgemates in a counterclockwise rotation so that North passes it to East, then South, and finally West takes on the role of "Acceptor" and returns the Bridgemate to its resting position to the right of North.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The St. John's Bridge Community suffered a blow with Marilyn Bennett's announcement that she wished to concentrate on teaching, and that the the Ace of Clubs would close. Since Bridge on The Edge has become a club owned and staffed by its members, I have become even more aware of the time commitment required to organize weekly sessions.

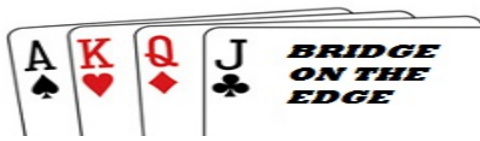
The dedication and time that Randy, Marilyn and Joan put into their respective clubs over the last number of years cannot be understated. Collectively, these three have made some very large shoes to fill.

Our task is to find comfortable secure premises and to provide more sessions. It follows that we must train more Directors and implement a program that will help players to become accredited teachers. In short, we must rebuild the community's bridge infrastructure.

2017 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Club is presently working on an Educational Program for the New Year and hopefully, the December Newsletter will set out a series of new initiatives. It is important that we gather as much input as possible. We would appreciate your suggestions, and those wishing to contribute as volunteers in the the following roles should contact the Club Manager:

- Director in Training
- Teacher in Training
- Mentor
- Member of the Educational Committee



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Obituary for Thomas "Tom" Efford

Thomas (Tom) Efford, aged 86, passed away in his home on November 25, 2016, with his son Robert by his side.

Predeceased by his loving wife Catherine (Kay) 2004 and lovingly remembered by daughter Ellen Power, sons Robert and Jim and five beloved grandchildren Colin, Taylor, Lauren, Catherine and Chloe. Also mourned by his daughter-in-law Kelly Efford, son-in-law Keith Power, sister Ellen Fraser and family, niece Allison Dancey and long time neighbours John and Nora Hamilton.

Born and raised on Southside Road in St. John's, Tom was an avid sportsman who enjoyed all sports, early in life playing baseball, hockey and soccer for the Guards, then golf and curling as a long time member of Bally Haly and the St. John's Curling Club.

Following service in the Merchant Marine, Tom spent a long career in the Civil Service retiring in 1987.

Tom also held memberships at the RCAF and Elks Clubs and was always known as an excellent card player, who in retirement became a noted bridge player with many friends at his bridge club.

He was a man of many talents, from cooking and gardening to hunting and fishing he did it all. He will be dearly missed by all.

Visitation to be held from Barrett's Funeral Home, 328 Hamilton Avenue on Tuesday and Wednesday from 2-4pm and 7-9pm. Funeral service to be held from George Street United Church on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Interment to follow at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Please visit www.barretts.ca to sign the memorial guest book.

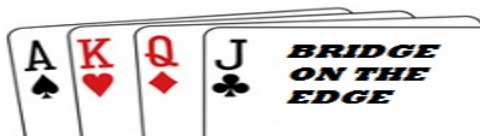
MUMMERS 2016 FESTIVAL | NOV. 26 TO DEC. 14

MUMMERS PARADE | SATURDAY DEC. 10

Many members have watched past Mummerys Parades, perhaps even taken part in some of the week's events. This St. John's Event honouring an old Newfoundland Christmas tradition was all conceived and developed by Ryan Davis, the son of our member Deirdre.

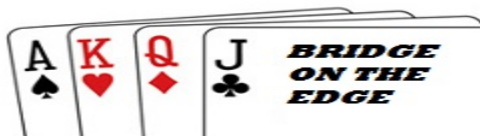
Visit the festival's webpage for more information
<http://www.mummersfestival.ca>





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|---|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| BALANCE SHEET - AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2016 | | | | |
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Current | | | | |
| Bank | | | | \$8,898 |
| Refundable HST | | | | 188 |
| Materials on Hand | | | | 700 |
| Total Current Assets | | | | 9,786 |
| Capital Assets | | | | |
| Furniture and Equipment | | | | 6,200 |
| Accumulated Amortization | | | | -104 |
| Total Capital Assets | | | | 6,096 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | | | \$15,882 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Current | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | | | | 477 |
| Advances due to Funding Members | | | | 10,000 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | | | 10,477 |
| MEMBERS' EQUITY | | | | |
| Balance Beginning of Month | | | | 2,624 |
| Excess of Revenue over Expenditure for the Month | | | | 2,781 |
| Total Members' Equity | | | | 5,405 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY | | | | \$15,882 |
| STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2016 | | | | |
| | Current Month | | Year to Date | |
| REVENUE | Tables | \$ | Tables | \$ |
| Competitive | 91.00 | 3,640 | 199.50 | \$7,980 |
| Newcomers | 34.75 | 1,112 | 71.75 | 2,296 |
| | 125.75 | 4,752 | 271.25 | 10,276 |
| Less Birthdays and Other Complementary Table Fees | | 433 | | 777 |
| Total Table Fees | | 4,319 | | 9,499 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Materials | | 120 | | 1,083 |
| Room Rental | | 898 | | 1,866 |
| Webpage | | 133 | | 133 |
| Bank Charges | | 24 | | 24 |
| ACBL Fees | | 231 | | 805 |
| Training | | 80 | | 80 |
| Amortization of Equipment | | 52 | | 104 |
| Total Expenditures | | 1,538 | | 4,094 |
| Excess of Revenue Over Expenditure | | \$2,782 | | \$5,405 |



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DECEMBER 2016 GAME SCHEDULE

| DECEMBER 2016 GAME SCHEDULE | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| | | Tuesday | | Thursday |
| | | Afternoon | Evening | Afternoon |
| | | November 29, 2016 | | December 1, 2016 |
| Director | | Peter Stacey | Dan Regan | Jonathan Cook |
| Mentor | | Gloria Stone | N/A | Alice Collins |
| Dealer | | Heidi Janes | N/A | Judith McIntyre |
| Session Manager | | Susan Follett | N/A | Rosemary Burke |
| | | December 6, 2016 | | December 8, 2016 |
| Director | | Richard Lash | Jonathan Cook | Bruce Watson |
| Mentor | | Anne Hughes | N/A | Judith McIntyre |
| Dealer | | Susan Follett | N/A | Carol Burden |
| Session Manager | | Heidi Janes | N/A | George Etheridge |
| | | December 13, 2016 | | December 15, 2016 POT LUCK |
| Director | | Jonathan Cook | Roy Perry | Brian Collins |
| Mentor | | | N/A | |
| Dealer | | Barb Slattery | N/A | Heidi Janes |
| Session Manager | | Susan Follett | N/A | Sandra Tobin |
| | | December 20, 2016 | | December 22, 2016 |
| Director | | NO GAME | NO GAME | NO GAME |
| Mentor | | | | |
| Dealer | | | | |
| Session Manager | | | | |
| | | December 27, 2016 | | December 29, 2016 |
| Director | | NO GAME | NO GAME | NO GAME |
| Mentor | | | | |
| Dealer | | | | |
| Session Manager | | | | |