

## Happy New Year to All!

Our Christmas week was great fun, well attended and visited by Santa himself! Thank you to the many volunteers:



- Decorations & staging by Janie Ochsendorf, Jennifer Lindsay, Ibi Amphlett, Carroll & Don Guichon, Ed & Jane Youngberg, John Demeulemeester and Ben Takemori.
- Our lovely vocalist Stephanie Williams.
- Food preparation by Jane & Bob.
- All of you for dressing up and participating in the activities.
- Bob Dillon for collecting the fees for the events and working behind the scenes.
- John Demeulemeester along with Bob Dillon for the Food Bank drive.

We raised \$5000 for the food bank through playeer donations, director giving their fees, and donating the game fees. Great job John D. and Bob D.

## Thursday Morning Jan 9, 2020 Tutorial at 9:30 am by Les Fouks.

Bring your questions for this informative tutorial which is for advancing players. Take advantage of Les's experience and knowledge! Les will let you know at the session tomorrow when he will be able to run more Thursdays tutorials.

## Lessons are coming in February and March on Wednesdays!

### Supervised Play for Advancing Players

**Intended audience:** You have been playing bridge for a while now. You know the basics. You want to take your game to the next level. These lessons are for you. No partner is necessary.

**Instructor:** Ed L'Heureux

**Date/Time:** Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm

**Cost:** \$10 per lesson

**Registration:** No registration necessary. Just come.

## The Supervised Play Format

You learn by doing. The lessons are more like a lab or a tutorial than a lecture. Each session will start with a short 15 minute lesson. Then you will play a series of hands based on the theme of the day. After each hand is played, you can review a small sheet of paper in the board that describes how the hand should have been bid or should have been played, with a focus on the key points of that particular hand. The supervisor will mingle among the players to provide advice, answer questions and give more detailed explanations.

### Intermediate Bidding

- February 5 – **Compete with 5/5 Hands** (get into the bidding with two 5 cards suits)
- February 12 – **Reverses** (need enough strength before you force partner to the 3 level)
- February 19 – **Splinter Bids** (get to low point count slams by showing your shortness)
- February 26 – **Jacoby 2NT** (a strong hand with 4 card support ... do we have slam?)

### Intermediate Play

- March 11 – **Cross Ruff & Dummy Reversal** (Ruffing with the long trump hand.)
- March 18 – **Playing the Odds** (Should I finesse or play for the drop?)
- March 25 – **End Plays** (Get the opponents to break that new suit for you.)

Cheers,

Ed, John, Ben, Jane

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