

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

February 2017 Newsletter

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GENERAL MEETING

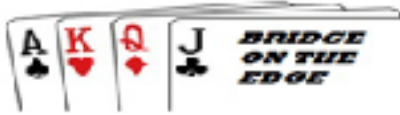
There will be a General Meeting of Bridge on the Edge Inc. at 10 am on Monday, February 20, 2017, at Riverdale for a presentation by the Constitution Committee, an update from the Premises Committee, and a discussion regarding the AGM.

MANAGER IN TRAINING

BOTE has a new Club Manager in Training. Rahul Chandra is stepping in for Brian Collins while Brian is away on vacation for 3 months. Rahul's duties are to manage the day-to-day operation of all game sessions, to provide support to the Directors and Dealers, especially with respect to computer use, and to manage the Club's interactions with the ACBL and The Common Game.

Let's help Rahul in any way we can by picking up our own garbage, tidying our table, bringing our bidding boxes, boards and table mats to the front after each game. Please remember to wash up your coffee / tea cup after use. This is our club and we have a responsibility to keep it clean, which may mean we have to empty the garbage can in the washroom if it is full or sweep up a mess we helped to make. Let's all pull together to make this a player-owned club of which we can be proud.

Reconciled Bank Balance January 31, 2017	\$11,054.41
Owed to Investors	\$10,000.00



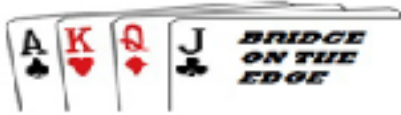
Bridge on the Edge Inc.

Income/Expense by Category
01/09/2016 through 31/01/2017 (in Canadian Dollars) (Accrual Basis)

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Category	01/09/2016- 30/09/2016	01/10/2016- 31/10/2016	01/11/2016- 30/11/2016	01/12/2016- 31/12/2016	01/01/2017- 31/01/2017	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME						
Revenue	5,220.00	4,394.00	4,688.00	1,906.00	7,368.00	23,576.00
TOTAL INCOME	5,220.00	4,394.00	4,688.00	1,906.00	7,368.00	23,576.00
EXPENSES						
Uncategorized	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ACBL Fees	579.29	147.55	296.55	175.00	959.45	2,157.84
Advertising	0.00	0.00	289.69	0.00	0.00	289.69
Bank Charges	144.79	12.09	16.78	43.29	29.70	246.65
Chairs	0.00	0.00	2,075.54	0.00	0.00	2,075.54
Club Manager Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Directors Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	775.00	775.00
Electronic	47.87	0.00	90.84	0.00	0.00	138.71
Entertainment	0.00	0.00	43.26	0.00	0.00	43.26
Equipment	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00	1,610.00	0.00	0.00	1,610.00
Kitchen & Bathroom	0.00	0.00	131.08	0.00	0.00	131.08
Legal	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
Lessons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	456.00	456.00
Misc.	38.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.69
Office	153.86	50.22	4.57	28.05	0.00	236.70
Rent	1,035.00	1,035.00	572.50	400.00	680.00	3,722.50
Repairs & Maintenance	48.12	0.00	3.45	0.00	168.91	220.48
Supplies	1,079.84	0.00	34.86	0.00	1,810.52	2,925.22
Training	0.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Website	0.00	109.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	109.29
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,697.46	1,354.15	5,249.12	646.34	5,379.58	22,326.65
OVERALL TOTAL	-4,477.46	3,039.85	-561.12	1,259.66	1,988.42	1,249.35



CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Brian Shortall, Geri Thompson, and George Etheridge

The Constitution Committee was formed at the January 4 meeting of BOTE. Initially, the committee reviewed a number of constitutions from organizations deemed to be similar in certain ways to BOTE. Following this, advice from several individuals experienced in designing Constitutions was considered. The committee also reviewed suggestions from the Government of Canada with respect to Constitutional needs for not-for-profit incorporated organizations.

After several committee meetings, a DRAFT Constitution was finalized and circulated to the membership for feedback in early February. The response of the membership was most encouraging. A number of thoughtful and positive suggestions were received. Each was acknowledged and discussions were held with the submitters. A further revised proposal was drafted, has been circulated to the members, and will be presented at the February 20 meeting. Great work!

PREMISES COMMITTEE

Anne Hughes, Richard Lash, and Mike Buist.

By a Referendum held in January, BOTE members have decided to stay at Riverdale for the short term to provide more time for seeking a better location as permanent home for the bridge club. The two options available at the time were Bennett Avenue and Riverdale, with 70.5% of the voters choosing Riverdale. The Committee is actively looking for a new, more permanent home for our Club. Hopefully there will be more on this in our next Newsletter.

DIRECTOR ACCREDITED



BOTE has a new Accredited Director, **Dan Regan**. Dan actually wrote and passed the exam back in November but the results got lost somewhere along the way. Welcome Dan.



TEACHERS ACCREDITED

Three members of the Club completed on-line Teacher Accreditation with Audrey Grant in January. Congratulations to Anne Hughes, Ursula Stamp, and Gloria Stone. Other members of the Club have registered for the Audrey Grant Teacher Accreditation sessions at Riverdale in May.

BRIDGE 4 YOUTH

Eighteen Grade 5 and 6 students at Virginia Park Elementary are doing bridge lesson # 9 this week – opening 1NT with Jacoby Transfers. They already know how to open the bidding and respond to one of a major or minor suit. They use bidding boxes, arrange their tricks, and score duplicate style. They are really interested in an outing to Bridge on the Edge to meet real bridge players here in St. John's. A tournament is planned for them after week 16 – maybe at the club if parents and the Board agree. Thank you to all the volunteers who assist with this program.

AVOID SCORING ERRORS

Scoring errors on the bridge mates are totally unnecessary. Players keep asking for scoring adjustments – because the wrong score, declarer, result etc. was entered by one player and accepted by three other players.

Anyone can make a mistake, but every scoring error is made by four players - one who enters the incorrect score and the 3 others who accept that incorrect score as the bridge mate is passed around. That is unacceptable. BEFORE accepting the score, PLEASE check all of the following:

1. The Board #
2. The Contract
3. The Declarer
4. The result
5. The final score for N/S or E/W

Find any mistakes immediately so they can be corrected during the game.

When one player reports an error – we check with the other pair to confirm before any adjustment can be made. Only guaranteed changes for incorrect scores will be errors reported by The Common Game. You may have to live with your errors if you continue to make them. Please be more careful. This is more unnecessary work for your club manager and directors.



AUDREY GRANT WORKSHOPS

There are still spots available in the Audrey Grant Workshops at Riverdale on May 12 and 13.

For more information, contact [Joan FitzGerald](mailto:Joan.FitzGerald@cbf.ca) at 709-579-4402. Register at www.cbf.ca



**Festival with Audrey Grant in collaboration with
The Canadian Bridge Federation and Bridge on the Edge**
Riverdale Tennis Club, 4 Portugal Cove Rd., St. John's, NL

Friday, May 12, 2017

9:00 AM - NOON **Teachers Workshop**

This workshop is for existing teachers and those who would like to be accredited. To achieve accreditation, it is compulsory to attend the multilevel and beginner workshops as well (lunch included). This course is FREE for CBF members and \$125.00 for non-members. For accreditation, please register for "Teacher Accreditation" only. This automatically registers you in the other workshops. CBF Membership fee: \$18 (Visit: www.cbf.ca)

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM **Multi-Level Workshop: "Entries"**

This workshop \$50 (\$32 for CBF members):

- For advanced beginners and beyond
- Includes – Hands-on lesson and Student textbook
- 1 year membership with CBF which entitles students to biweekly access to Audrey Grant's Daily Bridge Column, Bridge Canada magazine, and the Sunday morning coffee article from Better Bridge

Saturday, May 13, 2017

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM **Bridge for Absolute Beginner Workshop**

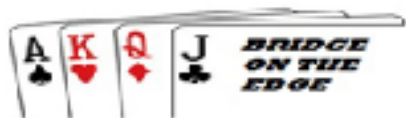
This workshop \$40.00

- Hands on lesson with Audrey Grant.
- Includes – Bridge Basics 1 text
- 1 year membership with CBF which gives students bi-weekly access to the Daily Bridge Column, and access to the Bridge Canada magazine.
- For students with NO bridge experience

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Reception for teachers and club owners**

with Audrey and CBF representative. Showing materials and tools available, discuss advantages of short game & non-sanctioned games

**To register visit: www.cbf.ca MORE INFORMATION:
Contact Joan Fitzgerald: joanfitz1430@gmail.com 709-579-4402**



QUESTIONS ON THE LAW OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Bruce Watson and Joan FitzGerald

Question:

My partner was declaring a hand and revoked which cost us two tricks. Is there anything I could have done to prevent it?

Answer:

Absolutely. The first time your partner shows out of a suit, ie spades, dummy is allowed under the Laws to say something like “No spades, partner?” This usually causes partner to look at their hand to confirm that they are, in fact, out of that suit.

As dummy you can ask declarer but not a defender. A defender, on the other hand, can ask his partner or declarer if they are void when they fail to follow suit.

Question:

What can I do to avoid making the opening lead out of turn?

Answer:

If you are unsure whose lead it is, you can ask your opponents. If they confirm that it is your lead and you do lead and then they tell you it isn't your lead after all, Law 47E allows you to take back your card based on incorrect information given to you by the opponents.

The ACBL requires that the opening lead be placed face down on the table. This is to give your partner an opportunity to ask questions to clarify the auction. If it is not your lead, someone will probably point it while your card is still face down. Then, if it is partner's lead, you must call the Director but he or she will usually just tell you to return the faced down card to your hand and ask the correct player to lead.

TEACHING SESSIONS

Classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings have been well attended by members interested in the *Play of the Hand* taught by Deirdre Davis and *2 Over 1 and other Conventions* taught by Tom Dale. Thank you to both teachers for giving the members an opportunity to improve their game skills.



VOLUNTEERS

BOTE Inc. could not operate without the help of a great number of volunteers. Judy Crewe has been assisting Tim Summers with our Website while he is away. It is hoped that she will continue working in this capacity after Tim's return. Shirley Ryan has taken on the task of doing the BOTE Newsletter. Anyone wishing to make submissions to future Newsletters may send their submissions to [Shirley](#). All newsletters will be vetted by the Board before distribution to the members.

To ALL those members who have volunteered as assistants, dealers, directors, session managers, mentors, and board members, and all other roles, THANK YOU. There is always a need for more volunteers, so if you are interested in helping out in any way, please get in touch with any member of the Board and state the area(s) in which you are able to assist.

TIPS FOR BOOKING GAMES AND CLASSES

While members have been using the BOTE Website for booking games and classes for several months, mistakes are still being made. This results in an incorrect count of the number of players/tables and uses up valuable resources trying to eliminate duplicate names. These are ways you can help:

- Don't put your own name in the white box when booking. The system knows your name and will add it automatically. Just put your partner's name in the box (do not put "&" in front of partner's name).
- To cancel a booking, don't tick the "cancel" box. Instead, untick the "playing" box (by clicking on it) and erase any notes you have in the white space, ie partner's name. Confirm to save your changes. **Note:** The person who entered the booking is the person who has to make any necessary changes.
- Before entering a new booking, check to first make sure your partner hasn't already entered the booking under their name.

Tips for Booking Games and Classes is now on the Website as a subtitle under [Bookings/Find a Partner](#) on the sidebar of the Homepage. Please review the document if you need help.



Club Manager Duties

- Unlock & lock up Bridge Club and gate before and after all sanctioned games. Lessons not included. Afternoon games (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday) require Club Manager to be on site by 11:30 am.
- Adjust heat as necessary - 17 degrees when away – 22 degrees during games.
- Provide dealer with files from Dropbox for dealing. Set up dealing machine if necessary. Monitor dealer to ensure accuracy.
- Put dealer files for next day's game on desktop after current game.
- Check washrooms for toilet paper, paper towels, garbage etc. Suggest when supplies are required. (*All players should assist with this duty.*)
- Set up tables as required for next game with assistance from players on site.
- Encourage players on site to set up bidding boxes, bridge mates, supplies table.
- Assist Director, as necessary to set up game for each section. Assist any Director with the ACBL Score and other computer programs as needed. Post game results to the Common Game & to the ACBL websites.
- Tidy up as necessary with assistance from all players.
- Recommend to board members anything necessary.
- Update database after 6th of each month.
- File monthly report before 6th of next month.
- Database all games weekly.
- Report any unplayed games to ACBL Score and to the Common Game.