

Monday's Card Party in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

Residents of Wentworth and residents from other places such as Wallace, Wallace Bridge, Sutherlands Lake, Truro, Malagash, Tatamagouche, Byers Lake, Sand Point, Folly Lake, New Annan, and Westchester enjoy the Monday night card parties located at the Wentworth

Recreation Centre.

Volunteer director Jeanette Murray does a splendid task of organizing the Auction 45's card party, arrives at early afternoon to prepare seating, raffle tickets for a 50/50, paper score cards for a total of six games of Auction 45's each evening, checking finances, organizing the

kitchen food brought by several members at her request, and arranging a registration desk.

Members are charged \$3 for entrance and a chance to pay for 50/50 at \$2 for 8 tickets and more tickets if you like to fork out more than \$2.

Jeanette announces the beginning of the game at 7:30 pm. She pulls a card at random and announces it as "the travelling prize," meaning this one card has a prize which travels through the entire game to different people and at the end the one person who plays this card last gets the winning prize.

Two couples at each table play against one another, whichever couple has the highest score move to the next table to meet two others. The couple with the lower score stay put and welcome two new people.

Before the lunch is served, Jeanette announces the highest score for women and the highest score for men. Then she announces two more winners: the winner from a raffle draw of all the tickets for the 50/50 and the winner of the door prize from a raffle draw of all the names of all those who have registered.

I will add another comment about the past as I have attended most of the card games since the opening of the recent Recreation Centre when it had an official opening date of September 21, 1991, after raising \$500,000 from 1988 to 1990 from fundraising and government grants. The first community hall had burned to the ground.



Shelby Brown, daughter, and parents Maxine Brown and Kevin Brown play Auction 45's with enthusiasm at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



Jeanette Murray, Coordinating director for Monday night card parties in Wentworth, works diligently at her volunteer job, and stays friendly, cheerful and skillful for all members. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

Business Evacuated Following Bomb Threat

Just after 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 25, Colchester District RCMP, EHS and Stewiacke Fire Department, responded to a bomb threat at a business on Main St. West in Stewiacke. A note was located at another location which indicated the threat towards the business.

The business was evacuated and searched by the RCMP Police Dog Services and RCMP Explosive Disposal Unit. Nothing suspicious was located.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Colchester District RCMP at 902-896-5000, or 1-

800-803-RCMP (7267). Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca, or use the P3 Tips App. The investigation is continuing.

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changing, coming back in and with it a new energy, a rebirth, a new opportunity and a fresh vision. It's a very exciting time for the Ship and for the community.

What magic will be revealed on the stage in the coming years? I'm excited and wish Jack warm welcome to the helm of the Ship's Co. and the town of Parrsboro. I look forward to meeting him."

Jack's experiences vary from founding theatre initiatives such as Vancouver's Mad Duck Theatre Collective, and more recently BoucheWHACKED!, as well as residencies across the country with companies such as The Shaw Festival and Canada's Magnetic North Theatre Festival.

Jack strives for excellence and continuous learning, having achieved an MFA in Direction from Joan Littlewood's East 15 Acting School through the University of Essex, and studying across Europe, Russia, Indonesia and Canada.

Over the past few years, Jack has worked primarily throughout the UK and Canada, honing production and creative skills at companies such as Theatre Northwest (Prince George, BC), Theatre503 (London, UK), and collaborating with artists from across Canada, Europe and the UK.



Vernon Sprague enjoys playing Auction 45's on Monday evenings at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

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