

FWC BRIDGE INTEREST SECTIONS

Bridge also referred to as “Bridging” has been a popular game to play as the members find the experience intellectually stimulating and an opportunity to make new friends.

Bridge was mentioned in the FWC archives as one of the Interest Sections first selected by the members in 1921. At that time the game was named Auction Bridge, which in turn was a progression from the card game of Whist. In 1924 at one of the FWC Social events it was reported that there were 40 tables of Bridge.

Bridge groups met 12 times a year at the League in 1949-1950.

There were 8 Interest Sections of Bridge in 1979. One of the groups met on Wednesday and eventually disbanded due to conflicting demands and possibly work schedules. There was mention of an Afternoon Bridge I and Afternoon Bridge II in some of early FWC historical documents.

However it is believed that the present Afternoon Bridge 1 and 2 were most likely started in the 70’s and 80’s.

In addition to Bridge I and 11 there are three other Bridge groups; three meet in the afternoon and two meet in the evening.

The Monday Night Bridge Group was organized sometime before 1993 as a group for FWC members who were not available to play during the day due to employment and other obligations. They continue to meet and play Chicago style Bridge.

The Friday Aces was organized in 2007. Originally called Beginners Bridge the Interest brought together FWC members that hadn’t played Bridge and others an opportunity to sharpen up their Bridge playing skills. Bonnie Terpstra arranged for Joanna Brumfiel, a noted Bridge player and teacher, to provide some lessons and was instrumental in getting the Group off on the right track.

The Couples Bridge group was started around 1975 and started as a Newcomers Group. A significant tradition continues to be an important part of the Group. A Special Basket is used to hold name tags, playing cards, table assignments, and other assorted goods necessary to set up the game. This special Basket has been with the group since the early days and is passed from the current host to the upcoming host at the next meeting.

Along with playing Bridge the Sections have held various social events from potlucks, pizza parties, and special luncheons. Long-term friendships have resulted from the camaraderie of fellow members and the challenge of playing Bridge.