

# Bridge club to raise money for hospital

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EXETER – A group of Exeter women is hoping to start a bridge league to raise money for South Huron Hospital.

Dubbed "The Women's Hospital Bridge Club," the league is proposed to start in October and continue until May, with participants playing one night a month. The location will rotate among the participants' homes.

Exeter's Sheila Elston, who came up with the idea, said she was playing bridge one night and, familiar with other communities who have similar bridge leagues that fundraise, she decided Exeter could use one. Elston is now starting to get the word out and would like to hear by Sept. 1 from those interested in participating.

It will cost \$30 to join, which will cover participants for the year. Elston said a year-end wrap-up party will also be

held.

Proceeds will go to the South Huron Hospital Foundation, and Elston said she has already been in contact with the hospital about the idea. She intends to get a list from the hospital indicating what equipment is needed, after which the bridge club will decide what they want to donate their money towards.

Exeter's Lorna Stuart, who was involved in a similar fundraising bridge club in Wingham, said the group needs to hear soon who is interested so a schedule can be drawn up.

"It's a nice way of meeting and playing with different people," she said of the concept.

Elston said there are many people who

play bridge in the Exeter area and the type of bridge played in The Women's Hospital Bridge Club will be "party bridge," and anybody is welcome to join.

Participants will play with different people each week, offering the opportunity to meet new friends.

Elston said the goal is to play bridge, meet new people and raise money for the hospital. She added she

would like to see the club

continue for years.

Those who join will receive a tax receipt for their \$30 sign-up fee.

Anyone interested in joining is asked to call Sheila Elston at 235-2076, Lorna Stuart at 235-0185 or Jean Mills at 235-0905.

