

CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER



A Newsletter for members of the Crockfords Bridge Club.

3rd Quarter 2018.



What is your bid ?

QUIZ NIGHT WINNERS



Donald Trump's Comb-over



Angry Birds



The Red Ferraris

RAFFLE WINNERS



1st Jill Crossland



2nd Cath Stowell



3rd Pam Glubb

Many thanks and our appreciation to the following people for their help. Derek & Robin Jones for running the Quiz Night, Bev Clifton-Mogg for running the raffle, Alistair Douglas for running the bar, Ann Ferrari, Judy van Leeuwen & others for the work they did in the kitchen and also to everyone who participated in the quiz and to those bridge members who bought raffle tickets before the event.

Also a big thank you to the Riccarton Combined Friendship Club for the loan of the Projector & Screen.



President's Report

Hello Everybody

August already; the days are slightly longer and the weather is slightly warmer and there is lots of pollen. I, along with others, are starting to sneeze and water at the eyes. You just have to love spring. I do think our heating this winter [and especially in the last few weeks after a tweaking adjustment of the air flow] has been better.

Notes from the committee:

1. We were delighted to welcome Josie van Weerd to our committee earlier this year. Unfortunately, because of family and business reasons, she has announced that she is sadly retiring from both the Committee and the Club because in September she will be moving to Hamilton. We are very sorry to see her go and wish her every good wish for her return to her home town.

But....this means we have an opportunity available. Josie was [and is] brilliant at identifying and exploring marketing opportunities for the club and we would dearly love to hear from any member who has similar expertise or who is willing to give it a go! Could this be you? If so, please contact the Office or any Committee Member.

2. We were also very sorry to receive notice that our vice-president, Richard Williams, is unable to keep on being part of the committee. So this too, means an opportunity for somebody to step up and help take our club forward. The forward momentum is well started [and measurable] so please think about whether you could help. Let us know!

3. We have started to sort out our booklet for 2019 and we will be asking you to confirm your contact numbers soon. We will also be discussing potential changes and/or improvements. So if you have any suggestions now is the time to tell a committee member. Please, by the way, tell the office if your contact details change during the year. Thank you.

Scoring

Recently I have been asked by some newer players how scoring works and that inspired me to write this. It will also remind the longer standing players of what we needed to do by hand before we had computers and tablets to do it for us.

1. A brief and partial scoring summary:

Any contract gets points for each trick made and a bonus for making the contract. Minors contracts get 20 points per trick made, majors get 30 points per trick made while No Trumps get 40 for the first trick and 30 for each subsequent trick made. The Part Scores (a contract below game) get a bonus of 50 if the contract is made. Game contracts get a bonus of 300 when Not Vulnerable and 500 when Vulnerable.

Defeated contracts: are 50 points for the opposition for each trick less than the bidding if Non Vulnerable and 100 for each trick if Vulnerable. If the contract is doubled the successful winners win more points or the losers lose more points.

This small sample table shows the number of tricks down and the doubled score when Non Vulnerable and when Vulnerable.

Down	1	2	3	4	5
Non Vul	100	300	500	800	1100
Vulnerable	200	500	800	1100	1400

If you want to know the full set, check NZ Bridge, look at the reverse of the Table number cards or consult a book.

2. The mechanics of generating your score for a session of bridge

As you are aware by now, every board is played at your table and at every other table in the room. So each board will have a number of scores attached to it along with the NS and EW pairs who played it. Let us say you are seated at table 1 and are NS. For each board you play you will have a bridge score which is converted into a number related to your placing. The NS pair that gets the worst score compared with all the other NS pairs gets zero points, 2nd to bottom gets 2 points, 3rd to bottom gets 4 points, ... etc, all the way to the best NS result. Here is an example of board 1 in a 2 boards per table, 10 table move.

Board 1		Nil Vul			Bridge Score				Aid to	
NS	EW	Contract	by	Results	NS	EW	chk	Scoring		Scoring
1	1	3NT	E	3		400		8		18
2	3	3NT	W	-1	50			16		16
3	5	3NT	E	-2	100			18		14
4	7	4H	W	6		480		4		12
5	9	4H	W	6		480		4		10
6	2	3H	W	4		170		13		8
7	4	4CX	S	-2		300		10		6
8	6	4H	E	6		480		4		4
9	8	3H	W	4		170		13		2
10	10	5CX	S	-3		500		0		0

When all the boards have been scored in the same way, the scores that pair NS1 got for each board is added to make their total. This is divided by the maximum possible for all the boards to make a fraction. You will remember from school Maths that you can convert this to a percentage by multiplying by 100, and that is your score for the night. To get the percentage score for an East/West Pair, use the NS scores for each occasion they played each board, work out their score in the same way then subtract that from 100 to get their percentage score. In other words, each NS pair is competing with all the other NS pairs in the room and each EW pair is competing with all the other EW pairs in the room. Sometimes a different system is used and each pair in the room is competing with every other pair. This is usually used when there are not many pairs and this system has its limitations.

3. Are you totally confused?

If so, please ask for more explanations from somebody who has been playing for a while.

4. Note from the “Old Days”

It may interest you to know that, before we had computers, all the scoring was done using pencils and mental arithmetic. Sometimes it would take till 2 or 3am. To help pass the time, the club members needed lots and lots and lots of lubrication and they chain smoked!....and then they drove home. The results were put up in the vestibule [which is why it is “outside” the locked doors.....ie people could look at them when the office was closed] and they were also published in the newspapers weekly.

How times have changed.

Happy Bridging

Peter van Leeuwen
Club President



Dealing

I have been asked “How do the cards get dealt?”

We have a dealing machine, a computer program and dedicated volunteers.

The computer program creates random hands and saves the information for each deal in the way needed for the tablets, the website and the hand record print outs. This means it will have worked out the makeable and optimum contracts; it is really quite clever! However the calculations do not take into account the limitations of a bidding system, the play to account for unusual distributions or the defence tactics used against you. It just uses the optimum lead and defence with the play of the hand giving the best results even if they are not statistically the better line of play.

The dealing machine lives next to the printer in the supper room under a cover to keep the dust off - do have a look. When the computer has done its bit making the hands it looks at each card at the bottom of the stack in turn and sends it to the correct hand. To do this the sensor must be kept clean and the rollers have the dirt and grease removed each time dealing occurs. The grease comes mostly from our natural skin oils and the hand cream that players use.

Dealers work in pairs although it can be done by one person. They connect the computer to the dealing machine and the network and then start the program, creating a set of boards for each session, printing hand records and stacking them ready in the cupboard with a set of hand records. To deal one set of boards, usually 28, the cards are first removed from a board and placed face down into the hopper in the dealing machine. An empty open board is put in the lower part and one pack of 52 cards is dealt, each ‘dealt’ card to the assigned hand. The machine stops, the board is removed, closed and stacked. This is repeated until all boards of the set are dealt, and, if needed a second identical set can be dealt. This process is repeated until all the sets for the week are done. The final step is cleaning the dealing machine. The whole process takes from 1 to 2 hours each week.

Thank you to all our past and in particular our present dealers. Dealing is a good chance to get together with a friend or make a new friend. If you are interested in learning how to deal and in helping out in this way please contact the leader of the Dealing team, Megan Bruynell 021 031 3191.

Thank you to all those people who volunteer their time to assist and support the club. We do appreciate it. It would be nice if you acknowledged those people you know, who are helping the club.

See you at Bridge

Peter van Leeuwen



NOTICE BOARD

CROCKFORDS ALL GRADES 8B TOURNAMENT

22 JULY RESULTS

Open :

1st place : Elena Udy and Peter Udy

3rd place : Geoff Norris & Peter van Leeuwen

4th place : Darcy Preston and Eamon Jackson (Christchurch)

Intermediate :

1st place : Harsha Sirisena and Peter Lee (Christchurch)

2nd place : Margaret Fraser and Sam Gurney (Christchurch)

Junior :

1st place : Dirk Zant and Wendy Long

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who played on Sunday. A special thank you to those people who provided and prepared food and generally helped throughout the day.

Bridge Library

The Club's Library of Bridge Books is located in the playing room on the West wall close by the entrance to the kitchen. There are about a hundred books and they are for the use of all members.

A self-issue system operates. Just put your name and the title in the spiral-spine notebook which sits on one of the shelves. Return of the book is expected after one month.

The popular books seem to be the ones authored by Australians Ron Klinger and Paul Marston and by Victor Mollo and there are multiple copies of these.

Access to the library is available outside of the playing session times.

Happy reading!



Top Results – June / July

Congratulations to the "Top Guns" for each grade for June & July

Senior

June	Paul Ainsworth / Tony Crow	73.00%
July	Simon Cobb / Matthew Conibear	67.03%

Senior Reserve

June	Sally Keddell / Kay Cunneen	71.76%
July	Debbie Hosking / Janet de Lu	64.12%

Intermediate

June	Barbara Ann Harper / Kelly de Lambert	62.50%
July	Kelly de Lambert / No name	70.37%

Junior

June	Betty Inglewood / Zara Coghill	68.54%
July	Robyn Jones / Zara Coghill	66.11%

Open (Thursday Afternoon)

June	Elena Udy / Peter Udy	70.00%
July	Peter Udy / Elena Udy	67.92%

Open (Thursday Evening)

June	Margaret McCone / Bill Down	70.50%
July	Wendy Long / Dirk Zant	68.75%

As at 31 July 2018



Sub Committee	Brief	2018 / 2019
Bar & House Supplies Training Rostering	To oversee the operation of the bar including maintaining the Bar Licence and keeping up the supplies for the bar and club in general.	Alistair Douglas Ross Glubb Graeme Black Peter Dravitski
Buildings & Grounds Repair & Maintenance Major Works	To oversee the development and maintenance of the clubs Maintenance of the club buildings and grounds.	Rob Freeman Graham Black Graeme Wheal David Lockyer David Price Matthew Conibear
Education Arranging Lessons Teachers & Helpers	To oversee/organize classes and to administer the movement of member between grades.	Matthew Conibear Jean Lindo Robin Jones
Employment	Oversee employment of staff.	Peter van Leeuwen Matthew Conibear Jan Barrow
Finance Accounts Insurance Grant Applications	To oversee the accounts, insurance, employment and grant application within the club.	Brian Le Vaillant Meredith Smith Al Douglas Peter van Leeuwen
Governance Health & Safety Incorporated Societies	To keep the club up to date with the law as it affects the club.	Peter van Leeuwen Marg Scott Ben Frampton
Marketing & Publicity Promoting Lessons Advertising & Sponsorship Website Programme Booklet	To be responsible for promoting Crockfords Bridge Club in both the local community and the wider bridge community, specifically for; the signage, the newsletter, the website, the programme book and advertising lessons for the Education sub-committee.	Vacant Vacant Derek Jones Zara Coghill Barbara Ryan
Membership Fun Stuff Events Pastoral Care	To promote the social wellbeing of the club and its members. Life members.	Jill Crossland Jean Lindo Matthew Conibear Grade Convenors
Operations Dealing Directing Information Technology	To be responsible for the smooth running of the bridge sessions and events by maintaining and improving - Dealing, Directing and Information Technology systems in the club.	Jan Barrow Peter vL Megan Brunel
Operation Directors Training Rostering Professional Development	To ensure there is a sufficient pool of competent Directors to cover the needs of the club's bridge sessions and to roster a Director to each bridge session.	Jan Barrow
Operations – Dealers Training Rostering	To ensure there is a sufficient pool of competent dealers to operate the dealing machine and provide hands for all regular and other required or requested bridge sessions.	Megan Brunel
Operation IT Maintenance Training Development	To oversee the Information Technology aspect of the club.	Peter VI Simon Cobb Nick Mein Brian Morgan
Tournaments Advertising Entries Host	To organise all tournaments in line with the policies as set out by the club committee.	Vacant Jan Barrow Peter van Leeuwen Jean Lindo Grade Convenors
Venue Use Venue Hire & Rental Terms of use Promotion	To obtain sponsorship for events and projects, To promote the hire of the facilities.	Peter van Leeuwen Janet Brown David Price
Other Unforeseen	????	Office Bearers Co-opted as appropriate

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OFFICE BEARERS 2018 / 2019

President :	Peter van Leeuwen
Vice President :	Vacant
Treasurer :	Brian Le Vaillant
Committee :	Jan Barrow Matthew Conibear Jill Crossland Rob Freeman Jean Lindo David Price Vacant
Grade Convenor's for 2018:	
Senior	Rosemary Olsen
Senior Reserve	Dianne Poore
Intermediate	Lesley Lawry
Junior	Diana Andrews & Robyn Jones
Administrative Secretary :	Carol Singh
Minute Secretary :	Leigh-Anne Jefferis

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

We would like to provide variety in the Newsletter and welcome any contributions from members, notices, articles, items about community activities and such like. If you would like to contribute to the next issue Contact :

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