



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 8 Aug 2023

Dear Members,

It is certainly a busy time at the club with a lot of events happening over the coming months. Thanks to all those who have volunteered to help with various tasks. Someone from the club will be in touch in the future to ask for assistance with one or more of the events.

Upcoming Events reminder

August

Friday 11th

Sunday 13th

Sunday 27th

Thursday 31st

Friday Fun Teams night – **THIS WEEK**

Playing No Trumps – Taken by Jill Crossland

Playing a Suit Contract – Taken by Jill Crossland

Spring Luncheon – Sponsored by Margaret Stoddard Retirement Village

October

Sunday 8th

Friday 22nd

Friday 27th

Sunday 29th

Crockfords 5A/B Intermediate/Open Pairs Tournament

The Nola Mather Trophy - In-House Match

Quiz night: Fundraiser. *Save the date - more info coming*

Canterbury Interclub Teams

December

TBC

Canterbury Charity Pairs – Morning and afternoon sessions

Selected Charity - Canterbury Charity Hospital

Margaret Stoddard Retirement Village Spring Luncheon – 31 August

Lunch at Noon, Bridge starts at 1.00pm.

Cost is \$25.00 for both or \$10 for just the Bridge with afternoon tea included.

Please contact the office or put your name on the entry list at the club.

Closing date: Tuesday, 29 August

Annual Crockfords vs Rangiora Challenge

A team of 30 players converged on Rangiora on Sunday afternoon for our annual event. Our team (expertly selected by Anne Holwell), came out on top by 826.43 to 673.57 – a great away victory. There were some light hearted comments about us poaching players and our so called achillies heal (Tony Crow and Paul Ainsworth), however they rose to the challenge and top scored with 70.12%.

What do they say “Alls fair in love and Bridge”?

Crockfords players ended up occupying 8 of the top 10 positions – so a fantastic effort for our club.

The cup has come home ☺!

Thanks to all those who proudly and with credit, represented the club and to Anne Holwell who organised the team.

Thanks to Craig Shannahan for directing and making it a truly enjoyable afternoon.

We should also give a big thanks to our hosts – Rangiora, who warmly welcomed us into their club, looked after us and provided a wonderful afternoon tea.



Weekly Results

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Rachell Wells and Katie Ellis (SR) who scored 65.19% last week and Iain Dickason and Murray Eves (Int) who scored 69.58% the previous week – well done.

New Membership Rewards

The committee has approved providing current members a reward for introducing new members to the club. If you introduce a new player and they become a member, we will provide a voucher for one nights table fee per new member. This also applies for beginners who you may introduce into the lessons and subsequently become a member.

The committee acknowledge that you, our members, are the best source of advertising for new players we would like to acknowledge your assistance in gaining new members and growing the club.

Improver Lesson – Playing No Trumps – This Sunday

Improver Lesson being taken on Sunday 13 August at 2.00pm by Jill Crossland.

Many people are uncomfortable playing No Trump Contracts. Come along on Sunday and learn, or revise, the strategies that will help you overcome this fear and become a better player of No Trumps!

Cost: \$5:00

Beginner Lessons – New series

A new series of Beginner Lessons is due to start on Monday 4 September at 7.00pm (if we have sufficient enrolments). See the notes above on new membership rewards.

Karen Renall brought in two new members from the lessons earlier in the year and has already benefited from two free nights. Who can beat that???

Thanks – Junior/Intermediate Convenors

A big thank you to Kay Curgenvin for her efforts as the Junior Grade Convenor and wish her well with her dancing on Monday evenings. Kaye will still be playing at the club on another night.

Thanks Sam Smail and John Eathorne for taking on both the roles of Junior and Intermediate Grade Convenors until the end of the year.

Did you know where the Crockfords Name came from??

At the Rangiora exchange on Sunday, Craig gave us the name of “Fishmongers”, which was Williams Crockfords father’s profession. William Crockford founded the historic Crockfords Gentlemens Club in London, in 1823. One of London's older clubs, it was centred on gambling and maintained a somewhat raffish and raucous reputation. It was closed in 1845 and refounded in 1928, primarily as a bridge club, patronised by British players, including world champion Terence Reese and Kenneth Konnam. Subsequently, chemin-de-fer, roulette and blackjack were added, reverting the club to its gambling traditions. The club was closed in 1970.

Picture showing the last address of the club: 30 Curzon Street, London



FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you very much for the cooperation in assisting with getting our key roster up to date. There are a few more keys logged out to people, who were in previous positions where they required it, but no longer do. If you still have a key and do not serve in a capacity of requiring a key, please hand it back to the office. The cost of getting keys cut has increased and we do not need unnecessary expenses. Thank you very much.

Happy bridging and kind regards to you all

David Hawes
President

IMPROVER LESSONS

These are held in our club rooms on a Sunday afternoon from 2.00 – 4.00pm. They are open to all members, irrespective of your grade.

Lessons include expert tuition, student notes, quizzes and practice boards to play. The cost is \$5.00.

The schedule for the remainder of 2023 is:

Sunday 13 August: NZ Bridge Lesson 4 – **Playing No Trumps** – Taken by Jill Crossland.

Sunday 27 August: NZ Bridge Lesson 5 – **Playing a Suit Contract** – Taken by Jill Crossland.

(Note: NZ Bridge Lesson 6 – **Leads** – was taken by Peter Van Leeuwen in May)

Sunday 10 September: NZ Bridge Lesson 7 – **Discards**; what to keep & what to throw away.

Sunday 24 September: NZ Bridge Lesson 8 – **Defending**; how to get the most tricks in defence.

(Note: NZ Bridge Lesson 9 – **Bidding** – was taken by Peter Van Leeuwen in May)

Sunday 19 November: NZ Bridge Lesson 10 – **Doubles**; how to use them to your advantage.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the lessons. Sandra Sidaway 021 229 8961.

List of Sponsors for 2023



Margaret Stoddart Retirement Village

