



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 22 Aug 2023

Dear Members,

Lovely to see the daffodils starting to appear now – certainly a sign that Spring is on the way and we are putting Winter behind us. Hopefully we can say goodbye to the wet weather and look forward to many more days like Sunday. It brings a new lease of life for us.

Upcoming Events reminder

August

Sunday 27th

NZ Bridge Lesson 5, Playing a Suit Contract – Taken by Jill Crossland

Thursday 31st

Spring Luncheon: Sponsored by Margaret Stoddard Retirement Village

September

Monday 4th

New series of Beginner Lessons. *Dependent on numbers.*

Friday 8th

Friday Fun Teams Night

Sunday 10th

NZ Bridge Lesson 7 – Discards

Friday 22nd

The Nola Mather Trophy - In-House Match

Sunday 24th

NZ Bridge Lesson 8 – Defending

October

Sunday 8th

Crockfords 5A/B Intermediate/Open Pairs Tournament

Friday 13th

Friday Fun Teams Night

Friday 27th

Quiz night – Fundraiser

Sunday 29th

Canterbury Interclub Teams Jnr/Int/Open

November

Friday 10th

Friday Fun Teams Night

December

Saturday 2nd

Canterbury Charity Pairs - Morning and afternoon sessions

Selected Charity: Canterbury Charity Hospital

Margaret Stoddard Retirement Village Spring Luncheon – 31 August. REMINDER

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

Heating Upgrade

At our recent committee meeting, we agreed to replace the heating unit in the annex with a new unit. This will be carried out over the next couple of weeks. This is the first part of improving the overall heating/cooling of the building. Once the annex is improved, we will have a better idea of the need for the main room. It has been an ongoing challenge for the committee, with a lot of conflicting information from the 'experts'. Thanks to Rob Freeman, who has put a considerable amount of time, effort and energy into this project. We also appreciate your patience and understanding.

Improver Lesson – Playing a Suit Contract – Sunday, 27 August

Improver Lesson being taken on Sunday 27 August at 2.00pm by Jill Crossland. Now that you have been through playing no trumps you can learn the options and difference in playing a suit. Come along on Sunday to learn and revise the strategies that will help you and become a better player in a suit.
Cost \$5:00

Weekly Results

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Simon Cobb and Matthew Conibear (S) who scored 64.90% last week and Iain Dickason and Murray Eves (Int) who scored 67.08% the previous week – well done. There are a lot of pairs scoring over 60% in the last couple of weeks, which is a good indication of a high level of play at the club.

Sponsor Feature:



We wish to thank Craig Mennie and the team at Lamb & Hayward for becoming Crockford's sponsors this year. Their financial support is very much appreciated.

Having operated for 100 years, they are proud to remain an independently owned Canterbury funeral company, with a reputation for the highest of service standards within the profession. Their goal is to provide families with a genuinely caring experience, that includes trustworthiness in all aspects of the service.

To this end they are working with Consumer NZ to lift industry standards in consumer protection and price transparency and are the first funeral home to have achieved a Consumer NZ Trusted accreditation

Contact: Craig Mennie: Craig@lambandhayward.co.nz

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Friday Fun Teams Night

Our last night, 11 August, attracted our largest gathering so far, with 22 teams playing on the night. It is fantastic for both the players and the club, that these nights are so successful. Special thanks to Luisa who puts so much time and effort into making the night a success, for all those attending. Thanks also to the Crockfords players who are supporting with half of the attendees from our club. Great support.

As these nights continue to be successful we are looking for people to assist in the kitchen, bar and on the floor. If you are able to help please contact the office (or myself) so we can organise a roster.

FROM THE OFFICE

Everything seems to be running smoothly at the moment, thank you. We are starting to work on the Match Programme Booklet for 2024, so grade convenors, please put your thinking caps on for dates for next year.

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 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.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT WINNERS

Section 1



Section 2



Full House 22 Tables in use

