



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 5 September 2023

Dear Members,

Spring is here and the city is starting to fill with colour. What a wonderful time of year. It also marks for the bridge club the beginning of a busy time leading up to Christams with a number of events happening at the club. The committee look forward to seeing you all at these and where you are able to assist us in the planning and organising.



Upcoming Events reminder

September

Friday 8th

Sunday 10th

Sunday 24th

Friday 22nd

Friday Fun Teams night. Contact Luisa or the office to be included.
Improver Lesson – Discards, what to keep and what to throw away.
Improver Lesson – Defending, how to get the most tricks in defence.
The Nola Mather Trophy - In-House Match

October

Sunday 8th

Friday 29th

Crockfords 5A/B Intermediate/Open Pairs Tournament
Quiz night – Fundraiser. *Save the date more info coming*

December

Sunday 2nd

Canterbury Charity Pairs – Morning and afternoon sessions
Selected Charity - Canterbury Charity Hospital

Margaret Stoddard Retirement Village Spring Luncheon – 31 August

The 78 players, the highest number in several years, who attended the tournament had a delicious lunch and a pleasurable afternoon of bridge.

The winners of the trophy, pictured below, were Carol Clendon and Jenny Carr – congratulations.

This would not have been possible without the hard work of the following people, who we would like to acknowledge for just some of their contributions:

- Luisa MacNabb, our Director, who ensured the tournament ran smoothly.
- Petra Shepard, for her administrative assistance in producing and distributing our posters, keeping track of entry money payments and making up our prize envelopes.
- Margaret Scott, with Bridget Adams, “front of house” who set up all the lunch and bridge tables and welcomed people and collected entry money.
- Judy Van Leeuwen, who made a GF/DF vegetarian salad and then, with Margaret, greeted people and collected entry money.
- Debbie Mallon for her donation of all the daffodils for our four vases.



- Kaye Godfrey, Diane Peterson and Anne Doolan who spent long hours in the kitchen preparing and serving food and washing dishes.
- Kirsten Nissen for being the liaison person with Margaret Stoddard and collecting their banner and prize donations, making a coleslaw salad, assisting in the kitchen and being overall support wherever it was needed.
- Roger Palmer for being our barman and ham carver.
- Kate MacRae, for being prepared to share her knowledge and expertise with Sandra, a newcomer to catering for this size group, and for making the carrot salad and both the chocolate fudge and GF/DF chocolate fudge for afternoon tea and working tirelessly in the kitchen.
- Norman Sidaway, for helping to decorate the club rooms, assisting with the making of the lettuce and coleslaw salads and the lemon fudge and for carving the ham.
- Finally, and certainly a very big thank you to **Sandra Sidaway** for bringing the event to fruition by co-ordinating all the aspects and ensuring all the tasks were carried out with precision that ensured a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon for all those attending.

I am sure you will realise that it was this team's effort that produced a thoroughly enjoyable day. Thank you everyone.

Improver Lessons

The next two lessons will be taken by, senior grade player, Richard Williams.

The lesson on Sunday 10 September. 2.00 – 4.00pm is NZ Bridge Lesson 7 on DISCARDS – what can you tell your partner, that will help you to defeat the opposition's contract, in what you discard?

The lesson on Sunday 24 September. 2.00 – 4.00pm is NZ Bridge Lesson 8 on DEFENDING – how do you get the most tricks you can in defence?

The cost of the lessons is \$5.00

Beginners Classes

Unfortunately we had to postpone the beginners classes that were due to start this week due to insufficient numbers. We will be commencing these again in 2024 so please encourage people you know, who might be interested to learn to contact the office for our next lot of classes.,

Weekly Results

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Carol Clendon and Jenny Carr who scored 69.63% last week (Margaret Stoddard Spring Luncheon) and Peter Van Leeuwen and Philippa Borlase (S) who scored 69.3% the previous week – well done.

Working Bee: Saturday 16 September 2023, 1:00pm – 4:00pm (Weather permitting)

1. Spouting clearing. A mobile scaffolding to be on site, other items, rubbers gloves, buckets, a spouting scoop would be helpful. step ladders on site
2. Window cleaning inside and outside, steps ladders will be on site, a extra hose and extending mop would be helpful, cleaning materials will be provided.
3. General tidy up around the outside, a trailer with sides would be required.
4. Kitchen tidy maybe the ovens.
5. Other items not listed.

Members that are willing to help, please text Rob Freeman 0274355906, stating what equipment they can bring by Wednesday 13th. A great team would be fantastic, many hands make light work.

FROM THE OFFICE

A pair of reading glasses was left in the Main Room last week. Please let me know if the office if you are missing yours.

Office hours are to be extended - please watch this space.

Happy bridging and kind regards to you all

David Hawes
President