



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 3 October

Dear Members

October is a busy month for our bridge club.

This week, we welcome President, David Hawes, back from his trip to the States and on Saturday, 7 October, we are having a working bee to clean out the gutters on our clubrooms.

The following day, Sunday, 8 October, we are running the Crockfords' Intermediate and Open Pairs competition, which is an all-day tournament.

Friday, 13 October is our monthly Committee Meeting and in the evening we have our next Teams Night.

On Friday, 27 October we have our Crockfords' Quiz Night and on Sunday, 29 we are hosting the Canterbury Interclub Teams; Junior, Intermediate and Open, Tournament. Again, this is an all-day tournament.

None of these things can happen without the voluntary contribution of time and effort by club members. Please give generously when you are called upon this month. Your involvement and assistance is much appreciated.



Upcoming Events reminder:

October

Saturday 7 th	Working Bee at 1.00pm at the clubrooms.
Sunday 8 th	Crockfords 5A/B Intermediate/Open Pairs Tournament.
Friday 13 th	Teams Night.
Thursday 19 th	Requests for Grade Promotion due to the office.
Friday 27 th	Quiz night – Fundraiser.
Sunday 29 th	Canterbury Interclub Teams Tournament at Crockfords.

November

November 19 th	Improver Lesson - Taken by Brian Papps on Doubles.
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December

Saturday 2 nd	Canterbury Charity Pairs – Morning and whole day sessions being held. All profit will go to the Canterbury Charity Hospital.
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Working Bee:

On Saturday, 7 October at 1.00pm, Rob Freeman is having another working bee to clean out the gutters on our clubrooms. George Thornley has obtained a scaffold on wheels and they need another four people to help them. Rob says that with a good team it should not take very long. Please, if you can spare a little time on Saturday afternoon, it would be much appreciated. Please text Rob on 027 435 5906 if you have any questions or to put your name down to help.

Weekly Results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Patricia Joyce and Tony Crow with 66.07% last week and to Heather Robertson and Helen Wood who scored 65.63% the previous week.

Sunday 8 October, Crockfords 5A/B Intermediate/Open Pairs Tournament:

If you are intending to play, please enter on-line with NZ Bridge. Entries close 4 October.

At this tournament, **we are responsible for providing morning and afternoon tea.**

For morning tea, at 9.30am, we require things to butter, such as loaves, scones, gems or muffins.

For afternoon tea we require sandwiches or slices. Provision of any of these food items would be much appreciated. **Please text or ring me (Sandra 021 229 8961) to tell me what you are able to provide,** so I can ensure we have a nice range of food for our playing members and guests.

Nola Mather Trophy Tournament on Friday 22 September:

Nola Mather was a past President of our club and it was great to see 24 players from Senior Grade and 26 players from Junior, Intermediate and Senior Reserve Grades all enjoying playing bridge together. I am sure she would have approved of the lively atmosphere in the room.

This year Summerset Retirement Village in Prebbleton provided some of the supper, while Jan Barrow and Rob Freeman are to be thanked for the delicious sandwiches they made for us.

THE RESULTS WERE:

First Overall and winners of the Nola Mather Memorial Trophy –

Barbara Geddes and Keith Mabin

Second Overall –

Phillippa Borlase and Peter Van Leeuwen

Third Overall –

Julia England and Brian Papps

First in Division B –

Helen Garden and Ann Tait

Second in Division B –

Norman and Sandra Sidaway

Third in Division B –

Pam Butler and Fiona McAlevey



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Grade Promotions Reminder:

In October, the Match Committee will look at players who are eligible for promotion to a higher grade in 2024. The Crockfords' Promotion and Regrading Policy is covered on Pages 6 – 8 of the 2023 Programme Booklet.

If you are interested in being considered for promotion, please email your request marked *Attention Match Committee*, by Thursday 19 October, to crockfordsbridge@gmail.com

Teams Night – Friday 13 October:

Once again we welcome our members, and players from clubs across the city and beyond, to our very popular Teams Night. It would be great to equal or exceed the 96 we had playing last month! Play starts at 7.00pm so please be seated by 6.45pm. The cost is \$8.00 per player plus a plate of food, per pair, for supper.

If you are not playing but are able to **help in the kitchen or bar, please ring or text me (Sandra 021 229 8961). Your help is much appreciated.**

Quiz Night – Friday 27 October:

Heaps of fun, lots of prizes to be won, don't miss out, get your team together now!

The entry form will be on the club noticeboard from today. The cost is \$15.00 per person and teams can be any size up to a maximum of six.

The quiz will begin at 7.00pm so put this *not-to be-missed* event in your diary now!

Beginner Lessons and Beginner Members in 2024:

Crockfords has held three sets of free Beginner lessons this year. The first, on Monday nights, beginning in February, was taken by Peter Van Leeuwen. The second, on Wednesday afternoons, beginning at the end of May, was also taken by Peter. The third, on Monday nights, beginning in June, was taken by Nick Mein.

A big thank you to Peter and Nick for the time, energy and passion they put into these lessons, not just during the lessons but for the planning and the emails of information and encouragement they sent out after each lesson. Many thanks also to Bridget and John Adams who assisted Nick at his lessons, each week for eleven weeks, and they have done so in previous years, as well.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the Beginner players, who have joined the club this year, and I wish them many happy years of bridge playing:

The **next free Beginner Lessons will begin at 7.00pm on Monday 12 February 2024**. Please tell your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues who may be interested. They can enrol by contacting the office.

Mugs and Cups:

Following a request from some members, the Committee has purchased sixty mugs which can be used for hot drinks, tea or coffee, at any session.

Please tell the person collecting your drinks tray if you prefer a mug to the traditional cup.

Tea Lady:

Marion, our tea lady, is on holiday for the next two weeks. Please help your Grade Convenor by offering to help in the kitchen if you are "dummy", immediately before or after supper or afternoon tea. Many thanks for your assistance in this way.

FROM THE OFFICE

Wow, what a fun and busy month. Thank you in advance for the each and everyone's contribution.

Please note the office hours during October (*possible change during the month, due to prior commitments*)

Mondays: 9:30am - 11:00am **Wednesday:** 9:30am - 1:00pm **Tuesday & Thursday:** 9:30am - 1:30pm

Happy bridging and kind regards to you all.

Sandra Sidaway
Vice President