



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 17 October 2023

Dear Members

We are halfway through our busy month and thanks go out to those people who have helped so far. We still need support from our members so any help you can give will be appreciated.

It was nice to come back from holiday and find that everything was running smoothly at the club. Thanks to all those who filled the gaps while I was away. One of the amazing things about where we were in the US was the amount of wildlife that was around. The picture is a moose outside the bedroom window on our first morning – what a nice welcome.



Upcoming Events reminder:

October

Thursday 19th

Requests for Grade Promotion due to the office. **Last Opportunity**

Friday 27th

Quiz night – Fundraiser, please remember to enter your team.

Sunday 29th

Canterbury Interclub Teams Tournament at Crockfords.

November

Friday, 10th

Fun Teams Night 7:00pm

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Sunday, 19th

Improver Lesson - Taken by Brian Papps on Doubles.

December

Saturday 2nd

Canterbury Charity Pairs – Morning and whole day sessions being held.
All profit will go to the Canterbury Charity Hospital.

Working Bee:

Thanks go out to George Thornley S/R, Gordon Mounsey S/R, Rob Freeman S/R, Tony Crow (S) Alister Fiecken (S) who turned up and helped to clean out our gutters. They were completed in short time with great teamwork. A necessary job to keep our clubrooms in good condition.
Thanks Rob

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

A very successful day with players appearing to be well-satisfied with the organisation, food, directing etc. Thanks to Sandra, Jan and Kirsten who looked after the kitchen, and David James for managing the bar. The number of players, 72, was up on last year, which was pleasing. We had in attendance Graeme Tuffnell and his partner Mehboob Chiba who you well may know though Online Bridge. They were prize winners

Weekly Results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Allison and Jevon Carding (SR) who scored 69.32% last week and to Maria Austin and Murray Eves (I) who scored 69.25% the previous week. There were some great scores over the last two weeks with a number of pairs scoring in the mid/high sixties

Raffle:

There are raffle tickets available on bridge nights for two fantastic baskets of goodies that have been donated by members. Tickets \$2:50 each or 3 for \$5:00 (a bargain). The raffle will be drawn at our Quiz night. Thanks go out to Kate MacRae who has put together the baskets.

Friday Fun Teams Night:

Our biggest night ever on Friday night with 28 teams – our rooms were nearly bursting!!! What a great sight and an excellent event for the club. Luisa (our director and initiator of the event) can be proud of what she has created. As well as being well supported by our Crockford members (43) there were players for all the other Christchurch clubs attending (affiliated and non affiliated) so this is becoming a monthly must for many bridgeplayers in Christchurch. Thank you Luisa.

Thanks must also go out to the team of helpers who assist Luisa with caddying, bar, kitchen, and fee collection. It is a busy night behind the scenes – if you want to be a part of this and assist, please contact me (021 669 134).

Results:

SECTION 1: Rangiora/United

Irene Carson
Faye Priest
Pam Gifkins
Veronica Hall

SECTION 2: Crockfords/Christchurch

Dean Garrett
Bridget O'Brien
Clifford Read
Peter Reid

It is interesting to note that 3 of them were first timers at Teams, and **ALL** of them are junior players.

Sponsor Feature:



ANSTICE OPTOMETRISTS

You may not have noticed, but Anstice Optometrists, one of our sponsors, is literally just over our side fence, with its practice being at 10 Clyde Rd. The business has operated from there since 1998, but its long history, under different guises, dates all the way back to 1886.

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Crockfords would like to sincerely thank Anstice Optometrists for its much appreciated support of our club.

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 in 2024:

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. We will have 2 more sessions of lessons later in the year, Wednesday afternoon sessions beginning in June and evening sessions in August. More information on dates will come later.

FROM THE OFFICE

We are nearly through a very busy month – thank you very much for assisting where you can.

Lost property: A silver necklace was left at the Directors' desk after Monday nights' play.

On a personal level: my dad, in South Africa, has had a health scare. After careful consideration, I have made the decision to go and visit my family during December 2023 and January 2024. Things will be in place to ensure a smooth transition whilst being away. So, if you are able to assist in the office, that will be highly appreciate. Timeframe: 8th of Jan 2024 – 31 Jan 2024.

Christmas/New Year break: Please note that the break up / Christmas Parties will be the week starting Monday, 11 December.

The Club will be closed: last night Thursday, 14 December. Open on Monday 8th of January 2024.

Happy bridging and kind regards to you all.

David Hawes
President

Full room for Friday Teams Fun night – 112 players



Friday Fun Teams Night - Winners:

