



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 31 October 23

Dear Members

Apologies for the delay - trouble with technology!!!!

Well what a weekend with sport and lots on at the club. Our All Blacks and Black Caps so close but also so far away – like bridge these games are decided by small margins and quite often by circumstances that are beyond our control. Luckily with bridge we can come back next week and our fortunes can change – we don't have to wait 4 years!!!! More on happenings at the club in the newsletter.

Upcoming Events reminder:

November

Friday 10th
Sunday 19th

Friday Fun Teams night
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.

Friday 8th
11th- 14th

Christmas Friday Fun Teams night
Grade Christmas Parties

Canterbury Interclub Teams:

Crockfords hosted this event this year on Sunday – beginning at 10.00am with morning and afternoon sessions. There were 6 teams (12 per team) so a total of 72 players.

The overall winner was the Christchurch 1 team, second Timaru and 3rd our own Crockfords team – well done.

Of notable mention was our Intermediates who finished 1st in their section and Juniors who finished 2nd. Our Seniors found the going tough and like our sports teams were on the wrong side of the fine margins.

Thanks to all the players who represented our club with credit and special thanks to Sandra and her small team who spent many hours helping to set up and keeping the players feed and watered.

Quiz Night – Friday 27 October:

Once again the quiz night was an outstanding success and an enjoyable night was had by all who attended. Our quiz masters certainly challenged a wide range of knowledge and had some interesting categories. In particular we found out what was originally on the playing card (German) as a bell, was replaced by diamonds.

Thanks to all the helpers who worked behind the scenes to help make the night a success.

Weekly Results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Jill Legg and Nigel England who scored 69.38% last week and to Bridget and John Adams who scored 71.99% the previous week. Both of these scores came for our Thursday night Ad hoc session. Thanks to Bridget and John who filled in for us to make sure we had the required number of tables to allow us to play.

Grade Promotions:

Thank you to those players who requested a promotion and thank you to Beverley Parlane, the Convenor of the Match Committee, who has been looking at the requests.

Beverley has also been looking at players who did not request a promotion but who have met the criteria for promotion by scoring 55% over their best 25 results during the year AND have played with a minimum of three players.

Promotions are looked at on an individual basis, as sometimes both players may have reached the 55% required but one player may not have played with three or more different people.

The outcome of promotions reviews should be sent to the players involved later this week or early next week. Any appeals in regards to promotions should be put in writing and addressed to the Match Committee.

Raffle:

Thanks to everyone who took tickets in the raffle. Both winners were at the Quiz night and went home very happy with their baskets full of surprises.

Proceeds from the raffle will greatly assist our club funds

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 starting:-

- **Wednesday 5 June, 1.00 - 3.30pm**
- **Monday 5 August, 7.00 - 9.30pm.**

FROM THE OFFICE

Petra will not be in the office of Monday, 7 November 2023.

We are in the process of updating the Club's Health and Safety Policies. We require a list of members who are qualified and have a valid First Aid Certificate. Please let me know if you can assist re this.

As stated in the previous newsletter, I will be visiting my family during December 2023 and January 2024. Please let me, of a Committee Member know, if you are able to assist in the office, that will be highly appreciate. *Timeframe:* 8th of Jan 2024 – 31 Jan 2024.

Happy bridging and kind regards to you all.

David Hawes
President