

CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

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Dear Members

The year is into full swing now with competitions well underway and and tournaments coming up for a busy year of bridge ahead.

Our AGM is coming up next month and as previously mentioned, the club had a very successful year last year from a playing and financial perspective. However we cannot rest on our laurels and will need a continued contribution from all members in 2024 to continue with that success.

Upcoming Events reminder:

March

Friday 8th Fun Friday Teams night

Sunday 10th The Russley Village Maples Trophy and Club BBQ

(more information will be on the notice board next week)

Thursday 21st AGM 7:00pm at the club rooms

April

Friday 12th Friday Teams Fun night

Friday 19th The Haigh Trophy

AGM:

Our AGM is on Thursday 21st March. Please do make an effort to attend, as we do need a quorum (30 members), for the meeting to go ahead. It is important that all members understand the direction of the club and have an input into that direction. Remember the club is for you – the members.

We do have a number of committee members standing down this year so are looking for volunteers to fill those roles. In particular we need to fill the treasurer role. Forms are available at the club for nominations – descriptions of the roles are attached to this newsletter. If you require further information please contact a committee member.

Crockfords 90th Celebrations:

A reminder that this is coming up on the weekend of 21/22 June and will be held in conjuction, fittingly, with the Nola Mather Trophy. At this stage it is planned to have bridge on Friday night and a dinner on Saturday night (with partners).

Jan Barrow is our key organiser for this event. If you have any questions/suggestions please contact her.

Beginner Lessons:

These began on Monday night and we had 21 people attend – a full learners room!!! What a start to the year and great to see lots of new people coming into the game. A big thanks to our members who encouraged the beginners to attend.

Friday Fun Teams Night:

This was the first one for the year, and an unprecedented turnout of 30 teams! Way past expectations... Our first anniversary of our teams event too, it began one year ago. It seems like everyone enjoyed the evening, and an impressive spread for supper, as always. The winners of the 2 sections were: (photos at the end of Newsletter)

SECTION 1 (Crockfords & CHCH Clubs)

Mary and Mike Small Kathy and John Hamilton

SECTION 2 (CHCH Club)

Domenico Mayone Donatella Menzella Marie McHugh Marco Reale

Our next night will be on Friday 8th March and **we are calling for volunteers** to help Luisa with caddying, in the kitchen and bar. If you can help, please contact Petra at the club and we can organise a roster. A number of our usual helpers are not available for this date.

<u>Passing of former member – message from daughter Helen</u>

I wish to advise you of the passing of my mother, Peggy Vincent, who was a long-time member of Crockfords and represented the club in many tournaments over decades before moving to Sydney in December 2008. There will be current members of the club who will remember her.

Weekly Results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Iain Dickason and Murray Eves who scored 69.1% last week (SR) and to Robert Whitla and Kate Gidlow-Black who scored 70.63% the previous week (J).

FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you very much to everyone who assisted in the office whilst I was away. It was a truly blessed time spent with my parents.

The year is in full swing with many opportunities to be involved. Thank you in advance for putting your hand up and assisting.

There are also suggestion sheets in the foyer, if you would like to make a proposal/suggestion. Please feel free - as David mentioned, the club is for you, the members.

Happy bridging and kind regards to you all.

David Hawes President

Friday Fun Teams Night winners

Section 1 Winners







Full House for Friday night - 30 tables!

