



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 11 June 2024

Dear members,

There are lots of happenings over the next couple of weeks starting with the next Fun Teams night this coming Friday. Preparations are also well underway for the 90th celebrations, and we hope to see many members playing at the Nola Mather Anniversary Pairs on Friday 21 June.

Behind the scenes, the committee is doing some planning around the future direction of our club and how to bring in members' views and experiences. Unfortunately, due to low enrolments, we had to cancel the series of beginner lessons scheduled to start 3rd June.

Overview of upcoming events:

June

Friday 14 th	Friday Fun Teams night
Friday 21 st	Nola Mather 90 th Anniversary Pairs
Saturday 22 nd	Crockfords 90 th Anniversary dinner

July

Friday 12 th	Friday Fun Teams night
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Fun Teams Night 14 May:

If you are interested, or available to play, and you do not have a partner (or a team) then please respond to Luisa by email (lucy.mini@hotmail.com) or text (021 126 0921) as soon as possible. A Teams event requires an even number of teams to have the correct movement pattern. For this reason, we appreciate knowing of players who are available as 'stand-by' on the day/ evening.

Nola Mather 90th Anniversary Pairs Friday 21 June at 6:45pm:

This event celebrates 90 years since the club's inception and commemorates Nola Mather, a past President of Crockfords and a Grand Master of bridge. You can play with a partner of your choice, and we would love to see more entries from our Junior and Intermediate players. The cost is \$12pp, which includes a catered supper and a piece of birthday cake. Please register pairs, on the form in the foyer, by Wednesday 19th June.

Crockfords 90th Anniversary Dinner Saturday 22 June at 7pm:

The dinner is open to current and former members of Crockfords, and their partners, and we hope you will give it your support as well as encouraging others to attend. A highlight of the celebration is our guest speaker Aaron Keown, an elected councillor for the Harewood Ward

and the CDHB. A three course dinner will be served, including a complementary drink on arrival.

The final numbers are due Thursday 13th June. Please email Jan Barrow (barrowj@xtra.co.nz), if you have not already registered. The cost is \$40pp and payment is due by Friday 14th June.

Club members' 2024 survey:

Behind the scenes, the committee is doing some planning around the future direction and sustainability of our club. Information gathered from a past survey in 2019 and designing a new survey to bring in current views, will be key to discussions on future strategic directions. A general club survey will be circulated among members during the last week of June. This will be described in more details in the next newsletter and we hope that all members will take the opportunity to respond.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Quiz night on 31 May:

We had 11 teams, each of 5-6 people, that entered eight rounds of different themes: *1934: A Year to Remember (1934 themed General Knowledge based on Crockfords 90th Anniversary)*; *Bridging the Gap (science)*; *Oh Captain (sports)*; *All Good Things End in Four (history)*; *Endonyms and eponyms (geography)*; *Power Couples (pop culture)*; *Heroes and Villains (books and movies)*; *Theme Music (music)*.

We hugely appreciate the time and efforts put in by Lisa and Bethany in creating the quiz and successfully targeting the questions to an audience of wide ranging interests and backgrounds. We all could answer some questions but many of us realised how little we know. Well done!

We enjoyed a nice supper prepared by Kate MacRae including a contribution of sandwiches by Norm and Sandra Sidaway and Jan Barrow. Thank you!

The two raffle winners of the baskets, prepared by Kate MacRae, were Barbara-Ann Harper (SR) and Robin Taylor (S).

Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Bridget and John Adams who scored 69.25% in the Thursday night ad hoc session in the week starting 27 May, and to Diane Findlay and Jan Barrow (S) who scored 64.14% in the week starting 4 June.

FROM THE OFFICE

- It is with great sadness, that we have been notified of the passing Ivan Findlayson, grandfather of Felix Finlayson-Hood. Felix, our sincere condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. Further information re the memorial will be available in due course.
- Please take the initiative to keep yourself informed with new information on the noticeboards in the foyer, re upcoming tournaments, general information, and club notices.
- Reminder of the new office hours again:

New Office Hours:

Tuesday: 9:30am - 2:00pm

Wednesday: 9:30am - 1:30pm

Thursday: 9:30am - 2:00pm

Happy bridging and kind regards to you all.

Kirsten Nissen
President