



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday, 9 July 2024

Dear members,

This newsletter confirms the dates and topics of the improver lessons for this year. They represent selected topics at the more advanced level which have not been available to members for some years. We hope many members will use these in-house learning opportunities during the months of July through to October.

Thank you to all members who have already responded to the survey last week and many are returning responses this week. There are copies available in the playing room and the survey can be returned to your grade convenor. You can also respond by emailing your attached survey response (see Crockfords email 2 July 2024).

Overview of upcoming events:

July

Friday 12 th	Friday Fun Teams night
Friday 19 th	Advanced Improver Lesson
Sunday 21 st	Crockfords All Grades Pairs

August

Friday 2 nd	Advanced Improver Lesson
Sunday 4 th	Rangiora Exchange at Crockfords
Monday 5 th	Start of Beginner Lessons
Friday 9 th	Friday Fun Teams night
Sunday 18 th	Advanced Improved Lesson
Friday 23 rd	Advanced Improver Lesson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Fun Teams night 12 July:

This is a last reminder for registering your interest in participating in the Fun Teams night on Friday 12 July (lucy.mini@hotmail.com or text 021 126 0922). During the last couple of days leading up to the 12 July we will be aiming to finalise the teams and ensuring we have an even number of teams in each section. However, in case of shortage of players on the day, we will need to have a list of stand-by players who can at short notice make themselves available to play. Usually, we will contact members as a reminder of the help needed for the Fun Teams night to be a successful event.

Training opportunities:

Advanced Improver Lessons:

For the last three years, in the middle of the year, we have held Sunday afternoon lessons, based on *NZ Bridge Improver Lessons*, aimed mainly at Junior and Intermediate players.

This year, it has been suggested that we run *NZ Bridge Intermediate Lessons*, aimed mainly at Senior, Senior Reserve and experienced Intermediate players. Four lessons will be run on a Friday night and five on a Sunday afternoon, when the club rooms are available. The cost is \$5 per lesson, and lessons will start at 7.00pm on a Friday and 2.00pm on a Sunday. They will run for two hours; one hour of lesson and one hour of play.

The remaining dates and topics are listed below, so you can put them in your diary:

Friday 19 July	NZB Lesson 1	Transfers (UPDATED – 10/7/24)
Friday 2 August	NZB Lesson 5	Competing over opponent's 1NT opening bid
Sunday 18 August	NZB Lesson 6	Competitive Bidding, when we open the bidding
Friday 23 August	NZB Lesson 7	Competitive bidding, when we overcall
Sunday 8 September	NZB Lesson 8	Michaels Cue Bid and Unusual 2NT overcalls
Sunday 22 September	NZB Lesson 9	High Level Bidding
Friday 11 October	NZB Lesson 10	Defence against opponent's Pre-emptive Opening Bids
Sunday 20 October	NZB Lesson 13	Splinters and Roman Key Card Blackwood.

An email from Crockfords on 4 July 2024 confirmed the dates as well as the tutors running the lessons. Any questions, please contact: Sandra Ph. 021 229 8961 or Sandra.sidaway23@gmail.com

Improver Lessons for Juniors and Intermediates:

Our thanks to go to Peter van Leeuwen for taking the Juniors through relevant improver topics before Monday playing sessions commence, at 6:30pm. Peter now also kindly offers to run extended topics for the experienced Juniors and the Intermediate Grades.

Beginner Lessons:

Our next Beginner Lessons are scheduled, with Nick Mein, for **Monday, 5 August** from 7:00pm. Please promote them to friends, families, colleagues etc. They can enquire or enrol by contacting our office. There are pamphlets and flyers on the Director's desk to hand out.

Crockfords All Grades Pairs - Sunday 21 July at 9:30am:

This is an open grade tournament for the Canterbury Region which includes a morning and an afternoon playing session. Players meet at 9:30am for a morning tea before starting play at 10:00am. Players make their own arrangements for lunch, and a supper is provided at end of the afternoon session while results are being calculated. We hope that many Crockfords players are able to play in the tournament and you can register your pair on the [NZ Bridge](http://www.nzbridge.org.nz) website **by 17 July** at 11:00am (entry fee is \$30 per player).

Rangiora Exchange at Crockfords - Sunday 4 August:

The Rangiora Exchange trophy match is held at [Crockfords](http://www.crockfords.org.nz) this year (i.e. not at the Rangiora Bridge Club as entered in the Match Programme for 2024). Jan Barrow has kindly offered to lead the organising of the Crockfords team for this trophy match.

OTHER NEWS

Grade promotions:

We acknowledge the achievements of the Junior members who have qualified to play in the Intermediate grade: Lisa Cescon, Mary Clark, Graeme Evans, Stacey Klahn, Vonne Kraak, and Robert Whitla.

Usually, grade promotions are done at the end of the year, but if you are interested in being considered for regrading, please send your request to the office in writing. You are reminded that the criteria for promotion are outlined on Page 7 and Page 8 of the Match Programme booklet.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Aidan Johnstone and Ann Tait who scored 66.67% (SR) in the week starting 24 June, and to Wendy Long and Helen Wood (S) who scored 67.33% in the week starting 1 July.

FROM THE OFFICE

- 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.
- Youth Co-ordinator for NZB: Marcus Dudley from Te Puke is now the new Youth Coordinator. Marcus can be contacted via email on youth@nzbridge.co.nz or by phone on 027 370 0728. <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/youth-page.html>
- YOUTH WEEKEND 6 - 8 SEPTEMBER IN AUCKLAND:
Don't forget to register for the youth weekend in Auckland in September.
<https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/youth-bridge-weekend.html>
- Thank you for the completed and submitted surveys, as well as your feedback. This is much appreciated. We would appreciate you all to complete this, in your preferred format, by next week, 18 July 2024
- Beginners Guide to Playing Bridge.
Feel free to have a look at the following website:
<https://www.aaastateofplay.com/playing-bridge-for-beginners/>
- **Missing trophies:** Does anyone know the whereabouts for the following trophies, please:
 - Pam Spencer Trophy Junior or Intermediate
 - Presidents Trophy (Int)
 - Peg Teehan Trophy (SR)
 - Four Seasons Trophy Junior
 - Merle Brady Trophy (SR)

Sponsor feature:



We are very pleased to have House of Travel Northlink as a new sponsor this year, and encourage you to get in touch with their team of highly experienced consultants when you are next planning a trip away. Sandra Sidaway, our Vice-President, has been a client of theirs for many years and can vouch for their excellent service and support.

Whether it be a hop across the Tasman, an island stay in Fiji, a cruise on the Mediterranean, or a trip to Alaska, the Northlink team will help you decide the best trip for you, will take care of all details, navigate country restrictions for you, sort any issues such as flight changes once you are underway, and provide 24/7 emergency assist, should that be needed.

Their office is located at the Northlink Retail Centre at 148 Langdons Rd, open Monday to Friday, 9am—5pm (closed Saturdays and Sundays). You are welcome to make an appointment by phoning 03 352 4578, or emailing northlink@hot.co.nz.

Our sincere thanks to Stacey Mullinger, Liz Hobson and the House of Travel Northlink team for kindly supporting our club.

<https://www.houseoftravel.co.nz/hot-stores/christchurch/northlink>

On behalf of the committee, happy bridging and kind regards to you all.

Kirsten Nissen
President