



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 23 July 2024

Dear members,

Last Friday, it was time again for the Committee to meet, and as usual much of the discussions were around the operational aspects of running the club. However, increasingly we have also been focussing on the future direction of the club. In early August, analysis of the survey responses will form background to a discussion of our strengths and weaknesses at a workshop. For example, and also of immediate importance, there will be thoughts around how to improve awareness of our free Bridge lessons to interested communities.

Numbers of players joining our weekly sessions are down during these winter months compared with last year. However, it has been pleasing to see consistently good numbers attending the monthly Fun Teams night. Similarly, last Sunday the Crockfords All Grades Tournament had 20 tables.

We again remind our members of the learning opportunities offered by the scheduled advanced improver lessons in August.

Overview of upcoming events:

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

Training opportunities:

Advanced Improver Lessons:

This year, we run *NZ Bridge Intermediate Lessons*, aimed mainly at Senior, Senior Reserve and experienced Intermediate players. We alternate lessons Friday night and 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 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

Beginner Lessons:

Our next Beginner Lessons are scheduled, with Nick Mein, for Monday 5 August. Please promote them to friends, families, colleagues etc. They can enquire or enrol by contacting our office.

Rangiora Exchange at Crockfords Sunday 4 August:

The Rangiora Exchange trophy match is held at Crockfords this year. Jan Barrow will be organising the Crockfords team for this trophy match.

OTHER NEWS

High achieving member officiating at Olympic Games

Christine Cassin, an Intermediate player, has had a remarkable career as an officiator at swim meets at regional and national events. Since 2015 Christine has also been one of New Zealand's six positions on the World's Aquatics international technical officials list. In this role, she has officiated at World Junior champs (Singapore, USA) and at World Aquatics championships (South Korea, Japan). Christine will be the only New Zealander among 32 poolside officials at the Paris games checking on swimmers' start and finish, and the correctness of their strokes. We are looking forward to hearing more about her experiences.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Fun Teams night 12 July:

It was wonderful to have 12 teams in each section. Special thanks go to members who helped in the kitchen and to those who made themselves available as reserve players so the Teams event could run with complete capacity.

Congratulations to the two winning teams:

RED SECTION:

(Crockfords club)

Helen Garden

Debbie Mallon

Jenny McDonald

Janice Tedder

GREEN SECTION:

(Rangiora/Crockfords/Christchurch clubs)

Toni Jones

Veronica Hall

Peter van Leeuwen

Philippa Borlase



Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Brian Papps and Richard Williams who scored 67.60% (S) in the week starting 8 July, and to Patricia Joyce and Tony Crow who scored 68.94% (Thursday afternoon session) in the week starting 15 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. You will notice that, as last week, they are dated, to ensure you are aware of any new information on the board.
- Thank you for the completed and submitted surveys, as well as your feedback. This is much appreciated.
- August is going to be a busy month - thank you in advance for putting your hands up to assist as and where you can. Many hands, light work...

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

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President