



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 20 August 2024

Dear members,

We are getting closer to the Kevin Hickman Spring Luncheon Tournament and we hope that many of you will join us for the luncheon followed by the open and mixed grade tournament. It has been wonderful to welcome 18 people to our series of beginner lessons. Similarly, the first session of a series of short improver lessons before the Junior/ Intermediate Monday night session was well attended.

Overview of upcoming events:

August

Friday 23rd Advanced Improver Lesson
Thursday 29th The Kevin Hickman Spring Luncheon Tournament

September

Sunday 8th Advanced Improver Lesson
Sunday 22nd Advanced Improver Lesson
Friday 27th The Russley Village Maples Tournament

UPCOMING EVENTS



Kevin Hickman Spring Luncheon Tournament

Thursday 29 August from 11:30am:

You are all invited to join us for our annual SPRING LUNCHEON Open Play, All Grades, this year kindly sponsored by Kevin Hickman Retirement Village, and catering done by Kate MacRae Catering.

When: Thursday, 29 August 2024
Times: Bar open from 11.30am
Lunch 12 .00 noon
Duplicate Bridge 1.00pm
Lunch & Table Fees: \$35.00 per person (Table fee: \$10pp)
Closing Date: **Monday, 26 August 2024**



Entries: Club notice board, phone 348-7478, or email crockfordsbridge@gmail.com
Please include registration of lunch and/or Bridge

Please pay on-line: 03 1705 0426022 00 or cash at the Club Office - **Monday, 26 Aug 2024**

Please advise if seating rights are required.

Training opportunities:

Improver Lessons preceding the Junior/ Intermediate grade sessions:

There will be a series of improvers' teaching sessions running fortnightly on Mondays (starting 19 August), at 6:30pm - 6:50pm, before the usual start of play at 7pm. The lesson topic will be decided by the group at the previous session and we encourage you to follow up the content of the lessons available from NZBridge. This is an excellent opportunity for Junior and Intermediate players to extend or refresh your Bridge playing skills.

Advanced Improver Lessons:

We are running a series of *NZ Bridge Intermediate Lessons*, aimed mainly at Senior, Senior Reserve and experienced Intermediate players. Note, lessons are scheduled for a Friday night starting at 7.00pm or a Sunday afternoon at 2.00pm. The cost is \$5 per lesson, and they will run for two hours; one hour of lesson and one hour of play.

The remaining dates and topics are listed below:

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

OTHER NEWS

Crockfords survey outcomes - communications:

Below is a summary of the outcomes or action points relating to the communications topics of the survey.

- The newsletter will continue to be send out every fortnight with minimal changes to the format and content. However, there is always scope for improving the information sharing for our members. Any news items or other suggestions for content are always welcome.
- Most members use the website only for accessing the results from the play sessions. A common response among members was that it is not necessary to use the website for other information. However, it is a complete information source for new and prospective members, as well as for existing members, who want to know more about our club, our facility and important aspects of playing Bridge. We also view the website as an important up-to-date communications tool of upcoming events and past events.
- The future update to our website that will include a members' portal. A webpage will have a generic login where members can access information relevant only to them. For example, the webpage can include the grade lists of names and contacts as available in the Match Programme booklet.
- There has been a minimum support for using social media as a communications tool. Based on this survey result, the Committee is likely to close the club's Facebook page.

Photos from 90th anniversary dinner wanted:

We are looking to have improved photographic displays of past events on our website. As Committee members we are often busy doing many different things at our events and forget to take photos. In particular, from the 90th anniversary dinner we have photos of the beautifully decorated playing room, but none of the people sitting at the tables or being served the dinner. Please let us know if you have some photos to share.

Book case for Annex wanted:

We are keen to have a book case by the sliding door entrance so all books available for exchange, currently stored in boxes, can be shelved. The book case will be immediately on your right as you enter the sliding door from the carpark. If you know of a book case (about 1.2m wide by 1.8m high) that is surplus to requirements and is available at low or no cost, then we will much appreciate hearing from you.

PLAY BRIDGE

This section of the newsletter will present a description of an important etiquette associated with playing Bridge.

Dummy:

There are a number of clauses in The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 regarding Dummy. In terms of what Dummy can or cannot do, the key points to note are:

- Once the Dummy hand is tabled, Dummy must not touch the cards unless instructed to do so by Declarer. This applies even if there is only one card that can legally be played to the trick.
- Dummy must not indicate in any manner what card they think Declarer should play to a trick.
- Dummy may try and stop irregularities in the game. For example:
 - If Declarer attempts to lead from the wrong hand, Dummy may point this out.
 - When Declarer fails to follow suit to a trick, Dummy may ask whether they have a card of the suit led.
- If any irregularity occurs, Dummy must not draw attention to it until after play has finished.
- Dummy may only call the Director during play if another player has already drawn attention to an irregularity.

Any player is entitled to call the Director if Dummy fails to comply with The Laws.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Lia McCloskey and Emily Massey who scored 68.29% (Jun) in the week starting 5 August, and Iain Dickinson and Murray Eves (SR) who scored 72.92% in the week starting 12 August.

Friday Fun Teams night 9 August:

It was wonderful to have 14 teams playing in the red section and 12 teams to play in the green section (senior players). The respective winning teams were:

M&N's:

Pam Miller
Nicky Hudson
Andrew McGowan
Maureen Power

Late Arrivals:

Sam Gurney
Marco Reale
Philippa Borlase
Peter van Leeuwen



FROM THE OFFICE

Things are ticking along nicely in the office. Thank you for the team work. Please look after yourselves as there are nasty flu germs out!

Sponsor feature:



You may not have noticed, but Anstice Optometrists, one of our sponsors, is literally just over our side fence, with its practice being at 10 Clyde Rd. The business has operated from there since 1998, but its long history, under different guises, dates all the way back to 1886.

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Crockfords would like to sincerely thank Anstice Optometrists for its much appreciated support of our club.

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

Kirsten Nissen
President