



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 3 September 2024

Dear members,

It truly felt like an appropriate celebration of spring last Thursday when the Kevin Hickman Spring Luncheon Tournament coincided with the most beautiful weather on the day. It was a wonderful opportunity for Wendy Kappler from Kevin Hickman Village to promote the retirement village in our area.

On the last Friday evening of this month we will be promoting another regular sponsor in a tournament, The Russley Village Maples Tournament. It is a fortnight after the Fun Teams Night, and both of these events are great playing opportunities for all of us.

Overview of upcoming events:

September

Sunday 8 th	Advanced Improver Lesson
Friday 13 th	Fun Teams Night
Sunday 22 nd	Advanced Improver Lesson
Friday 27 th	The Russley Village Maples Tournament

October

Friday 11 th	Fun Teams Night
Sunday 13 th	Crockfords Intermediate Open Pairs

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Fun Teams Night 13 September:

This is a reminder to register your interest in participating in the Fun Teams night on Friday 13 September (lucy.mini@hotmail.com or text 021 126 0922). As usual, during the last days before the event, we will be finalising the teams and ensuring we have an even number of teams in each section. In case of shortage of players on the day, we will contact members as a reminder of the help needed for the Fun Teams night to be a successful event. A plate to share for supper will be much appreciated.

The Russley Village Maples Trophy Friday 27 September:

The Crockfords tournament will be an evening session and you can play with a partner of your choice. Details about this event will be in next newsletter.

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 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:

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

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OTHER NEWS

Crockfords survey outcomes: sharing expertise and participation in club activities:

Overall, about half of respondents offered their knowledge/ experience and were willing to help in one or more club activities.

We have summarised the responses by expertise or participation category. Committee members appreciate knowing the availability of resources when help is needed with kitchen/ catering, bar tending, property maintenance and gardening, or with IT. As we always need to be looking ahead, we will be approaching members who wanted to be involved with activities such as directing and teaching. Further, respondents who offered their expertise in administration, organization or finance will be queried about the type of experience they have had in these areas.

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 players room 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.

FROM PAST EVENTS

The Kevin Hickman Spring Luncheon Tournament 29 August:



We enjoyed a very delicious luncheon which included a wonderful selection of salads and sweet treats, all created by Kate MacRae and her skilled team of caterers. Thank you!

There were 17 tables playing in the Spring Luncheon Tournament. Congratulations to Betty Chamberlain and Joanne Webb who attended the luncheon and then achieved the winning score to receive the trophy.



Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Simon Hardie and Karen Stevenson who scored 67.14% (SR) in the week starting 19 August, and Debbie Mallon and Judy van Leeuwen who scored 68.75% (SR) in the week starting 26 August. Also congratulations to Robert Whitla and Judy van Leeuwen who scored 74.15% in the Thursday night adhoc session in the same week.

PLAY BRIDGE

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

Timeliness

The start time for each of our Bridge sessions is when we aim to have Bridge play underway. To allow time for the Director to determine the appropriate movement and get everything set up accordingly, your Match Programme Book states that we require all players to be seated at least 10 minutes prior to that, ie

- by 6.50pm on a Monday/Thursday evening;
- by 7.20pm on Tuesday/Wednesday evening; and
- by 12.50pm on a Thursday afternoon.

If a pair arrive later than this it may require the Director to “reconfigure” the movement, especially if there is not a half table that the late pair can join. This can delay the start of play and, in turn, mean a later finish for the session.

To avoid any future issues, players who are not seated by the required time will not be able to play in that session. The Directors will be enforcing this. We appreciate that occasionally there will be an unexpected issue that delays your arrival, such as traffic congestion due to an accident. Should this happen, please phone someone at the Club to confirm that you are on your way.

Habitual lateness is not acceptable, even if your partner is at the Club on time, as play cannot start with only three people at the table.

FROM THE OFFICE

It feels that the year is starting to get momentum towards December.

It was great to ‘feel’ the excitement off everyone attending the Spring Luncheon.

If you can give a helping hand with upcoming activities, that will be much appreciated.

Sponsor feature:



We wish to thank Craig Mennie and the team at Lamb & Hayward for becoming Crockford's sponsors this year. Their financial support is very much appreciated.

Having operated for 100 years, they are proud to remain an independently owned Canterbury funeral company, with a reputation for the highest of service standards within the profession. Their goal is to provide families with a genuinely caring experience, that includes trustworthiness in all aspects of the service.

To this end they are working with Consumer NZ to lift industry standards in consumer protection and price transparency and are the first funeral home to have achieved a Consumer NZ Trusted accreditation

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

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President