



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 17 September 2024

Dear members,

On the last Friday evening of this month we will be promoting a regular sponsor of our club in a tournament, The Russley Village Maples Tournament. This will be a wonderful social occasion and it offers an excellent opportunity to play with members across all grades.

Overview of upcoming events:

September

Sunday 22nd

Friday 27th

Advanced Improver Lesson: High Level Bidding

The Russley Village Maples Tournament

October

Friday 4th

Friday 11th

Sunday 13th

Sunday 20th

Fun Teams Night

Advanced Improver Lesson

Crockfords Intermediate 5B and Open Pairs 5A

Advanced Improver Lesson

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Russley Village Maples Trophy - Friday 27 September:



THE RUSSLEY VILLAGE MAPLES TROPHY MATCH

Starting at **7:00pm**, on Friday 27 September 2024

ONE SESSION - Open to all grades.

Play with a partner of your choice

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Light supper will be provided

Cash bar will open from 6:30pm before and after play

Entries close: Tuesday, 24th Sept 2024

Cancellations to Office by 10am, 24th Sept 2024 by phone 03 348 7478 or email

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Training opportunities:

Advanced Improver Lessons:

We are nearing the end of the series of *NZ Bridge Intermediate Lessons*, and we hope many will take up the opportunity to join the three remaining lessons of the year. 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 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.

Any questions, please contact: Sandra Ph. 021 229 8961 or Sandra.sidaway23@gmail.com

OTHER NEWS

Promotion criteria and regrading requests:

As we are approaching the end of the year, the Crockfords Match Committee will evaluate members' grades to ensure that they are able to play with and against other players of similar abilities. The Match Committee will examine summaries of individuals' results played on grade nights from the start of the year until the week ending 11 October. There are three simple rules that apply in a decision for a promotion to the next grade:

- you have played at least 25 sessions in your grade session with a partner of same or lower grade,
- you have achieved an average score of at least 55% across the best 25 grade sessions, and
- you have played with at least three different partners of the same or lower grade during that period.

Note, that an individual grading review may be initiated by either the club or the individual member at any time. A request for a review must be made in writing to the Match Committee Convenor, Beverley Parlane. A member's recent results and other relevant factors will be considered.

Crockfords Promotion and Regrading Policy is described in detail on pages 6-8 of the Match Programme 2024.

Crockfords survey outcomes: have we the right the number of sessions per week?

From time to time, it is important to evaluate whether the club offers sufficient regular playing opportunities for our members. The survey indicated that about one third of our members will usually play two or more sessions per week. Currently, the Thursday open and mixed-grade sessions, afternoon and night (ad-hoc), represent other playing opportunities.

However, the survey results also showed that there was considerable interest in having another open and mixed-grade session. Subsequently, interested members have been contacted and asked to respond to a series of questions to help us specifying the best options for additional playing sessions. Based on these survey results, and considering the overhead cost by a playing session, the Committee will establish the 2025 weekly schedule of additional open and mixed-grade sessions.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Fun Teams Night 13 September:

We had 10 tables in the green section and 12 tables in the red section, and we had a wonderful representation from our club with 44 players competing. As always, the supper was legendary and a lot of players attending from other clubs commented on this. So a big thank you to everyone that makes the effort of 'bringing a plate', and also a special thank you to the helpers in the kitchen.

The winning teams were:

GREEN SECTION

Team HUNOSE (Crockfords Club):

Philippa Borlase, Mary Small, Mike Small,
Peter van Leeuwen



RED SECTION

Team RED DEVILS (ChCh Club):

Doug Williams, Maureen Bond, Janene
Mussen, Janine Tyler



Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Peter Van Leeuwen and Philippa Borlase who scored 65.18% (Thursday afternoon) in the week starting 2 September, and to Brian Papps and Nigel England who scored 65.91% (Thursday afternoon) in the week starting 9 September.

PLAY BRIDGE

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

Who can touch cards:

There are three key things to note regarding who can touch the cards:

1. Declarer and both Defenders should play their own cards. Declarer can also play the cards from the Dummy hand, or they may prefer to nominate the card Dummy is to play.
2. Dummy must not indicate in any way what card they think Declarer should play. Even if there is only one card in Dummy that can legally be played to the trick, Dummy must not touch it unless requested to do so by Declarer.
3. Aside from the above, you should not touch another player's cards. If you are entering the details into the tablet and didn't notice the lead, wait until the end of the hand (so you don't disrupt players' concentration) and then ask the player who led what the card was.

FROM THE OFFICE

The Russley Village Maples Trophy – please register for this trophy at your earliest convenience. The registration form is on the notice board in the foyer for registrations. You can let your Grade Convenor know, or email the office and I will put you and your partner names' on the list. This assists the Director immensely, as well as the organisers.

Although the weather today is cold, isn't it fantastic to see the blossoms and new life around!

Sponsor feature:



The Russley Village has been a Crockfords sponsor for a number of years. Our sincere thanks to the team there for this much valued support.

The village is set within 8 acres of award-winning gardens and grounds, and offers traditional villas, terraced houses and modern apartments for independent living, as well as the Ashley Care Suites for rest home or hospital level care.

With lovely amenities such as the Russley Homestead, the Pavilion, a large swimming pool and hot tub, cinema, bowling green, café and licensed restaurant, there are many activities to enjoy. Friends and family are always welcome.

If you would like to look around the facilities, phone Jeanette McEachen on 021 918 996.

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

Kirsten Nissen
President