



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 22 April 2025

Dear members,

As the winter is approaching, we have the second club tournament at start of May and followed by the Fun Teams Night one week later. We are looking forward to starting up the set of ten improver lessons toward end of May. However, our immediate attention is to start attracting prospective new bridge players to our next set of beginner lessons starting first week of June. We hope our members will help to promote these lessons to audiences you may have contact with in your community.

Overview of upcoming events:

May

Friday 2 nd	HOUSE OF TRAVEL Haigh Trophy
Friday 9 th	Fun Teams Night
Sunday 25 th	Improver lesson: Stayman
Thursday 29 th	Open grade session with Stayman bidding

June

Wednesday 4 th	Start of weekly beginner lessons
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UPCOMING EVENTS

HOUSE OF TRAVEL NORTHLINK Haigh Trophy tournament Friday 2 May 7pm:



We like to take the opportunity to thank HOUSE OF TRAVEL NORTHLINK for their continued cooperation as a sponsor for Crockfords. Please see more information at end of newsletter.

This is a Crockfords mixed grade tournament, and you play with a partner of your choice. Please register your pair on the board in the foyer before Thursday 1 May. The table fee is \$10 (paid in cash on the night), and it will be wonderful if you can bring a plate to share for supper.

Fun Teams Night Friday 9 May:

As usual, please register as an individual, a pair, or as a team for the next Teams Night on Friday 9 May with Luisa (lucy.mini@hotmail.com or text 021 126 0922). A reminder notice will be sent out soon.

First improver lesson Sunday 25 May 2pm (Stayman):

Noting that the first lesson on the Stayman bidding technique (Sunday 25 May at 2pm) will be followed by an open/ mixed grade Thursday night (29 May at 7pm) session playing hands where the Stayman technique often will be applicable. Thank you to Iain Dickason for the suggestion and also enabling the dealing of a set of boards with specific patterns.

The schedule of ten improver lessons, prepared by NZ Bridge, has been time tabled for Sundays at 2pm to 4pm from end of May through to end of September.

DATE – Sunday at 2pm	NZB LESSON	TUTOR
May 25	NZB 1 – Stayman	Richard Williams
June 8	NZB 2 – Blackwood – Ace asking	Iain Dickason
June 22	NZB 3 – Playing Techniques	Brian Papps
July 6	NZB 4 – Playing No Trumps	Peter Van Leeuwen
July 13	NZB 5 – Playing Suit Contracts	Jill Crossland
July 27	NZB 6 – Opening Leads	Jill Crossland
August 17	NZB 7 – Signals and Discards	Brian Rowlands
August 31	NZB 8 – Defence	Richard Williams
September 14	NZB 9 – Minimum, Invitational, Game Forcing Hands	Peter Van Leeuwen
September 28	NZB 10 – Doubles	Brian Papps

Beginner lessons starting 4 June 1pm:

All members will have received a flyer promoting the start of the next set of beginner lessons in the email distributing this newsletter. We will be very appreciative of members making the effort to help display the flyer on community notice boards or to promote the lessons to other interest groups in your community. Printed copies of the flyer are also available from the top of the director's desk.

OTHER NEWS

Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to David and Fern McRae (Thursday afternoon open/mixed grade) who scored 69.23% in the week starting 7 April, and to Lainie Smith-Mortlock and Jenny Parker (Intermediate grade) who scored 66.07% in the week starting 14 April.

FROM THE OFFICE

Please encourage to share our upcoming daytime Beginner Lessons, starting Wednesday, 4th of June.

Teams night 11 April results:

Congratulations to the winning team of the two sections.

The **Red Section** had 14 teams and the winning team was 'A guy + 3 Girls': Irene Wheal, Rachel Cath, Martin Pryde, Lyn Edwards.



The **Green Section** had ten teams and the winning team was 'The Easter Eggs': Beverley Parlane, Margaret Fraser, Julian Glyn, Pamela Glyn.



Sponsor feature:



We are very pleased to have House of Travel Northlink as a sponsor again this year, and we encourage you to get in touch with their team of highly experienced consultants when you are next planning a trip away. Sandra Sidaway, our past 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@hotmail.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