



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 20 May 2025

Dear members,

The first of the series of ten improver lessons is scheduled for this coming Sunday afternoon, and most of the remaining lessons are on alternate Sundays until end of September. They all represent key topics that are fundamental to improving our play.

Overview of upcoming events:

May

Sunday 25th Improver lesson: Stayman
Thursday 29th Open grade evening session with Stayman bidding

June

Wednesday 4th Start of weekly beginner lessons
Sunday 8th Improver lesson: Blackwood – Ace asking
Friday 13th Fun Teams Night

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

The first improver lesson on the Stayman bidding technique is on Sunday 25 May at 2-4pm ([NZ Bridge](#)), and the cost is \$5 pp for the photocopied material provided. The content of this lesson will be practiced further at the following mixed grade session on Thursday night 29 May at 7pm with boards where the Stayman bidding technique often will be applicable.

Below is the complete schedule of the 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. We extend our sincere thanks to the tutors who generously have offered their time and expertise.

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	tbc
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	tbc

Beginner lessons starting 4 June 1pm:

Copies of the flyer promoting the start of the next set of beginner lessons are available for members' distribution. We will appreciate members making the effort to help display the flyer on community notice boards or to promote the lessons to other interest groups in your communities. Flyers are now on display on nearby community library boards.

OTHER NEWS

Health and Safety:

This is a reminder to everybody, that in case of a medical emergency our club does not store information about next-of-kin contact details or any possible known medical conditions. We encourage members with a known medical condition to carry their own medication and next-of-kin contact details.

There will be a number of members who have passed a First Aid course and have kept their skills up to date. We encourage these members to let your grade convenor know that you are available as a First Aider if this should be necessary. In the near future, we are also wanting to have the defibrillator demonstrated at the weekly sessions.

Fun Teams Night results 9 May:

We had 18 teams joining us for the May Teams night with four players from Lincoln, one from Mt Pleasant, 29 from Crockfords and 38 from the Christchurch club.

The winning team in the **Red Section** (10 teams) was 'Team 3' represented by Charles Wasley, Maree Andrews, Simon Lawrence and Karen Cameron.

The results from the eight teams in the **Green Section** were not downloaded to the Results webpage - names of the winning team members have not been displayed here.



Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to Allison and Jevon Carding (Senior Reserve) who scored 69.57% in the week starting 5 May, and to Emily Massey and Lia McCloskey (Intermediate) who scored 72.57% in the week starting 12 May.

From the Dealers:

When the boards are put back in the cupboards after playing, please ensure that the boards are in numbered order and the cards are facing down. This assist with the dealing process.

Online Supported Learning for Beginners/Juniors:

WHEN: Sunday 8 June until 14 September from 4pm to 6pm

WHERE: Online at <https://nzbridge.helloclub.com>

COST: \$5 per casual session (except 8 June which is FREE) or you can buy a 'Winter Pass' of \$25 for all 15 sessions

CONTACT: For more details, email Mike Dunn atbridgeteacher365@gmail.com

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FROM THE OFFICE

Please familiarise yourself with notices on the notice board in the foyer of upcoming tournaments.

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

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