



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 15 July 2025

Dear members,

It has been pleasing to have good turnouts to the series of improver lessons. In particular, having the Thursday night session as a supporting practice session for the improver topics are highly valued.

Next Sunday, we are hosting our first regional tournament of the year. We are pleased to already have around 20 tables registered including players from Timaru, Geraldine and Ashburton.

Overview of upcoming events:

July

Sunday 20th Crockfords All Grades Pairs (Open) 8B
Sunday 27th 2pm Improver lesson: Opening Leads

August

Sunday 3rd Rangiora Exchange
Friday 8th Friday Fun Teams Night
Sunday 17th Improver lesson: Signals and Discards
Thursday 28th Spring Luncheon
Sunday 31st Improver lesson: Defence

UPCOMING EVENTS

Crockfords All Grades Pairs (8B) Sunday 20 July at 9:30 am:

This is an open grade tournament for the Canterbury Region which includes a morning and an afternoon playing session. Players meet at 9:30 am for morning tea before starting play at 10:00. Players make their own arrangements for lunch, and a supper is provided at end of the afternoon session while results are being calculated. We hope that many Crockfords players are able to play in the tournament and you register your pair on the [NZ Bridge](http://NZ Bridge website) website using your NZB number (entry fee is \$35 pp and we encourage you to pay online).

Registrations close Wednesday 16 July at 5pm.

Note, that this is an all grades tournament. The prizes awarded will be to best placings across three or four equal groups, and includes a best tournament result achieved among junior players.

Schedule of improver lessons Sundays at 2pm July – September:

Below is a summary of four improver lessons spread across Sundays for remaining of July and through to mid-September. The cost is \$5 pp for the photocopied material provided. Whenever appropriate, we will continue to practice some of these bidding techniques in the Thursday night mixed grade sessions. This will be advertised in the WhatsApp groups as well as newsletters.

DATE – Sunday at 2pm	<u>NZB LESSON</u>	TUTOR
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

Rangiora Exchange tournament Sunday 3 August at 12.30am:

This year, the tournament is hosted by the Rangiora Bridge Club. Over the next 10 days, we will get a suitable number of interested pairs registered from Crockfords and the Rangiora Bridge Club will then get an equal number of pairs to participate in the tournament. We are also wanting to have at least three junior (NZB rating) pairs from each club to play in a separate section.

OTHER NEWS

Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to following pairs:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
16 June	Allison Carding and Jevon Carding	SR	71.08%
23 June	Jill Legg and Judy Van Leeuwen	Thursday evening mixed	62.50%
30 June	Rosemary McGrath and Steven Marshall	Junior	72.22%
7 July	Brian Papps and Nigel England	Thursday afternoon mixed	62.67%

Fun Teams night 11 July results:

First of all, a big thank you to Iain Dickason who prepared the structure/ distributions of the boards that were played. More often than usual, playing pairs had the unique challenges of slam bidding and winning those contracts. The positive feedback suggests that we will repeat such a Teams night again sometime in the future.

Congratulations to the winning teams from the two sections (red section: 14 teams; green section: 8 teams).

“DucknRuff” (red section):
Phil Sanson, Brigit Hearn, Rex Denley,
Lynne Switalla.



“Kaptain Kat” (green section):
Lynn Taylor, David Taylor, Jessie Pelenato,
Kat Holmes.



FROM THE OFFICE

We are all back from our trips away. Some more planned than others.
Thank you for the registrations for the All Grades 8B tournament thus far, as well as the online payments. One day to go.
Trust you are keeping warm and healthy.

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

Kirsten Nissen
President