



# CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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## Newsletter

Tuesday, 12 August 2025

Dear members,

This week we have welcomed a great number of people starting the last set of beginner lessons this year. The new content and structure of the NZB beginner lessons have added some extra challenges for our tutors, but NZB can be pleased with the feedback Crockfords is providing based on our experiences.

We are busy planning for the upcoming spring luncheon on the last Thursday of the month. It will be a great opportunity to spend time with people from the bridge playing community. We encourage all levels of playing experience to come along.

### Overview of upcoming events:

#### **August**

|                           |                                             |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Committee Meeting                           |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Improver lesson: Signals and Discards       |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> | Kevin Hickman Spring Luncheon, from 11:30am |
| Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>   | Improver lesson: Defence                    |

#### **September**

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> | Fun Teams Night                                           |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> | Improver lesson: Minimum, Invitational, Game Forcing Bids |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> | Improver lesson: Types of Doubles                         |

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Schedule of improver lessons Sundays at 2pm August – September:

Below is a summary of the remaining four improver lessons spread across Sundays in August and 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 group.

| DATE – Sunday at 2pm | <u>NZB LESSON</u>                                 | TUTOR             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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 – Types of Doubles                         | Brian Papps       |

### **Kevin Hickman Spring Luncheon Tournament, Thursday 28 August from 11:30am:**

You are all invited to join us for our annual  
**SPRING LUNCHEON** Open Play, All Grades,  
Catering: Country Feasts Catering

**When:** Thursday, 28 August 2025

**Times:** Bar open from 11.30am

Lunch 12.00 noon

Duplicate Bridge 1.00pm

**Lunch & Table Fees:** \$35.00 per person (Table fee: \$10pp)

**Closing Date:** **Monday, 25 August 2025**

**Entries:** Club notice board, phone 348-7478, or email [secretary@crockfordsbridgeclub.nz](mailto:secretary@crockfordsbridgeclub.nz)

Please include registration of lunch and/or Bridge

Please pay on-line: 03 1705 0426022 00 or cash at the Office - **Tuesday, 26 Aug 2025**

Please advise if seating rights are required.



### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **Request for donations toward cost of reupholstering chairs in playing room:**



At this year's AGM, we had an open discussion about the priorities of improvements to our playing environment. At the time, the committee planned to submit grant applications to fund the cost of recovering, including new padding, a significant number of chairs. While grants applications are progressing, we are also aware that most likely they will not have favourable outcomes.

The comfort of chairs in the playing room is very important to us all. The cost of recovering one chair is \$50. You can all help making this improvement go ahead by making a donation to the club to recover one chair or toward the overall cost of improving the seating comfort. Please make your donation online, and specify 'chair' and bridge number in the online fields.

### Rangiora Exchange Sunday 3 August results:

Fourteen pairs from Crockfords met an equal number of players from Rangiora Bridge Club and this included three junior pairs (NZB rating) from each club. Players were divided into four sections and Crockfords pairs achieved top placings in each group. We extend our congratulations to the following pairs on their great results: Fern and David McRae, Brian Papps and Michele Poore, Mary Kuipers and Kate MacRae, and Simon Hardie and David Murdoch.

### Friday Fun Teams Night 8 August results:

Congratulations to the two winning teams at last Friday's Teams night. There were ten teams in the red section and eight teams in the green section.

Duck and Rough (**red section**): Phil Sanson, Brigit Hearn, Rex Denley, Lynne Switalla.

Mary + her little lambs (**green section**): Mary Small, Mike Small, Fern McRae, David McRae.



### Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to following pairs:

| Week starting | Pair                             | Session                      | Result |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| 28 July       | Robert Whitla and Kirsten Nissen | Thursday evening open/ mixed | 72.22% |
| 4 August      | Stacey Klahn and Graeme Evans    | Intermediate                 | 71.01% |

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

- Wednesday, 13 August 2025, Kirsten and Petra will be attending a Council Ward meeting: 10am - noon. The office will therefore not be open.
- Also on Wednesday, Petra is attending a funeral from 1:00pm and will be back in the office on Thursday, at the usual time: 9:30am.
- We are starting to work on the Match Programme Booklet for 2025, so grade convenors, please put your thinking caps on for dates for next year.
- Emergency Details Information Card:  
Please note that we have Emergency Details cards at the Directors Desk for anyone to complete, who has any known allergies and/or health conditions. This is for the Directors and Club members to be informed, in case of an emergency.

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

**Kirsten Nissen**  
**President**