



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 9 September 2025

Dear members,

Here is to a beautiful spring season where we all enjoy getting out and about. We hope to see many of you at the teams night on Friday.

Overview of upcoming events:

September

Friday 12 th	Fun Teams Night
Sunday 14 th	Improver lesson: Minimum, Invitational, Game Forcing Bids
Sunday 28 th	Improver lesson: Types of Doubles

October

Friday 3 rd	Fun Teams Night
Sunday 12 th	Crockfords Intermediate/ Open Pairs (5B/5A)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fun Teams Night Friday 12 September:

There is still time to register for the upcoming Teams Night on Friday 12 September. As soon as possible, please forward registrations of individuals, pairs or teams to Luisa (lucy.mini@hotmail.com or text 021 126 0922). We will also appreciate any offers from members who are available as reserve player and can be contacted at short notice on the day.

Note, if for some reason you need to cancel your participation in this event then please do this as soon as possible. It is very difficult, and sometimes impossible, for the organisers to find team replacements at short notice.

FROM THE OFFICE

- Thank you to the members who have updated their 'Next of Kin' details. It is important to have these details in case of an unforeseen emergency. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Schedule of improver lessons Sundays at 2pm: 14 and 28 September

The last two improver lessons cover important topics and will bring together many aspects of playing techniques already covered in previous sessions. We recommend attending these sessions. The cost is \$5 pp for the photocopied material provided.

DATE – Sunday at 2pm	NZB LESSON	TUTOR
September 14	NZB 9 – Minimum, Invitational, Game Forcing Hands	Peter Van Leeuwen
September 28	NZB 10 – Types of Doubles	Brian Papps

Crockfords Intermediate and Open Pairs tournament 12 October:

Registrations for the Crockfords Intermediate and Open Pairs tournament are entered directly on the NZ Bridge website using the following links:

[Crockfords Intermediate Pairs 5B](#)

[Crockfords Open Pairs 5A](#)

You can also register by contacting the Crockfords office. There will be more details about the tournament in following newsletters.

OTHER NEWS

Partner finders for Junior, Intermediate and Senior Reserve grade sessions wanted:

There is an opportunity for members to offer their help as partner finders in the Junior, Intermediate or Senior Reserve grade sessions. The partner finder introduces new members and players to the grade WhatsApp group and in general supports members to find playing partners for the grade. Please let your grade convenor know if you can help with this task.

We extend a big thank you to Niven Avia who has been the partner finder for these three grade sessions for quite some time.

Re donations toward cost of reupholstering chairs in playing room:



A **huge thank you** to everyone who have made a donation toward the cost of recovering the playing room chairs. We will be recovering 100 chairs in total, and it will be to the club's benefit if we can meet some of the cost from members' donations. To date, members have contributed to the recovering of **38 chairs**. We are hoping that donations can contribute to half the cost and that a successful grant application can meet the other half of the cost.

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.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Results from Spring Luncheon tournament 28 August:



Following a lovely, catered luncheon, enjoyed by around 55 people, it was wonderful to have 19 tables playing in the tournament.

Congratulations to Diane Findlay and Jan Barrow for winning the top prize including the trophy.

Second place: Mary and Mike Small.

Third place: Jenny Carr and Carol Singh.

Congratulations to each and every one and thank you for the support.



Bidding and achieving grand slam:

It is not often that pairs make a grand slam bid and then go on to win the contract, but this was achieved by two Crockfords pairs at the recent Rangiora Exchange tournament. Congratulations to Theresa Whitacker and Lainie Smith-Mortlock, and to Phillippa Borlase and Peter Van Leeuwen for this significant achievement.

Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to following pairs:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
25 August	Megan Smith and Theresa Whitaker	Junior	75.00%
	Shan Edwards and Karen Stevenson	Senior Reserve	75.00%
1 September	Julie Farrant and Peter Reid	Junior	70.00%

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

Kirsten Nissen
President