



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Tuesday 23 September 2025

Dear members,

We are getting into the busy time of the year where we try and fit in many activities around public holidays. Crockfords schedule of events include a tournament as well as a Teams night in each of the next two months. We hope to see many of you at these events.

Overview of upcoming events:

September

Sunday 28th Improver lesson: Types of Doubles

October

Thursday 2nd Open/ mixed evening session: boards with double bidding

Friday 3rd Fun Teams Night (please note the date)

Sunday 12th Crockfords Intermediate/Open Pairs (5B/ 5A)

November

Sunday 2nd Canterbury Interclub Teams

Friday 7th Fun Teams Night: Special Boards by Iain Dickason

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fun Teams Night Friday 3 October:

In October and November, the Teams Nights will be the first Friday of the month due to clashes with a tournament and the Canterbury Anniversary. 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.

Improver lesson Sunday 28 September at 2pm: Types of Doubles

The cost is \$5 pp for the photocopied material provided (NZB 10 - [NZB LESSON](#)). This is the last of the series of ten improver lessons. There will be an extended practice of playing boards with types of doubles bidding on the following Thursday night session 2 October. This will be a great opportunity to improve the use of this more advanced bidding technique.

A big thank you goes to the tutors of the lessons this year and we extend our appreciation for sharing your skills and insights as bridge players. The lessons have helped us improve our bidding and play of the hands, and many of us will look forward to attending lessons again in the future.

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.

The cut-off time for registration is 8 October 5pm. The cost is \$35 per person and preferably paid online to Crockfords account. Morning tea is served from 9:30am and before play starting at 10am. Players bring their own lunch and there will be a supper served at the end of the afternoon session.

OTHER NEWS

THANK YOU for the donations:



A big thank you to everyone who has made a donation toward the cost of recovering the playing room chairs. We have met the cost for half of the 100 chairs from donations and we are hopeful of a successful grant application to cover most of the remaining cost.

The process of getting the chairs recovered will be done incrementally over the next couple of months.

Graduates from beginner lessons:

Congratulations to the beginners who have finished the series of Wednesday afternoon lessons. It is wonderful to see the group staying on to practice their play regularly on Wednesday afternoons with a number of Junior players joining in and with ongoing tuition support.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to following pairs:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
8 September	Megan Smith and Theresa Whitaker	Junior	65.51%
15 September	Rachael Fitall and Diana Plesovs	Junior	69.44%

Results from Fun Teams Night 12 September:

It was wonderful to have 20 teams – 8 in the green section and 12 in the red section.
Congratulations to the two winning teams:

‘Travellers’ in the green section:

Richard Meek, Veronica Hall, Pam Gifkins, Luba Roth



‘Spring Chickens’ in the red section:

Heather Lewis, Donna Monk, Ali Emberton, Karen Thompson



FROM THE OFFICE

- A booklet of Next of Kin information is now at the Director’s desk in case of an emergency. Please be assured this is confidential information.
- For the upcoming Crockfords Intermediate/Open Pairs (5B/ 5A), please email Petra to get your NZB access code.
- New Office hours and days as of Monday 6 October 2025:
Monday: 12:30 – 4:30
Wednesday: 12:30 – 4:30
Thursday: 9:30 – 2:30

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

Kirsten Nissen
President