



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Wednesday 5 November 2025

Dear members,

There are just five more weeks of playing sessions before Crockfords close for a month. We have made plans for the Christmas raffle and please take note of the advert below for this main fundraising activity of the year.

Overview of upcoming events at Crockfords:

November

Friday 7th Fun Teams Night: special boards

December

Week starting 8th Christmas dinner and prize giving
Friday 12th Fun Teams Night

January

Week starting 12th All sessions open

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fun Teams Night Friday 7 November:

There is still time to register as a player, pair or team in the Teams Night on Friday 7 November with Luisa (lucy.mini@hotmail.com or text 021 126 0922). Note, this Teams night will include boards with special distributions.

If for some reason you need to cancel your participation, 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.

OTHER NEWS

Learners' graduation:

Last Monday, we celebrated the last of the series of beginner lessons. It was a great pleasure to congratulate twelve new bridge players and hand them their certificates. It has been wonderful to have observed the resilience and determination by this group and we wish them the best of luck on their continued path of bridge learning.



2025 regrading process update:

The annual review of members' grading, according to the 2025 promotion and regrading policy, has been finalised. In the near future, letters of recommendations for promotion to a different grade will be forwarded to those who have met the qualifying criteria.

Regarding the new rule for transitioning to Intermediate grade:

Given the general positive response, we can confirm that the proposed qualifying criteria for promotion to Intermediate grade will be applicable for all members who have played in the Junior grade throughout 2025. The new criteria will be imbedded in the 2026 promotion and regrading policy.

The basic qualifying criteria for a promotion from Junior to Intermediate are:

- The member has played at least 20 Junior grade sessions between 1 January and the end of the first full week of play in October and has been in Junior grade for the entirety of this period.
- The member has played with at least two different partners.

The Junior grade members who meet these two criteria will be offered promotion to the Intermediate grade and they will also receive a letter regarding this promotion. However, if some members wish to keep playing in the Junior grade for a longer period then we encourage these members to appeal the offer in writing to the Match Committee Convenor.



Items for Christmas raffle:

It is time to think about donations for our **mega Christmas raffle**, and any donations will be gratefully received. Please bring them to the Club rooms (or the office) during the week starting 17 November.

Tickets can be purchased starting Monday 1 December at \$5 per ticket.

2026 membership fee:

The full membership fee for 2026 will be \$115 per person. It is an increase of \$10 per person, and this is partly due to forecasted increases in the club's operational costs and partly to the increase in annual NZ Bridge player levy to \$32.20 in 2026 (from \$27.60 in 2025).

In summary, the 2026 membership fees are:

- Full Membership: \$115 (\$82.80 membership fee and \$32.20 NZ Bridge levy)
- Associate Membership: \$82.80 (NZ Bridge levy is paid through membership with other club)
- Youth Membership: \$50 (no NZ Bridge levy)
Criteria: Aged 23-25 and not a full-time student
- Student Membership: \$30 no NZ Bridge levy
Criteria: Full time students or aged under 23.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Results from Canterbury Interclub Teams on 2 November:

It was our turn to host the Interclub Teams tournament and we welcomed 18 teams from six clubs across the Canterbury region. It is a demanding all-day event and we appreciated the members who were able to represent Crockfords on that day.

The Crockfords teams by each section were:

Open: Barbara Geddes, Keith Mabin, David McRae, Fern McRae.

Intermediate: Paul Ainsworth, Philippa Borlase, Elena Udy, Peter Udy.

Junior: Emily Massey, Lia McCloskey, Lainie Smith-Mortlock, Theresa Whitaker.

Overall, the Crockfords teams received a second placing. Congratulations to you all on this great achievement.

A special mentioning goes to the Intermediate and Junior teams who achieved a first ranking in their section.

Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to following pairs:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
20 October	Gordon Mounsey and Ann Tait	Senior reserve	72.08%
27 October	Theresa Whitaker and Megan Smith	Thursday night open/mixed	73.91%

FROM THE OFFICE

Due to the changes in office opening hours and other commitments, the newsletter will be published fortnightly on a Wednesday. Occasionally, we do experience problems in the bulk sending of emails, and you may not have received a link to the latest newsletter. However, every newsletter gets posted on our website: <https://crockfordsbridgeclub.nz/news/>

Note from Christchurch Bridge Club:

Friday Night Bridge has been postponed from Friday 7th November to Friday 5th December.

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

Kirsten Nissen
President