



# CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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## Newsletter

Wednesday, 3 December 2025

Dear members,

We are looking forward to the Christmas dinners next week and also to finish the year with a last play on the Teams night on Friday 12 December. This is of course the last newsletter of this year and the next newsletter will be Wednesday 21 January, i.e. the second week of sessions in 2026.

### **Overview of upcoming events at Crockfords:**

#### ***December***

Week starting 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner and prize giving  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Fun Teams Night

#### ***January***

Week starting 12<sup>th</sup> All sessions open

## **END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS**



### **Christmas raffle tickets on sale:**

A huge thank you for all the donations received for our mega Christmas raffle. The great variety of donations has contributed to some magnificent baskets.

Tickets can be purchased at \$5 per ticket.

### **Preparations for the Christmas dinners:**

Planning is underway to arrange the festive setting of the playing room for the end-of-year celebrations. The support of members' contribution in organising flower decorations, setting up of tables, and helping in the kitchen on the night will be much appreciated.

**Flower decorations:** These can be arranged on Monday 8 December between 12.30pm – 3.30pm (usual office opening hours) or at a different time suitable. We encourage members with many flowers in their garden to bring these to the club rooms and help with this activity.

**Setting up of tables for dinner:** The grade convenor will organise helpers to set up tables on the day of the dinner. Tables for the Monday and Wednesday night dinners can be arranged during office opening hours 12.30pm – 3.30pm on each of those days.

### **Fun Teams Night Friday 12 December:**

We hope many players will join us to celebrate the last Teams Night of the year, Friday 12 December. Please register with Luisa ([lucy.mini@hotmail.com](mailto:lucy.mini@hotmail.com) or text 021 126 0922).

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**

#### **Card dealers required:**

The Club is looking for a few more people to assist with dealing the boards for our regular weekly sessions and tournaments. If you are interested in being part of the team that provides this vital service, please contact Anne Holwell on 021 187 5381 by Wednesday 17 December. You would be rostered on approximately once every 6-8 weeks, with full training provided.

#### **2026 Match Programme:**

A printed copy of the 2026 Match Programme booklet is available to all members from today. It includes the 2026 calendar schedules of grade trophy matches, club tournaments, and A/B tournaments. It also includes the updated grading policy for 2026, and the list of members' contact by grade as of today, 3 December 2025. By start of next year's sessions, the club website will also be updated with the same content as in the 2026 Match Programme booklet. Earlier this year, the committee decided that due to the lower number of printed booklets required by our members it was time to try and print the booklet using the office printer.

### **FROM PAST EVENTS**

#### **Weekly results:**

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to following pairs:

<b>Week starting</b>	<b>Pair</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Result</b>
17 November	Iain Dickason and Murray Eves	Thursday evening open/mixed	69.44%
24 November	Emily Massey and Lia McCloskey	Challis Cup Jun/Int	67.77%

### **FROM THE OFFICE**

From the Office, thank you for everyone's contributions during the year. And I want to especially thank Kirsten for her hard work, front and centre, and behind the scenes. As well as to our Club Committee – thank you. During the break, please put your thinking caps on if you would like to join the Team.

On behalf of the committee, happy bridging and season's greetings to you all.

**Kirsten Nissen**  
**President**

