



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Wednesday 18 February 2026

Dear members,

We are pleased to have welcomed a great group of people who have attended our introductory lessons in the first series of beginner lessons this year.

At this time of year, the main focus is the upcoming AGM. Over the next couple of weeks, members are encouraged to forward nominations for officer of the club and suggestions for agenda items to the office. The club is short of committee members, so we are asking for your help in finding members who can offer their time and skill in the running of club activities.

Overview of upcoming events at Crockfords:

March

Friday 13 th	Fun Teams night
Thursday 19 th	AGM
Friday 27 th	Russley Village – Maples tournament

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fun Teams night Friday 13 March 7pm:

The first Teams Night of the year is Friday 13 March. As usual, Luisa will send out a reminder to register for this event. Please register with Luisa (lucy.mini@hotmail.com or text 021 126 0922).

A big thank you goes to members who have put their names on our roster as helpers in the kitchen on 2026 Teams nights.

AGM Thursday 19th March 7pm:

Members are encouraged to SAVE THE DATE for attending the Annual General Meeting. It is an opportunity for you to raise club related matters for discussion or to make suggestions of improvements to our activities and environment.

As discussed further below, we are making requests for new nominations as Officers of our club. Nominations need to be at the office by **5 March 2026**.

OTHER NEWS

Avonhead Community Trust EXPO Saturday 21 February 10am – 3pm:

We are participating in the Community EXPO for not-for-profit organisations, arranged by the Avonhead Community Trust, at 102 Avonhead Road. We will have a display board with photos of our venue and events, and a table with flyers, the NZB beginner lesson books and other material for people to browse. We hope this will be good opportunity to showcase our

club and what we have to offer. We appreciate anyone being able to offer their time at our stand during the morning hours, and please contact Kirsten or our office if you can help.

Club officers needed following the AGM:

In the last year, Crockfords has operated with five club officers, which is the minimum requirement by our constitution. The committee meets once a month for approximately two hours at a time suitable to everyone. The meeting agenda includes operational aspects, but discussions and decisions are also centred around strategic topics, relevant to the future of our bridge club.

At the AGM, we are seeking nominations for at least one officer. One of our current officers is standing down, and we are also hopeful to get an improved representation of members on the committee.

Currently, we have one leading officer, and ideally, we will have a leadership team of two officers. Over the coming year, the current president is wanting to share the leadership responsibilities with another officer, before stepping back at the 2027 AGM.

We encourage members to come forward and showing their interest in joining the committee. Members' support and involvement are essential for the continued operation of our club.

Re schedule of lessons to advance playing skills:

There is a proposal to present interesting boards or revision of key NZB [improver lessons](#) in a 25-minute lesson, starting at 6.30pm as part of the Thursday night mixed grade session, and with the following player session including relevant hands. These special improver sessions may be offered 1-2 times per month but will of course be subject to sufficient interest. Please register your interest to attend the lesson and/ or to play in the Thursday night open/ mixed group using the WhatsApp group. A big thank you goes to Iain Dickason for offering his time tutoring this group of advancing players.

We are also wanting to offer a series of lessons at the more challenging level, i.e. a combination of the more advanced improver lessons and some of the [intermediate lessons](#). These will be scheduled on Sunday afternoons during the months April – September.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to following pairs:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
2 February	Elena and Peter Udy	Senior	64.87%
9 February	Mary and Mike Small	Senior	67.83%

Teams night 13 February results:

We had 20 teams at the first 2026 Teams night, and this included seven new players and 31 players from Crockfords. Congratulations to the two winning teams.

Winners: Red Section (12 teams)

'Four Petals':

Joan Shields, Maureen Power, Nicky Hudson, Pam Millar.



Winners: Green Section (8 teams)

'Paddy':

Peter Udy, Elena Udy, Jill Crossland, Michele Poore



FROM THE OFFICE

- Thank you in advance for volunteering at the Community EXPO on Saturday, 21 February.
- The new magnetic name badges will be ordered either on Wednesday or Thursday, this week.

Sponsor feature:

A purple rectangular graphic with white and yellow text. At the top, it says 'HOUSE OF TRAVEL' in large white letters with a yellow swoosh underneath. Below that, 'NORTHLINK' is written in white. Underneath, the address '148 Langdons Road' and phone number '03 352 4578 • northlink@hot.co.nz' are listed. A smaller line of text says 'Come and see our friendly team for all your travel needs. With 8 experienced consultants, we have every destination covered.' The 'HOUSE OF TRAVEL' logo is repeated in smaller text at the bottom right of the graphic.

We are very pleased to have House of Travel Northlink as a new sponsor this year and encourage you to get in touch with their team of highly experienced consultants when you are next planning a trip away. Sandra Sidaway has been a client of theirs for many years and can vouch for their excellent service and support.

Whether it be a hop across the Tasman, an island stay in Fiji, a cruise on the Mediterranean, or a trip to Alaska, the Northlink team will help you decide the best trip for you, will take care of all details, navigate country restrictions for you, sort any issues such as flight changes once you are underway, and provide 24/7 emergency assist, should that be needed. Their office is located at the Northlink Retail Centre at 148 Langdons Rd, open Monday to Friday, 9am—5pm (closed Saturdays and Sundays). You are welcome to make an appointment by phoning 03 352 4578, or emailing northlink@hot.co.nz.

Our sincere thanks to Stacey Mullinger, Liz Hobson and the House of Travel Northlink team for kindly supporting our club.

<https://www.houseoftravel.co.nz/hot-stores/christchurch/northlink>

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

**Kirsten Nissen
President**