



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Wednesday 18 March 2026

Dear members,

We are looking ahead to the first club tournament on the last Friday of this month. It is a great opportunity to get that extra playing practice with pairs mixed from across our usual sessions.

Overview of upcoming events at Crockfords:

March

Thursday 19th

AGM

Friday 27th

Russley Village – Maples tournament

April

Friday 10th

Teams night

Sunday 19th

Improver lesson: Minimum, invitational, game forcing hands

UPCOMING EVENTS

AGM Thursday 19th March 7pm:

You will have received most of the documents relevant to the AGM. We encourage you to bring forward suggestions for discussion at the meeting or for the upcoming committee to work on.

We are still short of at least one nomination for the committee. If we don't get nominations from the floor at the AGM, we will be asking a few members to be co-opted to the committee.

The Russley Village - Maples Trophy Friday 27 March 7pm:

The in-house tournament is open to all grades and you play with a partner of your choice.

Registrations of pairs wanting to play in this tournament are entered on the board in the foyer, or by contacting the office. Registrations close by Monday 23 March at 3pm.

This is an opportunity to mix and play with people from our club, and we want to have at least ten tables for the tournament to go ahead. Please bring a plate for a shared supper. The table fee is \$10 cash to be paid at the tournament.

Improver/ intermediate lessons April – September program:

We have scheduled nine lessons, taking the last two of the NZ Bridge Improver lessons and seven of the Intermediate lessons. Lessons are all scheduled for Sundays from 2pm – 4pm at the dates listed in the table below, and including references to the respective topics. Our thanks go to the three tutors who have offered to share their expertise on these topics.

Topic	NZB reference	Date	Tutor
Minimum, Invitational, Game Forcing Hands	Improver lesson 9	19 April	PVL
Doubles	Improver lesson 10	3 May	PVL
Transfers	Intermediate lesson 1	24 May	RW
Checkback Stayman	Intermediate lesson 2	21 June	PVL
Competing over opener's 1NT opening	Intermediate lesson 5	5 July	BR
Competitive bidding – when we open	Intermediate lesson 6	9 August	RW
Competitive bidding – when we overcall	Intermediate lesson 7	23 August	RW
Michaels cue bid and unusual 2NT	Intermediate lesson 8	6 September	PVL
Weak 2 suiter openers	Intermediate lesson 12	27 September	RW

Tutors: Peter Van Leeuwen (PVL), Richard Williams (RW), Brian Rowland (BR).

FROM PAST EVENTS

Teams night 13 March results:

We welcomed eight new players to the March teams' night. Overall, with 18 teams playing, there were an equal number of players from Crockfords and from Christchurch BC. Interestingly, in the green section there were twice as many players from Crockfords than from Christchurch BC. Congratulations to the winning teams.

Red section: (10 teams)

'Who cares?' Sue Walls, Maureen Power, Joan Shields, Andrew McGowan



Green section: (8 teams)

'Croquettes': Fern McRae, David McRae, Margaret Fraser, Beverley Parlane



Thank you to the volunteers to make this night run smoothly!

Weekly results:

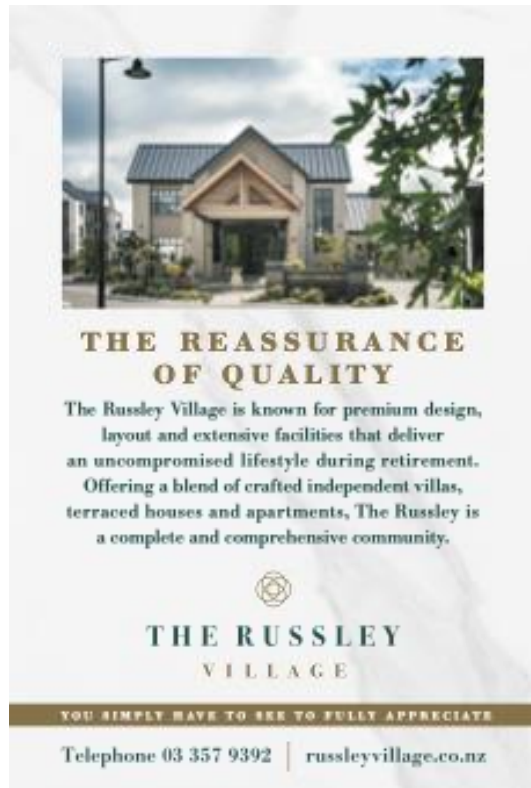
Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to following pairs:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
2 March	Allan Schroeder and Shangar Singh	Thursday afternoon open/mixed	67.90%
9 March	Allan Schroeder and Shangar Singh	Thursday afternoon open/mixed	70.21%

FROM THE OFFICE

Please familiarise yourself with new information on the notice board, especially some online lesson for Intermediate and Experiences players in April and New Improvers in May.
REGISTRATION: <https://nzbridge.helloclub.com>

Sponsor feature:



THE RUSSELY VILLAGE

The Russley Village has been a Crockfords sponsor for a number of years. Our sincere thanks to the team there for this much valued support.

The village is set within 8 acres of award-winning gardens and grounds, and offers traditional villas, terraced houses and modern apartments for independent living, as well as the Ashley Care Suites for rest home or hospital level care.

With lovely amenities such as the Russley Homestead, the Pavilion, a large swimming pool and hot tub, cinema, bowling green, café and licensed restaurant, there are many activities to enjoy. Friends and family are always welcome.

If you would like to look around the facilities, phone Jeanette McEachen on 021 918 996. She'll be happy to take you on a wee tour.

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

**Kirsten Nissen
President**