



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Wednesday 27 May 2026

Dear members,

This week, we have welcomed a group of new members who have joined our club following completion of the beginner course, and it is great to again have two sections playing on a Monday night. We look forward to continue supporting the beginners as they settle in to playing in the Junior section.

Overview of upcoming events at Crockfords:

June

Friday 12th

Fun Teams night

Sunday 21st

Intermediate lesson: Checkback Stayman

Friday 26th

Nola Mather tournament

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teams Night Friday 12 June at 7pm:

The next Teams Night of the year is Friday 12 June. Please send an email to fridayteams@crockfordsbridgeclub.nz (email reminder sent out 21 May 2026) to register your team members or your interest in playing.

People who wish to also get an e-mail reminder for the Fun Teams Night events can sign up at <https://teams.flyingkiwis.net/subscribe>

Any last minute changes to player availability are messaged through to Luisa on 021 126 0922. As usual, please bring a plate if you can.

Intermediate lesson: 'Checkback Stayman' on Sunday 21 June at 2pm:

The next lesson on 21 June will be: NZB [Intermediate lesson 2](#) (Checkback Stayman). We hope many will take up the opportunity to improve and challenge their playing skills by attending these practical and interactive sessions. Please bring along a partner if possible. Cost is \$5 pp to cover cost of handouts and other overheads.

Following on from this Sunday's lesson, we have scheduled another five 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.

Topic	NZB reference	Date	Tutor
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).

Nola Mather Trophy Match Friday 26 June at 7pm:

We are looking forward to commemorate Nola Mather, a past President of Crockfords and a Grand Master of bridge at the club tournament on the last Friday of June. It is also a mid-winter celebration where all members can meet and play in one tournament so please mark this in your calendar. More details will follow in next newsletter.

OTHER NEWS

Start of next set of beginner classes: Wednesday 10 June at 1pm

Flyers are available at the desk in the foyer and at the director's desk. Our best promotion for learning to play bridge is through our members' recommendations. Please pick up flyers and distribute to friends and across communities of interest.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to following pairs:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
11 May	Graeme Evans and Janine Havis	Thursday night open/ mixed	76.19%
18 May	Cynthia and Warren Kepple	Intermediate	64.68%

FROM THE OFFICE

It will be much appreciated if you are able to promote the start of our next beginner classes as mentioned above – thank you.

With the new group of members, we are ordering magnetic name badges again. Cost: \$20 each. Please put your name on the list at the Director's desk and they will be ordered. Cut off date: 18 June 2026

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Contact: Tim tjtwomey@purnellcreighton.co.nz, or

Phone 379-0430.

Where: Level 1, 35 Leslie Hill Drive in Riccarton, with dedicated off-street parking.

Thanks again, Tim and your team, for supporting our club.

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

Kirsten Nissen
President