



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Wednesday 10 June 2026

Dear members,

It is nearly time for a mid-winter celebration. We hope many of our members across all grades are registering for the Nola Mather tournament on the last Friday of this month. Please register your pair as soon as possible so we can plan the catering of supper for this club tournament.

Overview of upcoming events at Crockfords:

June

Friday 12 th	Fun Teams night
Sunday 21 st	Intermediate lesson: Checkback Stayman
Friday 26 th	Nola Mather tournament

July

Sunday 5 th	Intermediate lesson: Competing over opener's 1NT opening
Sunday 19 th	Crockfords All Grades 8B
Friday 24 th	Fun Teams night

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teams Night Friday 12 June at 7pm:

We have a Teams Night this 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 to share for supper 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 a mid-winter celebration where all members can meet and play in one tournament so please mark this in your calendar. Please register your pair on the board in the foyer or by emailing the office.

Note, a supper will be provided. There will be a table fee of \$10 paid in cash on the night.

OTHER NEWS

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

A small group of beginners has started their series of lessons today. It is not too late to join the group of beginners, and flyers are available at the desk in the foyer and at the director's desk.

New members:

We would like to welcome our new members who recently graduated from beginners:

Jan Sullivan, Euan Mason, Carolyn Mason, Natasha Wozniak, Liz Noho, Tracey Peoples, Theresa Kortegast, Faith Ayers, Emanuel Nahmias.

And Millie on returning to play bridge.

We trust that you will enjoy your time at our Club and that you will be made feel welcome and experience a sense of belonging.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Kaikoura 8B tournament on 23 May:

Four pairs from Crockfords participated in the Kaikoura 8B tournament. Well done to all pairs completing the two-session tournament.

Akaroa Scenic tournament on 9 May:

It was great to see the good turnout from Crockfords at this two-session event in Akaroa. Overall, Mary Kuipers and Kate MacRae received the best placing, and congratulations to all eight pairs from Crockfords on their great efforts in this tournament.

Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to following pairs:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
25 May	Helen Wood & Shangar Singh	Thursday pm open/ mixed	68.71%
1 June	Theresa Kortegast & Faith Ayers	Thursday evening open/ mixed	65.79%

FROM THE OFFICE

Name badges:

Please add your name to the list, at the Director's desk, if you would like to order a magnetic name badge. Cost \$20.

Boards:

The person responsible for the graphics, are due in next week to finalise the Boards and fix all noted areas. Thank you for your patience re this. Sincere apologies for the delays. If any of you know of a company that does sign writing and visit their clients, please get in touch with Petra, as it is time to look at options.

Friday Teams Night:

We would appreciate two people to assist us at the Friday Teams Night, please. Either get in touch with Kirsten, when volunteering yourself.

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

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

Kirsten Nissen
President