



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Wednesday 24 June 2026

Dear members,

It is mid-year already, and we are less than a month away from the Crockfords All Grades (8B) tournament. Registration details are listed below, and we are hopeful to a good representation from our members.

Overview of upcoming events at Crockfords:

June

Friday 26th Nola Mather tournament

July

Sunday 5th Lesson: 'Competing over opener's 1NT opening'

Sunday 19th Crockfords All Grades 8B

Friday 24th Fun Teams night

August

Sunday 2nd Rangiora Exchange

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Friday. It is a mid-winter celebration where all members can meet and play in one tournament. Late registrations of pairs can be notified to the office or entered on the form in the foyer before Thursday 25 June at 9am.

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

Intermediate lesson: 'Competing over opener's 1NT opening' on Sunday 5 July at 2pm:

The next lesson on 21 June will be: NZB [Intermediate lesson 5](#) (Competing over opener's 1NT opening). 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 four 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
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).

Crockfords All Grades Pairs (8B) Sunday 19 July at 9:30 am:

This is an open grade tournament for the Canterbury Region which includes a morning and an afternoon playing session. Players meet at 9:30 am for morning tea before starting play at 10:00. Players make their own arrangements for lunch, and a supper is provided at end of the afternoon session while results are being calculated. We hope that many Crockfords players are able to play in the tournament.

Note, that this is an all grades tournament. The prizes awarded will be to best placings across three or four equal groups, and includes a best tournament result achieved among junior players.

Please, register your pair on the [NZ Bridge](#) website using your NZB number (entry fee is \$35 pp and we encourage you to pay online). Registrations close Wednesday 15 July at 5pm. You can contact the office with any queries regarding registration for this tournament.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Teams night 12 June results:

Congratulations to the two winning teams.

Red section: 'Who cares?'

Joan Shields, Linda Ryan, Andrew McGowan, Maureen Power



Green section: 'Life needs a Cookie'

Lynn Taylor, David Taylor, Leon Meier, Finley Duncan



2026 Solstice Pairs results:

This tournament was hosted by United BC on 20 June. Congratulations to Crockfords members on their great results: Phillippa Borlase and June Jung on their overall second placing in the Intermediate section, and to Megan Smith and Lainie Smith-Mortlock on their first placing in the Junior section.

Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to following pairs:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
8 June	Jill Legg and Jenny Parker	Intermediate	66.90%
15 June	Graeme Black and Naomi Kirwan	Senior	65.54%

FROM THE OFFICE

Please complete the list for magnetic name badges on the Director's desk if you want to order on. This will be placed next week, Thursday, 2 July 2026

29 June 2026:

Apologies for the newsletter being nearly a week late.

Sponsor feature:



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

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