



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Wednesday 8 July 2026

Dear members,

We are now ten days away from the Crockfords All Grades (8B) tournament and again we are hoping for a strong participation from our membership.

You will have noticed that the next Teams night has been delayed to the fourth Friday of July, and this is due to Matariki this coming Friday and the scheduled Crockfords All Grades tournament in the following weekend.

Overview of upcoming events at Crockfords:

July

Sunday 19 th	Crockfords All Grades 8B
Friday 24 th	Fun Teams night

August

Sunday 2 nd	Rangiora Exchange
Sunday 9 th	Lesson: 'Competitive bidding – when we open'
Friday 14 th	Fun Teams night
Sunday 23 rd	Lesson: 'Competitive bidding – when we overcall'
Thursday 27 th	Spring luncheon

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 finalised. 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 (NZB grading).

Please, register your pair on the [NZ Bridge](https://nzbridge.org/) website using your NZB number (entry fee is \$35pp 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.

Teams Night Friday 24 July at 7pm:

The next Teams Night of the year is Friday 24 July. 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.

Rangiora Exchange tournament Sunday 2 August afternoon:

This year, it is our turn to host the interclub match with the Rangiora Bridge Club. There will be fourteen pairs from each club and with pairs evenly distributed across the NZB grades. Pairs have been selected to play in the tournament and further information about the schedule of events for this club match will soon go out to the players.

Intermediate lesson: 'Competitive bidding – when we open' on Sunday, 9 August at 2pm:

The next lesson on 9 August will be: NZB [Intermediate lesson 6](#) (Competitive bidding – when we open). 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 three lessons in August - September. 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
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
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Tutors: Peter Van Leeuwen (PVL), Richard Williams (RW).

OTHER NEWS

NZ Bridge National Congress – Junior and Intermediate teams on 7-8 November 2026:

NZ Bridge organisers are especially looking for more Junior grade players to enter for the 7-8 November teams event. NZ Bridge will help finding suitable team pairs. A notice is posted on the board in the foyer and you can also contact our office if your pair is interested to register for this event.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Nola Mather tournament 26 June results :

It was wonderful to have a well-supported club tournament with 13 tables and this included four relatives to Nola Mather. Well done to everybody participating, and congratulations to the pairs who gained top placings.

Trophy winners: Gerard Moot and Mary Kuipers.

2nd and 3rd placings: Peter Bullion and Anne Holwell, Linda Zhang and Kate MacRae.



Weekly results:

Congratulations for top weekly percentage points to following pairs:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
22 June	Gordon Mounsey & Kirsten Nissen	Senior Reserve	70.00%
29 June	Kiri Pani & Megan Smith	Intermediate	76.39%

FROM THE OFFICE

Please note that the Office will be shut on Wednesday, 22 July as Petra is attending an all day conference.

See upcoming tournament flyers on the noticeboard in the foyer.

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

Kirsten Nissen
President