



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Wednesday 2 September 2026

Dear members,

It has been a great series of scheduled lessons this year which will finish in September. There has been keen interest in learning and understanding the more advanced bidding techniques. We are very thankful to the tutors who have dedicated their time to preparing and presenting the topics, and to openly share their experience. We have been reminded of the benefits of mastering these core topics.

Overview of upcoming events at Crockfords:

September

Saturday 5th

Lesson: 'Competing over Opener's 1NT Opening'

Sunday 6th

Lesson 8: 'Michaels cue bid and unusual 2NT'

Friday 11th

Fun Teams night

Sunday 27th

Lesson: 'Weak 2 suiter openers'

October

Friday 2nd

Fun Teams night

Sunday 11th

Crockfords Open and Intermediate Pairs (5A/5B)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Repeat lesson: 'Competing over Opener's 1NT Opening' on Saturday 5 September at 1:30pm:

There has been an interest shown in repeating this lesson. As usual, we will remind members of this upcoming lesson in the appropriate WhatsApp groups. We encourage interested members to let us know that they are coming and if they have a partner. We hope to get sufficient interest so we have at least two complete tables. Note, the different start time.

Lesson: 'Competitive bidding – when we overcall' on Sunday 6 September at 2pm:

The next lesson on 6 September will be: NZB [Intermediate lesson 8](#) (Michaels cue bid and unusual 2NT). We hope many will take up the opportunity to improve their playing skills by attending this practical and interactive session. Please bring along a partner if possible. Cost is \$5 pp to cover cost of handouts and other overheads.

The last lesson for this year will be the last Sunday in 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
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).

Teams Night Friday 11 September at 7pm:

The next Teams Night is Friday 11 September. You will have received an email reminder from fridayteams@crockfordsbridgeclub.nz (sent out 30 August 2026) to register your team members or your interest in playing. Please respond accordingly to this email for your registration.

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.

OTHER NEWS

Introducing the new defibrillator:

As you will have noticed, the new defibrillator is now installed on the left hand side as you walk into the main playing room from the foyer. There is a set of instructions pinned to the wall beside the defibrillator. We want to make sure we have members who know how to use the new defibrillator and Heart Starter NZ is offering a teaching session (on a Saturday) as part of the service agreement. We will be asking the session convenors to compile a list of members who already knows to operate the defibrillator or who want to take part in a teaching session at an arranged time.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Spring luncheon tournament Thursday 27 August:



About 50 people had a delicious lunch before being joined by others wanting to play in the tournament.

Our sincere thanks go to our sponsor Kevin Hickman Retirement Village who generously provided us with spot prices.



Weekly results:

Congratulations to following pairs for receiving top weekly percentage points:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
17 August	Gerard Moot and Adrienne Shadbolt	Senior	66.07%
24 August	Tony Crow and Peter Udy	Senior	70.41%

FROM THE OFFICE

We are pleased to announce the audited financial report for year ended 2025 is available. A copy is pinned to the notice board in the foyer. Queries and request for a copy can be forwarded to the office.

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

Kirsten Nissen
President