



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Wednesday 16 September 2026

Dear members,

This week, some of you may have noticed that the windows in the annex of the main playing room are now double glazed, and the same applies to the office windows. It has been a prioritised improvement to our building and we are pleased that this has now been completed.

While enjoying the spring weather we are also moving on to the last quarter of the year. There is just a three-week gap to the next teams night, and with the Open and Intermediate Pairs tournament happening a week later.

Overview of upcoming events at Crockfords:

September

Sunday 27th

Lesson: 'Weak 2 suiter openers'

October

Friday 2nd

Fun Teams night

Sunday 11th

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lesson: 'Weak 2 suiter openers' on Sunday 27 September at 2pm:

The last lesson of this year on 27 September will be: NZB [Intermediate lesson 12](#) ('Weak 2 suiter openers' by Richard Williams). 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.

Teams Night Friday 2 October at 7pm:

The next Teams Night is Friday 2 October. You will have received an email notification from fridayteams@crockfordsbridgeclub.nz (sent out 15 September 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>.

Crockfords Open and Intermediate Pairs (5A/5B) Sunday 11 October:

Registrations for the Crockfords Intermediate and Open Pairs tournament are entered directly on the NZ Bridge website using the following links:

[Crockfords Intermediate Pairs 5B](#)

[Crockfords Open Pairs 5A](#)

You can also register by contacting the Crockfords office.

The cut-off time for registration is 7 October 5pm. The cost is \$35 per person and preferably paid online to Crockfords account. Morning tea is served from 9:30am and before play starting at 10am. Players bring their own lunch and there will be a supper served at the end of the afternoon session.

OTHER NEWS

Remembering Audrey Crowe:

It is with sadness that we share the passing of our club member, Audrey Crowe. Audrey was a valued bridge player in our Thursday afternoon session for six years, always bringing good humour, energy and dedication to our games.

Please contact Beverley Parlane for details of a memorial service for Audrey.

Resignation of Crockfords gardener:

Crockfords has received the resignation of our gardener of 28 years, Paul Coffey. We have much appreciated his reliable and dedicated service to our club. Paul will finish working for us at the end of September. Please extend your warm greeting to Paul if you should meet him at our grounds over the next few weeks.

Gardener wanted from 1 October:

Crockfords is wanting to employ a person to do gardening tasks for x hours per week starting from 1 October. Expressions of interest can be forwarded to the office (email, phone contacts).

FROM PAST EVENTS

Weekly results:

Congratulations to following pairs for receiving top weekly percentage points:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
31 August	Jill Legg & Jenny Parker	Intermediate	72.72%
7 September	Allan Schroeder & Shangar Singh	Open/Mixed Thursday afternoon	69.44%

Teams night 11 September results:

It was great to have 22 teams including 8 new players, and the teams were represented by 46 players from Christchurch BC, 38 from Crockfords, and the remaining from Rangiora, United and Lincoln BC.

Congratulations to the two winning teams:

Green section (Open section):

10 teams

'Gentle Squeeze': Linda Zhang, Pam Tibble, Bill Mecchia, Dorothy Bain



Red section (Intermediate/mixed):

12 teams

'Mixed Bag': Lynley Gainsford, Denise Curry, Jan Cameron, Kirsten Nissen



FROM THE OFFICE

Please familiarise yourself with upcoming tournaments and information on the notice board in the foyer.

Defibrillator/First Aide training:

Please contact your grade convenor or the Office if you are interested in taking part of the training that Heart Started NZ is offering. It would be a Saturday. Time to be confirmed after we receive interest.

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

Kirsten Nissen
President