



CROCKFORDS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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Newsletter

Wednesday 30 September 2026

Dear members,

We are looking forward to the Teams night on this coming Friday but hopefully there will be more teams or pairs registering today and tomorrow.

Overview of upcoming events at Crockfords:

October

Friday 2 nd	Fun Teams night
Sunday 11 th	Crockfords Open and Intermediate Pairs (5A/5B)
Saturday 24 th	Defibrillator training

November

Friday 6 th	Fun Teams night
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 asap 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](#)

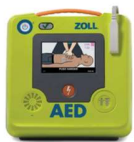
You can also register by contacting the Crockfords office.

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.

NZ Wide Pairs (3A) Friday 16 October at the Christchurch Bridge Club:

The Christchurch Bridge Club is hosting the [NZ Wide Pairs \(3A\)](#) tournament for bridge clubs in the Canterbury Region. The same pre-dealt hands are played at all competing clubs simultaneously, and a booklet containing commentary on each hand will be given to all players after play. Please go to link provided for details about registration and start of play.

Defibrillator training Saturday 24 October at 10:30am:



AED & CPR Training

You are invited ...

**... using our AED and doing
correct CPR when it's needed**

- Saturday, 24 October 2026
- 10:30am
- 218 Riccarton Road, Christchurch
- Free
- Inform your Grade Convenor
or let the Office know.

This training session is provided by AJ Wright from



It is important that we have a well-represented group of members attending the training session. Please let your session convenor or the office know that you have attended the session.

Note: AJ Wright from Heart Starter will also take First Aid questions.

A follow-on from this training session is to provide a presentation of instructions in the use of the new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to the playing session.

OTHER NEWS

Gardener at Crockfords wanted:

Crockfords administrative team is wanting to employ a person to take responsibility of gardening tasks. On average, it will at the most be two hours per week and all gardening tools including lawn mower are available on site. Suggestions or expressions of interest can be forwarded to the office. If we are not able to find a private person to undertake the gardening then we will be looking at options for a gardening service business.

Review of members' grades for start of 2027:

At this time of year, the match committee is preparing for the annual review of members' grades that will become applicable from the start of 2027. Rules for promotion from Junior grade to Intermediate Grade and from Intermediate to Senior Reserve Grade, respectively, are outlined on our webpage of Club Rules and by scrolling down to [Promotion Criteria](#).

Members' grade session results from the start of this year and up to and including 7 October will be included in the assessment.

Junior mentoring programme:

This year, Crockfords has implemented a very well received mentoring programme to support new players when they first graduate lessons. We'd love to continue this initiative so are setting up a WhatsApp group for members who are happy to help from time to time, with most of the support likely to be needed on Monday evenings. When a new group of beginners finish their lessons and need a mentor/helper, a message will be sent to the group, and members can offer to help if they're available.

There is absolutely no obligation to help simply by joining the group — you can choose to respond whenever it suits you.

If you would enjoy helping new players feel welcome, supported and help grow our club, we'd love to have you join! To join the WhatsApp group simply message Lainie on 0274311675 or Kirsten on 0210788774, and we can add you to the list.

Printing of 2027 match programme and other club information:

The office is preparing for the 2027 release of the session match programmes, tournaments and Teams nights. At the beginning of December printed booklets with this information will become available to all members. Suggestions of changes to the session match programmes are managed by the session convenors and must be passed on to the office by 12 November.

A separate printed booklet of members' phone contacts will become available on request at start of February when subscriptions for 2027 have been finalised. Phone contacts displayed on [Members Area](#) (accessed by password) are regularly updated during the year.

A small booklet of other Club rules and general information will be printed for dissemination to new members or to members on request. Note, all relevant club information, match programmes and event schedules are available from the club website. However, we know there will be a continued demand for printed information booklets.

Start of sessions in 2027:

The first playing session in 2027 will be Thursday afternoon 7 January. Monday 4 January is day after New Year's Day (observed) and hence a public holiday. So grade sessions will start up again from Monday 11 January.

Resignations of club president and treasurer at the 2027 AGM:

There is still a half year to the next AGM, but the committee wants to prepare our membership of upcoming changes to officer representation and club roles. We need your help in finding members who can contribute to the running of the club by taking on these roles and being part of the committee.

David Hawes will be resigning as treasurer of our club following a period of 7 years of continued service in the treasurer and president roles. We have hugely benefitted from David's long-time contribution to the club including his wider experience with incorporated societies.

As indicated earlier this year, Kirsten will not continue as president following the 2027 AGM. Kirsten will retain an officer role for at least one year and be supporting the new president in the tasks ahead.

FROM PAST EVENTS

Christchurch Congress Intermediate and Open Pairs 20 September:

Congratulations to the Intermediate pairs on their great results at this event: Philippa Borlase and June Jung, Mary Small and Helen Wood, and David Murdoch and Simon Hardie.

Weekly results:

Congratulations to following pairs for receiving top weekly percentage points:

Week starting	Pair	Session	Result
14 September	Tony Oliver and Christine Cassin	Intermediate	67.71%
21 September	Peter Van Leeuwen and Philippa Borlase	Open/Mixed Thursday afternoon	65.21%

FROM THE OFFICE

Reminders from the newsletter in general:

Staffing:

It will be much appreciated if you can please contemplate your availability to join the Club Committee.

Tournament:

Please register for the Crockfords Open and Intermediate Pairs (5A/5B), Sunday 11 October: It will be great to see more representation of our Club.

Defib Training:

Thank you very much for those who already expressed interest. Please let either the office or your grade convenor know if you would like to attend the training on Saturday, 24 October 2026 at 10:30am.

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

Kirsten Nissen
President