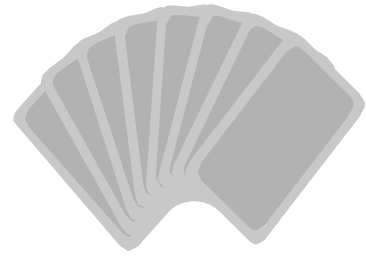


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Hello Everyone

Welcome to our October newsletter.

YOUTH WEEKEND in AUCKLAND

As many of you will know we recently sponsored Grace and Marily to attend this long running event in Auckland. Young bridge players from all over the country get together to play bridge and socialise. The girls were driven to Auckland by Grace's Mum and billeted up there. They attended our committee meeting on Tuesday to tell us all about it. Marily also wrote a blog for NZ Bridge about her bridge experience.

Hi Everyone

My name is Marily Crabb. I am 12 years old and I attend Rotorua Intermediate School. I am a member of the Rotorua Bridge Club and I have been in the Rotorua Bridge Club for 2 years.

I'm excited to talk to you today about something that might be a little bit surprising at first: how playing bridge has actually helped me become better at things. Now I know what you might be thinking-how can a card game really make a difference in skills? Well! It turns out that it can, and I would like to share with you how bridge has made a real impact on my understanding and my abilities in Math's.

When I first started playing bridge I didn't expect it to affect my Math skills at all. I enjoyed the challenges and strategies of the game, but as I got more into it, I noticed some very surprising benefits that went more beyond winning or losing hands. Playing bridge helped me become more confident in my decisions. With that I strongly encourage every individual or student that if I can do this there is no doubt or discouragement for everyone in taking a chance to take the opportunity to play bridge.

Bridge is Just Amazing as far as I know!!!....

WORLD CAFÉ

A big thanks to Hilary for organizing and running this day. 24 Club members participated and contributed their views and thoughts into the changes and update of our constitution. This was a huge help, and the committee now has a document which is being emailed to all members to read and make suggestions for any more alterations. It will then be ready for presentation at the AGM.

WELCOME DINNER

Once again this was a very successful night. Over 40 members joined in and as always there was copious amounts of food for our potluck dinner, lots of chatting and mingling, and a few hands of bridge. This is a great opportunity to meet our new members who have just completed their lessons, and we welcome them to our game and our club.

NAME BADGES

Please wear your name badges when you are playing at the club or away at tournaments. It is a big help at the club when we have a new intake of players, and most tournaments don't supply name tags any more.

ROTORUA RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT

A most enjoyable tournament with 14 tables and expertly directed by Alan Dick. Although we only had 6 pairs from outside clubs, they all complimented us on the day. Some great results for our local players, some winning their very first tournament.

Many thanks to Wendy Fraser for organizing the kitchen on the day and to Gill Nelson for helping.

NZ WIDE PAIRS

Friday 15th November 2024

This is another reminder for this nationwide event that we hold every year. Many clubs throughout the country host a session and all players play the same set of boards. The sessions are scored locally and then all scores are scored across the country. At the end of the session, you get a booklet with all the hands and an expert commentary on how the bidding and play might have gone. It is a very enjoyable and educational experience, and I suggest that anyone who has not given it a go should do so. It is a great night. We have had overall winners from our club in the past so it can be done!

The event is Sponsored by Loveblock and is a fundraiser for NZ Bridge.

Please enter online on the NZ Bridge website, Tournament Entries. Scroll down the list until you find the Rotorua one as all clubs running this event are listed

and are not alphabetical.

If you would like to play in this event but don't have a partner, talk to Val and she will help you arrange one.

NATIONAL CONGRESS 2024

Good Bridge to everyone going over to the Mount to play at Congress and to Grace and Marily who will be caddying.

ART in the PARK

We will once again be participating in this event next year in February and will be looking for volunteers to play bridge for the day in 2 hour blocks. We are confident of getting a space this year right in the gardens and NZ Bridge has advertising materials available for us to make use of. Closer to the time we will ask for the names of those willing to help.

LIBRARY

As you know we have a small lending library at the club with books and jigsaws available. We are looking for a suitable unit to display the jigsaws and make them more accessible. If anyone has something they would like to donate, please let me know.

LESSONS

Next year's lessons will be starting on Wednesday April 2nd. There will also be a repeat on Sundays, time to be finalised. Now is the time to start thinking about friends and family who you think would enjoy playing our game. Our learners are the lifeblood of the Club.

This earlier start time will mean the Welcome dinner can go back to being a Mid-Winter Christmas celebration as well.

WORKING BEE

Our annual Working Bee will be held this year on **Saturday 2nd November**. All the usual tasks will be available.

Window cleaning

Bathrooms

Kitchen

Bar

Cleaning Boards

Tidying tablecloths

Or anything you can think of that you would like to tackle.

PARTNERSHIP STEWARDS

Please remember to contact your Partner before each event starts. This will ensure you are not left without someone to play with and having to go home.

Monday Afternoon:

Regina van der Sluis.....020 4161 7772

Wednesday Evening:

Hilary Williams.....027 482 0699

Thursday Evening:

Marie Milsum.....027 427 5727

Friday Afternoon:

Jim Morgan.....027 488 2189

TOURNAMENTS

Here are the tournaments happening soon in our region. Please consider playing and enter online.

Mt Maunganui Bay Events Centre National Congress

Saturday 28th Sept - Saturday 5th Oct.

Te Awamutu Junior 3B Pairs

Sunday 13th October

Te Awamutu Novice Pairs

Sunday 13th October

Waitomo Restricted 8B Pairs

Thursday 17th October

Cambridge Intermediate Pairs

Sunday 20th October

Hamilton Mini Congress

Saturday 26th October, Sunday 27th October & Monday 28th October

A wee note from Jody:

Remember, Marriage is like a deck of cards. At the start you just need two Hearts and a Diamond. By the end, you just want a Club and a Spade.

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We are very grateful for the ongoing support of our sponsors.
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Please make use of our Sponsors' services if you can and let them know that you belong to the Bridge Club and appreciate their sponsorship.

Please send any suggestions or contributions to me at
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Cheers
Ruth

