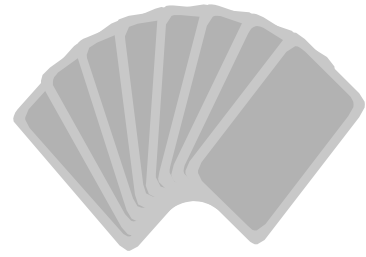


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Hello Everyone

Welcome to our November newsletter.

## **NAME BADGES**

If you are missing a name badge please let me know. We will put an order in for new ones from time to time. We prefer to order in batches rather than one at a time as it is cheaper for you.

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.

## **NZ WIDE PAIRS**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

We have firmed up the details of this event for our club. Players are invited to gather at the club from 5-30 to 6pm. Your committee will provide complimentary drinks and food to partake of before play. Table money will be just the \$10.00 per player that is charged by NZ Bridge.

This is a nationwide event that we hold every year. This year we would love to see entries from some of our newer players. It is a great experience and you will be playing against club members that you already know.

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**

Many good results from our club members including by Marie Milsum and Alison Beer who won the seniors Swiss Pairs.

## **LESSONS**

Next year's lessons will be starting on Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will also be a repeat on Sundays, 2.30 -5.00pm. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

Many hands make light work!

Please let one of the committee know if you are able to volunteer to help and your preferred task if you would like it reserved 😊 for you.

Feel free to bring your favourite cleaning utensils / products along with some morning tea to share!

Tasks:

Clean Windows - outside

Clean Windows - inside

Clean outside walls with Hydroblaster

Clean gutters

Clean oven

Dust Shelves

Clean office – Christine

Clean interior of refuse bins

Clean ladies' toilets

Clean Men's Toilets

Garden – Colleen – ongoing

Clean Boards – Ruth plus helpers

Realign tables Ruth and Jody

Bring a plate for morning tea if you are so inclined. We don't want too many as we wouldn't get any work done!

## **Thank you in advance for your support.**

### **AGM 2024**

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

We will be discussing the new Constitution. Many thanks to Katherine for driving this huge project and to all the club members who have taken the time to respond. There are several other important topics to be discussed so we are hoping for a large turnout.

### **TOURNAMENTS**

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

Taupo Christmas Tournament	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Rotorua Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Thames Christmas Party	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Te Awamutu Christmas Party	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Waikato Christmas Tournament	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Rotorua Christmas Tournament	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December.

## **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

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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 [ruth.lewis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ruth.lewis@xtra.co.nz)

Cheers  
Ruth

