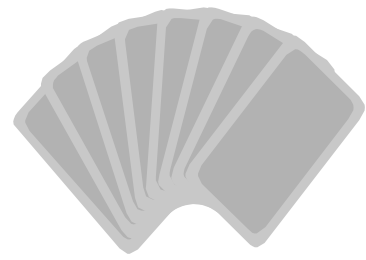


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Hello Everyone

Welcome to our final newsletter for this year.

## **AGM**

For those members who were unable to attend here is a rundown of the highlights.

Once again our AGM and Prizegiving was well attended.

Your new committee for 2025 is:

President	Ruth Lewis	Ph 027 437 0500
Secretary	Christine de Vries	Ph 027 565 6575
Treasurer	Kathryn Morgan	Ph 027 374 8524
Immediate Past President	Alan Dick	Ph 027 240 5066
Committee	Val Honeyfield, Dawne Sharplin, Hilary Williams, Tony Evanson, Bobbie Fluker, Pam Dale.	

Thank you to these members who have agreed to serve on our committee.

## **Table Fees**

It was agreed that the table fees will rise to \$5.00 per session.

This will commence at the start of the season next year. Any vouchers that you may still have on hand will be accepted as \$5.00.

The Subscription will remain the same.

The draft Constitution was accepted and will be submitted to the Companies Office for approval.

The Jean Philips Championship will now be played as a Swiss Pairs event, not as mixed pairs.

## Presidents Report 2024

Welcome to the Rotorua Bridge Club AGM for 2024

It is a great pleasure to report on our Club's happenings for 2024. As you will hear from Kathryn later in the meeting our table numbers are up overall for all sessions. It is some time since this has happened. Much of the increase is due to our Learners from the last two years lessons, now playing regularly and we welcome them.

Your Committee has worked hard all year to ensure the smooth running of the club. My thanks goes to these Committee members, who this year have had to work extra hard due to a smaller number on the Committee than in the past. We are therefore thankful for the Club Members who have willingly taken on tasks to make this possible. This includes the Partnership Stewards, The collection of table money, laundry, shopping for kitchen supplies, dealing boards, scoring, directing, building maintenance, kitchen duties, conducting lessons, arranging sponsorship and programme collation and checking.

I hope the following sounds familiar to you all....

We are a club that shares the workload to benefit all members. Whether you have been a member for 20+ years or have joined this year, we need your help.

Volunteering can include responsibility for regular jobs around our weekly sessions. Other contributions can be home baking or joining our gardening, bar, building or kitchen teams to help run Rotorua Bridge Tournaments for the NZ wide Bridge community. Maintaining our property in one off events, such as group working bees, it does make a difference.

We held a very successful working bee in October. Although a smaller number than usual turned up to help we got a lot done. Others have since completed more outside tasks. On the day members cleaned the inside of the windows, cleaned all of the boards, spring cleaned the kitchen and gave the toilets a good going over. Thanks to those that participated on the day and after.

We have had an extra workload this year with having to rewrite our Constitution to comply with the new Incorporated Society Act. Kathryn took on this huge task and thanks to her conscientious work we now have it almost ready to be submitted one year early. Thanks also to Hilary for running the workshop for members to discuss this.

Our regular tournaments through the year saw increased participation and we are grateful to Club Members who helped with these in so many ways. We ran our usual BOP Interclub Teams event and then unexpectedly also hosted the Waikato/Bays final of the same event. Thank you to Alan Dick who stepped in to direct this last-minute tournament.

We also hosted one of our largest NZ Wide pairs in November with 11 ½ tables competing. Many of our newer players joined in the fun and national honours went to two of our Novice Pairs.

Jess and Dennis were the top novice pair in the country and Jude and Suzette were runners up.

Congratulations!

Sadly this year we had to say goodbye to one of our longest serving Club members when Bev Skilling moved to New Plymouth to be nearer to family. Not only had Bev been a member for over 40 years she also encouraged her father Bob Nairn to play. Bev served on the Committee as Treasurer for a number of years and Bob was our Auditor for a long time. Bev then became our Auditor/Reviewer. She returned from New Plymouth for a few days to do her last review of the Club's accounts. She will be missed a great deal.

We are now getting back to our big numbers for our Christmas Tournament which is coming up next week. Thanks to all involved for making this such a successful and enjoyable day. For anyone still wanting to play or help we still have room for more .

Once again thank you to all those Club Members who have done their bit through the year and I am looking forward to a successful 2025.

Seasons Greeting to you all and I hope you have a lovely summer break.

Ruth Lewis

President

## **PRIZE AND TROPHY WINNERS 2024**

### **MONDAY AFTERNOON**

#### **Lois Smith Memorial Trophy: Monday Afternoon Championship**

2024: Liz Wilcox and Kevin Jensen

#### **Bonza Pies Trophy: Top Aggregate Monday Afternoon**

2024: Susan Hardy

#### **Pat Herring Cup: Best non-open Pair in Monday Afternoon Championship**

2024: Colleen Allen and Roger Dempster

#### **Handicap Winners Monday afternoon Championship**

2024: Steve Chadwick and Alison Perrin

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

#### **Helen Graeff Memorial Cup: IMP Teams Wednesday Night**

2024: Paul Rogers, Dawne Sharplin, Mareli Esterhuysen, Jean Neame

#### **Championship Cup Wednesday Night**

2024: Dave Matthews Rodger Dempster

#### **Novice Championship Cups Wednesday Night**

2024: Dennis van Maanen and Jess Bradley

#### **Ellis Plate: Top Aggregate Wednesday Night**

2024: Paul Rogers

#### **Championship Handicap Winners Wednesday Night**

2024: Barry and Margo Thom

### **THURSDAY EVENING**

#### **Brent's Hotel Cup: IMP Teams Thursday Night**

2024: Val Honeyfield Margie Robbie Jodie Richardson Marie Milsum

#### **Auckland Rose Bowl: Club Championships Thursday**

2024: Alan Dick & Heini Lux

#### **Pewter Tray: Club Championship Thursday Runners Up**

2024: Elsbeth Goodrick & Wendy Blackman

#### **Intermediate Cup: Thursday Championships**

2024: Maureen Carter & Shirlee Gainsford

#### **Handicap Winners Thursday Club Championship**

2024: Dawne Sharlin & Mareli Esterhuysen

#### **Selling Cup: Top Aggregate Thursday**

2024: Catherine Ward

**Selling Cup: Aggregate Runner-up Thursday 2024: Gill Nelson**

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

**Mary Gardiner Trophy: Friday Ladder 1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate**

2024: Phil Skinner

### **Friday Championship**

2024: Jackie Pulman & Kathryn Morgan

### **Friday Championship Handicap**

2024: Karen Smith & Marilyn field

## **OTHER PRIZES/TROPHIES**

**Margaret Angus Memorial Trophy: Best Rotorua Pair in Rotorua Open Tourn..**

2024: Margie Robbie & Marie Milsum

### **Ib Thulin Cups Handicap**

2024: Jude Lipanovich & Suzette White

### **Jean Phillips Cup: Mixed Pairs Championship**

2024: Kevin & Ruth Lewis

## **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.

WE will be promoting our lessons at Art in The Park on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February next year. We will be in the main area this time and will have promotional material from NZ Bridge. We would like club members to come along and help promote our club.

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

## **TOURNAMENTS**

The last one for the year. There is still time to enter if you would like to play. I still need a reserve pair so let me know if you would like to do that.

Rotorua Christmas Tournament

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Club Christmas Party 6pm for a complimentary drink.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Next year's programmes will be available for collection .

Bring a small plate for supper.

## **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:**

Bobbie Fluker.....027 427 4151

## **SPONSORS**

We are very grateful for the ongoing support of our sponsors.

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- Hillcrest Upholstery
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- Steiners Interiors by Reputation
- Dawson Insurance NZ Brokers
- Craigs Investment Partners
- Harcourts Rotorua – Luke Van Den Broek
- Canon                                       - Jenny Forbes

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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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Ruth

