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Hello Everyone

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2025

Bobbie Fluker will be the Editor of the newsletter after this issue. Send all messages and news to her at

[mortytorty@hotmail.com](mailto:mortytorty@hotmail.com)

**WELCOME BACK PIZZA NIGHT**

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday 29th for our Welcome Back Pizza Night. Players from all nights are welcome to attend this fun night. A drink and pizza from 6pm with bridge from 7. No need for a partner.

Please wear your name tags each time you play. We have new members who don’t know everybody’s names yet.

**2025 Programmes**

These are available at the clubrooms now. Please pick yours up as soon as possible and bring to each session so that you can book your partners for this year. Your programme is full of useful information about our club and happenings. Please take note page 11 regarding helping at the club.

**Membership Fees**

These are due to be paid before 28th February. Payment can be made by Direct Credit to: 12 3155 0172046 00

Payment for table money can also be made to this account. Please put your name on the payment. $50.00 for 10 vouchers from February 1st.

**Table Fees**

It was agreed that the table fees will rise to $5.00 per session. This will commence at the start of the next season. Any vouchers that you may still have on hand will be accepted as $5.00.

**Art In the Park**

We have confirmed our participation in this event and will be in the main part of the Government Gardens this year. We will be there from 9am to 2pm, Sunday 9th February. There is a list up at the club to put your name down to help us with this promotion of our lessons.

**BEGINNER LESSONS**

Beginner classes will be run on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and/or on Sunday afternoons at 2.30pm.

Commencing Wed 2nd April 2025, 7pm, and Sunday 6th April 2.30-5pm.

Classes run for 12 weeks.

Please assist our drive for new members by encouraging potential learners to join these classes. See page1 of our programme.

**REFRESHER LESSONS**

A series of Refresher Lessons covering the material in the Beginner Lessons will be offered on Tuesday 11, 18, 25 February , 1.30-4pm.

These will be repeated on Thursday 13, 20, 27th February 7-9.30.

All welcome, this is a great opportunity , especially for those who have attended the lessons in the last three years or so.

**Wednesday 4 night pairs +3/-3**

As this is a fairly new event just a reminder that the partnership must include a player with at least 3 years’ experience and one with 3 or less.

**TOURNAMENTS**

The Thames Summer Festival was held on 10th-12th Jan. Congratulations to Kathryn and Jackie, who earned 3 A points each at this event.

Sat 25-27th Jan Tauranga Mini Congress all grades

Sat 1st March Taupo Intermediate 8B Pairs

Sat 15th March Waihi All Grades Pairs

Sat 15th March Hamilton Intermediate and Junior pairs

Sat 22nd March Rotorua Kelly Peirse 10A Teams

**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

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Please send any suggestions or contributions to me at

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Happy Bridging

Bobbie Fluker

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