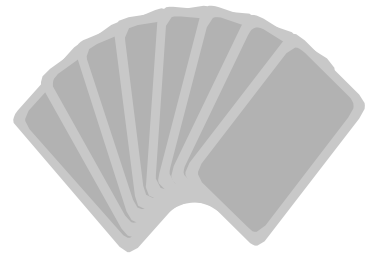


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Rotorua Bridge Club Newsletter #41

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Hello Everyone

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to the following Rotorua members for their recent successes.

Kapiti Retirement Trust Open at Paraparaumu:

Liz and Michael Wilcox: 7th place

Bay of Plenty Pairs 2025 at Whakatane:

Ella Gray & Marie Milsum – 7th place

Christine De Vries & Kathryn Morgan – 14th place

Ruth & Kevin Lewis – 15th place

Grace Wang & Heini Lux – 21st place

IMPORTANT NOTE:

On leaving Bridge on Wednesday night 23 April, one of our members backed into the front of a parked vehicle, the tow bar on the vehicle causing damage to the front number plate of the other car. Our member is keen to make contact with the owner of the vehicle to ensure the owner is not out of pocket in repairing any damage caused.

If this was your car, please let Val Honeyfield know and she will put you in contact with the member concerned.

BEGINNER CLASSES

Val has reported that up to 30 people have been attending the Beginner Lessons. This is very pleasing to see. Val is most appreciative of everyone's support as regards advertising and assisting with the lessons. Our sincere thanks go out to Val and the other helpers, and we look forward to welcoming these people as future members of the club.

WAIKATO BAYS DIRECTORS AND SCORERS FORUM

This forum is to be held on Sunday June 8th, 2025 at the Rotorua Bridge Club.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

TIME	Subject		People
0930	Arrive, Mingle and Morning Tea		ALL
1000	Welcome		Alan Dick WBRC Chair
1005	Directing Allan Joseph Chair -Nick Saunders	Scoring Michael Neels Chair – Greg Davenport	
1200	LUNCH		ALL
1245	Session #2 Combined		Allan Joseph Chair -Alan Dick
1420	Afternoon Tea		ALL
1430	<u>Session #3</u> – Combined Session		Allan Joseph Chair -Alan Dick
1600	<u>CLOSE</u>		

Further information and Registration for the day can be made on the NZB Tournament Web page.

TOURNAMENTS

Remember to check both the club noticeboard and New Zealand Bridge website www.nzbridge.co.nz for all details of upcoming tournaments.

Upcoming Tournaments:

Sat 3/Sun 4 May	Waikato/Bays Regional Championship Trials
Sat 10 May	Matamata Junior 8B Pairs – closing date
Sat/Sun 10/11 May	Taupo Open 5A Pairs – closing date
Tues 13 May	Hamilton Ladies Open 3A & Intermediate 5B Pairs
Tues 13 May	Hamilton Craigs Investment 8B Open Pairs
Thurs 15 May	Putaruru Open 10A Pairs
Sat 17 May	Te Awamutu Restricted 8B Pairs
Sun 18 May	Katikati Intermediate 5B Pairs
Sat 24 May	Te Puke Restricted 8B Pairs
Sun 25 May	Bay Pairs Round 2 Tauranga
Sat 30 May to Mon 2 June	- Hawkes Bay Congress Napier

The committee has decided that the club's **Youth members will qualify for a 50% discount on entry fee** to any Novice/Junior or Restricted NZ Bridge Tournaments. Youth members will need to notify a committee member once they have entered and paid their entry fees and a reimbursement can be organised.

INVITATIONS:

International Geocaching Event

The Rotorua Bridge Club is being used for an international geocaching event during the first weekend in May. The organisers have extended an invitation to our members to attend, if they are interested in learning about geocaching. Sunday is recommended for a less busy experience. There will be someone present on Sunday at 11am who can explain the game to anyone interested.

"Songs for Children of All Ages" Concert

You are invited to a concert on Saturday 17 May 2025, at St Johns Church, 44 Victoria Street. There are 2 performances – 10.30 and 2.30pm. "Songs for Children of All Ages" is aimed to encourage children along, whilst still providing a varied and engaging repertoire for adults. Two of our members are involved in the production. Jess Bradley is conducting and singing while Val Honeyfield is the accompanist. Tickets can be bought here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/songs-for-children-of-all-ages>

PARTNERSHIP STEWARDS

A 'Whats App' program for organising Bridge partners has been trialed by Hilary for the club's Wednesday sessions. This has proved to be a successful way for all players to connect with each other and to be able to play with anyone in that session. It is hoped to trial the system for the Friday sessions soon.

Please remember to contact your partner as a reminder prior to the start of each session.

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.....027 427 151

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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 (especially tournament results) to me at mortytorty@hotmail.com

Happy Bridging
Cheers
Bobbie Fluker

