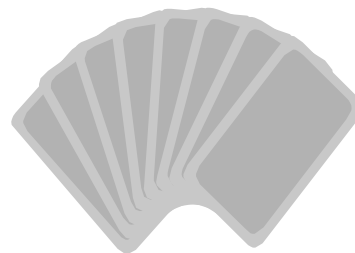


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Hello Everyone

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations to the following Rotorua members for their recent successes:

**Shirley Gainsford and Maureen Carter** who won a session prize at the Katikati 5B Intermediate Pairs.

**Heini Lux and Alan Dick** who came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at the Gisborne 5A Pairs.

**Liz Wilcox and Kevin Jensen** who were top of the Open and Intermediate Group and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Te Puke Restricted 8B Pairs.

## **WAIKATO BAYS DIRECTORS AND SCORERS FORUM**

This forum is to be held on Sunday June 8th, 2025 at the Rotorua Bridge Club. For further information refer to the club noticeboard and Registration for the day can be made on the NZB Tournament Web page. All welcome. A great opportunity because of the knowledge and calibre of the tutors.

## **ONLINE PRACTICE SESSIONS**

NZ Bridge is offering online Practice Games for New Bridge Players on Sundays 4- 6pm. The first session on Sunday 8 June is free – sign up to Hello Club and log in by 3.45 pm each Sunday. Games are \$5 or a Winter Pass of \$25 for all 15 sessions. For more information see attached flyer or NZ Bridge website.

### **MEMBERSHIP BADGES:**

Val Honeyfield is currently organising badges for the new members. If you have lost yours and would like another, this would be a good time to contact Val on 0274826793.

### **REMINDERS:**

Some friendly reminders to ensure the continual smooth running of a well-oiled machine. Please remember to:

1. **Be punctual** to all Bridge playing sessions, particularly the Wednesday Night session. All players must arrive in time to be **seated by 6.45pm.** This ensures that the session is finished by 10/10.15 pm at the latest.
2. **Contact your partner** prior to the beginning of a new competition so there are no OOPPS moments!!!!
3. **Be extra careful** when taking out all the cards at a sit-out session at the **Phantom Table**, as many fouled-boards have occurred at this point.
4. **Tidy the table at the end of the session.** Push in chairs. North/South are the table hosts who are responsible for clearing all rubbish and returning boards and Bridgemates. Board-boxes must be returned to the office.
5. **Recycle** – Everyone is already putting their bidding pad pages in the recycling box near the door. Did you know that there is a recycling bin in the bar area? Most of the plastic biscuit trays are No. 1, so can be recycled along with the biscuit/cracker boxes, rinsed-milk bottles etc. Every little bit helps our future generations of Bridge players.

### **TOURNAMENTS**

Remember to check both the club noticeboard and New Zealand Bridge website [www.nzbridge.co.nz](http://www.nzbridge.co.nz) for all details of upcoming tournaments.

#### **Upcoming Tournaments:**

Sat 30 May to Mon 2 June	<b>Napier</b> Hawkes Bay Congress
Sat 7 June	<b>Te Aroha</b> Spa Town 8B/5A Teams
Sun 8 June	<b>Mt Maunganui</b> Bay Pairs 3
Sat 14 June	<b>Rotorua</b> Open 5A Pairs
Wed 18, 25 June, 2 July	<b>Hamilton</b> Swiss 5A Pairs
Sun 22 June	<b>Te Puke</b> Bay Area Pairs 4
Sun 22 June	<b>Hamilton</b> WB Interclub Teams
Sun 28 June	<b>Morrinsville</b> Open 8B Pairs

## **PARTNERSHIP STEWARDS**

Monday Afternoon: Regina van der Sluis 020 4161 7772

Wednesday Evening: 'What's App' (Hilary Williams) 027 482 0699

Thursday Evening: Marie Milsum 027 427 5727

Friday Afternoon: Bobbie Fluker 027 427 151

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Please send any suggestions or contributions (especially tournament results) to me at [mortytorty@hotmail.com](mailto:mortytorty@hotmail.com)

Happy Bridging

Cheers

Bobbie Fluker

