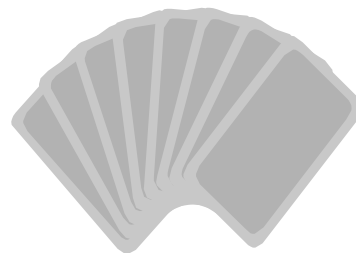


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Rotorua Bridge Club Newsletter #44

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Hello Everyone

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to the following Rotorua members for their recent successes at the Mt Maunganui Bay Pairs:

Jan Lindsay & Jenny Forbes – placed 1st in Novice Section.

Suzette White & Jude Lipanovic – placed 2nd in Novice section.

Colleen Allen & Roger Dempster – placed 2nd in Intermediate section.

Richard Forster & Beth Dungey – placed 6th in Junior section.

And at the WB Interclub Teams:

Wendy Blackman & Elspeth Goodrick – placed 2nd in the intermediate Grade.

Colleen Allen & Roger Dempster – placed 4th overall

Kevin Lewis & June McHale – placed 9th overall.

2 pairs (Wendy & Elspeth, Colleen & Roger) will go forward to the BOP finals at Matamata next month.

DRUM ROLL!!

Marie Milsum has received the required points needed to be a Grandmaster.

Congratulations Grandmaster Marie.



WELCOME DINNER:

The Welcome dinner for new members was well attended with a total of 57 members present (both existing and new). There was a scrumptious 2 course dinner followed by some interesting hands of Bridge. The following is a lovely acknowledgement from one of the learners:

"Thanks to the club members who put on such a fabulous graduation dinner on Wednesday and thanks to the people who must have come early to make the room look so inviting. The tables looked beautiful."



Attendees at Welcome Night



IB THULIN HANDICAP PAIRS:

This popular Rotorua only tournament is on **Sunday 27 August 2025**. The Entry list is on the wall near the door at the Bridge club. All members are invited to enter, including those new members who have just completed lessons. Note to newest members, you may want to pair up together or if you want to play with a more experienced player, contact Val.

REMINDER:

If you open any window in the clubrooms, then please be responsible for closing it – don't leave it for someone else to check.

NEW PURCHASE:

The club has purchased a new carpet sweeper which must be emptied after every use and will be purchasing a more substantial vacuum cleaner in the upcoming Briscoes sale.

HEADS UP:

Please be thinking about how you can help the club out at the following upcoming events:

Working Bee:

Set for **Saturday 1st November** beginning 9am. This will entail the normal duties: cleaning of kitchen, windows, office, toilets etc., with emphasis on cleaning and mending of chairs.

AGM:

Looking ahead to the AGM in November, all members are welcome to join the committee.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BRIDGE MATES:

Who spent some of their youth freezing raspberries in Inverness? If you text the correct answer and your name to me at 0274 274 151, you could win 2 bottles of 'Tony's Worm Juice' or a chocolate fish or both.

TOURNAMENTS:

Note that the criteria for Novice Players can be found on the NZ Bridgewebsite. The criteria in the Rotorua Bridge Book are incorrect. Remember to check both the club noticeboard and NZ Bridge website www.nzbridge.co.nz for all details of upcoming tournaments.

Upcoming Tournaments:

Sat 2 Aug

Whakatane Restricted 8B Pairs

Sat 9 Aug

Cambridge Sixes (3A/3B/5B)

Sat 16 Aug

Te Awamutu Intermediate 5B Pairs

Sun 17 Aug

Rotorua only IB Thulin Handicap Pairs

Sun 24 Aug

Matamata WB Interclub Teams Final

Sat 30 Aug

Tauranga Novice 40C/ Junior 3B/ Int 5B Pairs

PARTNERSHIP STEWARDS

Remember to contact your partner prior to the beginning of a new competition so there are no OOPPS moments!!!!

<u>Monday Afternoon:</u>	<u>WhatsApp</u> & Regina van der Sluis	020 4161 7772
<u>Wednesday Evening:</u>	<u>WhatsApp</u> & Hilary Williams	027 482 0699
<u>Thursday Evening:</u>	Marie Milsum	027 427 5727
<u>Friday Afternoon:</u>	<u>WhatsApp</u> & Bobbie Fluker	027 4274 151

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

Happy Bridging

Cheers

Bobbie Fluker

