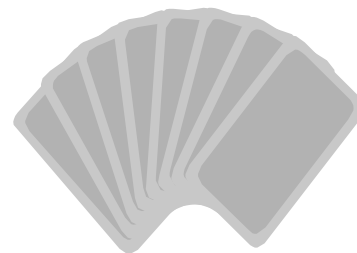


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Rotorua Bridge Club Newsletter #45

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Spring Greetings to Everyone

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to the following Rotorua members for their recent successes:

Ruth and Kevin Lewis who were 2nd overall

Val Honeyfield and Nico Wihapi who were the Top Intermediate Junior Pair in the Whakatane restricted.

Graham Wallace and Deryck Pilkington who were the First Handicap Pair

Ruth and Kevin Lewis who were first 'off the stick', in the 1b Thulin Handicap pairs.

Woohoo!! There has been a most unusual high number of 70%+ scores in the club, within the last week:

1. **Dave Matthews and Phil Skinner 75%** (1b Thulin)
2. **Ruth and Kevin Lewis 74%** (1b Thulin)
3. **Grace Wang and Roger Dempster 71%** (Wednesday Night)

GIFT TO THE CLUB:

Keep your eyes peeled for the appearance of an exceptionally generous gift to the club from **NZ artist Dick Frizzell**. This limited-edition print will soon be hanging on the north wall of the club rooms. Further information will follow as to how this print and Dick's generosity will benefit Rotorua Youth Bridge players.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Rotorua Restricted Pairs:

This popular club event is on **Saturday 13th September**. See the club notice board for more details. "Restricted" means that 2 open players cannot play together. There are great prizes up for grabs: open-junior, open-intermediate, junior-junior, intermediate-intermediate. Prizes are relative to the number of entries. Please bring a morning tea plate to share. Newest learners are very welcome and if you need help organising a partner, contact Hilary Williams.

Loveblock Wines New Zealand Wide Pairs:

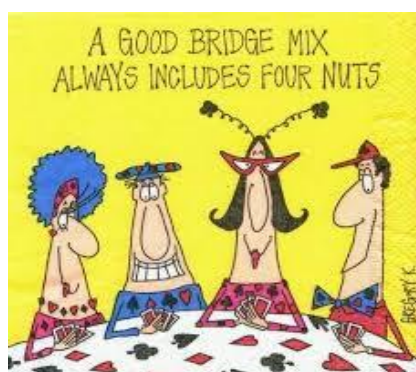
Heads up for this great social occasion at **7 pm Friday October 17th**. There are prizes for different categories. Many clubs throughout NZ enter, playing the same boards which are scored across the country and each player will eventually receive an A5 booklet with an analysis of all hands. It is a fundraiser for Youth Bridge in NZ. Entry is online, with the entry fee TBA.

REMINDERS:

1. The club Working Bee **Saturday 1st November. Starts 9 am**, finishes before lunchtime. Normal jobs with attention to chair-repair.
2. If you make mess in the clubrooms or scoring room, please use the carpet sweeper to clean up (and empty carpet sweeper afterwards).
3. With our newest learners playing regularly on Wednesdays and Fridays, please remember they play basic ACOL and Stayman only. If a learner asks a question after the play of a board, please answer but otherwise offer only encouragement, not advice. Thanks, from Val.

SPONSORS:

Some gaps have arisen within our list of Sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring the club or know someone that is, please contact Hilary Williams 027 482 0699 for more details.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BRIDGE MATES:

Unfortunately, nobody correctly answered the question, “**Who spent some of their youth freezing raspberries in Inverness?**” The answer was **Roger Dempster**. This month’s question is, “**Who in this Bridge club, is an identical twin?**” The prize is the same but please reply to Bobbie on either the Monday or Friday **What’s App** or email **mortytorty@hotmail.com**

TOURNAMENTS:

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

Upcoming Tournaments:

Sat 6 Sep	Hamilton WBays Regional 10A Swiss Pairs
Sun 7 Sep	Thames Restricted 8B Pairs
Sat 13 Sep	Rotorua Restricted 8B Pairs
Sun 14 Sep	Matamata Intermediate 5B Pairs
Sat 20 Sep	Mt Maunganui Restricted Pairs
Sat 27 Sep	Tauranga Open 5A Pairs

PARTNERSHIP STEWARDS:

(NB: I will be out of the country 27 Aug -15 September so anyone not on Whats App, wanting a steward for Friday during that time, please contact **Jude 027 440 6316**)

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 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