

**FIELDING BRIDGE CLUB
NEWSLETTER #1
4 February 2025**



Hi everyone,

Here we are at the start of another year. Welcome back! We have already played the first competitions and the results are in this newsletter.

Farewell, Lesley

Sadly, we say farewell to **Lesley Mitchell**. Lesley passed away on 19 December. She was a quiet member of the club, with a dry sense of humour. She enjoyed playing on Winter Wednesdays and occasionally on Fridays.

Welcome to the Club

We welcome **Jo Cooley** as a new member to the Club. Jo previously played at Palmerston North Club and is a keen Monday player. Jo's phone number is 021 102 1211. Please write this in your book.

New Phone Number

Eric Churton has a new phone number. It is 027 355 4155. Please add this to your book, too.

Incorporated Society

The Feilding Contract Bridge Club Inc. has now successfully reregistered with the Companies Office as an Incorporated Society. You can view a **copy of our certificate on the noticeboard**.

The committee wishes to thank the Constitution Review Sub-Committee of **Kathy Gibson, Christine Ingram, Vicki Maugham, Judy McCrae and Wendy Hallett** for the hours of work they put into bringing our constitution up to date. A job well done!

Thursday Evening Waitangi Day

There is **No Play** on Thursday 6 February due to Waitangi Day.

Lessons 2025

Lessons for new players will start on Tuesday 4 March at 7.00 pm at the Clubrooms. The cost is \$50 for the 10 lessons, which can be paid weekly. This covers the cost of their sub for the rest of 2025. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning to play bridge, please ring **Dale** on 027 455 9185.

Taster Sessions will be held in the Feilding Library on the 11 and 25 February from 11.00 am - 1.00 pm. In the past, we have found these to be a very successful way of finding interested learners. We ask for a few volunteers to come and help on those mornings. It would be good to have 2 tables full.

We have also ordered bookmarks to be printed (just arrived now) to be put into letterboxes. If you could go for a walk and deliver some, please contact **Vicki** on 027 280 7078 and let me know which streets you will be delivering to. That is so we don't double up. I can hand these out on Friday or will deliver them on Saturday morning.

If you are already a member, you are welcome to attend the lessons at no cost. If you have been playing regularly, you will probably be able to pick the lessons that you feel will be helpful to you. Please let Dale or Vicki know which ones you want to attend so we can have your notes photocopied for you. Dale and Vicki are sharing the teaching this year.

Dates of Lessons

Introduction	Lesson 1	4 March - Dale
1-Level Opening Bids	Lesson 2	11 March - Vicki
Responder's Limit Bids	Lesson 3	18 March - Dale
Responder's New Suit Bids	Lesson 4	25 March -
Balanced Hands	Lesson 5	1 April -
Responder's Rebids	Lesson 6	8 April
Overcalls	Lesson 7	15 April
Takeout Double	Lesson 8	22 April
Pre-emptive Openings	Lesson 9	29 April
Strong Opening Bids	Lesson 10	6 May

These will be followed by 3 weeks of practice games on Tuesday evenings, prior to Winter Wednesdays starting up on 4 June.

Clubroom Behaviour

The Committee is concerned that recently there have been instances of members shouting at other members during play. This is generally unacceptable behaviour according to the NZ Bridge Code of Conduct – Disturbance of the Peace.

The correct procedure is to call the director and ask them to speak to the player that is causing the annoyance. The player that is being problematic must then cease immediately. NZ Bridge – Code of Conduct - Try not to do anything that might annoy anyone or stop whatever it is if anyone suggests that you are annoying them.

Feilding Open Pairs

The **Feilding Open Pairs** will be played on the 23rd of this month. At the time of writing, there are 11 tables, so if you are keen to play, you should get your entry in smartly.

Jenni is looking for members to help out for an hour or so in the kitchen. Please phone her on 021 255 2401.

As always, we are very grateful to members who bring along plates for morning tea. Let Jenni know, if you can do that too.

Monday Night Results:

The winner of the **Monday Ladder** was **Andrew Kirkpatrick** with a handicap score of 58.92% (raw score 60.36%). The runner-up was **Jenny McIntosh** with a handicap score of 55.87% (raw score 54.88%). Congratulations to both of you.

Your director and scorer for the series was Dale Bain. The dealers were Jenny Mac and Lesley C. Many thanks to all of you.

The **Puriri Pairs**, sponsored by a generous club member, will start on Monday 10 February. Deirdre will be directing; Judy S will score and Judy S and Vicki are the dealers.

Vicki has the Monday book, so if you wish to play or need to pull out, please contact me on 027 280 7078.

Thursday Night Results:

The winner of the **Thursday Ladder** was **John Bligh** with a handicap score of 61.56% (raw score 62.06%). The runner-up was **Bill Towler** with a handicap score of 57.59% (raw score 58.96%).

Thank you to the director, Bill, scorers Judy S and Vicki, and dealers, Jenny Mac and Lesley C.

There is no bridge this coming Thursday 6 February.

The next competition will be the **Colyton Pairs**, sponsored by a club member, starting on 13 February. Your director will be Janet. Vicki will be scoring, and Judy S and Vicki are the dealers.

Please ring **Margaret Bartels** on 027 908 5656 if you are wanting to play, looking for a partner or need to pull out.

Friday Bridge Results

Results for last 3 weeks:

17/1/25 1st N/S: **B Benge & C Perry** 59.00%, 1st E/W: **L Radovanovich & J Humphrey** 59.00%

24/1/25 1st N/S: **A Kirkpatrick & C Smith** 61.11%, 1st E/W: **J Seator & B Robinson** 62.15%

31/1/25 1st N/S: **A Kirkpatrick & J Bligh** 63.99%, 1st E/W: **G Elliott & L Meads** 55.36%

Congratulations to all.

Maia has the Friday book. Her number is 027 283 3880.

Start time for Friday Lunch is 10.30 am. We stop for lunch (BYO) and usually finish around 2.00 pm. This is a social day. We come to play good bridge and enjoy ourselves at the same time. Some of us meet at Delish Café for coffee afterwards. All welcome.

Our Sponsorship List – Please Support Them

For the Programme Book- AllanMcNeill

For Competitions: William Cotton & Sons (Open Teams), Beauchamp Funeral Home (Miro & Waituna West Pairs), Jenny McIntosh (Scratch Pairs), Feilding Automotive (Kauri & Kimbolton Pairs), Streaks Ahead (Titoki Pairs), Racheal Manning, Harcourts (Karaka Swiss Pairs), P&C Insurance Brokers (Matai Pairs & Rotational Junior Teams), Evans Henderson Woodbridge (Totara & Halcombe Pairs), Leanne Dryfhout, Property Brokers (Manuka & Makino Pairs), CBD Painters, Clive Dorn (Kiwitea Pairs), Steve Simcox (Manchester Pairs), Happy Paws Kennels and Cattery (Intermediate Pairs), Anonymous members (Monday & Thursday Ladders, Puriri, Restricted, Rata, Colyton, Apiti, Cheltenham & Taonui Pairs) .

For Charity Tournament- Adore Beauty, Attention to Beauty, Beds and More, Beyond Coffee, Central Health Pharmacy, Central ITM Feilding, Darragh's Mitre 10, Delish Café, Edelweiss Florist, Farmlands, Farm Source, Feilding Computers, Gracies, Guthrie Bowron, Health For Life, Feilding, I Scream For Ice Cream, Just Zilch, Kelly's Footwear, Meads Farms, Paper Plus Feilding, Pedley's Nursery, Perfect Nails Feilding, PGG Wrightson, Rome, Salt and Honey, Smitten, Subway Feilding, The Shed Hair Salon, Turners Gifts and Luggage, Turner's Sports, TWB Framing, Visique Optometry, Wool Criations.

And To Those That Got This Far... Something to Make You Smile



Doc, having recently received his Ph.D. in Psychology, re-diagnoses his housemates.

From Dale, Vicki, Janet, Judy, Jenni, Bill and Steve.

