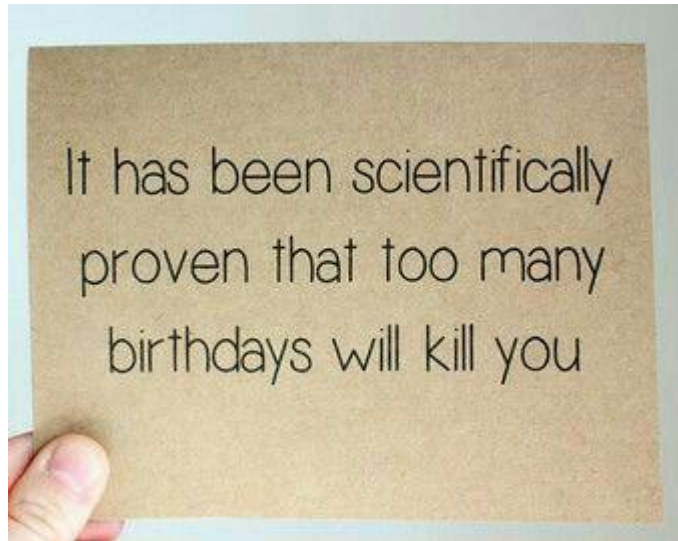


FIELDING BRIDGE CLUB
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Hi everyone,

Just thought I would share that slightly chilling thought.

And here is all the latest news.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to **Judy Perry** and her family on the loss of her husband, Herrick, and of course, to **Claire** for the loss of her brother-in-law.
The Club extends its condolences to both families.

Mary's Phone Number is Wrong

Mary Smith's phone number is incorrect in the book. It should read 027 446 2466. Can you all correct it in your books please.

Lessons 2025

A reminder that 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.

If you know of friends or family members who may be interested in learning, please give them a little nudge. We would love to see them along on Tuesday evening.

If there are any members who would like to come along to sit at tables and help the learners on Tuesday evenings, Dale and Vicki would be very happy to hear from you.

Thank you to all the club members who delivered bookmarks into Feilding letterboxes. We had a good response to our library sessions, with members of the public coming in to say they had received a bookmark. Thank you to the members who helped out at the library.

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 - Vicki
Balanced Hands (1NT Openers)	Lesson 5	1 April - Vicki
Responder's Rebids	Lesson 6	8 April - Vicki
Overcalls	Lesson 7	15 April - Dale
Takeout Double	Lesson 8	22 April - Dale
Pre-emptive Openings	Lesson 9	29 April - Dale
Strong Opening Bids	Lesson 10	6 May - Dale

For current club members, these lessons are free. Come along, whenever you like and brush up on the aspects of your game that you think could do with improvement. If you let Vicki or Dale know prior, we will have some notes ready for you.

Feilding Open Pairs

The **Feilding Open Pairs** was played on the 23rd February. We were fully booked with 15 tables.

The winners were **Russell Wilson** (New Plymouth) and **Charles Ker** (Marlborough) with 63.1%.



Runners-up were **Morgan Booker** (Palmerston North) and **Zheng Zhang** (Hokowhitu) with 59.85%. Third place went to **Tony Clear** and **Jan Whyte** from Palmerston North with 57.81%. The best ranking Feilding Pair was **John Seator** and **Barb Robinson** who were 6th with 55.56%

A special thank you goes to **Lesley Clare** for working in the kitchen and to her band of merry helpers. **Lorraine Stachurski** was our director and as usual, everything went without a hitch. A big thank you to the members who generously supplied morning tea goodies and to **Jenni Sowerby** for supplying loads of savouries for afternoon nibbles.

Iris Fundraiser

The sale of Vicki's irises added \$215.00 to the Building Fund.
Thank you to all the members that purchased them.

Monday Night Results:

The winners of the **Puriri Pairs sponsored by generous club member** were **Bill Towler and Helen Smith** with a handicap score of 57.09% (raw score 57.64%). The runners-up were **Jenny McIntosh** and Shirley Urquhart with a handicap score of 56.65% (raw score 55.9%). Congratulations to all of you.

Your director and scorer for the series were Deirdre and Bill, scorer Judy Smith. The dealers were Judy S and Vicki. Many thanks to all of you.

The **Open Teams, sponsored by William Cotton & Sons**, will start on Monday 3 March. Jenny McIntosh will be directing; Vicki will score and Bill and Vicki are the dealers.

Please Note: On the final night of the Open Teams, we will play the last round of the Round Robin games during the first section of play. For the second half of the evening, we will play 12 boards against the other pair in our own team. This will have no bearing on the result; that will have been decided after Round 7.

Teams are as follows:

1	John Seator	Barb Robinson	Deirdre Leach	Helen Smith
2	Andrew Kirkpatrick	Grant Elliott	Chris Smith	Judy Smith
3	Mandy Jones	Marnie Norris	Shirley Humphrey	Janice Coleman
4	Cindy Lowndes	Paul Orsborn	Jaedyn Eade	Elizabeth Gibson
5	Janet Papworth	Vicki Maugham	John Bligh	Wanda Jones
6	Claire Perry	Judy Perry	Leslie Clare	Rob Sinclair
7	Jenny McIntosh	Shirley Urquhart	Stephen Kauri	John Key
8	Steve Simcox	Christina Van Mesdag - McGregor	Judy Jenkins	Jo Cooley

Please let Mandy know if you are able and willing to sub. That would be very helpful. Thank you to those who already have.

Mandy has the Monday book again, so if you wish to play or need to pull out, please contact her on 021 243 3505.

Thursday Night Results:

The winners of the **Colyton Pairs** were **Bill Towler and Karen Earle** with a handicap score of 58.92% (raw score 60.42%). The runners-up were **Steve Simcox and Jocelyn Oke** with a handicap score of 53.47% (raw score 53.06%). Beverly Beard and John Key had a handicap score of 55.75% but were ineligible due to both being Intermediate players.

Thank you to the director, Janet, scorer Vicki, and dealers, Vicki and Judy Smith.

The next competition will be the **Apiti Pairs**, sponsored by a generous club member, starting on 6 March. Your director will be Chris S. Paul will be scoring, and Bill 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 4 weeks:

7/2/25 1st N/S: **B Robinson & J Seator** 66.67%, 1st E/W: **A Kirkpatrick & C Van Mesdag-McGregor** 66.27%

14/2/25 1st N/S: **C Lowndes & C Smith** 62.8%, 1st E/W: **J Seator & D Leach** 56.85%

21/2/25 1st N/S: **A Kirkpatrick & C Smith** 69.17%, 1st E/W: **P McBeth & W Jones** 55.36%

28/2/25 1st N/S: **J Humphrey & J Coleman** 57.44%, 1st E/W: **A Kirkpatrick & J Bligh** 70.24%

Congratulations to all and especially Andrew, Chris and John S for appearing more than once.

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.

Small Glass Jars

We have a lady who would love some small glass jars, the size of cranberry jelly jars. She is willing to give 20 cents per jar to the Building Fund. Please leave in the basket under the front desk.

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



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