

**FIELDING BRIDGE CLUB
NEWSLETTER #6
14 June 2025**



Hi everyone,

Here is your mid-winter newsletter. Stay warm!

Welcome

Feilding Bridge Club would like to extend a warm welcome **to Don Belliss, Valerie Bowden, Jane Coombes, Corinna Egger, Kevin Egger, Cecile Ellery, and Tai Haronga** who have joined our club after going through lessons.

Please write their phone numbers in your books:

Don Belliss – 021 0254 5169

Valerie Bowden – 027 776 1454

Jane Coombes – 027 242 5783

Corinna Egger – 027 659 8138

Kevin Egger – 027 277 4228

Cecile Ellery – 027 252 6495

Tai Haronga – 027 229 2708

Dale and Vicki would like to thank their helpers, **Bill, Carol, Helen S and Chris and Judy Smith** for the hours they spent teaching and supporting our learners.

Our Sympathy

Our condolences go out to **Locheen Howie** and her family on the loss of her husband, Richard. You have our kindest thoughts, Locheen.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Judy Smith and Chris Smith** for winning the Taihape Intermediate Tournament on 25 May. Judy and Chris finished the tournament with a score of 58.25%.



We would also like to congratulate Deirdre Leach who, with her partner Maree Marshall (Marton), won the Open/Junior Pair at the Palmerston North Restricted Tournament on 7 June. Well done to all!

Mid-Winter Christmas

We will be holding our Mid-Winter Christmas party on Sunday 22 June.

FEILDING BRIDGE CLUB

MID-WINTER XMAS HIGH TEA

SUNDAY 22 JUNE @ 1.00 PM

PRIZE FOR BEST HAT (WOMEN)

PRIZE FOR BEST TIE (MEN)

INTERESTED? PHONE DALE ON 027 455 9185



Bridge starts at 1.00 pm with a catered afternoon tea at 4.00 pm. Members only. New members, this is a great way to meet other members of the Club. No charge for the day.

Charity Tournament

It is the time of the year when we are gearing up for our annual Charity Tournament. This year the proceeds will go to Manchester House, a Feilding charity that works towards building a resilient community by providing support and services to empower people with a sense of personal and social wellbeing to confidently take their place in the community.

For those new to the Club, we approach local businesses for donations as prizes. Our prize table has to be seen to be believed. Every player receives a prize at the end of play, with the tournament winners getting first pick off the table. We also ask club members to donate prizes. You can start bringing them along any time from now on.

New Website

This will be going live sometime in the next fortnight. Don't worry, you'll hear all about it when it does!

Improvers' Lessons 2025

The Club considers itself very lucky to have Alister Stuck taking a series of 3 Improver's lessons. Last week the lesson was on Leads, and it was great to see and hear members discussing their play and thinking out loud about their lead choices on Wednesday and Thursday.

Next Tuesday the lesson will be on Stayman.

Monday Night Results:

The winners of the **Kauri Pairs sponsored by Feilding Automotive** were **Dale Bain and Mandy Jones** with a handicap score of 56.55% (raw score 58.26%). The runners-up were **Barb Robinson and Deirdre Leach** with a handicap score of 55.19% (raw score 58.56%). Well done and well deserved!

Your director for the competition was Carol and your scorer was Jenni S. The dealers were Judy S and Christine I. Many thanks to you all.

The **Restricted Pairs sponsored by a club member** will start on Monday 16 June. Jenny Mac will be your director. Elizabeth is the scorer and Vicki and Jenny Mac are the dealers.

The rules for the Restricted Pairs are printed on page 3 of your programme book. They are

- Open players **MUST** play with a Junior
- Intermediates with 80 rating points or more **MUST** play with a Junior
- Intermediates with less than 80 rating points or a Junior.

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

Winter Wednesdays Results

Results for last 2 weeks:

4/6/25 - 1st N/S: **V Bowden & T Fayerman** 66.25%, 1st E/W: **S Rickard & J Bligh** 61.88%
12/6/25 – 1st N/S: **J Humphrey & J Jenkins** 68.95%, 1st E/W: **V Maugham & C Dorn** 60.5%
Congratulations to Valerie on gaining her first C-Points. A great start to your bridge career!

Winter Wednesdays started on Wednesday 4 June and continue until 27 August. Play starts at 2.00 pm (to allow the golf people to get there on time) and we play until 4.30.

This is a safe place for those newly out of lessons to come and play. We allow the newbies to use their notes and talk about the hands, which allows them to settle into the bridge room more easily. We also invite players from other clubs as well as any members of our Club.

Thursday Night Results:

We have two competitions concluded since our last newsletter.

The winners of the **Cheltenham Pairs sponsored by a club member** were **Judy Jenkins and John Bligh** with a handicap score of 59.9% (raw score 61.25%). The runners-up were **Margaret Bartels and Paul Kauri** with a handicap score of 57.23% (raw score 58.33%). A great effort from these players.

Thank you to the director, Carol, scorer Jenni, and dealers, Jenny Mac and Lesley C.

The next competition that concluded was the **Waituna West Pairs sponsored by a club member**, which started on 29 May. Your director was Dale. Paul was the scorer, and Judy Smith and Christine Ingram were the dealers.

Next up, starting on Thursday 19 June will be the **Makino Pairs, sponsored by Racheal Manning, Harcourts**. It will be Bill, directed by Dale, scored by Vicki and dealt by Vicki and Jenny Mac. Be aware, there will be some new learners starting in the competition. Be kind!

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:

23/5/25 - 1st N/S: **C Smith & J Smith** 64.12%, 1st E/W: **K Earle & G Elliott** 64.35%
30/5/25 - 1st N/S: **W Jones & D Leach** 65.77%, 1st E/W: **N Maurice & M Lourie** 56.08%%
6/6/25 – 1st N/S: **A Kirkpatrick & J Smith** 68.52%, 1st E/W: **C Dickson & W Jones** 64.81%
13/6/25 – 1st N/S: **J Jenkins & J McIntosh** 66.44%, 1st E/W: **B Towler & J Sowerby** 66.44%
Congratulations to all, and particularly to the Juniors, Karen, Judy J and Monika and to Wanda (again) and Judy Smith for appearing on the list twice.

Judy Smith has the Friday book. Her number is 021 288 9589. 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

Grant for Website – NZ Bridge Foundation

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...



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

From Dale, Vicki, Janet, Judy, Jenni, Bill and Steve. (Not to be confused with the seven listed above)