

FEILDING BRIDGE CLUB
NEWSLETTER #8
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Hi everyone,
I have daffodils out, so the weather is getting warmer. Here is your latest newsletter.

Winter Wednesday Spring Fling

Our final **Winter Wednesday bridge Spring Fling** will run on **Wednesday 27 August**. This is a fun day of dressing up to herald in Spring. We look forward to seeing hats garlanded with daffodils and freesias, your brightest clothing, ties and scarves.

It has been lovely getting to know our newest members over the last 3 months and also those from Marton.

Thank you to the members of our club who have come along to support this initiative and to support our newbies. Dale and I have really appreciated your help and support.



Cell Phones in the Bridge Room

We have noticed a marked reduction in the number of cell phones ringing during play. We are putting this down to the big spotted pig keeping his eye on you.

Good work everyone, keep it up.

Feilding Intermediate Tournament

Our Intermediate Tournament is coming up on 12 September and is open to Intermediate and Junior players. We recommend that you get your entry in early as tournaments have been filling up quickly this year. If you are not sure how to enter on line, please ring Vicki. Jenni S will soon be approaching members to help out in the kitchen and to provide a plate for morning tea.

Bridge Club Library

The bookcase at the back of the clubrooms is now full of interesting books to borrow. Please feel free to take a few home to peruse.

Feilding Bridge Club Website

The website is now fully functional and the Results page is working. We suggest you bookmark the page on your device for easy access.

Lost Umbrella

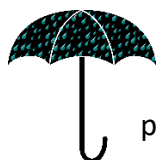
Jill Thomson lost her brand-new folding umbrella one very wet Wednesday afternoon. If you picked up Jill's umbrella by mistake, could you kindly return it to the clubrooms. Incidentally, we now have **THREE** black folding umbrellas, none of which are Jill's!

Intermediate Online Lessons

NZ Bridge is running online Intermediate Lessons on Sunday afternoons, and repeating them on Tuesday evenings. There is a flyer on the noticeboard, and I sent information to everyone by email. If you need further information, please ring Vicki on 027 280 7078.

Submission to Parliament on Proposed Changes to Online Gambling

The Government is currently asking for submissions to its proposal to allow 15 online casinos to operate in New Zealand. Currently, the revenue from pokie machines must be redistributed back into the community. This is where we have got many of our grants from, e.g. \$15,000 for the chairs and \$2000 for the new computer. If this proposal goes ahead there will be less revenue from pokie machines, therefore



less money for sports and community clubs. Feilding Bridge Club has put in a submission in opposition to this proposal, along with many community groups and sports clubs.

Wordsmiths Wanted

The Committee would like to hear from any members who would like to either take over writing this newsletter, or the secretarial duties from next year. *Please contact a committee member if you are even the tiniest bit interested.*

Mugs versus Cups and Saucers

The committee decided that the cups and saucers were taking up far too much room in the dishwasher on tournament days and the like. So members browsed through the charity shops and found some lovely bone china mugs. Now we have chunky coffee mugs, fine china mugs and cups and saucers. Thank you very much to the members who donated the new mugs.

Handicaps for Novice Players on Monday Nights

At the last committee meeting it was decided to give Novice players a handicap of 8 on a Monday as we had several members who had just come through lessons. The Novice grade is given to players with less than 5 B masterpoints. Previously a handicap of 6 was given to players migrating from the junior room.

Monday Night Results:

The winners of the **Karaka Swiss Pairs sponsored by Racheal Manning, Harcourts** were **Mandy Jones and Rob Sinclair** with a total of 111.10 VPs . The runners-up were **Cindy Lowndes and Paul Orsborn** with 105.46 VPs. Congratulations to all.

Your director and scorer for the competition was Lorraine. The dealers were Jill Willis and Vicki. Many thanks to you all.

The **Matai Pairs** will start on Monday 18 August. Carol will be your director and Cindy, your scorer. Judy S and Judy McC are the dealers. Don't forget to say thank you to these volunteers.

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 3 weeks:

30/7/25 – Howell: 1st: **D Bain & K Egger** 67.46%, 2nd: **J Smith & C Smith** 62.35%

6/8/25 – Howell: 1st: **V Bowden & T Fayerman** 66.25%, 2nd: **K Egger & C Egger** 57.13%

23/8/25 – Howell: 1st: **J Humphrey & D Bain** 65.56%, 2nd: **J Smith & C Smith** 58.06%

Winter Wednesdays started on Wednesday 4 June until *The Spring Fling* on 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:

The **Halcombe Pairs, sponsored by Everson, Henderson, Woodbridge** which started on 31 July, were won by **D Bain and C Egger** with a handicap score of 64.74% (raw score 62.22%). Runners-up were **Carol Dickson and Jocelyn Oke** with a handicap score of 57.48% (raw score 59.29%). Your director was Janet, scorer Paul and dealt by Jill W and Vicki.

Next Thursday we start the **Mt Biggs Pairs sponsored by Leeanne Dryfhout, Property Brokers**. Your director will be Bill, scorer Jenni and dealers Judy S and Judy McC.

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

Friday Bridge Results

Results for last 3 weeks:

1/8/25 – 1st N/S: **L Radovanovich & B Beard** 59.52%, 1st E/W: **S Rickard (Marton) & J Bligh** 67.86%

8/8/25 - 1st N/S: **K Earle & J McIntosh** 66.96%, 1st E/W: **A Kirkpatrick & J Bligh, C Smith & P McBeth** 58.63%

15/8/25 – 1st N/S: **B Towler & P McBeth** 55.71%, 1st E/W: **B Robinson & C Smith** 65%

Congratulations to all, particularly to the Junior players featuring here, and to Prue McBeth and Chris Smith for turning up twice..

Lesley Radovanovich has the Friday book. Her number is 027 351 6572. 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- \$2.50 Shop, Adore Beauty, Advanced Hair, Aphiwia Massage, Attention to Beauty, Ballantynes, Beyond Coffee, Caci Clinic, Central Health Pharmacy, Central ITM Feilding, Darragh's Mitre 10, Delish Café, Edelweiss Florist, Essence Restaurant, Farmlands, Farm Source, Feilding Computers, Focal Point Cinema, Gracies, Guthrie Bowron, Health For Life Feilding, Feilding Car Wash, Kelly's Footwear, Meads Farms, MS Automotive, Paper Plus Feilding, Pedley's Nursery, PGG Wrightson, Saigon Nails, Salt and Honey, Smitten, Sweet Heather Crystals, The Farmer's Son, The Shed Hair Salon, The Strong Room, The Wool Flock, Turners Gifts and Luggage, Turner's Sports, TWB Framing.

And To Those That Got This Far...



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