

Events and Latest News



By Notice

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2018 Programme booklets

The new programme booklets have now been posted out to those who were unable to pick them up from the club.

Sharp-eyed members will have noticed an error on page 14. You can download a new page [here](#) or pick one up from the club in the new year.

Coming Up

The gallery has photos of the trophy prizewinners for 2017

A list of all prizewinners can be found by going to the [Members Area/Competitions](#) page.

Regular bridge sessions conclude on Friday 15 December and restart on Monday 8 January

Thanks and well done to those who played in the Babich NZ Wide Pairs. We have 9 tables participating in Taupo, while throughout NZ 1018 pairs played at 59 clubs. I don't think we won any overall prizes, but the top pairs in Taupo were Diana & Ralph Robertshawe (E-W, finishing 97th overall) and Rona & John Driscoll (N-S). Even being out of town as no excuse - Ivy & Stuart McKinlay played in Rarotonga where they are on a bridge cruise, while Helen & Chris Younger braved tough opponents in the Auckland Bridge Club.

Well done everyone - I hope you enjoyed the night and will be back next year. You can see the full results on X-Club

November Competition Winners

Monday November Pairs: John Driscoll / Rona Driscoll

Tuesday Monthly High Flyers: (3 sessions to qualify)

1. Ev Gardiner
2. Lorraine Bevan
3. Peggy Nisbet

Wednesday Championship Pairs:

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| John Driscoll and Rona Driscoll | 58.22% |
| David Hamilton and Chris Jones | 57.38% |
| Garth Robinson and ralph Robertshawe | 55.64% |

Well done to all those who took part.

Friday Monthly Top Players: (3 sessions to qualify)

1. Rosemary Ritchie
2. Jean McKenzie
3. Warwick Tyler

All grades 8B Tournament results

A sucessful tournament on Saturday was enjoyed by 48 players, with many Taupo players taking part.

The winners were **Gill Nelson and Trish Stephens** from Rotorua.

Top Taupo pair were **Pam Burry and Barbara Horner** finishing 5th overall.



Winning Pair Gill Nelson and Trish Stephens from Rotorua.

Report from National Congress

Well NZ Bridge National Congress is over for another year.

Well done to what must be a record turnout of Taupo players who played in one or more events: Charmaine Bartley, Sharon Barton, Kim Chung, Estelle Davis, John Driscoll, Rona Driscoll, Barry Fitzgerald, Christine Knowles, Lauren Lehndorf, Rosemary Ritchie, Garth Robinson.

Hope everyone enjoyed themselves! Special congratulations to the following prize winners:

Best Team (NZ Teams) with less than 50 average A Pts: Estelle Davis / Garth Robinson / Rosemary Ritchie with team-mate Graeme Duhs

Best Team with 3 or more Juniors in the Intermediate Teams: Lauren Lehndorf / Christine Knowles with team-mates Tonni Keijzer / Charmaine Churches

Full results [here](#) and list of prizewinners [here](#)





C points are now sent at the end of play

Directors can find information and technical details on this at the end of the updated scorer manual on the [Director's page](#). Usually you will not need to do anything.

Many Thanks to Joan for handling them manually for many years. Sorry Joan it took longer than I said!

More congratulations!

Well done to Sharon Barton and Lauren Lehdorf who were both fortunate to win sponsorship to National Congress from the Waikato Bays Regional Committee. Wish them luck as they attend congress with their respective bridge partners. They will be at Congress 5-7 October, and you can keep an eye on their results [here](#)

Well done Garth!

Belated congratulations to Garth Robinson, top intermediate player in the 2017 Bay Pairs. Full report [here](#)

Sunday Bridge

Rosemary has one more session planned for Sunday Bridge

Final session September 17th

Good luck to our teams representing us at the Bay Teams at Rotorua on Sunday 30 July. Our teams are:

- Open: John & Rona Driscoll, Joan Berg & Rosemary Ritchie
- Intermediate: Garth Robinson & Pam Burry, Estelle Davis & Pip Hull
- Junior: Ron Bailey & Liz Campbell, Pamela Frank & Barbara Cook

Well we didn't cover ourselves with glory, but the best performing team was the juniors who came 4th in their grade. Congratulations to the Rotorua Bridge Club who won the Ib Thulin Shield for 2017.

Changes are coming....

The 2017 laws of duplicate bridge come into effect on 1st August. Thanks to those who attended the seminars to find out about the changes in the laws and how they might affect you. There is further information available on the NZ Bridge website [here](#), including guidance for players.

Welcome to our newest bridge players!

Well done to the 12 new bridge players who have just completed the beginner's lessons. They were welcomed to the wonderful world of bridge on Tuesday 27th June with a pot-luck dinner and a game of bridge (apologies for the lack of photos). Look out for them at club sessions and supervised play soon.

The next beginner's class starts on 4th July - see the lessons page for details

Mid Winter Bridge & Dinner

A good turn out of members enjoyed an afternoon of bridge and dinner followed by a presentation by Steve Sievwright on some cruise ideas and then prize giving.

Top N/S Rosemary Ritchie/Joan Berg
Top E/W Ralph and Diana Robertshawe

Check the gallery for photos

New blog post for Commendable Play

click the link Member's blog

**SUNDAY BRIDGE - an invite from Rosemary. A good
way to spend a cool winter day.
Starts May 21st.**

Full details are [HERE](#)

PAK 'N' SAVE ALL GRADES 5A

Nearly a full house of 20 tables participated, with the tournament ably directed by Martin Oysten. Players from across the North Island converged on Taupo, from Hokowhitu to Auckland, Hastings to New Plymouth and places in between.

Check the [Gallery](#) for photos

Winners Diana Lees / Carolyn Yeomans Taradale
Second Alister Stuck / Russell Wilson Hokowhitu/ New Plymouth
Third Jenna Gibbons / Julian Foster Waikato
Fourth Lyn Muller / Sarah Green New Plymouth

Winners, of the Trevor and Betty Watts Trophy and the top non-open pair, Pam Burry and Barbara Horner.

Bay Pairs - Whakatane Round

Rosemary Ritchie and Grant Robinson came 2nd overall and won one of the sessions.

John and Rona Driscoll also won one of the sessions.

This is likely the first time that Taupo had 2 pairs winning a session at the same A point Tournament

Congratulations

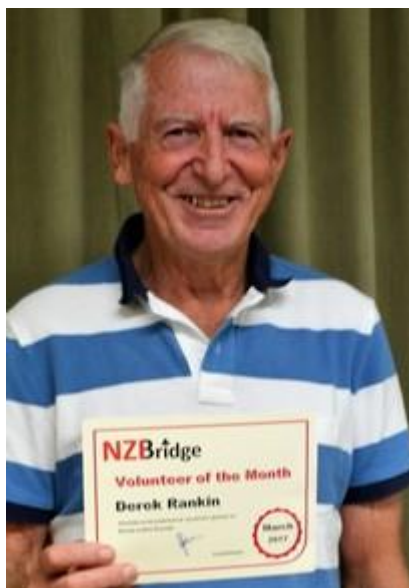
Sharon Barton and Kim Chung

Third at the Cambridge Junior tournament on 8 April.

Well done you two!



Congratulations to Derek Rankin, NZ Bridge's Volunteer of the Month for March 2017



NZ Bridge have awarded Derek Rankin the certificate, "Volunteer of the Month" for March 2017 in

recognition for the extensive work he has voluntarily undertaken to successfully introduce electronic scoring, develop a new website and upgrade computer systems at the Taupo Bridge Club. Congratulations Derek.

See [here](#) for more details

Stuart McKinlay President

Happy Birthday

Our regular visitor Jacques Richard from Tahiti celebrates his 89th birthday with Wednesday night players. Helping Jacques with the cake cutting is playing partner Adrienne Rehioui.



Bayleys Intermediate 5B Tournament

Held Saturday 11th March

Ross Turnball, who represented our Sponsor, Bayleys with some of the prizewinners.

Winners:

Carol Cullen & Mike Nicholson from the Mount Maunganui Club.



Top Junior Pair:
Sharon Barton & Kim Chung of Taupo.



Commended:
Top Taupo NS pair in the morning session. Pam Burry and Hazel Milliken





Visitors from Canada

For a week in February we enjoyed having our visitors, Lynn and Gary Sturch from Canada. They were able to play in 4 of our sessions and managed two top placings. Well done. Here they enjoy a Friday session with locals Helen Spencer and Audrey Swann.

Go to the [Visitor's Page](#) to read an email from Gary and Lynn

LESSONS

Beginner's lessons start Tuesday 7th February
7.00pm to 9.30pm

Supervised play starts Wednesday 1st February
2.00pm-4.00pm

Improver's lessons start Wednesday 1st March
2.00pm-4.00pm

Full details are on Lessons Page above.

Where to find our top bridge players.

Check out the Special Clubs /Top 10 Statistics for the previous years.

Members Area

These pages have information of interest to club members.

- [Calendar](#): This shows the club events.

- Championships: Gives the winners of these and clicking on any image brings up a list of previous winners.
- Competitions: This gives the winners of the trophies played for during the year and clicking on any image brings up a list of previous winners. There is also a link to a list of all prize winners for all years.
- Archives: This column is archived at the end of each year and can be found there. At the beginning of each year this column starts blank.
- Update contact details: Changes can be made here. Fill out the form and submit. If we dont have sufficient information on who to contact in case of an emergency (**ICE**) then please fill out those details there as well.