

Franklin Bridge Club

Table Talk July 2023



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We promote Face to Face Bridge

The BIG July tournament – Auckland Regional Pairs/Teams

Every 3rd year Franklin hosts the Auckland Region pairs and teams tournament, we last hosted in 2020. This is a big, 2-day tournament on 15th and 16th July - Pairs on Saturday 15th, Teams on Sunday 16th.

At time of writing, we had 16 tables for Sunday teams, but only 10 tables so far for Pairs. Many people leave it until the last minute to enter – we are hoping for more. Entries close on Wednesday, 12th July.

Please look at your diary and see whether you can help by:

- Bringing a plate for morning or afternoon tea
- Unload the dishwasher first thing and set up for morning tea.
- Help to clean up after either or both of the 2 days.
- Man the bar.
- Please see Bev Henton or Caroline Griffin if you can help. There is also a whiteboard for you to write your names up.
- Sunday lunch for the teams has been subcontracted to Gerald Baptist

News from Lessons:

At the end of June, certificates were awarded to those who had completed the course, and chocolates were awarded to the 4 students who completed all 10 lessons. Well done to everyone, and many thanks to the helpers who came (and continue to come) to Thursday nights, which for the month of July are “Just Play” sessions, including the East/West move, getting the novices ready to play in regular Wednesday nights for the month of August. Then they will decide for themselves whether they prefer to play Wednesdays or Thursdays.

There will be no Thursday night bridge for the month of August.

After August, there will be Improvers Lessons for 8 weeks, starting on 7th September with “Opening Leads”, each lesson followed by playing hands designed to illustrate the lesson. All welcome – normal \$6 table money applies.



The four “regulars” - Jeremy Thomas, Anthony Julian, Susan Ormsby and John Bouwman with teacher John Fergusson (2nd from the right)



Vicky Farrell receiving her certificate



The Terrys Evans!



Adib Essali and Sue Sutton receiving their certificates.

Policy on use of Notes:

NZ Bridge advises that clubs are free to implement their own policies around assisted play. We support and encourage our Novice players, with cheat sheets able to be used sparingly in the early stages.

NZ Bridge Annual Congress, 23-30 September 2023

Congress is again at Mt. Maunganui this year. NZ Bridge advise that they have added more Junior/Intermediate events and are offering a 10% discount to first-time entrants who enter 2 or more events. For more information, check out nzbridge.co.nz/congress website.

Finding a partner

Have you joined the Whatsapp "Partner Needed" group yet? It's working really well. If you don't have Whatsapp on your phone, would like to join and don't have a handy teenager, please ask Jonathan Taylor to help you.

If you have Whatsapp but are not yet in the group, ask Neil Miller to include you.

Tuesday afternoon sessions, 1-4pm, are experimental and have not yielded a good turnout. They need to be supported if we are to continue them into 2024.

Salute to our Senior Players

An interesting combination took place at Table 6 on the last Friday of June. Earlier in the session, it had been announced that it was to be Nelda's birthday on the weekend, and she was presented with a birthday card. But as players moved round the room, at one point at Table 6, the combined ages of the 4 players was **354** years!! (You will remember our celebration last year when Jacqui Treppass reached her 90th birthday). The fab four in our photo show that bridge is a game for everyone.



Nelda!



354 years of wisdom!

Margaret van der Coer, Ken Craze, Jacqui Treppass, and Nelda Wormald.
Ken is the youngest of the group, having 6 months ago turned 88.

Best wishes to Ann Anderson as she recovers from an op on her spine. Ann has been getting round with the aid of a stick recently, and will be away from bridge for about 6 weeks recuperating from the op. We hope to see her back in late August.

Cryptic crossword fan ?

Clue: Kitchen appliances almost finished a pair of bridge players (5 letters)

Answer at end

Winter holidays:

More escaping the current “polar blast”:

Gerald Baptist, keen skier all his life, is rejoicing in the polar blast !

Terry Evans is off to sunny Queensland for a 14-day golfing trip - 12 games of golf and “a bit of sightseeing” centred round Caloundra.

Trevor Robb’s cruise ship has passed through the Suez Canal and is into the sunny Mediterranean.

And **Dennise Biddick** is enjoying very hot weather in France. She loved the sunny weather in Provence, then moved north the Champagne district.



Gayle Askew, newly returned from her European trip, said one of the highlights was a hot air balloon trip in southern Spain. It was a cloudy day, but their balloon rose above the clouds, so that they could see the sun, the Pyrenee mountains and the shadow of their balloon reflected back to them.

Old towels wanted

The SPCA is appealing for old towels for its hospital at Mangere. If you can help, please leave them at the club and Maureen will deliver them to the SPCA.

Cryptic crossword answer: OVENS
(almost finished = over less the r)

The shortest day is behind us, keep warm and dry and....

- May all your fitnesses work
- May all your slams be grand