

# Franklin Bridge Club Table Talk May 2024



**We promote Face to Face (F2F) Bridge**

## Last Saturday's Tournament

Our Restricted 8B tournament on 27<sup>th</sup> April attracted 15 tables, possibly affected by an 8B tournament held at Auckland club on Anzac Day. The room was, as always, buzzy and cheerful as new combinations competed (Restricted means that no 2 open players may play together).

We're delighted to say that two Franklin pairs won prizes:

- Intermediate/Junior was won by Jim Buckland and Tricia Balle
- Junior/Junior was won by Christine Godding and Barry Scott



Overall winners were a Howick combination Open/Intermediate and second were a Mt Albert combination Open/Intermediate. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places were held by Franklin pairs.

A thousand thanks to our wonderful admin team – directing, scoring, dealing, catering and special thanks to our Acting-Tournament Secretary, Maria Casci. Thanks too to those who upheld Franklin's reputation for food and hospitality, and who helped to set up and clean up.

## **An Informal Social Function This Weekend** (apologies for short notice)

We will hold an informal social function – bridge plus potluck meal – **this coming Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May.**

Format to be bridge starting at **1.30pm** (please be seated by 1.15pm), followed by a complimentary glass of wine/beer/juice, and a potluck meal. Non-playing partners are welcome to join us at 5pm for the meal. This is a free function, no table money applies. Please rsvp to [captain@franklinbridgeclub.com](mailto:captain@franklinbridgeclub.com)

## Lessons 2024

Our biggest ever intake started on 4<sup>th</sup> April. New people ranged from Ararimu to Bombay to Buckland to Patumahoe to Puni to Pokeno to Glenbrook to Tuakau to Waiuku and north-south-east-and-west of Pukekohe itself.

After the first 2 weeks of free lessons, there was the expected drop-off after people realised that Bridge wasn't for them, but 23 people have paid to continue. Thank you to those established members who turn up to be helpers – it's good for the beginners to have an established player at their table, as queries are many!

Our format is – lesson on new topic for approx. 25 minutes, then play 8 boards\* over the rest of the evening, with a 10-minute break at about 8pm for a cuppa, chocolate biscuit and socialising.

(\* 8 boards x 9 or 10 tables meant we had to deal 80 boards for the first 3 nights!)

After each week's lesson, an email is sent out to all the beginners reminding of them of the need to practise what they've just learned and sending them a link to the slides and the video presentation for all weeks to date. The teaching team were pleased to learn that at least one sub-group has formed to go over the lessons in a beginner's home, and that beginners report revising lessons during the week.

All paid-up members are very welcome to repeat any or all of the formal lessons without charge. Sometimes repeating a lesson or two really cements in what you learned last year.

## Thursday evening Supervised Play

Supervised play on Thursday nights (also 7-9pm) is held at the same time as lessons – a mini lesson in the committee room, then play continues in the south-eastern corner of our clubroom. Thanks to Chris Glyde for being the leader of Supervised Play.

## Player News

- Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin is a young Grandmaster whom we often see at our tournaments. He and his Dad Peter have just won the Auckland 8B Restricted Pairs, being Peter's first tournament win (he's an Intermediate). This win is even more special because Peter is blind, he plays with braille cards and relies on his memory to cope with the bidding and dummy's cards. A very popular result for Jeremy and Peter.
- Tony Morcom, who has directed our tournaments for many years, is unwell at the moment and facing an operation in early May. We wish him all the best.

## A New Feature on our Website

You can now access a web version of our 2024 Programme Book via our website, using the “**Sessions**” link. From the main website [www.franklinbridgeclub.com](http://www.franklinbridgeclub.com), click on the Sessions link and hit the green button. You can do this from your home PC or your mobile phone. Helpful for when someone catches you and says “are you free for the xxx ?” and you can't remember when that is!

## Out and About in Franklin

We note that the large block of Kainga Ora flats next to the club is partly tenanted. That is apparently the policy these days – to move people in gradually.

May all your finesses work  
May all your slams be grand