

Franklin Bridge Club Table Talk August 2024



We promote Face to Face (F2F) Bridge

The Goulash Night, 31st July

11 ½ tables came for the potluck dinner and goulash night – a night of outrageous cards, where the bold bidders were in their element! Befitting the strange contracts bid and not bid, scores ranged between the top of 68.75% (Christine and Henk Egelmeer) down through 3 other pairs who scored more than 60%, down to the mid 20's. It was a horrible, cold and rainy night – perfect for bridge and good company in a warm room! Click this link to see the [Results](#)

The New Airconditioning Units

Have been fitted on a cold and foggy day, expert supervision was provided by Terry Evans S^r, aided by Terry J^r, Kevin Griffin and John Doyle who works for Terry S^r on an on-call basis. A cherry picker was hired to get the old units down off the roof and hoist the new ones up. The result is a lovely warm room, with no air currents. Thanks to Terry S^r for supplying the units at cost, and the intrepid workers for braving the weather and the rooftop.



Our Own Tournament: Open and Intermediate Pairs, Saturday 21st September

Our annual tournament is coming up in 7 weeks' time. Please enter early via the NZ Bridge website and consider helping on the day with food and setup. Link to [Intermediate Pairs Entry](#) and [Open Pairs Entry](#)

Ultra Restricted Tournament Series

The 4 x Sundays tournaments, aimed at our most junior players, have just ended. Bravo! to all who took part, including some who have just completed this year's lessons. The 4 sessions were played at Papakura, Franklin, Howick and Papatoetoe clubs, and the overall winners were our own Maria Thorburn and Anthony Julian, who took John Fergusson's lessons last year. Maria and Anthony work hard at their bridge, braving Wednesday night and Monday night club play when they were fresh out of lessons. A well-earned victory!



The Cambridge Sixes

Is coming up on 10th August. It's an annual event, run by Cambridge Bridge Club – over the years, it's become so big that it's now held at the Rowing Centre at Lake Karapiro. Last year there were 34 teams of 6, which means over 200 players, plus officials and helpers.

Teams of 6 players – 2 open, 2 intermediate and 2 juniors – get dressed up in fancy dress and have a fantastic day. This year's theme is ***“Dress in the style of any country you choose”***, and our team (self-organised) is Bev Henton, Lynne Geursen, Caroline and Kevin Griffin, Tricia Balle and Jonathan Taylor. We hear that they are going to represent NZ and are going as sheep! The team is to be called ***“Ewe Beauties and Two Rams”***. There are further puns about being Leaders not Followers We look forward to photos after the weekend!

Winter Sunday Sessions

Sunday bridge only will continue every Sunday right through the winter, until the end of September (29th September). Be seated by 1.15pm for start of play at 1.30pm, usual table money applies. You need to bring a partner - the Blue Hat arrangement was only to get the series started.

On the first Sunday of each month, we will follow bridge with a potluck meal, so please diary this for:

- Sunday 11th August (yes, that's this coming Sunday)
- Sunday 1st September

After the end of September, we will review the level of support for Sunday bridge, and may opt to continue on. Come and play !

The Programme Book for 2025

Yes, it's already being compiled! Please review your contact details on the large printout on the noticeboard near the office. If **any** of your details have changed, or if you are new to the club, please write on any changes or send email to updatedetails@franklinbridgeclub.com

Ironically, Dirk Mooy was cleaning out a cupboard recently and found his programme book from 1993! That's more than 30 years ago. We note with interest that Sue Spencer was the president that year, and Lynne Geursen was on the committee.



And as an aside – many of us fill our programme books in for the whole year at the December AGM. It's now 8 months since we did that, and the Wednesday series **“Individual Pairs”** which starts this week has a different partner for each of the 4 weeks. Please touch base with your 4 partners and ensure that you're still committed.

Wednesday Teams

Wednesday teams will start on 4th September. Format is that you put your name down to play on the clipboard which is circulating at the front of the clubroom. You will be assigned into a team, with a team colour which we all wear and have a lot of fun.

Entries close on Friday 16th August, which gives the convenor time to organise teams which are balanced in terms of skill – we have open, intermediate, junior and novice players participating, so it takes a bit of juggling. If you're currently away and reading this news item and can't write your name on the clipboard, please email Maureen Nelson directly on – msnelson.nz@gmail.com

You are welcome to enter if you can't attend all 4 Wednesdays – we always need reserves for various reasons. Please just make a note of the weeks in which you are available.

Player News

- Congratulations to Caroline and Kevin Griffin on the birth of their first grandchild, the little boy is to be called Frank. He was more than a week overdue but arrived safe and well just before midnight on 3rd August .



- It's been really nice to see Bev Henton back at bridge last week, after being away following surgery.
- Also nice to see Dianne and Richard Whitelaw back at Friday bridge, just for one day, after their recent move to Tauranga. Dianne says they have *"the most amazing forest reserve park , 289 acres, at our back door. Streams, bridges, bike and walking tracks, tuis, native trees, magnolias, hills"*. The Whitelaws will be travelling up and down until October, so we hope to see them for more Friday bridge when they can fit it in.
- Also on the move is President Linda Thornton, who is due to move to her new home at Port Waikato at the beginning of September. With her busy legal practice, presiding over our club, packing up at Awhitu and getting ready to move, she's been very busy over recent weeks.
- A friend of Gerda and John Bouwman has been able to visit John and Bron Fergusson in their new rural property in Wiltshire. They will be there for several months until their furniture arrives by sea.



- We're sad to advise that Jacqui Treppass is very unwell and will not be returning to bridge. Jacqui was born in Paris in 1932, and was 7 years old when World War II broke out. Her mother sent her to the country for the duration of the war. She married Michael in 1959 – that's 65 years ago. Flowers and a card were delivered last week to her home and Margaret van der Coer continues to keep in touch.

Out and About in Franklin

St. Stephen's School, Bombay

After many years of abandonment, St. Stephen's will reopen in January 2025, with 25 boys. Work has started on chicken houses for egg production and greenhouses for horticultural production. Anthony Julian is involved in the latter.

Construction near the Glenbrook/Paerata roundabout

There are "things going on" at the eyesore which used to be the Caltex station right beside the roundabout. A more robust fence and safety notices have been erected, it would be nice to think that this very ugly site is going to be cleaned up.

New Café

The Editor and a friend (an aficionado of Japanese food) tried out the new Japanese café in King Street, opposite the Salvation Army op shop. **Hana Michi** describes its cuisine as "Japanese Street food", they offer ramen, gyoza, yakitori, chicken karaage, etc. Very yummy, very casual.

and finally... Spring is sprung on the Longdell property



This little girl climbed up on her Mum's woolly back



Twins



"Panda"

There is a considerable gallery of photos on the club's gallery website, including photos from the Fergusson farewell. Access it from the main web page or www.franklinbridgeclub.com/gallery

**May all your finesses work
May all your slams be grand**