

Franklin Bridge Club

Table Talk September 2024



We promote Face to Face (F2F) Bridge

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

Our annual tournament is coming up in just over one week's time – please support it. Enter early via the NZ Bridge website:

- Open Tournament [Link to Entry](#)
- Intermediate Tournament [Link to Entry](#)

and consider helping on the day with food and setup if you are available.

To volunteer, there is a sheet pinned to the whiteboard for people to write their names into time slots where we need helpers. Please write your name down if you can come along and help. We still need a standby pair - contact Tournament Secretary **Maria Casci** if you are available to stand by.

Wednesday Teams

Wednesday Teams started on 4th September. We have 14 teams this year, and 6 of this year's beginners put their names down to play. Special rules for them – a “joker” card which they can use once per night to get help with their bidding, and no penalty doubles! We're doing 3 x 7 boards per night, which allows a bit of extra time for the players. We want everyone to have a fun time.

As in previous years, each team is assigned a colour, and players are encouraged to wear their colours to play in. Originally, we had 52 players = 13 teams put their names down, but that made difficulties for scheduling, so Maureen Nelson is captaining a team of people who couldn't play all 4 nights – probably 7 different players on her team. They haven't got a specific colour, their team is called “**Allsorts**”.

At the end of the first week, **YELLOW** team was winning, but after 2 weeks (6 matches) they have been overtaken by **SILVER**, with **PURPLE** now in second place, **YELLOW** are third.

We will report on the final result in October's Table Talk.



The Cambridge Sixes

This is an annual fun tournament and was played in Cambridge on 10th August. It comprises Teams of 6 players – 2 open, 2 intermediate and 2 juniors – they all get dressed up in fancy dress and have a fantastic day. Our Franklin team consisted of Bev Henton, Lynne Geursen, Caroline and Kevin Griffin, Tricia Balle and Jonathan Taylor. They chose **New Zealand** as their country, and their team was called

“Ewe Beauties and Two Rams”

Jonathan reported that they “had a great time, and even got half-decent results”. There were 38 teams (meaning over 200 players, plus officials and helpers) and the event was played as a Swiss Pairs, over 6 rounds of 8 boards each = 48 boards in total. Our team got 11th overall, and a big well done to the Juniors (Tricia Balle and Jonathan Taylor) who got 3rd! They also won the trivia quiz, and our whole team now knows where Eswatini is ! *



Winter Sunday Sessions

Sunday Bridge will continue 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.

After the end of September, we will review the level of support for Sunday Bridge and may opt to continue it. Please come and play!

The Programme Book for 2025

Yes, it's already being compiled! Please review 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.

REALLY IMPORTANT: Check to ensure that your name is there! If it isn't, your name won't be in the programme book.

Player News

- Congratulations to Jonathan and Josie Taylor, on the first of their first granddaughter (they already have two grandsons). The new baby is called Oruwai Te Au Marino
- We're sorry to learn of John Bouwman's recent accident, in which he fell from a ladder and broke his ankle in 3 places. John will hopefully soon be transferred to Pukekohe Hospital for rehab but won't be able to drive for up to 11 weeks. He'll be back at bridge as soon as he can!
- Lynne and Arie's daughter Karen just completed the Camino de Santiago, 780km in just under 6 weeks, from St. Jean in France to the Cathedral of Santiago in northwest of Spain. Lynne and Arie have been following her every step of the way
- Terry Evans Jr is house-sitting for a month in San Francisco as part of his current overseas holiday. He went along to a local bridge club for a game with a stranger. The stranger turned out to be a very nice and very smart Danish man who works in Tech in Silicon Valley.

"The room was pretty busy with 3 sections of open, intermediate and juniors, total 20 tables, average age around 55 I would guess. We had 10mins to strategise and clicked reasonably well in our playing style and ended up coming second East/West in our section with 59%. We decided we are playing again for the next two Mondays".

If you happen to be in San Francisco for a week and want a game, check out [QuickTricks](#) and email the partner secretary Anant!

- Avid tennis fans in our membership are sorry that the last of the Grand Slams is just over. It's a long gap until January when the Australian Open takes place. Mary Crawford, who lived for many years in London has been to all 4 Grand Slam venues (Paris, Melbourne, New York and several times to Wimbledon)
- Did you know where Eswatini is? It is a very small land-locked country in Southern Africa, formerly known as Swaziland, bordered on 3 sides by South Africa, and to the northeast by Mozambique

The Gallery

There is a considerable gallery of photos on the club's gallery website, including photos of all 14 of this year's colourful Wednesday teams. If anyone would like a photo of their team emailed to them, please ask Maureen Nelson msnelson.nz@gmail.com.

Access the gallery from the main web page at this link [Gallery](#)

Note also that Hand Records for each session are now uploaded and available to view including analysis on makeable contracts (double dummy using Bo Hagland's analysis algorithm) using this link [Hand Records](#)

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