

# Franklin Bridge Club

## Table Talk April 2025



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

### **One-night Swiss Pairs - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

The last time we had this format, it was a very fun night. It comprises 4 sets of 5 boards, and after the first round you get graded, so if you do well your second round will be against others who also did well. If you had a tough first round, you'll play others in the same position for the second round.

We have for several weeks asked, for planning purposes, that people put their names down on the noticeboard list by the recycling bin. It's now only just over a week away, so if you plan to play, please let us know – this is because Swiss Pairs takes a bit of organisation, and we'd like to know how many boards we have to deal. At last check we have 32 pairs/16 tables registered. We need an even number so as such we have a standby pair organised.

There will be a short supper break at half time, allowing for tea and coffee plus chocolate biscuits (and allowing for the scorers to work their magic and sort out the ranking and seating for the subsequent round)

**Optional** – BYO bottle of something to drink in between rounds and/or at the end of the matches while we await final results.

### **Lessons under way this month – both beginners and improvers**

Improvers start this week **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – **no pre-arranged partner is required.**

Beginners started on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**, we are up to week 3

A new course for improvers will launch on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**, from 7pm-9pm. This course is specially aimed at members who took lessons in 2023 and 2024, but of course there are many of our current junior players who may have learned the game a while ago and would benefit from improving their skills and options.

The course will be presented by Linda Thornton and Christine Egelmeer, under the expert guidance of Lynne Geursen. There will be a schedule of 9 lessons on Thursday evenings through April and May.

Table money of \$6 per night applies. Please be seated before the prompt 7pm start.

The schedule is as follows:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Subject</u>
April 3	Stayman and Transfers
April 10	Doubles
April 17	Signals
April 24	NT and leads
May 1	Declarer play and leads
May 8	Slam
May 15	Defensive 2d and 3d hand play
May 22	Minimum Invite Game Force Bids
May 29	Wrap up, questions and play -

Later this year, we may do a course for advanced improvers – Bergen raises, cue bidding, Checkback Stayman ... Watch this space!

We have 15 students enrolled in our beginners' lessons which have been going for 3 weeks. If you are a paid-up member for 2025, you are welcome to attend any or all of these lessons, free of charge. And of course, at any time, you can review them online via our website using the following link:

2025 Lessons: <https://franklinbridgeclub.com/2025-lessons/>

## **Interclub**

Interclub, played online, started on 31<sup>st</sup> March. We have one junior team entered, with the same members as last year: Dennise Biddick, Teresa Green, Delwynne Homewood, Peter Rowe, Anthony Julian and Ratilal Ranchod – any 4 of the above can play. The team had a good start with the inaugural night, coming 4<sup>th</sup> so far in the competition

## **The Air Conditioning at the club**

With the change of seasons, the temperature at our clubroom will remain at a stable 22 degrees, which is the recommended temperature for schools. Because all our units are mounted on the South wall, you may find that South wall row cooler than the rest of the room. If you are susceptible to the cold, please sit towards the north end of our room at the start of the session.

We need to have the fans on to circulate the air and keep the temperature stable. In summertime they push air downwards, and in winter they will be configured to pull air upwards.

The committee has gone to great lengths to make the room comfortable – the room temperature is monitored 24/7. Although we cannot make it perfect for everyone, feedback indicates that most people are happy with the overall room environment.

## **Out and About in Franklin**

Remember that daylight saving time ends this Sunday 6 April at 3am.



From 30<sup>th</sup> June, you can no longer use orange rubbish bags in Franklin. Instead, you'll get a bin – the cost of which is added to your rates - you can choose the size of your bin. You have until 14<sup>th</sup> April to choose a bigger or smaller bin than the standard 120 litre bin. On Auckland Council website, search **"Franklin rubbish changes"**.

We note that the new petrol station opposite the Pukekohe Golf Club is taking shape, and is now identifiable as a BP.

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