

# Franklin Bridge Club

## Table Talk June 2025



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

#### Upcoming Tournaments – it's going to be a busy winter!

Franklin Bridge Club has some exciting tournaments coming up.

Check our own website <https://franklinbridgeclub.com/tournaments/> for the flyers.

#### The Ultra-Restricted\* Junior Tournament

\*Only novice, junior or COP-ranked players will be eligible to play, so not all juniors will be eligible. A directed email has been sent to all eligible players, however keep an eye on your ranking on NZ Bridge site link <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/online-points.html> to make sure you remain eligible.

This tournament will be held during the month of July, over 4 consecutive Sundays (6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July) and is also open to members from Papatoetoe, Papakura and Howick clubs. The format will be a single, afternoon session starting at 1pm, with the first venue being at Papatoetoe Bridge Club.

As winners of the inaugural tournament last year (well done Maria Thorburn and Anthony Julian), Franklin will hold the final leg and the prizegiving on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July**. The prize is awarded to the highest scoring pair who have played at least 3 of the 4 sessions, with the same partner.

**BUT** – you don't have to play in all of them – come along to our own session at least, and give this format a go. Each player will be issued with a "joker" card, which they can use once to get help with the bidding – we will have experienced players on site to supply the advice. And remember that because it's **Ultra Restricted**, there will only be players at the same skill level.

Here is the link to enter <https://franklin.rezzo.click/> and if you need help, please ask Club Captain Terry Evans, who will be happy to help you. Using the above link, you can see who else is entered from Franklin also.

#### Charity Fund-Raising Tournaments

Please come and support our tournament on the afternoon of **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August**, in aid of **Special Olympics**. Franklin Special Olympics is raising funds for athletes to attend the NZ National Summer Games in Christchurch in December. Special Olympics are for athletes with intellectual disability, and the aim is to help them to achieve and win both in sport and in life.

This will be a one-session, afternoon tournament of minimum 24 boards. There will be prizes, raffles, and afternoon tea will be provided by the Special Olympics committee, which our club member Mary Crawford serves on. Please save the date and come along to support this worthy cause.

Similar to the Ultra Tournament, here is the link to enter <https://franklin.rezzo.click/> and if you need help, please ask Club Captain Terry Evans, who will be happy to help you. Again you can see who else has entered for this special day using the link.

Mary Crawford supplied us with the following information:

In December 2025 Special Olympics New Zealand (SONZ) are holding the National Games in Christchurch. Special Olympics (SO) Counties hope to take a team of 47 which is made up of 34 athletes who meet the requirements and have participated in both one and two day events and 13 volunteers. The volunteers cover the ratio 1:4 that is required by SO & allow for support to ensure the health & well-being of athletes while away. We hope to take teams in swimming, power & adaptive lifting, basketball and ten pin bowling.

We are applying for Grants for the cost of traveling to and entering the Games but at this stage we do not know what, if anything, we will receive. The total cost of attending is \$1765 per person (special rates negotiated by SONZ on behalf of all participating clubs), and the local committee has agreed that athletes should be prepared to pay up to \$700 themselves.

We are undertaking a number of fundraising activities to help reduce the amount athletes have to pay. These include a quiz night, sausage sizzles, helping with car parking at recent events such as the A & P show and a car wash.

Mary



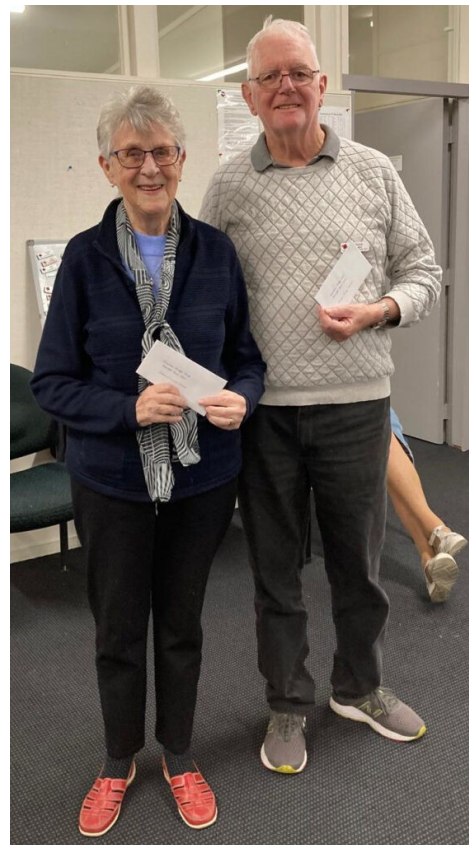
## Restricted 8B Tournament, Saturday 24th May

We had a gratifying 21 tables for our May Restricted Tournament, the room was busy and buzzy. As it was a restricted tournament, there were prizes in the various categories junior/junior, junior/intermediate, etc., and we are delighted that our own Barbara Lockyer and Neil Miller won the intermediate/junior division, and Gina Sangster and Wayne Rogers won the junior/junior division.

Overall the tournament was won by an experienced open/intermediate pair from Howick, and second place was a Silver Grandmaster/intermediate pair from Akarana and Auckland.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed from directing, scoring and dealing to setting up/taking down, dealing with the finances and maintaining our reputation for excellent catering.

Our next annual public tournament is the 5A/5B on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September. let's do it all again!



## 2025 Lessons

Formal lessons have just concluded, but we need to nurture our beginners!

A successful "just play" session was held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, with 15 of our more experienced players playing with the 15 beginners. We will maintain this format at least through June, then assess integrating them into regular sessions.

Improvers lessons on Thursday evenings were valuable to all those members who attended, and we thank our various tutors for giving their time to improve the standard of play in our club.



## New Signage

Have you noticed that our “lessons” signage has been replaced with a simpler, eye-catching sign advertising our various sessions. This will stay in place until autumn 2026 when lessons will restart. The lessons signage has gone into storage for re-use then.



## Email address updates

Please update the email address for the following members in your Programme Books:

Sue & David Spencer – [wobinda@outlook.co.nz](mailto:wobinda@outlook.co.nz)

Debby Naeff – [adydeb@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:adydeb@hotmail.co.nz)

## Some Technology news from the Club Captain

Have you ever lost your Programme Booklet with all your bookings in? I know a few people who have... and it is really really inconvenient to figure out who you are booked to play with.

So I decided a solution was required... enter the **Electronic Programme Booklet** – a booklet you can fill out online using your PC, a tablet, and if your eyes are good enough, your mobile phone and have all the data stored in the cloud (on the FBC Web Server) accessible wherever you want, whenever you want.

The Franklin Bridge Club annual programme of events has been preloaded and you can easily fill in all your partners and save it. Yes, this is a web-based version of the paper Programme Book.

To access the e-Book, use the link <https://franklin.rezzo.click/programme/login.php>

If you are accessing it for the first time, enter your NZB number and press the blue Login button, and a 6 digit One Time Password (OPT) will be emailed to your known email address. Wait for this code to arrive (it may take up to several minutes) and enter the OTP into the next screen, then create your own password to Login with next time you access the app.

You will then be presented with a web version of the 2025 Programme. Filling it in is as simple as typing part of your partner's first name and you will be presented with an auto-select list of valid names. Just use your arrow keys or mouse to select the person's name you wish to save against the event. The database contains over 12,000 names – yes the entire NZB list of members across the country so you can even add people from other clubs!.

For rapid entry, just press ENTER to step to the next field. You will see 4 tabs for Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (Tournaments). Clicking ADD EVENT will allow you to add new events (Online Bridge for instance), external Tournaments and so on. If you add a date that correlates to a day not shown, a new tab will appear.

When you are finished, press SAVE & EXIT. Or simply SAVE NOW to save and continue adding entries. As your bookings change, you can update the name against each competition in the future but login in and overtyping the old name.

And the best bit is that if you ever lose your book, you can simply login and hit "Download PDF" to download and print a personalised copy of your programme at home. In fact you can view and print it any time you wish in A4 format.

I released this little app to around 5 members around 4 weeks ago to test it and they all love it, and each contributed to the latest version with lots of little improvements. Should the app have a decent uptake, I will make it available with next year's programme preloaded once the programme is decided. On occasion I will make some enhancements for example automatically filling out your partner's e-Programme also when you book them to play. I may also introduce a weekly automatic email (you will need to opt-in to the feature) that will send you a weekly (on Sunday) email notification of all your upcoming partners for one week ahead.

If you use it and find it useful, please let me know.

## **Out and About in Franklin**

The traffic lights at Great South Road/SH22 are to be implemented very soon – the display sign promising "mid April" has not yet occurred. What effect this will have on the morning rush to the Drury motorway interchange has yet to be seen.

Stage Two of the southbound off-ramp improvements at Bombay interchange began on 18<sup>th</sup> May. It will be a 4-5 month project, with most of the construction taking place overnight between 9pm and 5am.

The beginning of the left turn lane on the ramp will be extended by approx. 100m, by cutting into the side embankment. And the overall length of the northern where it leaves the motorway will also be extended by approximately 100m. Overnight, when work is taking place, southbound motorists can exit the motorway at Ramarama or at Nikau Road and turn back. The work is expected to be completed before Christmas.

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