

Franklin Bridge Club

Table Talk October 2025



We promote Face to Face (F2F) Bridge

Upcoming Loveblock Pairs – NZ wide tournament – this Friday 17th October

Please be seated by 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

This is a nationwide event, with more than 1,000 pairs all playing the same boards at the same time. Cost will be \$15 of which \$10 goes to the Bridge Foundation in aid of NZ Youth Bridge. You get a booklet at the end showing all hands and how they could have/should have been bid and played. A great resource when you're doing revision. At time of writing, we have 12 tables entered, including some visitors.

Always a fun night – optional BYO bottle of wine, there will be tea, coffee and cake afterwards, while we are waiting for the scoring. The club will provide the cake.

Because it would be helpful to have an idea of how many people are coming, please put your name up on the whiteboard at the clubroom. But you can just come along on the night. Cost \$15.

Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday, 4th November

By popular request, this fun afternoon is back! Maestra Lynne Geursen has been persuaded to mastermind it again, there will be hats!! and prizes !! and raffles and sweeps !!

Programme:

We will start with optional morning tea at 11am, the club will provide delicious scones. There is no table money payable, but please bring a small plate of nibbles to share afterwards, while we're waiting for the race to start at approx. 5pm, and it's optional to BYO something to drink. Bring your own lunch if you feel the need, but there won't be a formal break as it's only a single session.

If you don't fancy morning tea, come along and just play bridge – play will start at **noon**. There is no table money – just a fun day. Please bring cash for raffles and sweeps – all

proceeds will be distributed as prizes. Please put your entry up on the whiteboard – there is a separate space for people who need partners, so put your name down !

Franklin Open and Intermediate Pairs Tournament, Saturday 20th September

Our last public tournament for the year was the 5A/5B on Saturday 20th September. It was well attended with 22 tables. We are grateful for generous sponsorship by **The Hill**, a retirement village being constructed by the Sanderson Group, on Tuakau Road behind the Pukekohe Hospital. Thank you to Elisha Masemann of The Hill for the photos.

Congratulations to Neil Miller and Linda Thornton, who were clear second in the Intermediate section, with 61% overall. And to Delwynne Homewood and Christine Godding, best Junior/Junior pair. (The Open section was dominated by players from other clubs). We lived up to our reputation for excellent catering, and a special thank you to Bev Henton our Tournament Secretary, and to Tricia Balle who capably handled her first outing as Tournament Scorer.

Many thanks indeed to all who helped on the day –setting up, taking down, dealing, scoring, directing, everything! It is our willing volunteers who make our club such a special one.



National Congress

NZ Bridge National Congress will be held between 8th and 15th November. It will be held in Palmerston North this year for the first time, 735 players are registered, some of our experienced players will be going. We wish them good luck.

Early Reminder about the AGM

Please put **Sunday 7th December 2025 5:00pm** in your diary for the annual AGM, reports on the year just ended, election of officers. Optional bridge will follow from approx 7:30pm – drawn pairs – you never know who you might end up with!

Last year, we advised that the affiliation levy from NZ Bridge was increasing for both the 2025 and 2026 years. Last year, accordingly, subs went up to \$128 for the year, and in January 2026 they will rise a further \$4 p.a. to \$132 for the 2026 year. Please note that our club's portion of this is \$100 including gst, as it has been for the last 3 years.

Your Details in our Programme Book

It's been a busy year – have your details changed? Given up your landline? Changed your email address? Moved house?

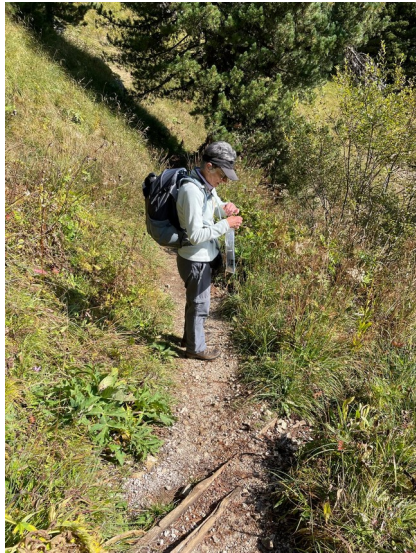
Work is already being done on our 2026 programme book. If any of your details have changed, please advise Jonathan Taylor, our Computer Manager.

Player News

- Several of our members have been enjoying, or are about to enjoy wonderful end-of-winter holidays. Jonathan and Josie have loved South America (yes the Iguazu Falls lived up to expectations), Maria and Craig Thornburn loved Vietnam, Lance and Chris Panther have had a short cruise off Singapore and excellent seats at the Singapore Grand Prix, Henriette Annabel and Bev Donaldson have just embarked on a Mediterranean cruise. Mary Crawford has enjoyed tramping in the Dolomites in Northern Italy, and is heading for a "Desert Experience" in Oman. We look forward to hearing their travelling tales on their return.



Jonathan and Josie in the Andes with that Flag and again at the Iguazu Falls



Mary Crawford tramping in the Dolomites

- Many of our members were involved with “grandchildren duties” during the school holidays just ended. Sue Helleur, who is amazingly “crafty”, made garden scarecrows with her 2 grandsons for their respective gardens, using clothes from an op shop, and stuffed with pea straw



- We wish Margaret van der Coer a happy 91st birthday this month. Our three nonagenarians – Margaret, Nelda Wormald and Ken Craze are wonderful examples of how bridge keeps you young

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