

OBC Update
Thursday 19th June 2025



Hi Everyone

This evening: Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs (4) ONLINE. Enter on NZ Bridge site \$8. Cut off 5pm.



Our next event will be our fun **Mid-Winter Social on Sunday 22nd June**. 1.30 for drinks and nibbles followed by ... bridge!

Otaki Bridge Club
Midwinter Social
Sunday, 22 June 2025, 2pm



Enjoy mulled wine and refreshments from 1.30pm
Draw for partners taking into account your preferred bridge system.
Pease write your name and system on the sheet at front of room.

Cost: Free but bring a small plate for afternoon tea.
Come for a fun session on a cold winter's afternoon!





Thanks everyone for the support and expertise in running our **successful Multigrade Tournament** – we had 22 tables. Cath Bennet & Maree Cudby from Levin were top (here with Andrew – our sponsor from Kapiti Coast Funeral Home). And the raffles looked great ...

On Monday 30 June the **Monday players** are having **afternoon tea** at the end of play about 2.30pm. Please bring a plate.



From the Committee:

Thank you Rachel for the analysis of the Monday survey questions – you should all have been able to see an email or hard copy. Essentially most favoured the status quo and we'll consider the suggestion to have a trophy or certificate for the player/s awarded monthly

- We are still waiting to hear about the issue of disappearing B points which seems to relate only to us. Someone is working on it.
- Rachel has started on tidying email files. She has set up an OBC calendar in Outlook.
- Good progress is being made on Directors and Scorers for tournaments for the rest of the year.
- Graham Evans has agreed to be our new auditor – thank you!
- Things we don't like to have to say (Note - from the Regional Report). All **infringements** must be reported to the Director and serious infringements to the Club Recorder who will keep a record in case further action is needed. Philippa H is our Recorder. Etiquette posters are available from NZ Bridge to supplement the points inside the cover of our books. Please read.

Claudia's lessons are finishing with players practicing hands on Wed nights at 7pm. **Anyone is welcome if you'd like relaxed evening to play and discuss a few hands.** And warm winter welcome to our **new members!** Lynne Tolley-Cowan 60122, Stewart Fraser 59567, Chris Harrington 59613, Debra Harrington 59568, Robyn Karl 59617, Jennifer Sims 59677, David Walshaw 30072.

Financial: Iain reports a profit of about \$1,200 on the tournament – we had good supply of wine already in stock. Our general running costs are (of course) increasing and we got funding for the lessons last year. We will roll over the next term deposit Mark is reviewing the insurance.

If you need **a refund for purchases**, please send a pic of the amount owing and send an email to the club with 'Cash' in the subject line. The new lights over the steps are great, Iain.

Wgtn Regional Bridge Club Champs Saturday 12th July:

We need Otaki Club representatives for the regional play-off – 12th July at the Wellington Bridge Club – we need 4 pairs – one from each grade. **Please put your names on the form at the front of the room** if you'd like to be considered for selection and/or talk to Rachel. Each pair plays all other club pairs in their grade. We'll pay the entry fee of \$100.

TOURNAMENTS

Dannevirke – Intermediate/Junior 5B. \$30. BYO. 28th June

Kairangi BC – Intermediate Pairs 5B – 6th July, Miramar. \$30. BYO lunch.

Levin 5A OPEN tournament Sunday 30th July \$40

5-6 July National Swiss Pairs – Tauranga. Some billets available.

Cambridge Sixes – 9th August, Lake Karapiro. Enter a team of six – 2 Open, 2 Intermediate , 2 Junior. \$50pp. Contact for extra players..

North island Pairs 2nd/3rd August. 9.30 Real Bridge link at www.nzbridge.co.nz Enquiries to Bridget bridget@nzbridge.co.nz Closes Wed 30th July. \$48. **NEW ACCOUNT NUMBER** 02 0466 0268199 004

NZ Bridge: The website has a new TOOLKIT to help committees [Club Toolkit](#)

Online supported play for learners began June 8th, and continues Sundays 4pm for 2 hours. \$5/session. For first and second year players. [RealBridge](#)

LAWS FOR PLAYERS VIDEOS: Ed Roggeveen created these videos for players--to help you understand the laws and your rights in those scary “Director please” moments. For example, what are your choices if someone makes a lead out of turn? The clips are very clear and FREE for all to use. The programs were paid for by the TOPS committee.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLILDgeuUw6_IhUywtP2Q9Xph3JluOu80G

HANDLE: Zeb Stocken writes to us: I’m a bridge teacher from Bath, England. I’ve developed a fun web-app, [Handle](#) – a daily deal to test your declarer play. Like Wordle is for words, Handle is for hands... Our hope is to team up with clubs, players and teachers from around the world to promote bridge, particularly supporting grass roots. So we’ve set up an affiliate/referral program for clubs to benefit - whilst giving students a discount. Free subscription to youth players.

What is Handle?

- The weekly tournament starts every Sunday, with a beginner-friendly hand.
- A new deal appears at 00:00 (UK time), getting a bit trickier each day.
- Most deals are layered, with overtricks rewarded for more advanced technique.
- Follow the hint to form a strategy.
- Make overtricks to go better than par.
- Make maximum tricks for a golden crown.
- Check out the video run-through to learn best technique.
- Build stats and share your results with friends.
- With onboarding, hot tips and the game-play starting *after* the bidding, Handle is designed to be accessible to all.
- 30-day free go then \$108/yr. **Sunday’s handle is always free.**

Find Handle at handle.bridge128.com *“I’ve learnt more in 6 weeks of playing Handle than I have in years of playing cards.”*

*"I still do my daily Wordle but swiftly followed by Handle."
"It's what I look forward to every morning!"*

JOAN BUTTS online School of Bridge. - QUICK TIPS from a recent lesson.

Weak two-bids (2♦, 2♥ or 2♠) must have less than the requirements for opening a one-bid.

- Usually 6 - 9 points, with length to be added.
- Vulnerability needs to be taken into consideration: from favourable to non favourable.
- Be daring when not vulnerable (your side) vs vulnerable (other side); you might even have a five card suit rather than six.
- Be cautious when vulnerable (your side) vs not (other side); need very good six card suit.
- Suit quality is important (two of top three, or three of top five honours).
- Check the length of your short suits too (6-3-2-2 is worst shape, 6-3-3-1 is better, 6-4-2-1 even better)

Sign up for Platinum membership: www.joanbuttsbridge.com

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"I favour light opening bids. When you're my age you can never be sure the bidding will get back round to you again." Oswald Jacoby, 77

Happy bridge everyone. Please turn off the heat pumps. I need a lesson in operating the remote.

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