

OBC UPDATE 27th February, 2026



Hi Everyone

SUBS DUE - now. Please pay by Feb 28th (which is tomorrow) and save Iain some work. Bank account Kiwibank 38 9012 0373075 00. Full subs \$65. Associate \$42.

While we're on \$, reminder please to **make a donation** if you take books, veg or whatever from the table. The tin should be there. You can always do an **IOU** if you don't have any cash on you!



Thanks all for Working Bee to cover the old brown paint with the smart new colour - Ironsands. It looks great. Also the step at the front porch is much better. Did you notice the club name has moved! Some spouting was repaired to prevent rot, and rust patches on the roof have been rust-sprayed and primed by Andrew and Iain. This is planned as an on-going thing and should give us some more years before a complete renewal is needed (like about >> \$4,000). There's a new motion sensor light up as well.

Beginner Lessons started 7pm 18 February for 12 weeks. Thanks Julie for organising the very good article in the Otaki Mail.

Basia has run two of her popular Play and Chat sessions for Otaki, Waikanae, Levin and Paraparaumu bridge club members on Saturday mornings. Two to go. So far we have covered nuances of Stayman and Transfers. Great sessions and fun. "More complex hands" tomorrow..

Claudia is strongly encouraging anyone who might be interested to consider the **Online Club Directors' Training Courses** Feb-June and July-Sept. Free. 5 modules, revision, online practice. Achieve a Certificate of Achievement and/or prepare for NZ Bridge Directors' exams. See wall flier. Contact Allan Joseph foodmaidnz@gmail.com Allan has done a heap of work on the course.



From the Committee

Could Directors and/or Scorers who are generally last out **please check windows, lights and lock up**.. I know... it's an on-going thing.

We have accepted Curtain Easy quote for a smart **new kitchen blind** for \$315.09 including GST. Look for Vibe Linen in a few weeks. Everyone is sick of trying to fix the old slats.

Robyn and Iain have recommended we apply to **NZ Community Trust for a new dealing machine** from Bridge NZ in Wanganui for approx. \$6,400.

Tournament planning is well underway with most of the Directors and Scorers in place.

From the Treasurer:

- Our overall \$ are tracking a little behind – because of the repair to the dealing machine. There's not much table money in January.

Regional Championships 2026

The deadline for entries for the 2026 Regional Championships has been extended. Intermediate, Women and Senior grades may now enter until 14 March 2026.



**Wellington Region
INTERCLUB 2026**

Wellington Region invites you to play in the 2026 Interclub competition. Played online on Realbridge.

2026 Competitions
Open
Restricted Open
Intermediate
Junior
Novice

Match Dates
Fridays, 7:30pm
27th March
17th April
15th May
12th June
17th July
7th August
4th September
25th September
30th October

\$200 per team.
Covers all 9 sessions.
Teams of up to 8 players.

Register online via your club
Open teams register directly
Register by 28 February 2026
Scan to register & for further details

or visit
wellingtonregionbridge.org.nz/Interclub

NEW ZEALAND
BRIDGE
WELLINGTON REGION

ONLINE Wellington Region Interclub –

The 2026 Interclub competition will now award **B Masterpoints**. Join one of our teams! Talk to Julie – she is organising the teams and especially needs some **JUNIORS**. It's fun to play. **A signup sheet is at the front of the rooms**. Note last year our club paid half the fee. Entries by 7th march. Masterpoints now available:

- Open – 8B
- Restricted Open – 8B
- Intermediate – 5B
- Junior – 3B
- Novice – 3B

This is a significant addition and NZB hopes it encourages strong fields across all grades.

Tournaments

Otago Bridge Club 90th Birthday 10-12 April – see flyer.

19th Wellington Regional Congress 25-27th April ANZAC weekend

NZ Bridge Newsletter 1 from Peter Newell.



- Intense testing of the new website is happening before it goes live.
- 20 free copies of the updated learners' material have been made available for all clubs but is not available on the NZB website.
- NZB marketing plan will see Fish Digital running a monthly themed promotion on social media.
- Financial results see a return to profit. No teams travelling overseas will be funded.

NZ Bridge 40th Congress 7-14th November is expecting a record number of entries at the PN Conference Centre AND new also the Distinction Hotel on Cuba St. Registration entries are now open online at www.nzbridge.co.nz

Our own website www.otaki.bridge-club.org has had some work – see the rolling sponsor pictures bottom of the home page. Thanks Rob.

Next committee meeting 11 March 5pm.

Congratulations Bridget on being part of the Wellington team which placed THIRD in the NZ Teams event in Christchurch.

Trainer Wheels – free from BBO. **BBO Trainer** is a new mobile training app designed specifically to support player development outside the classroom or club, so players come back better prepared and more confident at the table. Download on App Store or Google Play.

Happy bridge

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