

Hamilton



Hamilton Contract Bridge Club

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Newsletter - August 2023

From the President

FIFA

Last month we saw the FIFA football tournament come to Hamilton and the Club was lucky enough to secure a contract for providing car parking. This \$5,000 fundraiser will boost our bank balance with minimal effort.

Our car park was unavailable on four playing nights: Tuesday 25th, Thursday 27th, Monday 31st and Wednesday 2nd August but Richard Wagstaff arranged alternative parking. Thanks to Richard and all his carparking helpers.

HAMILTON TOURNAMENTS

Our Wednesday Swiss Pairs held over 3 weeks and the Hamilton 5A teams event were completed recently - both had good numbers with the Online format most popular. Thanks to the tournament match committee for their week's efforts and also to the players who filled in the gaps.

The benefit of online hosting made finding house players much easier as we were able to reach out to other clubs - truly a blessing as we did need a few numbers - our house players came from Cambridge, Franklin, Christchurch and Tauranga as well as Hamilton - thanks as well to Richard Wagstaff and

Catherine Cameron who were available and used at times during the 5A event due to connectivity issues of some players.

The Club is seeing good table numbers on most nights even though winter is upon us. Do contact your partner steward if you are without a partner and want to play - I was at the Club last Friday and saw over 20 tables in use which is just fabulous.

WORKSHOPS

Our Club is in dire need to increase both its Director and Scorer numbers - we simply cannot operate sessions without either of these roles. At the moment these roles are running on the smell of an oily rag so we are going to host some workshops where players can come along and learn a bit more and help us provide a better service to our members. If you are interested in learning about these roles, please have a chat with Cherie Barton.

LESSONS

We are just starting our second session of lessons (following two weeks of mini-bridge) which are being held on Sunday afternoons - we have had good interest to start another round and we will have tables available for supervised play. If you are interested in attending the lessons or the supervised play, please contact either our secretary Julie, or Cherie Barton who is running the sessions.

JUBILEE

At our Labour Weekend Congress, we will celebrate our 70th Jubilee - all past and current members are welcome to attend the Sunday Roast Dinner with acknowledgements and speeches celebrating the event. It makes sense to celebrate with a captured market.

The initial proposed date of July 30th clashed with the Waikato Area Pairs, hence the decision to move to our Congress weekend. Invitations will go out by the end of July so please mark this date - Sunday 22nd October 2023 - or even better yet play in the Hamilton Congress.

INTERNATIONAL TEAM

Good luck to Barry Jones and Jenny Millington heading off to Morocco in August to play at the World Bridge Tournament as part of the NZ Mixed team.

SECURITY

The Club is committed to reducing the instances of crime surrounding our building and parked vehicles. We have investigated options to put security cameras in place as a way to reduce these incidents. Hopefully signage and actual video footage will deter the offenders.

WAYMOUTH DONATION

Thank you to the Waymouth family who gifted \$10,000 to the Club. A letter of appreciation is being arranged and consideration on how we put these funds to good use is currently underway.

Shirley Waymouth had a tremendous amount of love for the game and was a Life Member of both NZ Bridge and Hamilton Bridge Club. A lovely tribute posted on the NZB website back in December 2022 will be uploaded to our website so current members can read about her contribution to our Club, the Region and the game in New Zealand.

I had a thought that perhaps we could name our biggest calendar tournament event - the Labour weekend Congress - to the Hamilton Waymouth Congress - the Waymouth Teams, the Waymouth Pairs and the Waymouth Swiss Pairs - what about that...

Wow...it's a lovely way to finish the newsletter

Stay warm, keep playing and see you at the table

Mereana

Mereana Cullen, President

Club News

Phone number changes / additions

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|----------------|--------------|
| Codi Merito | 027 913-6011 |
| John Duncan | 021 512-515 |
| Merle Jonson | 027 279-1896 |
| Ruth Eliatamby | 029 846-0370 |
| Sue Snoek | 022 098-1734 |
| Tim Macindoe | 027 280-0203 |



Winter Lessons Start

A second set of lessons for this year started on Sunday 23rd July at the Hamilton Bridge Clubrooms. The first 2 weeks were spent playing Mini-bridge, a simplified version of the game before the lessons proper commence on Sunday 6th August at 1pm with each lesson taking about 2.5 hours. More learners are still welcome to join at this stage of the course.

These lessons teach the game using the ACOL bidding system and are based on NZ Bridge's teaching of bridge for beginners program.

The lesson continue a further 10 weeks and when they finish you are encouraged to join the Club. Those who choose to join the Club usually start playing together with other learners either on Tuesday evening or Friday morning in what is a very friendly and social atmosphere where an allowance is made for their 'beginner' status. Each participant receives a copy of the lessons and other training notes, along with supper after each lesson.

Hamilton Bridge Lessons contact email : lessons@hamiltonbridge.co.nz

Our March Learners graduate

Tuesday evening lessons finished recently and the learners are now playing at our regular sessions. We all know what a complex and confusing game bridge can be at first, so please make them welcome. Why not offer to be a partner if needed? Be prepared to be patient with slow play and limit your comments until they find their feet. We want everyone to enjoy our great game!

Thursday Night Change of Start Time

UNTIL AFTER daylight saving commences on 25th September, the start time for Thursday Bridge is 7pm.

Unless this change is subjected to a later update Thursday Bridge will return to a 7.30pm start time on 29th September.

Be Kind to Your Directors

Before Play Starts:

Make sure you are seated at a table (not making a drink in the kitchen!) 5 minutes before play is due to start. This allows the director to correctly count the number of occupied tables and set up the movement for the session. If the movement setup is wrong, the whole scoring system and Bridgemates have to be re-started, meaning a start delay (and later finish).



During Play:

If you are phantom, waiting between rounds or if you finish the last round early, it would be greatly appreciated by the directors if you collect any empty cups from the playing room and return them to the tray in the kitchen. If the tray is full, put the tray in the steriliser and after closing the door push the far-right button to start the sterilising process.

After Play ends:

Just like us, our directors like to get home at a reasonable hour. After play finishes at your table, tidy the pens and pad away, return the table numbers and boards to the director's table, the Bridgemate to the cupboard, and take the scrap paper to the recycling bin near the door.

Thank You

Tournaments at our Club - Players and Helpers Needed



Don't worry - we are not expecting a kitchen wizz, but the more helpers we can get the easier it is for everyone! Labour weekend in particular is our busiest tournament so please think about volunteering for a couple of hours if you can.

Waikato/Bays Regional Swiss Pairs - Saturday September 2

This is a very big event which we hope will attract many players so we need plenty of helpers! Please can all members, whether you are Open, Intermediate or Junior and not playing in this tournament, make an extra effort to volunteer to help on Saturday September 2. Any Open players not entering the tournament will be very welcome too. The club will be asking for names soon or talk to any Committee member if you are able to help out on the day.

Hamilton Congress (Labour weekend)

Our annual Club Congress is our main tournament event of the year, running for 3 days over Labour weekend (21-23 October). As such it is an important fund raiser for the Club so the Club does need this event to succeed. We would prefer to have a separate group of helpers for each day, so again lots of helpers are needed.

Upcoming Social Events

Soup and Bun Sunday 17 September



Join the socialising on a Sunday afternoon for lovely soup, great company, bridge and the chance to win one of the prizes. Just \$6 for a soup and bun lunch (starting at 12.30) followed by a session of bridge. The first two Soup & Buns were great fun for those who attended - it is a good way to catch up with others who play different sessions and to meet new people in a very friendly atmosphere.

Melbourne Cup Day

On Tuesday 7 November Judith Brooks and her team will once again provide prize winning opportunities, and the best hats competition. This is always a very enjoyable event so put it in your diary now!



Books Wanted!

The book table in the Richmond Room has books (mostly fiction) available for members to take in exchange for a gold coin.



The avid readers in the club would love a change in the selection of books. Have a look through your collection at home and bring along any books you are happy to donate to the club.

NZ Bridge National Congress Coming Soon

The 2023 Bridge National Congress will once again be face-to-face and held at the Mercury BAYPARK (former Trustpower Arena), Mt Maunganui, from **Saturday 23 September to Saturday 30 September**.

The last face-to-face Congress in 2022 at Mt Maunganui had over 600 players and the organisers expect even more players to attend this year. Youth players (born after 31 December 1997) will get a 50% discount on any Congress event.

Visit the Congress [website](#), read the Information tab, then enter or view events. There are 9:30am starts most mornings with no evening sessions.

There are separate special *events for novice, junior and intermediate players* too:

Novice Pairs – a single session from 2.30pm on the afternoon of Saturday 23 September. (A novice started playing after 1 January 2021 or was without a Certificate of Proficiency at 1 January 2021). Only \$10 for this session.

National Congress Junior Pairs – 2 sessions on Sunday 24 September.

NZ Junior Teams – 4 rounds of 14 boards on Tuesday 26 and another 4 rounds on Wednesday 27 September.

National Congress Intermediate Pairs – 2 sessions on Sunday 24 Sept.

NZ Intermediate Teams – 4 rounds of 14 boards on Tuesday 26 and another 4 rounds on Wednesday 27 September.

Intermediate Swiss Pairs – 3 rounds of 9 boards start 1.30pm Friday 29 September with 4 rounds on Saturday 30 September

Junior and Intermediate Pairs are \$60 or \$80 per player with a 10% discount if paid by 31 August, while the Teams are \$120 or \$140 per player. For all events, except the Novice Pairs, you must **enter in advance** – close-off is the day before the event but you are encouraged to enter earlier to help with their planning.

Recent Events at our Club

Hamilton Ladies Day - Tuesday 2 May

22 pairs took part in the Hamilton Ladies Day Event which was changed to a Mixed tournament due to insufficient Open player entries. Eileen Barker and Anne Berben from Putaruru won the event with Barbara Daly and Lucie Armstrong 2nd and Helen Rinaldi and Catherine Cameron coming 3rd.

Many thanks to Cherie and Richard Wagstaff and their team of helpers and to Craigs Investment Partners for sponsoring the day.



Left: Helen and Catherine, with Chantal Baxter from Craigs Investment Partners.

Below: Lois and Mary and Sue and Elaine won session prizes



Soup & Bun I - Sunday 7 May

Our first weekend social event of the year had 18 pairs enjoying a friendly session of afternoon bridge. Barbara Daly and Lucie Armstrong topped the north-south players with Richard Fletcher and Gwyn Lobb first east-west. Thanks to Laura, Hugh and all helpers for organising and running this event.

Waikato Interclub Teams - Sunday 18 June

Teams from eight clubs battled it out in a round robin event at Hamilton for the opportunity to play Bay of Plenty in the Interclub Teams final to be held at Cambridge in August. Representing our club were:

Open: Cynthia Clayton, Ian Clayton, Michael Curry, Mereana Cullen

Intermediate: Catherine Cameron, Trini Lin, Nigel Gresson, Cathy Nolen

Junior: Debbie Weston, Don Weston, Stephen Baptist, Tim Densem

Unfortunately, the more complicated Junior movement (needed because of an uneven number of teams) had issues so no valid results were possible. Our Open team finished 3rd and the Intermediate team 2nd. Only teams that finished 1st or 2nd advance to the final, so the Intermediates will represent our region. The overall winning club and winner of the Waikato Interclub Trophy was Waikato.

The Interclub Teams final is coming soon - Sunday 20 August at Cambridge bridge club.

Soup & Bun II - Sunday 25 June

On an unseasonably warm and sunny mid-winter's day, the bridge club rooms hosted 9 tables for this very enjoyable social event. Lots of friendly chat and laughter rang around the room.

Thanks to Laura for overall organisation although she was unable to attend on the day due to illness. Thanks also to Phil Thompson for directing, Lois Jones and Michael Davies for running the day and the kitchen smoothly and to all those who made the delicious homemade soups and cakes.

Mary Girvin and Lois Jones came first North-South while Richard Fletcher and Gwyn Lobb won East-West. Other special prizes were shared around a number of players in the room.

Hamilton Open Teams - Saturday 8 July

The club was very pleased to take up NZ Bridge's offer to run this as an online event which proved very popular. 40 teams mostly from throughout New Zealand (with 10 players from Australia included in the count) took part on the day. It proved a very rewarding tournament for our members



with Barry Jones and Jenny Millington in the winning team and Liz and Blair Fisher in the 4th placed team. Well done! Thanks to all our members who played on the day and to the organising team for a successful event.

Winning team members Jenny and Barry

Thanks to all our Volunteers!

Our club cannot run successfully without the many unpaid hours of our volunteers. Thanks to all our volunteers:

- Thanks to all those who deal the cards each week and for tournaments.
- Thanks to those who do car parking, maintenance and gardening at our club rooms.
- Thanks to those who make and donate food for tournaments and special events.
- Thanks to the many players who work unpaid, manning the bar, doing admin, managing and providing guidance.
- And thanks to those experienced players who mentor and help those who wish to improve their bridge skills.



And if anyone wishes to join the ranks of our volunteers, please talk to any member of the committee.

Recent Regional Tournament Successes by our Club Members



Taupo Open Pairs

Taupo Sarnia
ner & Blair Fisheries

Sat&Sun 29/30 April

Hamilton Ladies Day
2nd
3rd

Hamilton Tuesday 2 May
Barbara Daly & Lucie Armstrong
Helen Rinaldi & Catherine Cameron

Putaruru Open Pairs

Putaruru Thursday 11 May
Gary Foidl & Yuzhong Chen

Waikato Area Pairs (3)

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| 1 st | Garratt, David |
| 2 nd | Ellis, David |

(3) Cambridge Sunday 21 May
Gary Foidl & Yuzhong Chen
Ella Gray & Michael Neels

Spa Town Open Teams

Te Aroha Saturday 27 May
Jenna Gibbons & teammates

Te Aroha 70yrs Pairs
3rd R

rs Te Aroha Sunday 28 May
Richard Fletcher & Yuzhong Chen

Rotorua Open Pairs

Rotorua Saturday 10 June
Blair Fisher & Michael Curry
Gary Foidl & Kathy Yule

Hamilton Open Swiss Pairs

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|-----------------|--------|
| 1 st | Anna K |
| 2 nd | Gary F |
| 3 rd | Jenny |

s Pairs Hamilton Wed 7-21 June
 Anna Kalma & Richard Solomon
 Gary Foidl & Brett Glass
 Jenny Millington & Barry Jones

Morrinsville Open Pairs Morrinsville Saturday 24 June
1st Gary Foidl & Yuzhong Chen

North Island Teams (Online) Tauranga Saturday 1 July
1st Elizabeth Fisher, Blair Fisher & teammates

Hamilton Open Teams (Online) Hamilton Saturday 8 July
1st Jenny Millington, Barry Jones & teammates

Mt Maunganui Intermed. Pairs Mt Maunganui Saturday 15 July
1st Megan Jolly & Leanne Curry

Matamata Open Pairs Matamata Saturday 22 July
1st Liz Fisher & Kathy Yule
2nd Michael Curry & Ken Yule
3rd Jenny Millington & Barry Jones

Tauranga Ladies Open Pairs Tauranga Wednesday 26 July
3rd Barbara Daly & Mereana Cullen

Morrinsville Junior Restricted Pairs Morrinsville Friday 28 July
2nd Junior-Open Mereana Cullen & Don Weston
1st Junior-Junior Vicky Holloway & Mary Helm
3rd Junior-Junior Mary Cave Palmer & Lou Roughton

Congratulations

Upcoming Events

COMING UP AT OUR CLUB

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| Waikato Area Pairs (6) | Sunday 27 August |
| Waikato/Bays Regional Swiss Pairs | Saturday 2 September |
| Hamilton Congress Open Pairs | Saturday 21 October |
| Hamilton Congress Restricted Open Pairs | Saturday 21 October |
| Waikato/Bays Provincial Teams (Qualifying) | Sunday 22 October |
| Waikato/Bays Consolation Swiss Pairs | Monday 23 October |
| Waikato/Bays Provincial Teams Final | Monday 23 October |

EVENTS COMING UP IN OUR REGION

Junior and Novice Tournaments:

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| Cambridge Sixes Junior Pairs | Cambridge | Saturday 5 August |
| Tauranga Junior & Novice Pairs | Tauranga | Saturday 26 August |
| Te Awamutu Junior Pairs | Te Awamutu | Sunday 8 October |

Intermediate Tournaments:

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|--------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Cambridge Sixes Intermed Pairs | Cambridge | Saturday 5 August |
| Te Awamutu Intermediate Pairs | Te Awamutu | Saturday 12 August |
| Tauranga Intermediate Pairs | Tauranga | Saturday 26 August |
| Matamata Intermediate Pairs | Matamata | Sunday 10 September |
| Cambridge Intermediate Pairs | Cambridge | Sunday 15 October |

Restricted Tournaments:

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|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Thames Restricted Pairs | Thames | Sunday 3 September |
| Rotorua Restricted Pairs | Rotorua | Saturday 9 September |
| Mt Maunganui Restricted Pairs | Mt Maunganui | Saturday 16 September |
| Waitomo Restricted Pairs | Te Kuiti | Thursday 12 October |

Open Tournaments:

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|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Cambridge Sixes Open Pairs | Cambridge | Saturday 5 August |
| Te Puke Open Pairs | Te Puke | Saturday 7 October |
| Taupo Open 8B Pairs | Taupo | Saturday 14 October |



Club Results

Club Teams Championship - Barbara Minogue Trophy

1 Richard Hooper, Yuzhong Chen, Brett Glass, Gary Foidl

2 Jenny Millington, Barry Jones, Liz Fisher, Michael Curry, Ian Clayton

Friday Richmond Eileen Hartstone Trophy (3 sessions result)

Scratch

1 Elaine Rayner

2 Ian Clayton

Handicap

1 Don Macpherson

2 Elaine Rayner

Friday O'Neill Individual

Scratch

1 Chris Goulding

2 Laura Sommerville

Handicap

1 Chris Goulding

2 Rosalind Millar

Tuesday Day Individual Pairs

Scratch

1 Janice Wilton

2 Sue Collinge

Handicap

1 Jenny Seavill

2 Tracey Hoff

Van Selm Memorial Pairs

Scratch

1 Mark Thomson & Richard Hooper

2 Pam Burns & Val West

Handicap

1 Mark Thomson & Richard Hooper

2 Pam Burns & Val West

Wednesday Winter Pairs

Scratch

1 Michael Curry & Yuzhong Chen

2 Mereana Cullen & Alan Parkes

Handicap

1 Mereana Cullen & Alan Parkes

2 Michael Curry & Yuzhong Chen

Thursday Elsie Pohio Intermediate Teams

1 Catherine Cameron, Cathy Nolen, Nigel Gresson, Trini Lin

2 Roger Gunning, Ranjith Cooray, Helen Rinaldi, Don Macpherson

Thursday Elsie Pohio Junior Teams

- 1 Debbie Weston, Don Weston, Tim Densem, Stephen Baptist
- 2 Jiwan Dhaliwal, Bill Barwood, Stewart Lawrence, Bill West

Friday Richmond Autumn Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Olive Davis & Joan Egger
- 2 Mary Ronke & Richard Fletcher

Handicap

- 1 Olive Davis & Joan Egger
- 2 Mark Beavan & Tim Densem

Tuesday Henry Handicap Trophy

Scratch

- 1 Francoise Campbell & Ella Gray
- 2 Phil Thompson & Barbara Daly

Handicap

- 1 Francoise Campbell & Ella Gray
- 2 Phil Thompson & Barbara Daly

Grace Fuller Championship Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Irene McCaskill & Mark Beavan
- 2 Jiwan Dhaliwal & Bill Barwood

Handicap

- 2 Irene McCaskill & Mark Beavan
- 2 Jiwan Dhaliwal & Bill Barwood

Monday Pairs B

Scratch

- 1 Ella Gray & Alan Parkes
- 2 Joan Egger & Pam Burns

Handicap

- 1 Joan Egger & Pam Burns
- 2 Roger Gunning & Ranjith Cooray

Thursday Winter Pairs - Wardlaw Trophy & Rose Bowl

Scratch

- 1 Ross Stewart & Cherie Barton
- 2 Catherine Cameron & Trini Lin

Handicap

- 1 Ross Stewart & Cherie Barton
- 2 Josie Van Weerd & Cathy Nolen

Friday Richmond Pairs A

- 1 Richard Fletcher & Ella Gray
- 2 Ian Clayton & Cynthia Clayton

Handicap

- 1 Richard Fletcher & Ella Gray
- 2 Tracey Hoff & Jenny Seavill

Friday O'Neill Pairs B

Scratch

- 1 Michelle Paterson & Chris Goulding
- 2 Alan Grant & Raewyn Higginson

Handicap

- 1 Michelle Paterson & Chris Goulding
- 2 Jutta Morgan & Milwyn Rees

Tuesday Day Winter Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Judith Brooks & Cherie Barton
- 2 Ian Clayton & Elaine Hickel

Handicap

- 1 Judith Brooks & Cherie Barton
- 2 Ross Stewart & Sam Armstrong

Tuesday Alisdair Beck Trophy

Scratch

- 1 Bill Barwood & Jiwan Dhaliwal
- 2 Mary Cave-Palmer & Lou Roughton

Handicap

- 1 Bill Barwood & Jiwan Dhaliwal
- 2 Cath O'Connor & Vicky Holloway

Monday Pairs C

Scratch

- 1 Richard Hooper & Mark Thomson
- 2 Richard Fletcher & Ella Gray

Handicap

- 1 Richard Hooper & Mark Thomson
- 2 Melinda Wang & Stephen Weir

Wednesday Swiss Pairs

- 1 Barry Jones & Barbara Daly
- 2 Richard Fletcher & Gwyn Lobb

Thursday David Head Trophy: Individual

Scratch

- 1 Catherine Cameron
- 2 Cathy Nolen

Handicap

- 1 Jiwan Dhaliwal
- 2 Catherine Cameron

Friday Richmond Peter Kunac Trophy

Scratch

- 1 Judith Brooks & Colleen De Luen
- 2 Lindsay Reid & Cynthia Clayton

Handicap

- 1 Judith Brooks & Colleen De Luen
- 2 Joan Egger & Sheila Smith

Friday O'Neill Pairs C

Scratch

- 1 Michelle Paterson & Chris Goulding
- 2 Ruth Niemiec & Bob Niemiec

Handicap

- 1 Moira Fraser & Glenys Lynn
- 2 Ruth Niemiec & Bob Niemiec

Tuesday Evening Pairs A

Scratch

- 1 Jiwan Dhaliwal & Bill Barwood
- 2 Maria Muller & Merle Jonson

Handicap

- 1 Maria Muller & Merle Jonson
- 2 Jane Lee-Smith & Judy Simonson

Monday Mid-Winter Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Richard Fletcher & Ella Gray
- 2 Pam Burns & Joan Egger

Handicap

- 1 Pam Burns & Joan Egger
- 2 Paul Stevens & Chris Jones

Wednesday Drawn Teams

- 1 Mark Thomson, Yuzhong Chen, Richard Hooper, Mark Beavan
- 2 Lindsay Reid, Barry Jones, Jon Verhoek, Helen Rinaldi



Congratulations!



Learn from the bridge mistakes of others.
You won't live long enough to make them all
yourself.

Challenge 23

North

♠ 9 6

♥ 9 3 2

♦ A K 8

♣ Q 6 5 4 2

West

♠ 4

♥ Q 10 5

♦ 10 9 8 7 5 4 3 2

♣ 7 3

East

♠ K Q J 7 5 3 2

♥ 8 7 6

♦

♣ K 10 8

South

♠ A 10 8

♥ A K J 4

♦ Q J 6

♣ A J 9

How can South make Five No Trumps after West leads the Four of Spades?

The answer will be published on the club's website puzzle corner soon after the newsletter is published.

Tip of the Day:

When trying to set up a long suit, interior spot cards (8 to 10) are very important

