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HUTT BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024

Dates for your diary

Saturday 23 November
Club Working bee 10:00am

Sunday Afternoon 8 December
End of year function at 5.00pm
preceded by an afternoon of bridge
playing starting at 1.00pm



Play Bridge in a welcoming and supportive environment.

News from the Committee by President Lesley Haines

Kia ora anō -hello again,

It's a beautiful blue and summery afternoon. Since I wrote last, I've had three weeks in Japan and ten days cycling in the Gisborne and Lake Waikaremoana area. Wonderful trips, wonderful weather, good for the body and the soul.

Meanwhile the Committee has been working on our 2025 programme – your books will be out next week.

Part of that work is confirming sponsorship for the year ahead. Many thanks to all those businesses who've continued to support our Club and to several new businesses who've joined us – please give them your support when you can.

Thanks also to all our members who've continued as sponsors and the new family that has joined them.

Then there's putting together the book itself – Doug O'Halloran and Toni Kane have led this work, with Jill Herman, Kathryn Badcock, and Madeleine Askew helping. Meanwhile Janet Paape was gaining new sponsors and Ruth Brucker and Madeleine were confirming our existing sponsors. Thanks to you all.

Your 2025 Programme book will have a new look, your first peek at our new brand, thanks to work led by Toni Kane. The new brand represents strength, leadership, determination and a fighting spirit, a good fit for the competitive and social aspects of our game.

The colours introduce the green of the hills and the blue of the Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River and Wellington Harbour. The logo gives a nod to our previous logo, and the stylised cards and colours also acknowledge New Zealand Bridge's new brand. We acknowledge Manu Schuster, Toni's colleague and the creator of this motif and brand, for his fabulous work.

Next month we will be unveiling our new Club signage – join us at 5pm on Sunday December 8 for the Club Christmas Party and Prizegiving, beginning with the unveiling. See you at the Christmas Party!!

And, if not, wishing you all the very best for Christmas, New Year and the summer break.

Mā te wā (Until next time)

Lesley



Around The Tables

Over September and October, we have had many interesting series and events including our Tuesday teams events made possible by Madeleine Askew stepping up as the scorer for this event. We have also had a Saturday afternoon Fun Tournament to introduce tournament play to those that haven't played in tournaments before. And at the end of October we had the last of our Public Holiday events for the year, the Labour Day event.

Some keen improvers also got some Teams play training at Vil Gravis' Monday Improvers session held from September to October.

Other improvers sessions were also held fortnightly by Paul and Kathryn Badcock to introduce players to commonly used conventions.

AJs very social revision sessions were enjoyed by everyone who participated every second Saturday, starting with coffee then looking at problems from the weeks play. Come along if you have something that you want covered, or just to enjoy another bridge activity.

Fun Tournament

One of the most popular events that we have during the year is the Fun Tournament where new players and Juniors have sponsored entry by the Ron Fisher Trust and are introduced to tournament play. They can see how tournaments are run and, as you can see from this year's winners, newer players are often partnered by more experienced campaigners.



Angela Duthie and Steve Denholm were the top Junior / Junior pair at the fun tournament.



The overall winners were Anne Harland, a new player this year and Angela Banks

Teams Events

Teams events are a unique bridge experience where you and your partner play at least 8 hands against a pair from another team while the rest of your team play against the other pair from the opposing team. If you sit East-West then your other team members sit North- South at the other table. For the hand your teams North South and East west scores are combined.

We have one teams series on Tuesday in October. Interclub is also a team series. Finally there are some team tournaments in our region

**Give teams
Bridge
a go**



We celebrated Shirley Wiseman's 90th Birthday during our Friday 4 October session with a special afternoon tea. Meanwhile, Shirley's bridge continues to flourish. You can see in the series results below that Shirley and Mary Rundle won the last Friday series and a quick look at masterpoints this year shows 6 wins within 26 points scoring placings so far. Well done on the milestone birthday and the bridge this year Shirley.



Labour Day Event

11 tables of players played our popular labour day event on 28 October.

North-South winners were Raewyn and Martyn Dowman, while Stephen MacAskill and Paul Badcock were the runners-up. On the East-West side of the tables, Eleisha Hawkins and Robyn Crilly, a returning player now normally playing at Wellington, were on top, while Candice Ng and Simon Grant were the runners-up.

However, we were all the winners with a glorious afternoon of bridge played by those who usually play in the evenings and our usual afternoon players.

Be Nice Section (to ensure that we are a welcoming and supportive Club)

NZ Bridge suggested the following “Dos” to foster a happy community, (we won’t worry about their “Don’ts” at the moment)

Be warm and friendly, smiling and saying hello.
Offer congratulations and good sportsmanship
Volunteer your time at the club
Offer to play with new players
Support teachers by helping with lessons
Acknowledge good play
Be kind to your partner
Be willing to improve and open to feedback from others
Be respectful of the director and the rules of the game and our club



Congratulations to our September & October 2024 series winners.

September

Monday Jan Devereux Memorial Pairs

Candice Ng & Mary Rundle

Tuesday Pitoitai Pairs

Paul Badcock & Bryan Cunliffe

Wednesday Jason Brown Plumbing and Gas Pairs

Chris Manson & Stephen MacAskill

Thursday Overtrick Pairs

Deidre Stallinger & Jeffrey Craanen

Friday Doreen Watson Memorial Pairs

Ruth Brucker & Madeleine Askew

October

Monday Park Avenue Pairs

John Williams & Tjeerd Dolstra

Tuesday Teams

Lynn Bruce & Robyn Hill, Vil Gravis & Eleisha Hawkins

Wednesday Pyramid Pairs

Mary Ann Mills & Shirley Ulusele

Thursday Precision Pairs

Marion Loader & Paul Badcock

Friday Shona McFarlane Retirement Village Pairs

Mary Rundle & Shirley Wiseman

Upcoming Tournaments and Events

17 Nov	Kapi Mana Intermediate/Junior Multigrade Pairs
21 Nov	Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs 9 Open
24 Nov	Masterton Multigrade Pairs
14 Dec	Wellington Region Christmas Cheer Open
8 Dec	Hutt Bridge Club End of year Function
27 Dec	Suzanne Duncan Memorial Pairs (3 Evenings)

Facebook

Remember to look and follow our Facebook page compiled by Janet Paape. It is full of current and future activity. Hop on, have a look, and click on **follow**.

<https://www.facebook.com/huttbridgeclub/>

Bridge starts again in 2025

Monday 6 January

Tuesday 21 January

Wednesday 8 January

Thursday 9 January

Friday 24 January

Book Review

Defend with Your Life

Terrence Reese and Eddie Kantar

"Defend with Your Life" is a renowned instructional book, authored by two legendary figures in the game: The book is praised for its detailed analysis and instructional value, making it an essential read for bridge enthusiasts looking to enhance their defensive play. It is in our Library

1. Defensive Techniques

The core of "Defend with Your Life" revolves around defensive techniques in bridge. Reese and Kantar meticulously cover various defensive strategies that can be employed to outsmart opponents and maximize the defensive potential of a hand. They delve into the psychology of defence, offering insights on how to anticipate an opponent's moves and effectively counter them.

2. Communication between Partners

Effective communication between partners is crucial in bridge, and this theme is extensively explored in the book. The authors emphasize the importance of signalling and understanding partner's bids and plays. They provide practical examples and exercises to help players develop a seamless partnership, which is often the key to successful defence.

3. Case Studies and Examples

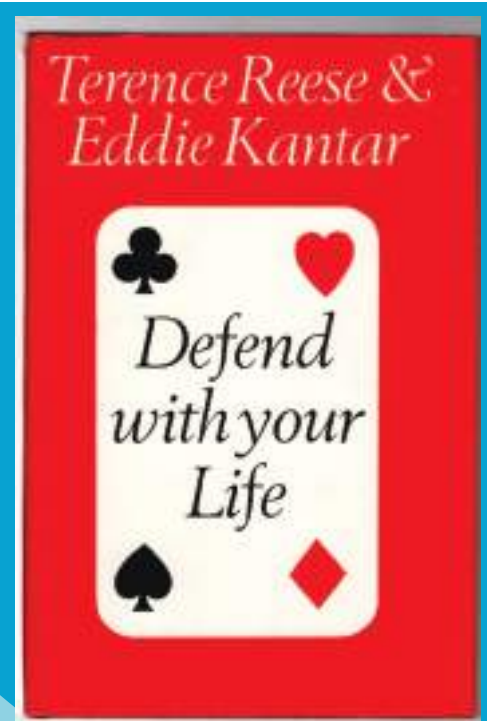
One of the book's standout features is its use of case studies and real-life examples. Reese and Kantar include numerous hands from actual bridge tournaments to illustrate their points. These examples provide readers with a practical understanding of how to apply the defensive strategies discussed in the book. The authors break down each hand step-by-step, explaining the rationale behind each move and decision. However, the detailed analysis may be a bit overwhelming for some readers

The use of real-life examples and hands from tournaments provides readers with practical, applicable knowledge. This approach helps bridge the gap between theory and practice.

The book covers a wide range of defensive techniques, making it a comprehensive guide for players looking to improve their defence. From basic strategies to advanced concepts, "Defend with Your Life" offers something for everyone.

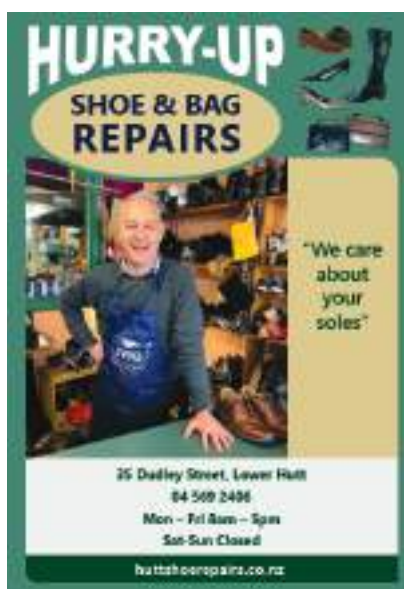
"Defend with Your Life" is a masterful instructional book that offers invaluable insights into the defensive aspects of Contract Bridge. Reese and Kantar's expertise and passion for the game are evident throughout the book, making it a must-read for bridge enthusiasts. The clear explanations, practical examples, and comprehensive coverage of defensive techniques make it an essential addition to any bridge player's library.

Whether you're a novice looking to improve your defence or an experienced player seeking to refine your skills, "Defend with Your Life" has something to offer. It's a book that not only teaches you how to defend effectively but also deepens your understanding and appreciation of the game.



New sponsors for 2025

Thanks to all our existing sponsors in 2024 who have carried their sponsorship into 2025. You will see some new sponsors in our programme book



Edwin from Hurry-up Shoe and Bag repairs in Dudley street is a familiar face to many of our members and other Lower Hutt residents. Your damaged shoes and bags may look great again after some care from Edwin.



helloworld from Jackson st. Petone are a new sponsor in 2025. Travel professionals are just what we need to make the planning of an overseas trip easy and help us avoid the pitfalls that sometimes await us in unfamiliar circumstances.



Simon Webber, a long term member of our club, is sponsoring us in 2025. You can see from his advertisement in the programme book that his company specialises in residential construction from new builds through to renovations and kitchens.



Sinead Diederich and her team from Eastbourne Harcourts is sponsoring us in 2025 and has started playing Bridge again with in our club. Give her a ring to discuss your real estate requirements. As well as the advertisement in the programme book you will see a new sponsorship later in 2025

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