

Franklin Bridge Club Table Talk October 2023



We promote Face to Face (F2F) Bridge

Important Notice:

Are your contact details correct for the 2024 programme book ?

Following some fantastic work by Terry Evans, the Contact Details database is posted on the notice board by the office door. All updates you have written on the previous notice have (as of 29 September) been updated now.

Please do one final check of your contact details as this will go into the next Programme Book for 2024. We will print your name, primary phone number, secondary phone number and email address in the programme book for 2024. If you wish to be removed from the programme book, please put a line through your name.

Last chance to get it right!!

Tournament

We held our F2F Bridge tournament on Saturday 16th September, our last official tournament for the year.

11 tables (22 pairs) took part in the intermediate section, which was played in our clubrooms. A further 12 pairs played online in the open section. As usual a good time was had by all – dare we say that the intermediate section was a bit more relaxed than usual, in the absence of the big guns?

We had a wonderful afternoon tea, enlivened by 4 dozen spectacular cupcakes, supplied by Linda Thornton who was celebrating her birthday that same day. We presented Linda with flowers and a birthday card – it was a really happy day for her.



Thanks to the many members who helped in the many tasks – dealing, scoring, catering, setting up, cleaning up. It's the efforts of many people who make our tournaments such a success.

None of the prize winners in the Open Section, (held online as a test for us) were Franklin players. Our best result for two Franklin players was 6th place, achieved by Lynne Geursen and Bev Henton.

The F2F Intermediate section was won by Bill Leach (Mt. Albert) and Kerri McCrae (Auckland), both intermediate players. Bill plays a lot of tournaments and is a frequent visitor to our tournaments.

Second – to great acclamation – were our own Neal Phillips and John Fergusson. This was a first-time partnership – they had never played together before. Well done, you two – we're very proud of you.

The junior/junior prize went to Belinda Summerville and Kay Wallbutton, and Caroline and Kevin Griffin were the winners of the afternoon session against all-comers. Well done – we love to see our own players win our prizes.



And More Congratulations:

Chris Glyde passed the Directors' exams in August and is now a qualified Club Director. We presented him with a bottle of wine and a card on the Goulash night. It's such a boost to our club to have another qualified director in our membership joining Arie Geursen, Teresa Phillips and Jim Buckland. A huge well done, Chris.



Goulash night, Monday 18th September:

The Goulash night was good fun, with some outrageous hands. Slams were bid and made, or not made, bids were doubled and succeeded or didn't succeed! There were quite a few Small Slams, but we were only able to note 2 x Grand Slams, scoring over 2000 points, both bid and made by Bev Henton and Susie Longdell. Winners on the night were East/West Ilian Trifonov and Grant Andrew, and North/South Terry Evans Jr. and Maureen Nelson.

It was good to see some of the Wednesday night players there, and especially to see Gary and Tricia Logan, who received a warm welcome from everyone.

Upcoming Events:

Please make a note in your diary for the Loveblock NZ-wide Pairs, Friday night 10th November (remember it used to be called The Babich Pairs).

This is an annual event, run by Richard Solomon from Te Aroha. Last year 55 clubs and 865 pairs participated.

The dealing instructions are sent out under embargo a week or so in advance, and the same boards are played by participating clubs all over NZ and all at the same

time. There is an extremely useful booklet at the end of the night, which tells you what the possibilities were for each hand, and you can find out how you did on each board.

Loveblock (the Sponsors) are a Marlborough vineyard belonging to Kim and Erica Crawford. Kim's mother is a bridge player in the Waikato.

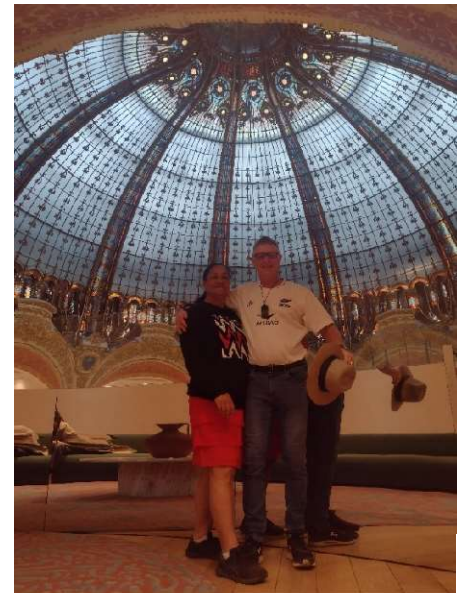
Wednesday Night Teams

We had 12 teams in this year's Wednesday competition. Wonderful to see so many novices entering, and to see people standing chatting after end of play. A total of 60 players took part and we all had a great time. We published photos of 9 teams with the September newsletter – here are the other 3, including the winning team – Team YELLOW.



Player news:

Jonathan Taylor is having a great time in France, seeing some of the RWC rugby, and enjoying sightseeing with his wife Josy and their daughter Te Huia. Jonathan sent us this photo, taken at the fabulous Galeries Lafayette retail store in Paris (think Harrods). The famous 43m high dome was completed in 1912. Jonathan said he left the women to go shopping and went to check out Roland Garros centre.



We won't see Teresa and Neal Phillips for a few weeks – there is a major bridge/culvert being repaired very close to their Onewhero farm, cutting off road access and adding about 50km each way to their trip to bridge. We look forward to their return.

Richard Solomon, a former member of our club and a Gold Grandmaster, has been voted to become a Life Member of NZ Bridge, and will be installed in November. We still see Richard from time to time, he and Kathleen have a new life in Te Aroha now, and we send him our warmest congratulations.

Out and About in Pukekohe:

Auckland Transport advised in mid-September that we are to get two new sets of traffic lights. The first at Manukau Road/Massey Avenue (by the Mobil Station?) and the second at Stadium Drive/East Street (near Hell's Pizza). Let's hope they're synchronised. Construction is due to start in "late 2023".

The Franklin Bridge Club AGM - Sunday 3rd December

Please diary the AGM and Prizegiving. Optional bridge (drawn pairs – you don't need a partner) will follow.

New programme books for 2024 and annual invoices for your sub will be available at the AGM. This is your opportunity to sign up partners for the year ahead.

May all your finesses work
May all your slams be grand