

# Franklin Bridge Club

## Table Talk January 2024



**We promote Face to Face (F2F) Bridge**

### Clubroom refurbishment and removal of asbestos

Thanks to amazing work by Property Manager Kevin Griffin, it is starting on 8<sup>th</sup> January. The whole job is expected to take approximately 3 weeks.

So that we can keep playing while the work is being done, the Committee has arranged to hire the premises of Pukekohe Hot Rod Club at 33 Franklin Road (near the Franklin Pool and the Franklin Squash Club). There is plenty of easy-to-access off-street parking and flat and easy access to the rooms.

There will be 3 January sessions at the Edinburgh St Clubrooms before we relocate:

- Wednesday 3rd January – Holiday Bridge as per programme book
- Thursday 4th January – a Fun Day organised by Lynne Geursen, no table money – starting at 10am, bring a plate for a shared lunch
- Friday 5th January – Holiday Bridge as per programme book

Playing dates at Pukekohe Hot Rod Club are likely to be (all January)

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and maybe 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and maybe 24<sup>th</sup>
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we should be back in clubrooms

There's a bit of logistics involved – we are taking 15 folding card tables and associated chairs to the Hot Rod Club. The dealing machine and boards will be stored off premises and taken to HRC on the night.



## **Sad News**

We are very sad to advise that Linda Thornton's husband Steve Broiles passed away at Franklin Memorial Hospital on Boxing Day. Steve was a member of our club for many years, and despite suffering a stroke in 2015, he continued to play on for a while after that. We remember him as a warm and helpful club member, encouraging to beginners, and friendly to everyone. We extend our deepest sympathy to Linda and their son David.



## **Health and Welfare**

COVID is indisputably among us now. Several members of our club have succumbed to it within the last month. We must be mindful that we sit at close quarters for up to 3 hours, handling cards which are then passed on to up to 14 other people.

With that in mind, you will notice how nice and clean the bidding box cards are – they had been becoming increasingly grungy and sticky, and we thank Terry Jr and Terry Sr for spending two whole afternoons last week cleaning the bidding cards with isopropyl alcohol.

## **Upcoming Tournament**

Our first tournament for 2024 is on Saturday 3 February – the Summer Swiss Pairs.

Swiss Pairs is a fun format, but tricky to score (thank you Jonathan). As boards are played and scored, seeding takes place, which means you always end up playing people at your own level – whether top or middle or bottom.

Please come along and support this tournament. Enter through NZ Bridge website – if you need help with this, please see Club Captain Terry Evans Jr.

## **Tuesday afternoon sessions**

Will start after the Waitangi Day holiday, recommencing on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

This session was not well supported last year – if members wish it to continue to be available – come along and play! It's a good opportunity to play another session without having to be out at night. No partner is needed, and Jim Buckland will be the Director as per last year.

## Thursday Evening “Supervised Play”

These popular sessions will resume on 15th February after the Waitangi Day holiday. Maureen Nelson will host these sessions.

## Director’s Course - Later in the Year

We need more Directors!

Later this year, Arie Geursen, formerly the Chief Director for NZ Bridge, will present a Director course.

Please consider whether you might serve the club and your own bridge development by taking the Director course when offered. It won’t be just about Directing and Rulings, as we will also delve into scoring, the Compscore system and dealing systems.

## New Year’s Resolutions and a very generous donation

The club has received a very generous donation, paying for the new clubroom lighting, the new water cooler, and other aspects of the room refurbishment. The donation has come from the Evans Family. It is essentially a celebration of Terry Jr having given up smoking since 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022. He went cold turkey in San Francisco in October 2022 whilst enroute to visiting a smoke-free friend in Vancouver. Well done, Terry, we want you around for a long time yet. And thank you to Terry Sr and Jr for the generous donation to our club.

## Corrections to the 2024 programme book

Despite very best efforts, there are 5 corrections to the new 2024 programme book. Please update them in your books to ensure you have the correct information. The corrections are:

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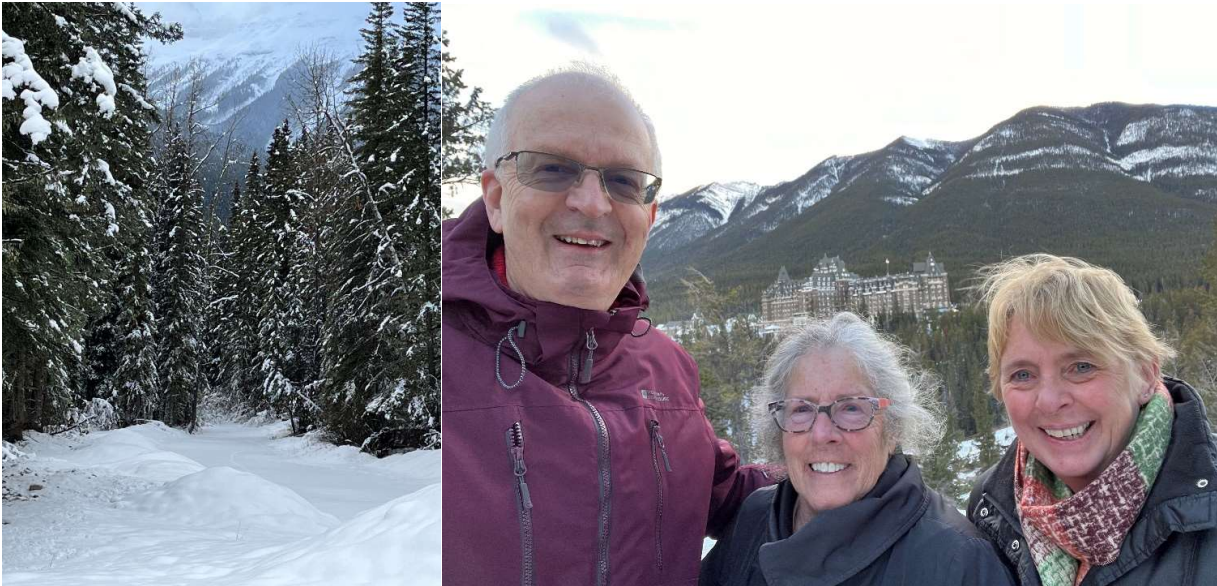
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## Player News

Just prior to Christmas we received an email from **Peter Rowe** saying that he and Maria were in Calgary, Alberta. They'd had a good dump of snow, but it had largely melted due to unseasonably warm weather 10 degrees. Peter said he had fulfilled a longstanding goal in December to play Bridge with his best friend Carole in Banff. Carole had been a Bridge fanatic when he met her 40 years ago and is even more so today.

They had had 5 tables in play and Peter was welcomed as their first international visitor since Covid. From then on, said Peter, the gloves were off – no concessions made for the visitor – he loved it! Peter and Maria expect to be back in NZ in late January.



**Neil Miller's** granddaughter Charlotte Wiggins has been selected to represent NZ in the upcoming Winter Youth Olympics in Gangwon, South Korea, which is about an hour by car from Seoul in South Korea.

Charlotte's event is Women's Alpine Ski Racing, she is away training in Northern Italy now. Neil is one very proud granddad!





## Out and About in Franklin

We noted a news item just before Christmas that St Stephens School at Bombay, abandoned and becoming derelict for more than 20 years, is to be restored and will re-open in 2025. It's a graceful old building, it will be good to see it restored.

And we note that the St. Ignatius Catholic College in Bombay will open next month. Franklin continues to grow.

## Subs for this year

The 2024 Subs are \$123, which includes the NZ Bridge levy, and they are now due. Thank you to everyone who has paid already. If you haven't yet paid, please do so.

## Bridge restarts

Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January Holiday Bridge at the Clubroom
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> January Fun Day at the Clubroom
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> January Holiday Bridge at the Clubroom
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> January Holiday Bridge at the <u>Hot Rod Club</u>

## Holiday Bridge

You do need a partner, but if you haven't got one yet, please look for one via the Whatsapp group (all the Partnership Secretaries are on holiday) or come early (at your own risk) to allow time for us to try match you to someone. Masterpoints will apply if we reach the minimum standard, which is minimum 2 tables and 20 boards.

The 3 sessions prior to moving to the Hot Rod Club will give members a taste of the newly orientated playing room. North has been pointed to true north position! When we return to the club after the refurbishment, and for the future, North will face the office and East will be the window wall.

And in response to comments from some of our less mobile members, we have taken out a row of tables, so that there is more room between tables. It will take no time at all to get used to it - we have new signage indicating all 4 points of the compass, which will allow us more flexibility for tournaments. Remember that our first 2024 tournament is on 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

