



MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Riding for the Disabled: Fundraiser Tournament 25 May

There is still time to put your names on the list for this fundraiser – lunch is provided by RDA and it is always a fun tournament.

Free Blood Pressure Tests

Names on list for free tests by the Heart Foundation on 23 May after play.

Mid South Island Teams Tournament

Congratulations to the following who will represent the Club in this competition:

Open: Francis Sheehy and Peter Mountain; Jane Windle and Dennis Norman

Intermediate: Kerry Kelly and Blair Corlet; Alison Brown and Junelle Edmonds

Junior: Gail Duffy and Carolina Fontona; Sally and Wayne Grant

Heating

You will be pleased to know that the Committee (superbly aided by Darrell Sidon) has spent a good deal of time looking into the appropriate level of heating for the main playing room and how to achieve this.

We have arrived at the following settings for the current period (autumn):

- The floor heaters are set to 23C and to come on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 5.15pm to 10.30pm. On Fridays they are set to 11.30am to 4.45pm
- The wall heaters are on the timer to run for an hour and will be turned on by the director on his or her arrival. These heaters are intended to act as a short term boost and not to run all the time through play
- Fans to be switched on at beginning of play to circulate the heated air

Please no-one interfere with the settings. We will monitor and you can expect adjustments to the hours of operation once we hit the colder winter months.

Housekeeping

Use of Club Property

If you want to use any Club property for your own purposes then you must seek permission prior to doing so – see Margie Baird in the first instance.

Substitutes

The rule is that substitutes **must** be notified to the director prior to play commencing. See page 4 Programme for all the substitute rules.

Shuffling Cards (particularly when hand passed in)

Please remember to shuffle the cards after each hand is played to avoid passing on information to the next person to play that hand. In particular if you pick up a hand with all the cards pre-sorted that is a dead giveaway that the hand was passed in.

Regards

Alison

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Bridge and Tournament News –May 2025

NZ Bridge Rankings and Gradings

Rankings: I recently reported Oamaru Bridge Club successes in the NZ Bridge rankings at the end of March 2025. I have been asked by several members what these are. Each session of play attracts C points. The winners will get 40 with second, third etc a smaller amount depending on the number of tables in the session. As you accumulate 100 C points these convert to a B point. A points, or parts thereof, are awarded in Open Grade Tournaments.

The ranking reports give the top 20 players in each division year to date e.g. as at 31 March in the recent one. There are twelve ranks accorded to holders of Master Points

Rank	Aggregate of A & B Points
Certificate of Proficiency	5
Club Master	20
Local Master	50
Provincial Master	100 (including at least 50 A Points)
Master	200 (including at least 100 A Points)
National Master	350 (including at least 175 A Points)
Life Master	500 (including at least 250 A Points)
Grand Master	1000 (including at least 500 A Points)
Silver Grand Master	2500 (including at least 1250 A Points)
Gold Grand Master	4000 (including at least 2500 A Points)
Emerald Grand Master	8000 (including at least 6000 A Points)
Platinum Grand Master	10000 (including at least 7500 A Points)

A player with less than 5 A & B Points is classified as "Novice"

To search the ranking reports, go to the NZ Bridge website <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz> or ctrl+click this blue link. Masterpoints tab/Ranking and Grading/Rank Reports.



NZ Bridge Gradings – Open, Intermediate and Junior grades are explained as follows:

Open – Provincial Master or higher rank

Intermediate – Club Master or lower rank and 30 or less Rating Points but 5 or more A Points or
Club Master or lower rank with more than 30 Rating Points or
Local Master

Junior - Club Master or lower rank and 30 or less rating points and less than 5 A points

Happy bridging
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