

Thames Bridge Club Newsletter – No 2025/31 21 September 2025

Games for Week 32

Monday 22 September: Final Round of the E Knight Championship Pairs
Tuesday 23September: Rounds 3 & 4 of the Moloney Cup Hi-Lo Teams
Wednesday 24 September: Final Round Junior Championship Pairs
Thursday 25 September: Final Round of the Torr Trophy Individual

Club Results 15 to 21 September

Monday

15 September	Final Round of the Pauline Yorke Handicap Individual	
	N/S	E/W
1 st :	Cindy Bryant & Hayden Pearce 57.48	Karen Woodford & Chris Good 59.17
2 nd :	Ted Cliffin & Josie McKenzie 54.94	Jane Browne & Kay Rickman 58.45
3 rd :	Carolie Thomas & Carol Crowfoot 51.85	John Peppiatt & Murray Pawson 50.38
The Pauline Yorke Individual was won by Josie McKenzie with 171.94		
Second – Chris Good with 171.5		
Third – Gaylene Last-Harris with 164.56		

Tuesday

16 September	Moloney HiLo Teams	
	Standings after Rounds 1 & 2	
1 st :	Team Blake (Jan, Gaylene, Jena, Alex) 24.57VP's	
2 nd :	Team Woodford (Pete, Chris, Carol, Josie) 22.37	
3 rd :	Team Pawson (Caroline, Karen, Murray, John) 17.99	
4 th :	Team Davenport (Stuart, Deb, Nancy, Greg) 15.07	

Wednesday

17 September	Junior Championship Round 2	
	N/S	E/W
1 st :	Chris Good & Pete Woodford 75.0%	Stuart Bell & Deb MacDonald-Brown 61.25%
2 nd :	Beth Tompkin & Janice Maine 50.0%	Jane Browne & Sue Dixon 58.75%
3 rd :	David Williams & Mike Hosking 47.92%	Cindy Bryant & Claudine Dean 55.0%

Thursday

18 September	Whitmore Rosebowl Pairs Final	
	N/S	E/W
1 st :	Jena Robinson & Alex Barshai 59.5%	John Peppiatt & Allan Maine 60.0%
2 nd :	Ted Cliffin & Nita Knight 54.5%	Bob Passey & Jan Blake 51.0%
3 rd :	Nancy & Greg Davenport 51.0%	Gaylene Last-Harris & Val Bowen 48.0%
The Whitmore Rosebowl was won by Alex Barshai & Jena Robinson with 322.5		
Second – John Peppiatt & Allan Maine with 312.63		
Third – Greg & Nancy Davenport with 273.92		

The final of the Junior Championships is next Wednesday: September 24th.

Members are invited to join the Juniors for Afternoon Tea and Prizegiving, after play.

Please bring a plate and come around 3.50pm.

Club Notices

1. **Whitianga Tournament:** was held at the Mercury Bay Bowling Club on Sunday 14 September. Nancy Davenport and Pat Johansen took part, Carol ran their kitchen, and Greg directed. Our representative did very well in the morning session, winning the E/W section, but faded a little in the afternoon. There was a great turnout – 12 tables with players at all levels. Thames did well – great PR for us – making sure that lunch and afternoon tea was perfect, and winning more than our share of raffle prizes. We hope to see some of their players at our up-coming tournaments.
2. **Intermediate League:** Ted & Barbara are very close to winning this. After 5 Rounds they are in Second Place. The 8th and final round is on 19 October in Cambridge.
3. **Club Maintenance:** TCDC has been informed that there are a number of issues that need attention – rotting weather boards, and painting of two exit doors. They will be Asking Craig Bell (CSB Builders) to come round and assess what is needed.
4. **Our Christmas Tournament** is on Sunday 2 November. This is the Tournament we are famous for – Christmas Dinner and Bridge. Nick Saunders will direct for us, and we will no doubt attract a full house. 17 players have already registered.
5. **Our Program for 2026** is going to be finalised soon. To better cater for the needs of our current and future members your Committee will be looking at all aspects of what we do and will be asking for input from our members. Please have a think about this and then **email the Club (thamesbridgeclub@gmail.com) with your thoughts on what could make our Club a better Club.**
6. **Our Summer Bridge Festival** is on in the School Hall on 9, 10 and 11 January. Your help will be needed so please keep that weekend free.
7. **Sponsorship.** Do you know of someone who might want to sponsor – with Cash or Goods or Services? You could approach them yourself, or please let Carol or Greg know who they are. We will go and talk to them. This is **URGENT!!** Sponsorship would be great for our Tournaments, our own Program of Events, for our Newsletters, and for the things we want to do in 2026. **PLEASE HELP!!**

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Programme for 2026

Thank you to those of you who offered suggestions on the structure of our program for 2026. Special thanks to those of you who came along to a meeting on Saturday morning. It was good to see a wide range of players.

Among the items discussed, and which could be introduced in whole or in part, were

1. The introduction of new players to playing sessions. As many of this year's learners cannot come to daytime sessions we could adapt the Tuesday night sessions, by either having 2 separate sections running simultaneously, or by moving some (or all) of the Championship events to Mondays and/or Thursdays.
2. The reasons why players are reluctant to play on Tuesday evenings. While there are obvious reasons, (eg. driving to and from the Club at night – especially in winter), the image that the Tuesday sessions are for senior players, and the dislike many have of coming along “just to get beaten” each time.
3. There is a strong preference to have more HiLo Teams events – which allow “Hi” players to play with and compete against other “Hi” players, and “Lo” players to take part in the same competition while playing with, and against, other “Lo” players. As with all Teams events – this works better if we have an even number of 4 player teams (ie 16, 24 or 32 players)
4. There is a preference for fewer “Individual” competitions.
5. There was discussion on prizes and trophies – their relevance, the type of prizes, the recognition of prize winners.

The Committee will discuss these matters at its next meeting (6 October). If you would like the Committee to consider your thoughts **please write us and email** as soon as possible. That will be the most effective way of ensuring your ideas are heard.

Coming Soon

The Superprice SWISS Pairs

Mondays in October ===== Two sessions (of 12 boards) per day

First Session – a random draw

Second Session – top 2 from session 1 play each other. 3rd plays 4th, 5th plays 6th

Next sessions – 1st after previous rounds plays 2nd (if the haven't already played them – in which case 1st will play 3rd).

And so on until the final round, when each pair will be playing a pair at a similar level .