

# Thames Newsletter March 14<sup>th</sup>

Welcome to our Newsletter. **Tuesday is St Patrick's Day** and we will be playing at Te Aroha, who have asked their players to wear something Green, so let us do the same if you able to

## Upcoming Games at the Club

**Mondays** - Helen Blake Handicap Pairs  
Round 3 **March 16th**  
Final Round **March 23rd**

**Tuesdays** - Gilligan Barclay Combined Pairs  
At Te Aroha Club  
Round 1 **March 17<sup>th</sup>**

At Thames Club  
Round 2 **March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Bring a plate of delights for Supper**

**Thursdays** - Whitmore Rosebowl Champ Pairs  
Round 1 **March 26th**



## Monday 2nd March: Helen Blake Handicap Pairs Round 1

### N/S

|                   |                                 |        |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : | Jan Blake & Karen Woodford      | 56.97% |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Karen Brooks & Christine Pullyn | 53.42% |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> : | Raewin Kelly & Caroline Thomas  | 52.76% |

### E/W

|                   |                                |        |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : | John Peppiatt & Carol Crowfoot | 59.66% |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Ron Baker & Rob Stewart        | 58.44% |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> : | Gordon Bruce & Nancy Davenport | 57.60% |

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Helen Blake Handicap Pairs Round 2

### N/S

|                   |                               |        |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : | Jena Robinson & Alex Barshai  | 62.35% |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Pat Johansen & Josie McKenzie | 56.79% |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> : | Tom True & Greg Davenport     | 52.83% |

### E/W

|                   |                                 |        |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : | Claudine Dean & Diane Parkinson | 60.90% |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Bob Passey & Donna Passey       | 52.90% |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Heather Tearle & Michael Long   | 52.90% |

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Bespoke Barbers Handicap  
Round 2**

|                   |                                   |        |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : | Caroline Thomas & Karen Woodford  | 58.32% |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Judith Bishop & Mary-Ellen Newton | 53.88% |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> : | Murray Pawson & Greg Davenport    | 53.22% |

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Bespoke Barbers Handicap Pairs  
Final Round**

**N/S**

|                   |  |        |
|-------------------|--|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : | Karen Woodford & Caroline Thomas         | 61.15% |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Jena Robinson & Alex Barshai             | 53.93% |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> : | Deborah MacDonald-Brown<br>& Stuart Bell | 48.33% |

**E/W**

|                   |                                    |        |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : | Carol Crowfoot & Nancy Davenport   | 61.30% |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Josie McKenzie & Barbara McFarlane | 51.98% |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> : | Gaylene Last-Harris & Michael Long | 47.32% |

**Well done to the Overall Winners**

**Karen Woodford & Caroline Thomas with 176.24**

**Followed by**

**Josie McKenzie & Barbara McFarlane with 161.56**

**Jena Robinson & Alex Barshai with 153.15**

## Thursday 5<sup>TH</sup> March: Tony Moxsom Hi Lo Teams

| Round 1      |       | Round 2      |       |
|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Team Knight  | 16.73 | Team Knight  | 19.34 |
| Team Barshai | 13.97 | Team Barshai | 11.7  |
| Team Long    | 13.45 | Team Tompkin | 12.31 |
| Team Dixon   | 6.5   | Team Dixon   | 7.69  |
| Team Tompkin | 6.03  | Team Long    | 0.66  |
| Team Bryant  | 3.27  | Team Bryant  | 8.3   |

**Teams: Knight 36.07 / Barshai 25.67 / Tompkin 18.34  
Dixon 14.24 / Long 14.11 / Bryant 11.57**

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Tony Moxsom Hi Lo Teams

| Round 3      |       | Round 4      |       |
|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Team Barshai | 16.91 | Team Knight  | 7.69  |
| Team Knight  | 3.09  | Team Long    | 15.99 |
| Team Long    | 16.73 | Team Barshai | 4.01  |
| Team Bryant  | 18.78 | Team Bryant  | 15.15 |
| Team Tompkin | 3.27  | Team Dixon   | 12.31 |
| Team Dixon   | 1.22  | Team Tompkin | 4.85  |

**Team Knight 46.85/ Long 46.83/ Barshai 46.59  
Bryant 45.50 / Dixon 27.77 / Tompkin 26.46**

**All to play for the final week**

## Club News

I would like to on behalf of our club, pass on all our condolences to Sabrina and all of her family on the recent passing of her husband William.

Our thoughts are with you all at this difficult time



Do not forget to enter in our Calendar for games, this will help to make it easier if someone is looking for a partner.

If you are looking for a partner just enter your name and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> player box “looking for partner”. This will help and save time for those ringing around. **Especially for Tuesday night’s- which can be a struggle for numbers**

**DAYTIME CONVENOR:** Carol Crowfoot 07 8688023

**EVENING CONVENOR:** Ted Cliffin 027 493 2619

**St John First Aid Course  
At the Clubhouse  
Around 3 steps for life session**

**All members are welcome to attend bring your  
lunch as well**

**St John's will give a talk on various subjects  
around first aid, safety, the use of the  
defibrillator**

**Monday, March 16, 2026**

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Highly recommended that you come  
along and listen**

Alex & John along with Jena & Josie attended the Waikato Area Pairs in Matamata last Sunday.

Alex & John came 5<sup>th</sup> at the end of the day's play 🤝🤝

Jan & Christine along with Heather & myself took a road trip to Hamilton today, for the first leg of the Junior Championship Pairs at the Hamilton Bridge Club. We caught up with Ross Sutton who was also there

There was a field of 18 Pairs, the first session went smoothly.

The second session there was a big hiccup in proceedings - we had played the first table then had moved to the next table when it was announced we were playing the wrong boards – so play stopped whilst new boards were dealt. Then the card dealing machine was having problems dealing.

The Bridgemates had to be rebooted twice to show correct boards, so it was a manual process whilst that problem was sorted. So we lost an hour plus of play, definitely all of this put a lot of players off their stride. Finally we finished around 5pm after dropping one table.

Heather & myself came 14<sup>th</sup> and Jan & Christine were 15<sup>th</sup>.

We enjoyed our day despite the afternoon problems, it was an interesting day. Karen W

## **Upcoming Tournaments in March**

### **In the Waikato Bays Region**

**Cambridge Bridge Club  
Junior/Novice Pairs  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Waikato Bays Regional Championships Trail  
Online Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

## Thank you to our Sponsors



**Bespoke for men Barbers**

**Snowden Menswear**

**SKN - Pamper Me Medispa**

*Word of mouth is one of the best ways  
to get new members to learn Bridge*

**Beginners Lessons start**

**Wednesday 8th April**

**1pm-3pm or 6pm-8pm**

**If you know of anyone who wishes to learn, talk to them and take their contact details, and pass onto Lorraine, Karen W, Barbara or Ted**

**first 3 weeks of introduction to bridge will be free, there will be a cost of \$50 for the remaining lessons and Bridge Sessions for the year, duration of the course which is expected to be around 10 weeks**

**The lessons are the main way we recruit new members to the club so we encourage all members to let family, friends, work colleagues, neighbours and anyone else they know who may enjoy playing bridge to give it a go!**

## **Pianola and X-Club**

**Interested in how your bridge results compare with players who also played that session from across NZ? You can find your ranking!**

**The results from NZ bridge clubs that play the same boards at the same time are collected up in X-Clubs and re-scored over all the clubs which use Compass.**

**The results appear on the X-Clubs website very shortly after all session results are received.**

**You can access these through the X-Clubs Results link found under Results on our website**

**If you'd like to learn more about X-Clubs there is lots of detail under the About tab under the X-Clubs Results website.**

**Players of X-Club deals can register to receive Pianola session report e-mails – see the “button” on the right-hand side of the X-Clubs Home page.**

**Here you can get more information about your playing game, including:**

**Personal results history**

**Your average score with different partners**

**Your score as declarer, defender – even as dummy**

**Read up on Pianola at [www.pianola.net](http://www.pianola.net)**

