

Thames Newsletter February 28th

Upcoming Games at the Club

Mondays - Helen Blake Handicap Pairs
Round 1 March 2nd
Round 2 March 9th

Tuesdays - Bespoke Barbers Handicap Pairs
Round 2 March 3rd
Final Round March 10th

Thursdays - Moxsom Hi Lo Teams
Round 1 March 5th
Round 2 March 12th
Round 3 March 19th

We need equal numbers of Hi and Lo Pairs and preferably an even numbers of teams

At this stage we have 6 Junior Pairs but only 4 Hi Pairs

Jena/Lorraine, Carol & Nita, Alex & John, Josie & Murray (Greg & Nancy are unable to play 1st game but can be Reserve for last 2)

We need another 4 Hi Players to run 6 tables.

[Register yourselves if you can play asap](#)



Monday February 16th: Hi Lo Pairs

N/S

1 st :	Greg Davenport & Pete Woodford	59.17%
2 nd :	Karen Brooks & Barbara McFarlane	53.33%
3 rd :	Gaylene Last-Harris & Ted Cliffin	52.50%

E/W

1 st :	Alex Barshai & Chris Good	64.58%
2 nd :	Sue Dixon & Lorraine Dixon	55.00%
3 rd :	Heather Tearle & Kay Rickman	52.92%

Monday February 23rd: Hi Lo Pairs

N/S

1 st :	Murray Pawson & Michael Long	58.25%
2 nd :	Josie McKenzie & Jan Blake	52.50%
3 rd :	Greg Davenport & Pete Woodford	51.08%

E/W

1 st :	Alex Barshai & Chris Good	56.07%
2 nd :	Gordon Bruce & Tom True	55.19%
3 rd :	Heather Tearle & Allan Maine	50.93%

Well done to the Overall Winners

Alex Barshai & Chris Good with 120.65

2nd Greg Davenport & Pete Woodford 110.25

3rd Tom True & Gordon Bruce 104.77

Tuesday February 17th: February Handicap Pairs final

1st: Greg Davenport & Josie McKenzie 56.61%

2nd: Deborah MacDonald-Brown
& Stuart Bell 54.03%

3rd: Karen Woodford & Jan Blake 53.08%

Well done to the Overall Winners

Lorraine Dixon & Nancy Davenport with 165.83

2nd: Alex Barshai & John Peppiatt 161.10

3rd: Pete Woodford & Caroline Thomas 155.70

**Tuesday February 24th: Bespoke Barbers Handicap
Pairs Round 1**

1st:	Nancy Davenport & Carol Crowfoot	68.75%
2 nd :	Josie McKenzie & Barbara McFarlane	63.13%
3 rd :	Jena Robinson & Alex Barshai	62.50%

**Thursday February 19th: Snowden Menswear Pairs
Round 3**

N/S	1st:	Allan Maine & John Peppiatt	70.50%
	2 nd :	Josie McKenzie & Ted Cliffin	62.00%
	3 rd :	Sue Dixon & Lorraine Dixon	57.00%

E/W	1st:	Jena Robinson & Alex Barshai	69.00%
	2 nd :	Murray Pawson & Carol Crowfoot	55.00%
	3 rd :	Cindy Bryant & Diane Parkinson	43.00%

**Thursday 26th: Snowden Menswear Pairs
Final Round**

1st:	John Peppiatt & Allan Maine	66.67%
2 nd :	Jena Robinson & Alex Barshai	64.58%
3 rd :	Murray Pawson & Carol Crowfoot	61.31%

Well done to the Overall Winners

Alex Barshai & Jena Robinson with 276.71

2nd: John Peppiatt & Allan Maine 256.13

3rd: Lorraine Dixon & Sue Dixon 229.89

Club News

**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**

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 2nd 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

Director List – there is to be a list of players who are willing to direct Club sessions or wish to learn how to direct.

Names to Greg, if you wish to be added who will prepare a roster

In March are the first 2 Rounds of the Gillian Barclay Combined Pairs, which is contested between the Te Aroha Bridge Club & Thames Bridge Club,

Round 1 is Tuesday 17th March
which is played at Te Aroha Club

Round 2 is Tuesday 24th March
which is played at Thames Bridge Club

All abilities of play are most welcomed at both Clubs
It is a fun night and supper is provided.
So grab yourself a partner and come along
Need to be at the Te Aroha Club by 6.40pm

Thank you to our Sponsors



Bespoke for men Barbers

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

Beginners Lessons start

Wednesday 9th 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!



TIP

Rule of 20

Sometimes when we look at our hand, we are not sure whether to open the bidding. The shape is good, but we lack the points.

Rule of 20 helps with this dilemma.

When you are considering opening in first or second position, statistically speaking your hand is strong enough to open if :

Your HCP (high card points) plus the number of cards you hold in your two longest suits comes to 20.

If the count is less than 20 your hand is not strong enough.

So count your HCP, Add the length of your two longest suits. If you reach 20, INCLUDING 2 quick tricks, OPEN



Junior Championship League 2026

Open to all Waikato-Bays Junior & Novice players

Generous Prize Pool

The competition is based on collecting points in the nominated Junior tournaments in the region.
You don't have to win a tournament to be awarded points.
Prizes go to the players with the most points at the end of the year.
The rules explain how the points are awarded

Hamilton Sat 14-Mar
Cambridge Sat 28 Mar
Matamata Sat 9 May
Mt Maunganui Sat 18-Jul
Tauranga Sat 29-Aug
Te Awamutu Sun 11 Oct - *includes prize-giving*

Score cards and rules are available from your club
Or go to the "WB Events" section of the Waikato-Bays website:
www.waikatobays.bridge-club.org



Intermediate Championship League 2026

Open to all Waikato-Bays players Intermediate and below

Generous Prize Pool

The competition is based on collecting points in the nominated Intermediate tournaments in the region.

You don't have to win a tournament to be awarded points.

Prizes go to the players with the most points at the end of the year.

The rules explain how the points are awarded

Taupo 28 Feb

Hamilton Sat 14-Mar

Katikati 17 May

Mt Maunganui Sat 18-Jul

Te Awamutu Sat 15 Aug

Tauranga Sat 29-Aug

Matamata Sat 13 Sep

Cambridge Sun 18 Oct *-includes prize-giving*

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ORGANISE A PARTNER AND SEE YOU THERE!

prizes for all grades and A points for session winners

March 8 - Matamata

April 26 - Te Aroha

May 24 - Cambridge

July 19 - Te Awamutu

Aug 30 - Hamilton

please arrive 9.30 for a 10.00am start

ONLY \$15 ENTRY PER EVENT. BYO LUNCH

ALL GRADES WELCOME. PLEASE ENTER ONLINE

FURTHER INFO: Jena 027 2447 092

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Waikato Bays



National Rubber Bridge Competition

The Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge Competition is contested by a pair from each Region.

The finals are played at the National Congress (Palmerston North) – **Nov 11, 12, 13 2026** with a great prize pool. Come and join us for the Waikato Bays Region heats.

- *To enter* please send your entries to
 - nickwhitten@xtra.co.nz
 - or phone 07 889 7831

- A knockout draw will be issued after entries close.
- Each pair organises with their opposition when and where their heat will be played f2f.
- Heat winners must be available for all subsequent matches, including the finals at Congress, for as long as they are lucky enough to keep on winning.

- **Closing date for entries not decided yet but won't be before April 30**

Not familiar with rubber bridge?? An *Introduction to Rubber Bridge* day covering scoring and tactics may be held. Watch for poster

