



9Thames Bridge Club

Newsletter

May 8th

**Mobile phones, should be turned off during play
or switched to silent mode.**

Upcoming Games at the Club

Mondays - Pauline Yorke Individual
May 11th & 18th

Tuesdays - Judith Bishop Pairs
May 12th & 19th (final round)

Thursdays - McKay Handicap Pairs
May 14th & 21st



**Monday 27th April: E Knight Champ Pairs
Round 2**

N/S

Winners: Mary-Ellen Newton & Judith Bishop
Followed by Nancy Davenport & Gordon Bruce
Then Allan Maine & Jena Robinson
Sabrina Peters & Nita Knight

E/W

Winners: John Peppiatt & Alex Barshai
Followed by Pat Johansen & Lorraine Dixon
Then Caroline Thomas & Kay Rickman

**Monday 4th May: Pauline Yorke Individual
Round 1**

N/S

Winners: John Peppiatt & Allan Maine
Followed by Bruce Gordon & Josie McKenzie
Ron Baker & Rob Stewart

E/W

Winners: Sue Dixon & Jim Urry
Followed by Pat Johansen & Lorraine Dixon
Sabrina Peters & Pete Woodford

**Tuesday 28th April: Judith Bishop Pairs
Round 1**

Winners: Murray Pawson & Jena Robinson
Followed by Nita Knight & Sabrina Peters
Then Judith Bishop & Josie McKenzie

**Tuesday 5th May: Judith Bishop Pairs
Round 2**

Winners: Alex Barshai & John Peppiatt
Followed by Louise Cameron & Carol Crowfoot
Then Nita Knight & Sabrina Peters

**Thursday 30th April: Whitmore Rosebowl Pairs
Round 2**

Winners N/S: Murray Pawson & Carol Crowfoot
Followed by Sue Dixon & Josie McKenzie
Then Jena Robinson & Allan Maine

Winners E/W: Sabrina Peters & Jane Browne
Followed by John Peppiatt & Alex Barshai
Then Diane Parkinson & Cindy Bryant

Thursday 7th May: Torr Trophy Individual Round

Winners: Allan Maine & Jenna Robinson
Followed by Ted Cliffin & Barbara McFarlane
Then Gaylene Last-Harris & Karen Brooks

Congratulations
to the winners and to all of those
who participated



Purnell
LAWYERS

Bespoke for men Barbers

Snowden Menswear

SKN - Pamper Me Medispa

Chit chat Corner

Before Play

Please toss a coin to decide who sits N/S.

Heads sits N/S. If you wish to have seating rights for health reasons please arrive early to arrange with the Director.

Table Responsibilities

North ensures the board is correctly placed on the table at all times during play.

South records details of the contract and result.

East checks the score and okays it.

East and West move the boards to the next table.

Count the cards before looking at them.

Shuffle the cards after you have played them.

Defence: Opening lead

Defence starts with the Opening Lead

Leading against a Notrump Contract

- Lead partner's suit (if they bid one)
- Lead top of a sequence of 3 honours or broken sequence
KQJ3 KQ109
- Lead a **low card from a suit with an honour**
AJ854 K932 Q64
- Lead a **high card from a suit with NO honour** **974 8742**
- Lead an unbid major before an unbid minor – opponents usually bid a major if they have one

Leading against a Suit Contract

- Lead partner's suit (if they have bid one)
- Lead top of a sequence of 2 or 3 honours **QJ932 J1065**
- Lead a **singleton in a side suit**
 You may be able to get a ruff with a small trump
- Lead a **low card from a suit with an honour, EXCEPT**
 a suit with the Ace at the top
- Lead a **high card from a suit with NO honour**
 97642 104

Summary

★ If there is a suit not bid the opponents, then without an obvious lead, lead that suit

★ If you lead a **low card you will promise an honour** in that suit

★ If you lead a high card (like a 9, 8 or 7) then you deny holding an honour in that suit

☆ If you lead an honour card, it should show at least the honour below that

☆ **Don't lead away from an Ace in a suit contract** – you may lose to a singleton K

Today, four Juniors took a road trip down to Matamata for the 3rd round of the Junior Championship League. There were 13 full tables plus 3 tables of Novice players .

It was great to see familiar faces and it was a very enjoyable & fun day of Bridge

At the end of play:

Heather & Karen W were 15th overall

Jan & Christine were 22nd overall

Upcoming Tournaments

Waikato Area Pairs in Cambridge Sunday 24th May

“At it’s heart bridge brings people together and it teaches the valuable Lessons of patience, partnership and above all....humility!”

Happy Bridging!

