

Winter Newsletter 2025

Hi everyone,

As we all hunker down from the winter onslaught, the 2025 bridge year forges on and pays no heed to the seasonal conditions. Likewise my hapless partners can confirm I seem to pay no heed to the seasonal condition of their hand they're desperately hoping I'll understand!

Upcoming...

Card Play Instruction & Practise Sessions Sunday 13th July 1pm – 4pm Matamata Clubrooms -

This is a follow up session run by Nick Whitten and is designed for newer and improving players.

Great way to reinforce some of the basics this coming Sunday afternoon. Further details in attached flyer.

Beth's Bastille Bash - Monday 14th July – Come along for a taste of France on Bastille Day on this coming Monday afternoon of social bridge. All welcome and no partner required...just bring your French flair, oui!

Open Swiss Pairs 5A Tournament – Sponsored by J Swap Contractors Ltd, entries to this year's tournament on 26th July have proved popular with a full house booked out three weeks prior to the day. We are looking forward to a successful day and thanks to everyone working towards this.

Compa\$\$ and tournament entries – Matamata Club members can now have their tournament entry fees deducted from your Compa\$\$ account for our July Open and other tournaments going forward. Please let our treasurer Heather Sharp know prior to a tournament if you want to pay this way.

WAPS – The next round for this is Sunday 20th July at Te Awamutu 10am.

\$15 gets a seat at the table of this Sunday Waikato Area Pairs series which has seen good turnouts this year, first in Matamata followed by Te Aroha and Cambridge. Te Awamutu hosts the fourth instalment of 2025 open to all grades.

Club Competitions –

With the first half of the year already behind us, so too are a raft of club competitions that have now reached completion.

Wednesday winners had Moya Young & Beth Kingsley winning the Betty Simpson Handicap by a narrow margin over Anne Watts & Joan Darby-Smith. Heather Kneebone & Sonia Crawford prevailed on scratch. The Edie Schwarz scratch competition was won by Lesley Quilty just holding off Noel Grigg by a slim margin after six sessions.

A power cut proved a hiccup in the final session of Thursday night's Grant Memorial scratch competition which eventually had Lynette Bond coming out on top in another close result with Luda Watts coming second in a crowded leader board. And well done to Rachel Aylett for coming first on the handicap ladder. The Norm Beecham handicap provided a popular winner in Wilma Zeedijk as she just headed off Diann Voyce. Victor Kooter came out top of the scratch results.

The second half of club comps kick in soon with the Club Champs starting later this month on the 24th.

That's all for now folks.

Stay warm and dry!

See a number of attachments fyi.

Cheers

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