

2026 Match Programme

MONDAY AFTERNOONS

Open to all grades

Please be seated by 12.50 pm for 1:00 pm start

January 5, 12, 19, 26

First Match Point Ladder

This competition will consist of three rounds of three or four sessions. To qualify, each round of three/four sessions is to be played with a different partner. The best nine qualifying scores are to count.

February 2, 9, 16, 23

Rose Bowl sessions 1 - 4

This is an individual event over fifteen sessions, the best eleven scores for each player to count. At least three of the ten qualifying scores must be played with different partners.

March 2, 9, 16, 23

Sir Joseph Ward Memorial Salver sessions 1 - 4

This is a pair's event of fifteen sessions. Eleven matches must be played with the same partner to qualify, best twelve scores to count.

March 30, April 13, 20, 27

Second Match Point Ladder

April 6th is Easter Monday, Open bridge

May 4, 11, 18, 25

Rose Bowl sessions 5 - 8

June 1st is the King's Birthday, Open Bridge

June 8, 15, 22

Sir Joseph Ward Memorial Salver sessions 5 - 7

June 29, July 6, 13

Third Match Point Ladder

July 20, 27, August 3, 10

Rose Bowl sessions 9 - 12

August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 14

Sir Joseph Ward Memorial Salver sessions 8 - 12

September 21, 28, October 5

Rose Bowl sessions 13 - 15

October 12, 19, November 2

Sir Joseph Ward Memorial Salver sessions 13 - 15

October 26th is Labour Day, Open Bridge

November 9, 16, 23, 30, December 7

Summer Pairs - Open

December 14

Prize giving, Christmas cheer and social bridge

Note: There will be holiday bridge. Dates over Christmas and New Year are published nearer to the time

Seat reservations: Players with mobility issues may request to have an NS or EW seat, though this is not the preferred option. Players should arrive early enough to sit where they want. If a seat reservation is granted these will be reserved until 12:45 pm each day.

JUNIOR GRADE
Monday Evenings

Please be seated by 7.20 pm for a 7:30 pm start

January 5, 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16, 23

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

April 6th Easter Pairs – Open

April 13, 20, 27

May 4, 11, 18, 25

June 1st King's Birthday, Open Bridge

June 8, 15, 22, 29

July 6, 13, 20, 27

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

September 7, 14, 21, 28

October 5, 12, 19

October 26th Labour Day, Open Bridge

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

December 7

December 14

Prize giving, Christmas cheer and social bridge

INTERMEDIATE GRADE
Monday Evenings

Please be seated by 7.20 pm for a 7:30 pm start

January 5, 12, 19, 26

Combined Pairs (Combined with SR section but with Intermediate winners)

February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23

Intermediate Pairs sessions 1 – 8 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

March 30, April 13, 20

Intermediate Teams or Rotating Pairs (each night with different partner)

April 6th Easter Pairs – Open

April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 8

Cambridge Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

June 1st King's Birthday, Open Bridge

June 15, 22, 29

Intermediate Pairs sessions 9 – 11 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

July 6, 13, 20 Handicap Pairs

July 27 August 3, 10, 17

Intermediate Pairs sessions 12 – 15 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 21, 28

Oxford Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

October 5, 12, 19

Mixed Grade Teams – play with an expert

October 26th Labour Day, Open Bridge

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, December 7

Intermediate Summer Pairs (six nights, best 5 to count)

December 14

Prize giving, Christmas cheer and social bridge

Grading matches (27 sessions)

SENIOR RESERVE SECTION

Monday Evenings

Please be seated by 7.20 pm for a 7:30 pm start

January 5, 12, 19, 26

Combined Pairs (Combined with Intermediate grade)

February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23

Lion Foundation Cup 1 – 8 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

March 30, April 13, 20

Teams or Rotating Pairs (each night with different partner)

April 6th Easter Pairs – Open

April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 8

Shirley Newton Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

June 1st King's Birthday, Open Bridge

June 15, 22, 29

Lion Foundation Cup 8 - 10 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

July 6, 13, 20 Handicap Pairs

July 27 August 3, 10, 17

Lion Foundation Cup 11 - 15 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 21, 28

John Hay Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

October 5, 12, 19

Mixed Grade Teams or Restricted Pairs

October 26 Labour Day, Open Bridge

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, December 7

SR Summer Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

December 14

Prize giving, Christmas cheer and social bridge

Grading matches (27 sessions)

TUESDAY MORNINGS

Open to all grades

Please be seated by 10:10 am for a 10:20 am start

Enjoy bridge in a smaller section, with more time to play the hands and get the most from the session.

Sessions start from Tuesday 6th January.

No partner required.

There is no competition for this session, but the committee is open to suggestions.

January 6, 13, 20, 27

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 3. 10. 17. 24. 31

April 7, 14, 21, 28

May 5, 12, 19, 26

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

July 7, 14, 21, 28

August 4, 11, 18, 25

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

October 6, 13, 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17, 24

December 1, 8, 15

SENIOR GRADE
Tuesday Evenings

Please be seated by 7:20 pm for a 7:30 pm start

January 3, 6, 8 = **Canterbury Holiday Pairs 5A Tournament**

January 13, 20, 27 (open to all grades)
Butler Pairs Trophy or First Match Point Ladder

February 3, 10, 17, 24 (open to all grades)
Teams or Restricted Teams (Team total < 1000 A points)

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7
Championship/Restricted (< 500 A total) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (12 nights, best 9 count)

April 14, 21, 28 (open to all grades)
Swiss Pairs or Second Match Point Ladder

May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9
Judy Heaps Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count) or Directors Cup Teams

June 16, 23, 30 (open to all grades)
Teams or Third Match Point Ladder

July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11
Championship/Restricted Pairs 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 (12 nights, best 9 count)

August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 15, 22 (open to all grades)
President's Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count) or Secretary's Plate Teams

September 29, October 6, 13, 20 (open to all grades)
Men's, Women's, Mixed Pairs

October 27, November 3, 17, 24, December 1, 8
Vice President's Trophy (handicap) (six nights, best 5 to count) or Winner's Trophy

November 10: National Congress week, Open Pairs

December 15
Prize giving, Christmas cheer and social bridge

JUNIOR GRADE
Wednesday Evenings

Please be seated by 6.50 pm for a 7:00 pm start

January 7, 14, 21, 28
First Match Point Ladder

February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11
Junior Pairs 1 – 6 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22
Avon Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27
Junior Pairs 7 - 11 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8
Pickering Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12
Second Match Point Ladder
The new lesson class joins in on 15 July, please make them welcome

August 19, 26, September 2, 9
Junior Pairs 12 – 15 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

September 16, 23, 30, October 7
Third Match Point Ladder

October 14, 21, 28
Teams (with an expert, a senior player will be available for each team)

November 4, 11, 18, 25, December 2, 9
Summer Pairs (six nights, best 5 to count)

December 16
Prize giving, Christmas cheer and social bridge

Bidding notes: new players from the lessons may use their flipper notes at the table for a month after leaving lessons. The expectation is that you will remember this information and be able to play without assistance after that time.

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Wednesday Evenings

Please be seated by 6.50 pm for a 7:00 pm start

January 7, 14, 21, 28
First Match Point Ladder

February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11
Charitable Trusts Cup 1 – 6 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22 23
Jane Skipper Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27
Charitable Trusts Cup 7 – 11 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8
Jenny Wilkinson Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12
Second Match Point Ladder

August 19, 26, September 2, 9
Charitable Trusts Cup 12 – 15 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

September 16, 23, 30, October 7
Third Match Point Ladder

October 14, 21, 28
Teams (with an expert a senior player will be available for each team)

November 4, 11, 18, 25, December 2, 9
Summer Pairs (six nights, best 5 to count)

December 16
Prize giving, Christmas cheer and social bridge

Grading matches (27 sessions). Players to play in their own grade for these nights.

SENIOR RESERVE GRADE

Thursday Evenings

Please be seated by 7.20 pm for a 7:30 pm start

January 1, 6, 8 = **Canterbury Holiday Pairs 5A Tournament**

January 15, 22, 29, February 5
First Match Point Ladder

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12
Senior Reserve Pairs 1 – 5 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23
Autumn Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

April 30, May 7, 14
Open Teams or Second Match Point Ladder

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2
Senior Reserve Pairs 6 – 12 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

July 9, 16, 23
Rotating Pairs: Play each night with a different partner to win

July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, September 3
Spring Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

September 10, 17, 24
Senior Reserve Pairs 13, 14, 15 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

October 1, 8, 15, 22
Mixed Grade Teams or Third Match Point Ladder

October 29, November 5, 19, 26, December 3, 10
Summer Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

November 12: National Congress, Open Pairs

December 17
Prize giving, Christmas cheer and social bridge

Grading matches (27 sessions)

**SENIOR GRADE
Thursday Evenings**

Please be seated by 7.20 pm for a 7:30 pm start

January 1, 6, 8 = **Canterbury Holiday Pairs 5A Tournament**

January 15, 22, 29, February 5
First Match Point Ladder

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12
Thursday Senior Pairs 1 – 5 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23
Nelly Croft Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

April 30, May 7, 14
Open Teams or Second Match Point Ladder

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2
Thursday Senior Pairs 6 – 12 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

July 9, 16, 23
Rotating Pairs: Play each night with a different partner to win

July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, September 3
Committee Cup (six nights, best 5 to count)

September 10, 17, 24
Thursday Senior Pairs 13, 14, 15 (15 nights, best 11 to count)

October 1, 8, 15, 22
Mixed Grade Teams or Third Match Point Ladder

November 29, November 5, 19, 26, December 3, 10
Summer Ladder (six nights, best 5 to count)

November 12: National Congress, Open Pairs

December 17
Prize giving, Christmas cheer and social bridge

**FRIDAY DUPLICATE BRIDGE
Open to all grades**

Enjoy a friendly game of bridge during the daytime. Play starts at 10.20 am and finishes at about 2pm. A lunch break will be taken around 12.00 noon so bring your lunch. Tea and coffee are provided.

January 2, 9, 16
First Match Point Ladder 1-3

January 23, 30, February 13, 20
Open Pairs 1 – 4

Friday February 6th is Waitangi Day: Open Bridge, no competition

John Lawson Trophy

A twelve-match pairs competition. The best ten scores count, at least nine matches to be played with one partner. Three substitutes per partnership allowed
February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22
John Lawson Trophy 1-12

April 3rd Good Friday: Open Bridge

May 29, June 5, 12
Second Match Point Ladder 1-3

June 19, 26, July 3, 17
Open Pairs 5 - 8

July 10 is Matariki, Open Bridge, session not part of the competition

Diana Isaac Retirement Village Friday Handicap Pairs

A twelve-match pairs competition. The best ten scores count, at least nine matches to be played with one partner. Three substitutes per partnership allowed.
July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9
Diana Isaac Retirement Village Handicap Pairs 1-12

October 16, 23, 30, November 6
Third Match Point Ladder 1-4

November 14th Canterbury Anniversary Day: Open Bridge,

November 20, 27, December 4, 11
Open Pairs 9 - 12

December 19 Prize giving, Christmas cheer and social bridge.

FRIDAY RUBBER BRIDGE

Open to all grades

Please be seated by 6:20 pm for a 6:30 pm start

On the first Friday of each month, from February to November, the club is open for people to play rubber bridge. This is an opportunity to get used to playing this form of the game, with help available and no time pressure to play. Table fee is \$5. No partner is required. This is a two-hour session, finished about 8:30pm.

February 6

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

July 3

August 7

September 4

October 2

November 6

SATURDAY NIGHT

Open to all grades

Please be seated by 6:50 pm for a 7:00 pm start

On the third or fourth Saturday of each month from February to November the Club is running a social session of bridge. Normal table fees apply. There is supper and prizes for each grade. The event is sponsored by Arvida.

February 28

March 28

April 18

May 23

June 27

July 18

August 22

September 26

October 24

November 21

SUNDAY JUNIOR BRIDGE

From 1pm -4pm.

Partner not required for Juniors.

Players please be seated by 12.50pm

So long as we have at least two tables, the juniors or less experienced players will play in their own section. They can take more time for boards and improve their familiarity with the game.

Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 - 1-4

Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 - 5-8

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 9-13

April 5 is Easter Sunday: Open Bridge

April 12, 19, 26 - 14-16

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 17-21

June 7, 14, 21, 28 - 22-25

July 5, 12, 19, 26 - 26-29

August 2, 9, 18, 23, 30 - 30-34

Sept 6, 13, 20, 27 - 35-38

Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 - 39-42

Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 43-47

Dec 5, 13 - 48-49

December 20: Christmas cheer and social bridge

SUNDAY OPEN BRIDGE

From 1 - 4 pm. All welcome.

Visitors welcome but are not eligible for competitions

Players please be seated by 12:50pm

Jan 4, 11, 18, 25

First Match Point Ladder 1-4

Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8

Otautahi Plate 1-6

March 15, 22, 29 April 12

Second Match Point Ladder 1-4

April 5 is Easter Sunday: Open Bridge

April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24 1-6

Nova Cup

May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 18, 23, 30, Sept 6

Otakaro Bowl 1-15

September 13, 20, 27, October 4

Third Match Point Ladder 1-4

October 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 15

Spring Ladder 1-6

November 22, 29, December 6, 13

Fourth Match Point Ladder 1-4

December 20: Prize giving, Christmas cheer and social bridge