

# Franklin Bridge Club

## Table Talk November 2025



We promote Face to Face (F2F) Bridge

### Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November

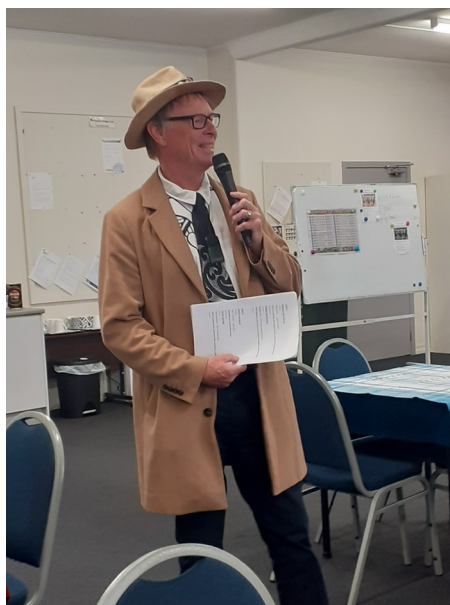
Special thanks to Lynne Geursen for producing another of her wonderful Melbourne Cup Days, including beautiful roses from her own garden, and baking the iced cake for a raffle prize.

Thanks too to Jonathan Taylor (looking very smart in his long coat) for MC'ing the event, and Neil Miller for baking the scones. There were hats!! and prizes !! and raffles and sweeps !!

There were simply too many prizes to list them all, but we must make special mention of "Hat of the Day", which was awarded to Gerda Bouwmann, in a sophisticated black and white number which had been made by her granddaughter.

The day started with morning tea at 11am, and we had an hour to buy teams in the Calcutta, plus purchase raffle tickets. Then we played bridge until 4pm, socialised until 5pm, and after the race was over the prizes for the 4 sweeps were awarded. A good time was had by all!

A bit of Melbourne Cup trivia: The winner of the 1952 Melbourne Cup was called Dalray, owned by a man from Greymouth NZ, and bred by Pip Wooffindin's grandfather



## **Loveblock Pairs – NZ wide tournament – Friday night, 17<sup>th</sup> October**

We had 12.5 tables for this event, which this year had 854 pairs across NZ, all playing the same boards at the same time. Unfortunately, a further 36 pairs were unable to be scored, as their 2 clubs had problems with fouled boards\*\*

\*\* Fouled boards – this is most commonly caused when players do not leave the board squarely in the middle of the table, which is a requirement, not just an option. Players who move the board to the side run the risk of not putting it back in the correct orientation, and then the following tables play the wrong sets of cards, thereby disqualifying everyone. Please leave the board in the middle of the table!

The BYO bottle of wine option was popular, and there was cake afterwards, while we are waited for the scoring. Our top players on the night were Barbara Lockyer and Neil Miller, who were an incredible 16<sup>th</sup> over the whole of NZ. A huge well done to both of them.

## **National Congress**

NZ Bridge National Congress is on at this very moment in Palmerston North. 735 players are registered, some of our experienced players are there. We wish them good luck – may all their finesses work.

## **Reminder about the AGM**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 will be our annual AGM, reports on the year just ended, election of officers. Optional bridge will follow – drawn pairs – you never know who you might end up with!

Please collect your 2026 programme book (and your annual invoice for your subscription) – try to find some new partners, and please offer to play with a junior player. Those who did the lessons this year would love the opportunity to play with someone more experienced.

Last year, we advised that the affiliation levy from NZ Bridge was increasing for both the 2025 and 2026 years. Last year, accordingly, subs went up to \$128 for the year, and in January 2026 they will rise a further \$4 p.a. to \$132 for the 2026 year. Please note that our club's portion of this has remained stable for the last 3 years, at \$100 including gst.

## **Election of Officers**

Some of our present Committee are retiring at the AGM. Nominations in writing must be received by the Secretary 14 days before the AGM, i.e. by Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Nominations cannot be made from the floor unless a position has no written nominations.

## **A New Constitution for our Club**

Many of you will be aware that a recent law change has required that constitutions of incorporated societies be updated to include specific provisions that may have been missing or inadequately covered in their current documents. The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 requires this to be done by April 2026.

As a result, the Committee has commissioned a draft constitution that is now in its late stages. You may have received a copy in your email. If not, you soon will. The current draft is intended to include the elements required by the new law, while changing as little as possible about our existing constitution.

There will be workshops available where people can ask questions and provide feedback before we are asked to vote on this new instrument.

The current plan is to schedule a Special General Meeting immediately after the conclusion of the AGM on 7 December to consider and adopt the new Constitution. This will avoid having a separate occasion where we ask our members to turn up on a completely separate day for something necessary but not particularly interesting to our members.

Please watch your email for a copy of the document and the time and date of discussion workshops.

## **Player News**

- Henriette and Bev enjoyed their just-completed Mediterranean cruise, one highlight being a Gaudi tour in Barcelona



- Carol Moore and Diane Conroy have both had stays in Middlemore. Diane is still there, but it was lovely to see Carol back at the Melbourne Cup day, resplendent in red and black. Her outfit included red “fishnet” gloves, left over from the Wednesday Social Teams. She was asked whether she was also wearing red fishnet stockings, but declined to reply!



- We are sad to record the passing of Jacqui Treppass at Labour Weekend. Jacqui was born in Paris, and lived in many countries during her long marriage to Michael. She learned to play bridge in New Guinea, when they were stationed there. Jacqui was a very longstanding member of our club, and always a delight. We extend our sympathies to Michael and to their daughter Monica.

