

Dan Gifford National Rubber Bridge competition 2025

We trust regions have or will start organising their own heats of this event.

The finals will be at the live National Congress in Palmerston North on 12th /13th /14th of November (7.30pm) Finals venue Palmerston North Bridge Club.

There are eight finalists, one spot per region. The eighth spot is allocated to 2024 winners' region. Last year's winners were Tom Jacob & Malcolm Mayer from Auckland/Northland, which this year means Auckland/Northland Region will have two placed in the finals.

Please advise me of the pairs who will compete in the finals representing your region, when known, latest date for this advice to be 31st August. This should allow the successful players to book their airfares at a reasonable rate.

The finals will be held as follows:

Quarter finals	Wednesday	/ 12 th November	7.30pm
Semifinals	Thursday	13 th November	7.30 pm
Final	Friday	14 th November	7.30 pm

The venue is to be confirmed.

NZ Bridge would like all qualifying matches to be played face-to-face.

The winners of this event receive \$500 each with total prize money for the 8 finalists \$2,460.

We have a limited pool of funds for travel costs. All 16 players in the final will receive a small travel subsidy. Please encourage the players to make their travel arrangements as soon as their place in the final is known. Reasonable travel costs will be reimbursed on application. Send any receipts for travel re-imbursement to me at bridget@nzbridge.co.nz.

The event is thus sponsored by NZ Bridge Foundation through a grant from the late Dan Gifford.

Please ask if you have any further queries.

Kind regards

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