

Dan Gifford National Rubber Bridge competition 2026

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

The finals will be at the live National Congress in Palmerston North on 11th /12th /13th of November (7.30pm) Finals venue will be in Palmerston North, the exact location to be advised

There are eight finalists, one spot per region. The eighth spot is allocated to 2025 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 11 th November	7.30pm
Semifinals	Thursday 12 th November	7.30 pm
Final	Friday 13 th November	7.30 pm

The venue is to be confirmed.

NZ Bridge would, where possible, prefer all qualifying matches to be played face-to-face.

The event is sponsored by NZ Bridge Foundation through a grant from the late Dan Gifford. The winners of this event receive \$500 each with total prize money for the 8 finalists totalling \$2,460. We have a very limited pool of funds for travel costs. Players who travel for outlying regions can apply for a small travel subsidy. Please encourage the players to make their travel arrangements as soon as their place in the final is known. Please send any request for travel subsidy me at bridget@nzbridge.co.nz.

Please ask if you have any further queries.

Kind regards

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