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Kia ora

I have been to quite a few tournaments in recent months and it is great to see good numbers and full rooms. It is also pleasing to see good numbers attending lessons and using the new lesson material, and good turnouts for the Improvers sessions too.

At our Board meeting this month some of the key things we discussed were:

Congress

Bridget reports pleasing entries to date and we are delighted to see support for our junior teams' event in 2026. We have attached some information to this newsletter for players graded Intermediate and below. Please share with your members, we would love to see them at congress.

Regional Championships

I mentioned in last month's newsletter that we were going to put out a survey to get your feedback about the Regional Championships. It has taken longer than originally planned as we needed to get additional feedback from the Congress organisers around the feasibility of some of the options. Now that we have received and considered the feedback, we plan to release the survey shortly, and would really welcome your input, particularly those of you who have played or are interested in playing in them in the future.

Accessibility and Inclusion Audit

The Board will shortly send out to all Clubs an Accessibility and Inclusion Questionnaire. NZ Bridge is committed to making bridge welcoming and accessible for everyone. This audit will help us understand:

- the accessibility needs of members across New Zealand bridge clubs
- the support and resources already available within clubs
- the barriers that may prevent people from participating fully
- what additional resources or guidance would help clubs become more inclusive.

The information collected will assist NZ Bridge in developing future resources, training and support for clubs.

Youth

Planning for the Youth Weekend in Christchurch is well underway, at the moment we have 44 registered players, we are still open to including more if there is anyone that hasn't registered yet.

We have 5 youth players representing us at the 9th World Youth Transnational Championships in Hefei, China from 3-8 August, keep an eye on the NZB Website for updates, and results links will be published there once they are available. The players are Alex Meyer, Kevin Hu, Leon Meier, Lysandra Zheng and Zach Yan, they will be joined by Michael Xu from the USA for the team's event.

Our youth coordinator Mereana has been working on some exciting projects to get Bridge in Schools and make the game accessible for other young players, keep your eye out for these and if you are interested in any info on them feel free to get in touch with Mereana via youth@nzbridge.co.nz

Insurance

We are aware that Insurance is a big cost for both clubs and all of us and we have been looking at whether we can get a good deal for clubs and bridge players who are interested. It is early days yet, but I am hopeful that over the next few months we may get a strong proposal to consider.

Until next time.

Regards

Peter

NZ Bridge National Congress

Junior Intermediate and Novice Events



This is an invitation to Junior Intermediate and Novice players.

We hope many Junior and Intermediate players will come and enjoy the experience. We believe the Congress, while competitive, is also a very friendly and social place to be. We want you all to experience that, whether you come for just one day of Junior/Intermediate bridge or all eight days.

As an Intermediate or Junior player, you can play in any event though there are several exclusively for you and **not** for Open players. We are especially keen for entries to the NZ Junior Teams. If you are interested but need help finding partners or team-mates please email bridget@nzbridge.co.nz

Events specifically for Junior, Intermediate & Novice

NZ Intermediate Teams	Saturday 7 th & Sunday 8 th November	8 x 14 board matches
NZ Junior Teams	Saturday 7 th & Sunday 8 th November	8 x 14 board matches
NZ Intermediate Swiss Pairs	Monday 9 th & Tuesday 10 th November	12 x 8 board matches
NZ Junior Swiss Pairs	Monday 9 th & Tuesday 10 th November	12 x 8 board matches
Congress Intermediate Teams	Wednesday 11 th November	6 x 9 board matches
Congress Junior Teams	Wednesday 11 th November	6 x 9 board matches
NZ Intermediate Pairs	Thursday 12 th & Friday 13 th November	4 sessions
NZ Junior Pairs	Thursday 12 th & Friday 13 th November	4 sessions
Congress Intermediate Swiss Pairs	Saturday 14 th November (& Teams Finals)	9.30am/1.30pm
National Congress Junior Pairs	Saturday 14 th November	2 sessions 9.30am/2.30pm
Novice Pairs	Saturday 14 th November	1 session. 1.30pm

"Congress" is a wonderful experience. Enjoy the bridge. Meet new people and make friends. Revel in the atmosphere. Gain some more masterpoints.

Any Junior Players attending their first National Congress can claim a further 10% discount.
(playing in 3 or more events)

- Enter online www.nzbridge.co.nz/events
- Venue Palmy Function & Conference Centre, Main St, Palmerston North
- Further information email on bridget@nzbridge.co.nz or phone 027 243 8321