



Bridge is a World-wide Sport

Bridge has a large infrastructure both in New Zealand and World-wide. Bridge can be played as an Olympic sport or a friendly pastime. There are Bridge Clubs in most towns in New Zealand and World-wide



Bridge Lessons

The Levin Bridge club lessons cost \$30 and run for 8 weeks of lessons and 3 weeks of play. New players can come to lessons on their own and playing partners can be found from other new players

The lessons group then join the Monday night playing group with and introduction into the Thursday night group later in the year.

A night of bridge starts at 7:20 and runs to about 10:30. At the end of play the result is calculated and published.

About 24 hands are played in one night. Every player plays the same hands.

Levin Contract Bridge Club Inc-
27 Tawa St - PO Box 62
Levin
3688955
Email: levin.bridge.club@xtra.co.nz

Contact Mike Murray Secretary 3687262
Dorothy Mackay President 3679438

About The Levin Contract Bridge Club

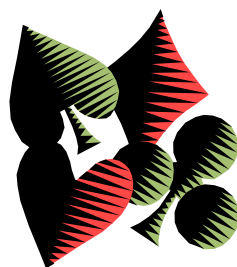
The Club has a wide range of members of all ages who play in one of the three Playing Evenings and or on Tuesday Afternoon: -

Open (Monday Evening)
Senior / Intermediate Room (Wednesday Evening)
Junior Room (Thursday Evening)
Tuesday Afternoon (1.15pm - 4.15pm)

Evening sessions 7.20-10.30

Teams of Four Bridge and other Club Competitions are played on Wednesday and Thursday Evenings. Monday Evening and Tuesday Afternoon Bridge is open to all.

The Club sponsors several Tournaments annually - usually on Saturdays but on some occasions the event is played on a Sunday.



Levin Contract Bridge Club



“Bridge teaches logic, reasoning, quick thinking, patience, concentration and partnership skills.”

Martina Navratilova
Tennis Star





Bridge is an Absorbing Pastime

- A hand of Bridge takes 5-7 minutes to play and you can play as many hands as you have time for
- Every hand is different.
- It is comparatively easy to learn especially for those who play other card games, but it is harder to play well.



Bridge is a Partnership Game

- Bridge requires you to develop a relationship (a system) with your partner.
- Not only do you have a partner but you may also have teammates.
- As with any team sport or other competition, you learn how to give of your best and work with others



Bridge is a Training Tool for the Mind

- Bridge is an excellent activity for improving concentration, memory and problem solving because counting points/ cards / tricks are an essential part of the game

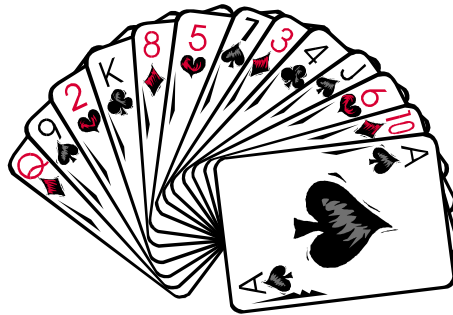


Bridge is a People Game

- Bridge teaches players to understand how other players think and react which is a very important life skill to have when dealing with day to day relationships

“Once you play bridge, you'll never play any other card game. I told my doctor once that this is my health food.”

Lorene Leonard, Charlotte, North Carolina
The Charlotte Observer, November 29, 2002



“For social bridge players, the game provides an opportunity to meet new friends, socialize with old friends and have an enjoyable time together. For competitors like me, the attraction is the challenge and that takes total concentration.”

Bill McCallon, St. Augustine, Florida

Florida Times-Union, December 25, 2002



Bridge Encourages Creativity

- The game of Bridge is learnt by using a specified system however, once the system is learnt and understood players can develop their own add-ons etc
- There is plenty of scope within Bridge to be creative



Bridge provides Competitive Opportunities

- Bridge Club membership is graded and within each Grade there are competitions played over a specified number of nights



Computer Activity

- Bridge can be played on the Internet but lacks the social opportunities available at your local Club



Bridge Provides Social Contact Opportunities

- Bridge is primarily played at the Bridge Club but can be played at home socially
- As in other sports Tournament play can occur locally, regionally or nationally