

ANRC May 2024 NEWSLETTER



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS

The Region is most grateful to Kevin Hu, Julie Atkinson, Sylvester Riddell and the Auckland Bridge Club team for the smooth running of the Regional Championship trials.

There were some close finishes with the following successful pairs emerging to form the 2024 squad to represent Auckland Northland in November/December:

Open: **Malcolm Mayer** and **Ian Berrington** (Akarana)
Tim Pan and **Lysandra Zheng** (Howick)
(sadly Gina Hsu and Jacky Lo who qualified had to subsequently withdraw)

Women: **Linda Cartner** and **Glenis Palmer** (Akarana/Auckland)
(no trial) **Jane Stearns** and **Sandy Joe** (Paihia)

Senior: **Allan Morris** and **Beverley Morris** (Auckland)
Neil Stuckey and **Barry Palmer** (Auckland)

Intermediate: **Alona Ben-Tal** and **Gadi Ben-Tal** (Papatoetoe)
Rosemary Jackson and **Heather Richards** (North Shore)

Chef De Mission **Douglas Russell**

Congratulations to Region's new SILVER GRANDMASTER

Well done to Akarana's **BRIAN MACE** on reaching the milestone of Silver Grandmaster

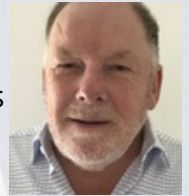
Regional trials round-up continued ...

Our region received praise for the large, well-contested intermediate grade trials event. Well done to all participants.

Your Committee noted the inability in several regions to trial due to a lack of entries for the open, women and senior grades. We thank those who made themselves available to provide adequate trial numbers but many leading in-form players were sadly missing. We are so fortunate to have over 30 past or present international players in our region. We would like to have discussions with those players whilst recognising several could not play on the new dates. NZB has indicated they will continue to review the future format and timing of this event.

Farewell to Derek Evennett

On April 30 Derek was remembered and farewelled by a huge crowd of family, friends and associates at the Milford Boating Club. Derek moved to New Zealand as a “ten bob Pom” in the late 1940s. After a career in accounting he purchased and transformed a very successful bathroom supplies company. Derek displayed a great passion in all of his pursuits including family, travel, cars (65 mostly classic cars!), golden labradors, sport, Rotary, fine dining, music and -of course - bridge. With partners that included Martin Reid, Colin Carryer, Judy McLeod and Bob Grover he was a successful tournament player including a North Island Pairs title with Bob. He served on the NZ Bridge Foundation and captained or acted as Chef De Mission for NZ Teams on multiple occasions. His caring, generous manner and cheeky grin will be sadly missed.



National Rubber Bridge contest

This knock-out event is proceeding well in our Region. Well done to **Maureen Russ** and **Vivienne Sexton** who are into the Northland semi-final and to **Bruce** and **Julie Snowsil** who have won the Warkworth region final and await a match with the Auckland winners.

Interclub Teams

After 6 rounds the only unbeaten teams are leaders Christchurch Cats (Intermediate Grade) and Papatoetoe Bridesmaids (Junior Grade). Howick Who's Hu (Open) are the other competition leader. There are many rounds ahead to challenge these teams.

Auckland King's Birthday regional congress weekend

- Kings Birthday weekend (1-3 June) which has the same format as our successful Easter event
- Held at Auckland Bridge Club
- Open pairs (10A) and separate intermediate/junior pairs (5B) held on Saturday 1 June
- Auckland/Northland Provincial teams held on Sunday 2 June (10A)
- Teams finals and Walk-in West End pairs Monday 3 June (3A)

Book your place now!

Dates for your diary

- Main Region Pairs and Teams (both 10A) to be hosted by the very hospitable Whangarei Club 20-21 July - Brynderwyns (should!) be open.
- Auckland/Northland Regional hui 11 August in Orewa - book in your club's representatives now!
- National Pairs F2F 9 November in **Auckland**

NEW LOOK CONGRESS FROM 2025

NZB are excited to announce a new venue for 2025 for their premier event, the NZ Bridge Congress.

Venue: [Palmy Venues | Palmy Conference + Function Centre \(venuespn.co.nz\)](https://venuespn.co.nz)
Main Street, Palmerston North

Change of date: 8 - 15 November 2025.

To be held in November from 2025. Outside school holidays to reduce travel and accommodation costs, reduced clashes with international events and away from other long weekends.

Note that our region's allocated National event for 2025 - the North Island Teams - will probably swap to **October 11-12**.

