

Hawke's Bay Bridge Congress 2024



INFORMATION UPDATE

Thanks for entering the Hawke's Bay Congress. We promise you a great weekend of bridge. Our aim is to make your weekend enjoyable. Below are some housekeeping matters to help you maximize your comfort and enjoyment.

Venue opening hours

Our venue, the Hastings Sports Centre on Railway Road, will be open for the evening session on Friday night from 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start for the walk-in pairs and the three-in-one teams events. The venue will be open from 8.30 each morning on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Payments

Pre-payment for event entries via the bank account are requested. Payments at the venue by EFTPOS will be possible if necessary but there will be **no credit card or cash payment options available**. All prizes will be paid by internet banking. The bank account is 03-1517-0009790-00.

Refreshments

Tea and coffee will be available in the venue foyer, and nibbles will be available with a koha requested to cover costs. Free Hawkes Bay apples and lollies will be provided.

For those who prefer a caffeine kick, there will be a Coffee kart outside the front of the venue. It will be well stocked with muffins, slices and gluten free options (which are yummy), alternative milks etc. Subway lunches can be ordered at the desk in the foyer before play each day. Payment is by EFTPOS only. Various options including gluten free will be available to order.

At the end of each event, there will be a prize-giving and happy hour, including free drinks and nibbles. Do stay and celebrate with the prize winners and enjoy our Hawke's Bay hospitality.

Heating

We have entirely overcome the heating problems that occurred a few years ago. However, do come wearing a layer or two. Last year, players found that towards midday, it was too hot. The best way to manage the temperature is to be able to layer and un-layer!

Seating

The venue has plastic chairs. Players who find this type of chair uncomfortable may want to consider bringing a cushion.

Friend at Court

Bob Hurley has kindly agreed to be our friend at court. If you want advice about matters such as whether or not to appeal or about how to deal with a situation that occurred at the table, do have a chat with Bob. His wealth of experience and bridge expertise will prove very helpful. Bob is a very friendly and approachable person.

The Friendly Congress

The Hawkes Bay Bridge Congress committee is determined to make this event the friendliest congress in the country. We promote good sportsmanship in a friendly and enabling atmosphere.

See you this King's Birthday.

Mairi Fitzsimons

Chair

HB Bridge Congress Committee