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Bridge in Cambridge

There were occasional mentions of a local bridge club in the local Cambridge papers in 1913 and 1939, which usually were viewed as a social, fun night out. One or more tables met and played at someone's home. Often, men and women played at separate times. Women usually played afternoon bridge, sometimes at local women's clubs such as the Lyceum Club, which was established in 1940, and moved into its premises on Dick St in 1953. Bridge was one of the Lyceum Club's popular activities, with up to ten tables of ladies playing rubber bridge on a Thursday afternoon. Men usually played rubber bridge in the evening at someone's home, often just a single table of four men, and betting and imbibing were important parts of the fun. Social, or rubber bridge, was often just called contract bridge.

Rubber bridge was the main type of contract bridge played in Cambridge, up until the formation of the Cambridge Contract Bridge Club in 1976, which might have been more accurately named the Cambridge Duplicate Bridge Club. There were other clubs nearby who played competitive duplicate bridge, such as the Hamilton and Te Awamutu clubs, and the good players in Cambridge often were members of one of those clubs.

Following a conversation between two nurses, Rosemary Stephenson and Betty Taylor, one of whom was taking bridge lessons in Hamilton, they wondered why there was not a duplicate bridge club in

Cambridge, and from there they decided to see if there was interest within the community to establish one.

Establishment of the club in 1976

A public meeting was advertised in the local paper and held in the Intermediate School hall to ascertain the level of interest. There was a very good attendance of enthusiastic people and from this meeting a steering committee was organised. In March 1976, after a lot of canvassing of prospective members, an inaugural bridge night was held in the St Andrews church hall. The room was packed with 18 card tables and 72 players. This show of enthusiasm gave the committee the confidence to formally form the Cambridge Contract Bridge Club to play duplicate bridge.

The Cambridge Contract Bridge Club was established



*Cambridge Independent
Mar 25 1976*

at an AGM held on March 22, 1976, and its focus was on duplicate bridge from the start. Rosemary Stephenson was elected as the first President with Graham Wrigley soon becoming the Treasurer. Bridge tables were donated and purchased. Henry Davys made two sets of 28 boards to hold the playing cards and later a trolley to hold the card tables so they could be easily stored. The Hamilton club was very supportive of the new Cambridge club, lending it boards and other

equipment and supplies to get it started, when the new club had no money.

Originally there was one club night a week, with both learners and experienced players mixed together. This was soon split into two nights, the Monday night for experienced players, and the Wednesday night for newer players. ACOL was the only system played and Sue Wrigley, who was an experienced player, was the only director, scorer and lessons teacher for about five years.

For a short while club nights were held in the St John building at 36 Victoria St, which had some limitations (concrete floor, cold and noisy) but soon moved to the more suitable Alf Walsh room at the Cambridge Trotting Club. The club used this venue for about seven years.

The clubrooms get built in 1983

From the formation of the club, the committee had a vision to purchase its own premises and money was set aside each year for this purpose. The committee investigated many avenues, including the possibility of purchasing the old court house. In the early 1980s the idea of owning a property jointly with Federated Farmers was explored but that did not eventuate.

Des Robinson was a driving force behind the initiative to build and own our own clubrooms during his term as president between 1981-83. On March 18 1983, following legal advice, the club became an incorporated society.



Des Robinson



Rear view of the clubrooms under construction 1983

That same year the Cambridge Borough Council was approached regarding the purchase or lease of the section in Fort St and a lease was signed early in 1983. Money for the projected building was to be raised by \$13,000 cash from club funds, \$7000 from gifts, \$10,000 in debentures from club members and a \$10,000 loan from the Bank of New Zealand.

Graham Wrigley, a local accountant and club treasurer, put together the debenture scheme where members put up money, secured by a debenture document, which was in effect a “promise to pay back” the sum put up. No interest was paid. In the subsequent years, there was an annual draw for a percentage of the debentures that would be paid back that year. People often just said for the club to keep their money, instead of accepting the payment. It was an innovative way to raise the funds needed for the construction of the new clubrooms.



Graham Wrigley

By March 1983 plans for the building of the club rooms were finalised, a building permit was issued, and a contract with John Grayling for \$37,596 was accepted. The clubrooms were finished in June, and the official opening was held on June 24, 1983. Funds for chairs and furnishing the rooms were raised by many initiatives including dinners, raffles and hard work by all members.



*Cambridge New Edition
June 29 1983*

By the early 1990s there was a need to upgrade the kitchen and toilet facilities, and another 4 metre bay was planned to be added on at the back to house the new kitchen. Club funds and a generous grant from the



Clubrooms circa 1994

Lottery Board enabled construction of the addition to begin in January 1996, and it was finished and occupied by September that year.

The evolution of how duplicate bridge is played and scored

In duplicate bridge, a **board** is a dealt set of cards, 13 cards for each player direction NSEW, each stored in their respective pockets in a present-day plastic carrier. Two boards (of a set of 22-24 boards) were originally randomly dealt at the start



Duplicate bridge board

of play by each table. The cards in each hand and the results of play were recorded (after playing that board) on paper scoring cards which then accompanied each board. Those same (duplicate) dealt boards were played by each pair and results recorded on the



Scoring card

scoring card as the boards and pairs circulated around the room over the course of the session's play. The scoring card was handed in at the end of the session for scorers to analyse manually. Players were rung the next day with the results.

A **computer** was purchased in 1989, and the results from the scoring cards were typed into the Compass

software on the computer, and about a half hour after the end of play, the results were printed out and displayed in the clubrooms window. In the early days, the weekly results were reported to the local paper and published the following week. This eventually was replaced by the posting of the results on the club website, which were available to review by the time players got home from the session.

In 2008, the club bought and started using a **dealing machine** to generate our own local deals from randomly generated computer files. **Bridgemates** were purchased in 2011, which replaced the paper scoring cards,



and scores were sent automatically by wireless to the computer from the Bridgemates at each table, making scoring much quicker and less labour-intensive. In 2013, X-Clubs came onstream, and we joined. Standard dealing files for each session were sent to each club



Paul Phillips "dealing"

weekly, and those files were used to deal the boards set for each local session. This meant that Cambridge results could now be compared to how others at other clubs played those identical boards.

Lessons, membership and innovation

The club has always offered **bridge lessons** since its early establishment. A few weeks before the official

establishment of the club in 1976, lessons were being run by Sue Wrigley for about 25 learners. Marie Davis and Beat Moser were also among those also involved in learner lessons. Clare Coles and Jane Stearns took on the important job of attracting new member/learners in earnest in 2005, publicising, preparing and delivering a well-organised lessons course starting in March each year to prospective new club members. Most recently Kim Grounds and her helpers have organised and delivered learner lessons. There has been a good response to these annual lessons and due to the enthusiasm, skill and energy of club members who support the new learners, we continue to increase our membership.

Club **membership** was listed as 123 in 1976, 128 in 1979, and was around 200 in 2026.

Our club has introduced a number of innovations to the New Zealand bridge community. First, the **buddy system** helped new learners integrate smoothly at the end of the lessons into the regular club sessions. **Green pens** were introduced for learners coming in to regular club sessions, and indicated that the user was a learner, and should be treated with kindness and suggestions for improving their play. The **Cambridge Sixes tournament** was started in 2013 under the leadership of Michael Neels, which each team comprising a Junior, Intermediate and Open pair. We have hosted as many as 44 teams of six, or 264 players. It is the largest one-day bridge tournament in New Zealand.

Other milestones

One of the most contentious and much-debated issues in the club history was the decision to finally **ban smoking** during playing sessions, which happened in 1992. 85% voted to ban smoking.

In December 2024 it was decided to remove the word contract from the Club's name. At the same AGM, an amended constitution was approved which met the new Charities and Incorporated Societies Acts standards and requirements.

We have a reputation of being a friendly, vibrant club and we look forward to the people of this district enjoying this fascinating game for many years to come.

On July 4 2026, the club celebrated the 50th jubilee of its founding in 1976.

Acknowledgements

Thanks to the people who put together previous histories, contributed content, information, or agreed to be interviewed for this history.

In alphabetical order:

Alyson Clay

Eileen Roberts

Joan McHarg

Karen Payne










Marie Wilson






Marie Davis



Susan Wrigley

Appendices

Longtime club members (25 years or more since first started):

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| <p>Marie Wilson (from 1976)</p>  | <p>Susan Wrigley (from 1976)</p>  | <p>Eileen Roberts (from 1976)</p>  |
| <p>Irenee Stewart (from 1978)</p>  | <p>Joan McHarg (from 1981),</p>  | <p>Gail Ebbett (from 1981)</p>  |
| <p>Jocelyn Procter (from 1982)</p>  | <p>Michael Neels (from 1986)</p>  | <p>Dayelle Cole (from 1986)</p>  |



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| <p>Marie Davis (from 1986)</p>  A portrait of Marie Davis, an elderly woman with short white hair and glasses, smiling. | <p>Mel Trevethick (from 1990)</p>  A portrait of Mel Trevethick, a woman with short dark hair and glasses, smiling. | <p>Toni Jones (from 1997)</p>  A portrait of Toni Jones, an elderly woman with short white hair, smiling. |
| <p>Ray Milner (from 1998)</p>  A portrait of Ray Milner, an elderly man with glasses and a goatee, smiling. | <p>Christine Mead (from 1999)</p>  A portrait of Christine Mead, an elderly woman with short white hair and glasses, smiling. | <p>Arthur Treble (from 1999)</p>  A portrait of Arthur Treble, an elderly man with glasses, smiling. |
| <p>Bev Heron (from 2000)</p>  A portrait of Bev Heron, a woman with short grey hair, smiling. | <p>Daphne Charman (from 2000)</p>  A solid black silhouette of a woman's head and shoulders. | <p>Clare Coles (from 2000)</p>  A portrait of Clare Coles, a woman with dark curly hair, smiling. |

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| <p data-bbox="252 199 431 263">Diane Brown (from 2001)</p>  A portrait of an elderly woman with short, dark, wavy hair, wearing a light blue top and a necklace. She is smiling slightly. | <p data-bbox="505 199 700 263">Bob McQueen (from 2001)</p>  A portrait of an elderly man with short, light-colored hair and a beard, wearing a light blue shirt. He is smiling. | |
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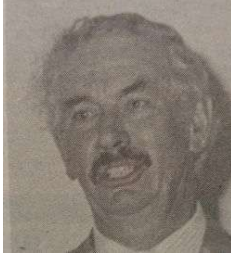

Oldest active members (80 and older):
(age as of their birthday in 2026)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| <p>Marie Wilson 96 (1930)</p>  | <p>Gloria Gillmore 95 (1931),</p>  | <p>Martin Steiner 93 (1933)</p>  |
| <p>Joan McHarg 91 (1935)</p>  | <p>Inge Marston 89 (1937)</p>  | <p>Arthur Treble 88 (1938)</p>  |
| <p>Verena Steiner 88 (1938)</p>  | <p>Julie Rope 88 (1938)</p>  | <p>Peter Miller 87 (1939)</p>  |


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|--|--|--|
| <p>Sue Wrigley 87 (1939)</p>  | <p>Marie Davis 87 (1939)</p>  | <p>Toni Jones 85 (1941)</p>  |
| <p>Malcolm Smith 85 (1941)</p>  | <p>Diane Brown 84 (1942)</p>  | <p>Eileen Roberts 84 (1942)</p>  |
| <p>Allison Smith 83 (1943)</p>  | <p>Jocelyn Procter 83 (1943)</p>  | <p>Les Simpson 83 (1943)</p>  |

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| <p>Dayelle Cole 82 (1944)</p>  | <p>Andy Gillies 82 (1944)</p>  | <p>Bob McQueen 81 (1945)</p>  |
| <p>Tony Davidson 80 (1946)</p>  | | |



Presidents





| | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 1976 Rosemary Stevenson | 1977-79 Betty Taylor | 1980 Susan Wrigley  |
| 1981 June Stevenson | 1982-83 Des Robinson  | 1984 Colin Wilson  |
| 1985-86 Bob Stowers | 1987 Bruce Marr  | 1988 Joan Hewitt |

| | | |
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| <p>1989, 1995-96 Marie Wilson</p>  A portrait of Marie Wilson, an elderly woman with short, wavy white hair, wearing glasses and a blue top. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background shows a brick wall and a window. | <p>1990-91 Ann Lithgow</p>  A portrait of Ann Lithgow, an elderly woman with short, wavy white hair, wearing glasses and a blue top. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background shows a brick wall and a window. | <p>1992-94 Geoff Coleman</p>  A portrait of Geoff Coleman, an elderly man with short, wavy white hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera. |
| <p>1997 Shona Ryan</p>  A portrait of Shona Ryan, an elderly woman with short, wavy white hair, wearing glasses and a blue top. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background shows a brick wall and a window. | <p>1997-99 George Marshall</p>  A portrait of George Marshall, an elderly man with short, wavy white hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a dark tie. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. | <p>2000-01 Marie Davis</p>  A portrait of Marie Davis, an elderly woman with short, wavy white hair, wearing glasses and a white top. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. |
| <p>2002-03 Michael Neels</p>  A portrait of Michael Neels, an elderly man with short, wavy white hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. | <p>2004-05 Christine Mead</p>  A portrait of Christine Mead, an elderly woman with short, wavy white hair, wearing glasses and a purple and white patterned top. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. | <p>2006-07 Reg Anderson</p>  A portrait of Reg Anderson, an elderly man with short, wavy white hair, wearing a dark blue sweater over a light blue collared shirt. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. |

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| <p>2008 Bob McQueen</p>  | <p>2009 Kay Wright</p> | <p>2010-12 Alyson Clay</p>  |
| <p>2013 Helen Lloyd</p>  | <p>2014-18 Vicki Jacobsen</p>  | <p>2019-20 Anne Blewden</p>  |
| <p>2021-22 Allison Vince</p>  | <p>2023-24 Paul Phillips</p>  | <p>2025-26 Clare Coles</p>  |

Life members

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| <p>1990 Bob Stowers</p> | <p>1991 Daisy Short</p> | <p>1996 Bee Gilkison</p> |
| <p>1996 Geoff Coleman</p>  | <p>1998 Marie Wilson</p>  | <p>1999 Ken Allan</p>  |
| <p>2004 Freda Love</p>  | <p>2004 Iris Thomas</p>  | <p>2011 Michael Neels</p>  |

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|---|---|--|
| <p>2013 Alyson Clay</p>  | <p>2019 Clare Coles</p>  | <p>2024 Vicki Jacobsen</p>  |
| <p>2025 Kevin Whyte</p>  | | |

Contract, rubber and duplicate bridge

Contract bridge

Contract bridge comprises two main approaches – rubber bridge and duplicate bridge. Rubber bridge uses fresh deals every hand. Duplicate bridge uses pre-dealt cards in trays (boards) that are passed from table to table, allowing the same cards to be played multiple times.

In **rubber bridge**, cards are randomly dealt by the players, and discarded after the play of each hand. Points are awarded for making contracts and penalties to the opposition for missed contracts. Rubber bridge is often played as a single table of four players, made up of two pairs of two players each. Rubber bridge rewards more aggressive bidding to win the rubber bonus. Scores are often more influenced by the luck of the draw of the cards received, and less to the skill of the players.

Duplicate bridge is a tournament format designed to ensure a fair competition where the best players, not the players with the best cards, consistently win. Duplicate bridge rewards precise bidding to maximize score on every single hand, often requiring high-level technical accuracy. The more serious and competitive players preferred duplicate bridge, where the cards were dealt once, and stored in one of twenty or so boards. Each board was played as originally dealt over the session by each pair. Scores were carefully recorded and analysed on how well each pair did competitively, with the same cards played by multiple pairs at the session.

Newspaper articles

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Published by the Cambridge Independent March 25 1976.

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Published by the Cambridge New Edition Wednesday June 29, 1983, Page 15.

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The opening marked the end of an eight-year-long goal, president Des Robinson said. He thanked all those involved in making the realisation of that goal, the club's first permanent home, a reality. He paid particular tribute to the builders Grayling and Jones for the remarkable speed and efficiency with which they had built the clubrooms in an almost "overnight" way. The clubrooms were opening in a "most satisfactory financial position thanks to the generosity of members and the skill of the fundraising committee, he said.

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Local Bridge Club open new rooms

Published by the Cambridge Independent Tuesday June 28
1983

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In his address, Mr Robinson paid tribute to the present committee members, the Borough Council and builders Grayling and Jones for their contribution to the new building. “This will be a real home if it is a place people enjoy coming to, make visitors welcome and we all ensure, at all times, that it is a place of harmony and genuine pleasure for all our present and future members.”

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Pig Farms

The economic survey of pig farming shows that for the year ended June 1982 the average pig farm gross income was \$137,248. When expenses were deducted and allowances made for changes

TUNNEL CLOSING

ADVICE has been received from the Ministry of Works and Development Wanganui office that the Mt Messenger tunnel on State Highway 3 closure times will be from Sunday, June 28 until Friday, July 1 inclusive. Closure times are: 7.30 p.m. - 11 p.m. 11.30 p.m. - 1 a.m. 1.30 a.m. - 3.30 a.m. 4 a.m. - 6 a.m.

There will be no daylight closures during the above week.

It is hoped that the work will be completed at the end of the week but if not, daylight closure times will be as follows, Sundays excluded:

7.30 a.m.-9 a.m.
10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.
12.15 p.m.-1.45 p.m.
4.05 p.m.-8.15 p.m.

Members who have passed

A virtual cemetery which lists memorials for some of the club members who have passed has been created, and can be found at

<https://www.findagrave.com/virtual-cemetery/1529779>

Additions and changes to these memorials and suggestions for others to be added would be most gratefully received by Bob McQueen

bmcqueen999@gmail.com or 021 397 775.



[Joan Allan](#)
[7 Jun 1919 – 9 Jun 2010](#)



[Kenneth Berkley Allan](#)
[4 Dec 1920 – 18 Nov 2006](#)



[Jeanette Marie Anderson](#)
[1937 – 17 Jun 2007](#)



[Reginald Leslie "Reg" Anderson](#)
[7 Nov 1935 – 14 Aug 2020](#)

Gwendoline Elizabeth "Gwen" Annan
1929 – 23 Sep 2021



Philippa Mary *Rogers* Baker
7 May 1939 – 7 Aug 2025

Olive May Lilian "Livvy" Bartrum
1926 – 22 Dec 2017



Douglas Bayley
28 Aug 1938 – 16 Mar 2021



Marie (Martha) *Kane* Bradley
15 Jan 1934 – 23 May 2025



Joyce *LePine* Catchpole
unknown – 10 Sep 2018

Peter Alan Charman
1926 – 13 Jul 2020

Margaret Phyllis *Williams* Christiansen
28 Oct 1922 – 27 Nov 2020

Sidney Derran "Sid" Clay
1930 – 14 Jul 2016



Geoff Coleman
1 Jul – May 2018



John Spencer Coles QSM
15 Apr 1933 – 19 Jun 2024

Henry John Norman Davys
1918 – 27 Nov 1992

June Lorraine Howard Davys
18 Jun 1922 – 2 Dec 2020



Kay Elizabeth Dawn Dixon
1955 – 9 Feb 2021

Joan Marie Young Hewitt
1920 – 6 Jul 2017



Maxwell Greaves "Max" Hewitt
1914 – 12 Apr 1990

Diana Margaret "Di" Hopwood
1937 – 1 Jul 2020



[Dawn Patricia O'Shea Kerkhof \(van de\)](#)
[11 Jan 1948 – 29 Apr 2024](#)



[Freda Joan Love](#)
[1925 – 20 Feb 2017](#)



[Margaret Elsie Scott Mackay](#)
[1923 – 16 Apr 2019](#)



[Calum Donald MacLean](#)
[1963 – 4 Apr 2022](#)



[George Taylor "Bill" Mitchell](#)
[27 Sep 1919 – 25 Oct 2012](#)

[Beat Rolf Moser](#)
[1957 – 27 May 2012](#)



[Barbara Ann Poynton](#)
[18 Dec 1934 – 6 Feb 2017](#)



[Paul Poynton](#)
[14 Dec 1932 – 28 Jan 2014](#)



[Diane Mary "Di" Reed](#)
[unknown – 29 Sep 2019](#)



[Peter Desmond "Des" Robinson](#)
[20 Jan 1927 – 10 Apr 2000](#)



[Saty Satyanand](#)
[13 Aug 1928 – 31 May 2022](#)



[Dorothy Ethel "Dot" Sheridan](#)
[31 Dec 1945 – 30 Dec 2018](#)



Henry Patrick "Harry" Shields
1929 – 23 Feb 2021



Ronald "Jock" Sinclair
8 Dec 1933 – 27 Apr 2022

Barbara Edith Smythe
24 Nov 1939 – 4 Sep 2022

Jean McPherson *Low* Stowers
3 Aug 1924 – 2 Sep 2005

Robert Ernest "Bob" Stowers
10 Aug 1922 – 28 Sep 2007



Iris Doreen *Stites* Thomas
7 Jun 1933 – 6 Nov 2020



Christoffel "Chris" van Empel
24 Feb 1949 – 12 Feb 2025



Colin John Wilson
18 Nov 1927 – 12 May 2016



Graham Dixon Wrigley
27 Jul 1937 – 13 Jul 2017

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About the author

Robert J. (Bob) McQueen is a retired Professor of Electronic Commerce at the University of Waikato. He first learned to play contract bridge in 1963 in the Engineering Common Room of the University of Waterloo, where he was taking Electrical Engineering. His playing went on hold for a few years, but resumed in 2001 when he joined the Cambridge Bridge Club in New Zealand.



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