

BRIDGEPAD INFORMATION



The choice of New Zealand Bridge Inc.

BridgePad has been designed for club use.
In conjunction with NZ Bridge Scorer, Bridgepads can be easily implemented into your club.

\$250 each table unit or receiver (one required)

Quotes provided for funding purposes

1 Month's FREE trial available

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Advantages:

- Simple to implement – Excellent local training & support provided.
- Wiki site for support & documentation updates. Check out: <http://bridgepadnz.wikidot.com>
- FREE Team Viewer, Skype, email & telephone support.
- Support and enquiries attended to, where possible, 24 x 7.
- FREE 1 year warranty, extra warranty may be purchased.
- Table units run on 2 x AA batteries (supplied), receiver does not use batteries.
- Table units are 15.5 x 7.5 x 2 cm and weigh approx. 240g incl. batteries
- Units are compact and easily stored in the FREE carry bags (which can hold up to 20 units).
- Units are not required to be set to a table, allowing flexibility and no setup complications; if you change the table numbers you don't have to move the BridgePads.
- Receiver is compact, same price as the table units, and uses a standard USB cable (supplied free) no extra hardware costs! For club use 1 receiver is required.
- Security codes available (optional) for EW so that NS cannot send scores without EW approval.
- Used in 14 clubs in New Zealand currently.
- Used at National Congress since 2008, Hawke's Bay Congress and Queenstown Congress.
- Free updates on software and firmware.
- Without doubt the BEST wireless scoring system for New Zealand Bridge Clubs.

For more information and quotes for funding purposes, email martino@bridgenz.co.nz

REFERENCE:

Bridgepads are now used at most major tournaments in the USA.

The following has been received via BridgePad Company, USA ..

"Here is Rick Beye (former director of all tournaments for ACBL - presently running number of regional tournaments) opinion on both BM and BP system

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Richard Beye**

Date: Mon, Apr 5, 2010 at 8:15 AM

Subject: W E S T Review

To: [mkovacich](#)

Good morning Mike,

Having used all three products extensively I'll try to give you my quick views on each. I remain available to answer any questions you may have on any of these products. I'll be in Gatlinburg.

BridgeMatePro - Old unit, old technology. Dependable for pair scoring purposes only. Table top units powered by 4 x AAA batteries; base unit powered external power pack with battery backup. I would not consider this first generation product at any price.

BridgeMate II - smaller than BMPro, but still larger and heavier than BridgePad; bulkier to transport (40 units in hard side case ~45 lbs). Units powered by 2 x AA batteries; base unit powered by external power pack with battery backup. Offers a variety of displays for pair games, though none used in tournament play; dedicated E/W approval button; results not available in table top; unit is 'dead' once game is completed, scores retained in server. Score corrections require TD intervention, not all score corrections are successful when done on table top units. The screen contrast is very nice, and adjustable. Design issue - the various buttons can still be pushed through the molded plastic body, hanging up the unit; it is a dependable scoring software. BMII offers a variety of displays on the base scoring computer. BMII is essentially a clone of BP, but without the software features. The BM folks continue to promise these added features, but they aren't here yet.

BridgePad - most compact of the units available; light and easily transportable (20 units in soft shoulder bag ~8 lbs). Table top units powered by 2 x AA batteries; base unit powered through scoring computer USB port. Offers a variety of displays for pair games, though none used in tournament play; optional E/W security code (now rarely used); adjustable contrast; percentage score and all matchpoints available on any unit in your section as soon as the game has ended; game data is retained in each table top unit until next game is initialized. Score corrections can be done by players in current round, need TD intervention to change scores from previous rounds; score correction summary screen on scoring computer. BP offers two different grid screens on the base scoring computer, with detailed information optional. The BridgePad folks are just now releasing their swiss team software. I have used this package in its beta form at several sectionals and during several regional team sessions. It delivered all that was promised and more. I plan on using this software at all of my sectional and regional tournaments in the future, and I will encourage all sponsors and TDs to do the same.

Both units offer the option of player number entry. For players, both units are easy to use; keypads are obvious once the user reads (sometimes reading is a problem for our members). With both products we have had some issues with Tournament Directors unfamiliar with basic problem solving techniques. There is no need for a TD to monitor the scoring computer at any time during a playing session. Session information is available to be saved at the end of the game with both units. In my view all of us, Tournament Directors, need far more training on both of these products. The training has been made available, and remains so.

Big savings in caddy fees and paper products more than makes up for the usage fee charged by these folks. I speak with both of these providers on a regular basis with

suggests, tournament feedback and other comments. It would be nice to see them merge, taking the best of each product; but I don't think that is going to happen. I see BridgePad as the product of choice given the features it offers players, and with the addition of the swiss team software.

I have carried both of these units to tournaments; I have no financial interest in either of these products; nor do I have any financial agreements with either of these providers, other than to pay the standard usage fee of \$.50 / table. My current supply load includes BridgePads only.

Rick”