



NEWS

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NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2022

Greetings Fellow Bridgers.

How many bridge players does it take to change a light bulb?

Five!

One to fit the bulb and four to hold the post-mortem.

Coming soon! - Very soon!

Friday 25 November – meet our sponsors “drinks and nibbles” – 2.30pm

Our 8 sponsors collectively contribute over \$3000 annually to club funds and once a year we invite them to the club to thank them for their support.

This takes the form of an informal “drinks and nibbles” after Friday’s session – about 2.30pm

All members are invited to show their appreciation, whether you are playing Friday and stay on after play, or you can pop in to the clubrooms for half an hour or so at 2.30 and grab a drink and a nibble.

Sunday 27 November - Charity Day/ Erebus Memorial Day - 1pm

The gifts are piled high under our Christmas tree for this year’s chosen charity, de Paul House, Birkenhead. A heartfelt thanks to our generous members, but there is still room for more on the floor under the table!

All table money goes to the charity, as does a contribution from our sponsors. This year we decided not to run a raffle but should you wish to add a little extra to your table money that would be greatly appreciated. Last year we raised close to \$1000 for Women’s Refuge. Let’s set a new record this year!

We also remember the 3 members of our club who died in the Erebus tragedy, 29 November 1979.

Play begins at 1p.m. Please sign up on the sheet on our notice board if you are intending to play but come along even if you haven’t signed up. You are guaranteed a partner if you come as a single. Currently we have 7 tables – it would be great if we could make that at least 10 tables.

See you Sunday!

Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers in three areas

1. Dealing

.A behind the scenes job that goes unnoticed and often unrecognized. Thank you dealers!
Many of the team have done more than their share so we are seeking fresh hands to join the team. You may volunteer as often or as infrequently as suits you. Typically it requires up to 2 hours of your time on a Friday afternoon after play finishes (2.30pm) or over the weekend, as suits

Lesley Mackintosh, who has led the team for many years – many thanks Lesley – will provide full training. If you would like to become part of this vital team, please contact Lesley 021 034 1891

2. Standby Partners

On Wednesday morning a small team of volunteers is on standby to partner any player who arrives without a partner. Often you are not required to play so you can go home with a complimentary voucher for table money. Depending on the number of volunteers available you will be rostered to standby about once every two months.

Next year we want to offer this service to the Monday morning players as well.

The level of your playing ability is not an issue as you will be playing in social sessions. If you would like to volunteer as a standby partner please contact Mandy MacLean 021 1773743

3. Medical Research

This is an unusual one off. A doctoral student at the University of Auckland in the Department of Physiology is looking for volunteers to participate in her research into high blood pressure and potential new treatments. She is looking for volunteers with normal to high blood pressure to take part in her study. For your participation you will be given Westfield shopping vouchers.

For further information contact Thalia Babbage by email thalia.babbage@auckland.ac.nz

Congratulations

Recently several pairs from our club participated in the NZ Wide Pairs event, involving clubs all over the country totally 800+ pairs

TWO pairs from little old NSBC finished in the TOP 5 nationally

Gillian Trotman & Debbie Wolak 70.23% 2nd

Christine Wilson & Douglass Russell 67.97% 5th

Congratulations to all four. Your prize of wine awaits presentation

Change of Ruling

As from next year all THREE session events will not allow a substitute if you are to

Win the series . Of course you may substitute at any session but this will rule you out

Of winning the series . Substitutes will still be permitted in FOUR session series and Championship pairs.

Electronic Payment of Table Money

Commencing 1 April next year, we will no longer be accepting cash or vouchers at the table for payment of table money.

DO NOT PANIC !

You will soon receive through your email an outline of the scheme for you to peruse at leisure and formulate any questions you have.

Next year we will be tweeking the scheme and addressing your concerns before the introduction in April.

Look out for it coming soon in your email inbox.

May all your slams be grand.

Richard Ryan and NSBC committee