

North Shore Bridge Club



April 2023

Greetings Fellow Bridgers

We've now had two weeks of Compa\$\$, meaning no money or vouchers at the table. Thank you all for preparing for this transition over the last few months,. It's been fairly seamless on the surface, with no significant glitches.

Our sincere thanks go to Mike McLaughlin for his tremendous organisation behind the scenes.

Beginner Bridge Lessons

Lessons commence Tuesday 2 May at 7.15pm with our experienced tutor, Douglas Russell. 10 Lessons cost \$100.

Please promote our lessons to your colleagues, friends and family. Any enquiries should be directed to nshorebridge@gmail.com or phone Heather Richards on 021-028 34811.

ANZAC Day Social Bridge

From 1pm on ANZAC Day we have a fun, social session of bridge followed by drinks and nibbles. The cost is \$10 which will come out of your Compa\$\$ account when you enter your NZ bridge number in the tablet on the day. Add your name to the sign-up sheet on the club noticeboard. This year you can nominate a partner or just enter your name and we'll organise a partner for you.

A Couple of Grumbles (Grrrrr)

Arrival Time: It makes it very difficult for Directors if members arrive late to sessions. The Director needs time to set up the day's movement for the number of people playing. Please ensure you **arrive at least 15 minutes** prior to the session start time.

Phone Etiquette: In the clubrooms, all phones and devices must be on silent. They should only be used when absolutely necessary and not at the end of playing hands.

Downstairs Room Hire

As mentioned in the March newsletter, we have a room, with kitchen and bathroom facilities downstairs for hire. Stuart McFetridge is the man to contact on 027 222 0037. He can discuss cost and availability for any gatherings you may be considering. Please tell your friends. It's a fantastic venue with plenty of parking and an outlook over Lake Pupuke. It doesn't get much better.

Tournament Results

On 25 March our 5A tournament attracted 18 tables for a very competitive day. Thank you to all those involved with organisation, catering and scoring.

Overall Placings: 1st Geo Tislevoll (Akarana) & Geeske Joel (NSBC), 2nd Carol Richardson & Matt Brown, 3rd Jeter Liu & John Wang.

Top Intermediate Pair: Ilona West (NSBC) & Heather Jack (NSBC).

A special congratulations to our successful NSBC members.

Can You Help Us? Every Little Bit Counts

Our club is essentially reliant on volunteers and with new people joining us all the time, we're unaware of your interests and skills, and you're probably unaware of where we need assistance. So... if you could help out in any of the following areas, please just send us an email to nshorebridge@gmail.com

Picking up kitchen supplies, helping cater or assist in the kitchen for social events or tournaments, writing grant applications, cleaning trophies at the end of the year, computer skills for setting up replacement tablets, learning to be a Director... or let us know where you would like to be involved.

Please Wear Your Name Badge

Thank you to all those who wear their name badge at the club. We have so many new members, it's difficult for them to know who others are and wearing your name badge helps them immensely. Please remember to put your badge on as you arrive.

As Richard always says, "May all your slams be grand."

Happy Bridging Everyone
NSBC Committee