

# North Shore Bridge Club Newsletter



1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

## **SUMMER? WHAT SUMMER?**

I'm sure that my first newsletter of the year should not have anything to do with a "Happy" new year.

For several of our members, without naming names, it has been a sodden (sodding?) start to the year. Our thoughts are with them, with other club members adversely affected by recent events, but most especially to those hundreds of thousands of our fellow Kiwis who have suffered catastrophically in Northland, Auckland, Coromandel, East Coast, Gisborne, Wairoa and the Hawkes Bay.

Here are a couple of areas where you might be able to help:

### **NZ Bridge Foundation- Cyclone Relief Fund**

The Trustees of the Foundation have established a fund to support the clubs and members who have been affected by the recent cyclone. They opened the fund with \$2,000 which has been matched by NZ Bridge.

If you wish to donate, the account number is: 02-0466-0272518-026

Please include your name as a reference. Receipts for tax deduction purposes will be issued on request to: [secretary@nzbridge.co.nz](mailto:secretary@nzbridge.co.nz)

### **Cyclone Gabrielle fundraiser**

The Taradale Club, Napier is not in a position to run its 8B tournament scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. The event will however be run online with all proceeds going to the NZ Bridge Foundation Cyclone Relief Fund (above).

The event, now Swiss Pairs, will be run on the original date 18 March, and as one of the "online trial" weekends, the switch to RealBridge is supported by NZ Bridge.

If you wish to enter, details will be found on the NZ Bridge website under [Tournaments](#).

## Our first tournament of the year.

On Saturday 25 March the club will be hosting a Swiss Pairs Tournament for Open players.

Of course, you don't have to be an open grade player to enter. In fact, we have had a number of intermediate and some junior players competing in the past.

I encourage you all to give it a go - you know that it will be good for your bridge.

Over the past couple of years the tournament has had to be cancelled so let's see if we can get a full field. Enter online at NZB website "[Tournaments](#)"

## Compa\$\$ starts 1<sup>st</sup> April

There are only three things you need to know about Compa\$\$.

### Deposits

Deposits go into this account: **12 – 3011 – 0816965 – 01**

Minimum payment of \$20.00, please. When making a payment, please complete the online form as follows:

Particulars	Code	Reference
Your name	Top-up Sub (Other)	or or NZB Computer number

### Unused vouchers

The Club will stop selling session vouchers from 17<sup>th</sup> March and vouchers can no longer be used for Table Money from 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Unused vouchers can be redeemed using the envelopes provided at the front of the club – fill out the front of the envelope and place in the black box provided. The proceeds will be deposited into your Compa\$\$ account.

### Mycompasss.com

If you wish to access your account to keep track of your spending, view your current balance or download a statement, you will need to register at [mycompasss.com](http://mycompasss.com) (note there are three "s").

Registration here is not a requirement for the Compa\$\$ system to work.

## **Annette Farnell**

A few weeks ago, we marked the passing and celebrated the life of our oldest (100) and longest serving member of our club, Annette Farnell. Annette devoted many years service to our club in so many ways. She is remembered fondly and with humour by many of you.

She became a life member in 2007.

R. I. P. Annette.

## **Name Badges**

We notice that the number of members wearing their name badge during session play has been reducing. We have name badges for a reason.

You might know who you are and so might those people with whom you have been playing over the years. However, new members have no idea who you are. It is a simple form of courtesy to wear your badge so they might address you by name.

Please wear your badge.

## **Beginners' Lessons**

On 2nd May we will begin a new series of lessons for beginners. Please encourage family and friends to become a part of the game we all love. See our website for how to enrol.

Currently we have nearly 40 players attending our Improver's Lessons. An excellent turnout.

Here I'd like to give another plug for more participants at our Thursday 10 am session, particularly those of you junior and social players looking for a slightly more competitive session. Competitive but kind encouraging your participation. The weather has not been kind - the players will be. A new series begins tomorrow, so come and join us.

## **Downstairs**

Some of you may not know that we have an area downstairs which can be hired by groups, clubs or individuals for functions or regular meetings. There is a kitchen area and toilet facilities.

It is currently very under-utilised so if you know of any groups or individuals who are looking for a space to work or play, please let the club know. The hireage is very reasonable and the outlook over Lake Pupuke is unparalleled.

May all your slams be grand - and all your carpets remain dry.

Richard