

North Shore Bridge Club Newsletter



14 September 2023

Greetings fellow Bridgers,

AGM 2023 August 2

Election of office holders for 2023-24:

- President - Richard Ryan
- Vice - President & Tournament Secretary - Christine Wilson
- Secretary & Membership Secretary - Heather Richards
- Treasurer - Lutz Naujack
- Committee Members - Mike McLaughlin (IT & Compa\$\$), Michael Coates (Maintenance), Jenny Hemmings (Catering)

A warm welcome to Lutz and Jenny joining the team.

A fond farewell, with thanks for their service, to retiring treasurer Tony Stanaway and retiring committee members Jennie Michel and Robert Raine.

We also farewell from more than 20 years service to the club, Liz New.

Liz joined NSBC in 2000, was head scorer in the days of manual scoring before the advent of the tablets, was our first IT 'guru' when computers arrived at the club, and until recently Liz was our membership secretary, a role involving many hours of work.

NSBC recognised Liz's contribution by making her a Life Member in 2015 (we think).

From NSBC we wish you a happy "retirement" and many more hours pleasure at the bridge table.

R. I. P.

Catherine Stanaway

The sudden and unexpected death of Catherine was a shock to all those of us who knew her.

Beloved wife of Tony, our retiring Treasurer.

Our deepest condolences to Tony and his family.

It is great to see you back at the bridge table Tony where you can always be assured of a warm welcome from your bridge 'family'.

Increase in table money

At the recent AGM a motion was passed by a substantial majority to increase the table money to \$6.50 per session, effective from October 1.

Prize vouchers will correspondingly increase to \$6.50.

Up-coming Events

1. Welcome Day - Sunday 1 October, 1p.m.

An afternoon of relaxed bridge to welcome aboard new members.

More experienced players are invited to partner the less experienced and enhance their enjoyment of the game.

Spot prizes, drinks and nibbles at the close of play.

Please sign up on the entries sheet on the noticeboard. If you can help with catering or kitchen duties on the day there is also a sheet on noticeboard, or let Jenny Hemmings know.

2. Intermediate / Junior Tournament - Saturday 14 October, 10 a.m.

Sponsored by Northbridge Residential Village.

Two entirely separate competitions run side-by-side. Junior ranked players only may play in the Junior Tournament. Any combination of Intermediate and Junior players may play in the Intermediate Tournament.

Online entries only. Details of how to enter online are included in the poster displayed on the club noticeboard.

Also displayed is a roster for volunteers to help with catering or kitchen duties.

3. NZ Wide Pairs - Friday 10 November, 7.30pm

NSBC will NOT be hosting a session of this event this year. The nearest host is likely to be Auckland Bridge Club. Car pooling could be arranged for those interested in going across to ABC.

Updating Personal Information

Changes or deletions in phone contact details for publication in next year's programme booklet due out in a few weeks. Please advise.

Other changes e.g address, vehicle registration, next of kin, etc. can be deposited in the red box available next to the Director's desk.

Want to improve your game?

A number of the better players at the Club have offered to make themselves available to the less experienced as partners to play ongoing series (usually three sessions) on Thursday mornings. If there is sufficient interest, we will compile a list of those who are prepared to act as mentors.

Those wanting to get the guidance of the more experienced can select who they would like to play with and make contact. We recognise that people are often reluctant to put their hand up to

get some assistance to develop their game. We think that by allowing the “students” to pick their “teachers” it might become easier to take advantage of this offer.

Etiquette

As we encourage less experienced players to participate in sessions that may be "outside their comfort zone", it is important to make them feel welcome and extend to them some tolerance for slower play, which is understandable.

By the same token less experienced players should be aware that the speed of play is likely to be slightly faster than they are used to, and this is exacerbated when playing sets of three or more boards.

Post-mortems should be kept to a minimum and eliminated entirely if you are running out of time.

Remember, hand records are available at the close of play so you and your partner can discuss the hands at leisure. This is a particularly worthwhile practice if you are developing a new partnership.

If you are not familiar with operating the scoring tablet then avoid sitting in the south position as the tablet can be distracting and time consuming.

It is ENTIRELY against good etiquette for ANY player to gloat or to fume over a result once entered into the tablet. A brief neutral comment on the result is sufficient before moving on to the next board.

Once a new board is commenced discussion of a previous board should be over.

May all your slams be grand,
Richard Ryan