

# North Shore Bridge Club President's Newsletter



15 April 2024

## Season's greetings

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### **Demolition and reconstruction of facade of clubrooms.**

### **Friday 19 April- Friday 26 April**

On and between these dates there will be NO PARKING available outside the clubrooms. Members will be required to park elsewhere - on the road or in the council carpark.

Members with mobility issues may be dropped off but the vehicle must be parked elsewhere.

Entry through the front door will not be possible. All entry will be via the fire escape door near the kitchen.

- Friday 19 - erection of scaffolding
- Monday 22 - removal of wooden pergola
- Tuesday 23/Wednesday 24 - removal of existing guttering and replacement with new guttering
- Thursday 25 - ANZAC Day
- Friday 26 - completion of work and removal of scaffolding

## **R.I.P.**

We acknowledge the recent death of Gillian Howard, a past President of the Club. Our condolences go to her husband Bill, painter of the Kereru gazing down from the S wall, and to her son Jason, our sometime handyman and player.

## **Up-coming Events**

**Thursday, 25 April** - ANZAC Day social . Play starts 1 p.m. No partner needed. \$10 entry paid from your Compa\$\$ account. Visitors welcome. Drinks and food at the end of play.

Please sign up on the entry form on the noticeboard.

Parking may be available outside clubrooms as no work at the front of the building expected that day.

**Tuesday, 23 April** - The first of Douglas's three extension lessons. 7.15 pm start. Details on the noticeboard.

**Tuesday, 14 May** - Course of 10 lessons for beginners starts 7.15pm. Details on the noticeboard and a takeaway flyer on the sponsors' table. If you know of anyone who has expressed an interest in learning our great game, please let them know and/or give them a flyer.

**Saturday, 18 May** - East Coast Bays BC Intermediate/Junior Tournament at NSBC clubrooms.

It would be great to see lots of our members supporting this tournament held at our own clubrooms. Our sister club is going through a difficult time.

## **NSBC Open Tournament - Saturday 13 April**

This was a very successful event that attracted a capacity 32 pairs, including several of NZ's top national and international players.

Many thanks to all members who contributed their time and/or culinary skills to ensure this success.

1st - Grant Jarvis (Franklin) & Ian Berrington (Akarana)

2nd - Liz Fisher (Hamilton) & Blair Fisher (Hamilton)

3rd - Lysandra Zheng (Howick) & Tim Pan (Howick)

4th - Rhonda Graham (North Shore) & Nick Edginton (North Shore)

## **Compa\$\$**

Members are encouraged to make a habit of using [mycompasss.com](http://mycompasss.com) to check the balance in their account on a regular basis and making a deposit when the balance is low. This will reduce the need to send out "low balance alerts" - a time consuming operation.

When you make a deposit (minimum \$20) please ensure we get the following on our North Shore bank statement:

Particulars: **your name** | Code: **Top up** | Reference: **your NZB number**

### **Substitutions**

In those events where a substitution is allowed - Championship pairs and 4 session events - please advise the Director before the start of play if you have a substitute player. The Director will decide if the substitution has significantly improved the partnership. If the Director deems this is the case, the pair will be allowed to play the session but disqualified from the ladder for the event.

### **Use of Conventions**

The committee has determined, in line with NZB guidelines, that at junior and non-competitive sessions including social days, only the usual conventions of Stayman, transfers, Gerber, Blackwood, game force 2C and Unusual NT (UNT) will be allowed. The guidelines specifically exclude the use of multi-2D or any convention with more than one meaning e.g. tartan twos, Bergen responses , Lebensohl.

### **Help!**

The club is seeking anyone with a good level of computer skills, in particular with the Windows system, to help out Mike McLaughlin who carries the load almost alone. You would not be required to take on everything but be up-skilled and assigned to a particular area. 2 or 3 people would be ideal for spreading the load and as back-up to each other.

Contact the club or Mike directly if you can help out in this area.

May all your slams be grand.

Richard