



## **NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB (INC)**

39 Killarney Street, Takapuna • PO Box 33607, Takapuna, Auckland 0740  
Tel: 09 489 6099 • Email: [nshorebridge@ihug.co.nz](mailto:nshorebridge@ihug.co.nz) • [www.nsbcl.org.nz](http://www.nsbcl.org.nz)

---

30 January 2018

Dear Members

Welcome back to Bridge. Hopefully you have all enjoyed the festive season and are keeping cool in this hot weather. Holiday Bridge sessions were well attended this year. Many thanks go to **Lesley Mackintosh** for dealing the cards so that these sessions could proceed. Also, we would like to thank Lesley for creating the 2018 Dealing Roster and we appreciate all the people who help to deal the cards for us.

Our sincere congratulations go to **Wayne Benefield** for his impressive new ranking as a 'Grand Master'. We are truly proud of your achievements Wayne.

I was recently checking on the club finances and I realize that we are indebted to people who raise money for the Club. A huge thank you goes to **Barbara Fitzgerald** for her baking and goodies that bring in significant income. Also, many thanks to **Heather Hart** and **Susan Kay** for their efforts too. Thank you, Heather, for supplying last year's Christmas Hamper. **Lorna Haslam** was delighted to win this raffle.

### **Improver Lessons start on Tuesday evening 13 February at 7.15 pm.**

Douglas Russell will be taking this 10-week set of lessons designed for those members who have had at least one year's playing practice. Such topics as Stayman, Blackwood Ace Asking, Declarer Play, Defensive Play, and Doubles will be covered. All and any club members are welcome to attend. **To enroll, please phone Mandy MacLean on 486 3099 or 021 177 3743 or email [mandymaclean@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mandymaclean@xtra.co.nz).** The cost of the lessons is \$90 and no extra table money will be required.

**Volunteers are needed** to be a spare partner for **Wednesday Social sessions**. We try to have someone available at each session so no member who arrives has to be sent home without a game. You would only be on the Roster every few months. If you can help, please phone Mandy MacLean on 486 3099 or 021 177 3743.

We also want to acknowledge the work done by **Carole Bergamini** as the Assistant Treasurer in counting, entering spreadsheet details, and banking money collected. There is table money to balance, voucher money to reconcile, banking for the hire of the downstairs room as well as baking, book sales and donations to be banked and properly accounted for. The Committee, on behalf of the Club, extend our appreciation for the efficient management of this important role, Carole.

We are in need of more **Directors** so that we can cover all 8 sessions. Please let a Committee member know if you can help and are interested in training. We are hoping to have a new training programme under way shortly. Otherwise we may have to have Playing Directors to allow sessions to continue.

When calling a Director to assist, the protocol is to raise your hand. It is very hard for Directors to 'see' voices, especially in an often crowded room. Also, the correct procedure is to say: DIRECTOR. PLEASE. We value our Directors and believe that they should be treated with the utmost respect.

**NSBC Website** Our current Website is no longer going to be supported. Hence it is with reluctance that we have to undergo more change. The **new-version Website** will be up and running shortly. There is still work being done on it this week. The Directors will continue to put the Results on our site, but Ladder information can be gained by clicking the hyper-link to the BridgeNZ site or by looking at the printed Ladder information on the wall.

Please be careful when **entering the scores on the tablet** that they are indeed correct. East-West must check the score before entering their pin. Results information can also be checked at the end of each session when all the board scores can be viewed on the tablet at the last table. If you wish you can check all the scores against your written score. The director should immediately be alerted if you realise that a score has been incorrectly entered into the tablet. The director then will look into the matter.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING TEAMS** start in February with the Tui Butler Pairs. Just come along with a partner and join the fun with IMP scoring. The Championship Teams event starts in March. We would like to have 8 teams in the Championship Teams event so please form a team and put your names up on the sign-up sheet at the Club. If you would like to play and have not got a team, then please phone Carol Preston 445 8288 who will try and make up a team.

We now have **ULTRA FAST BROADBAND** connected at the Club. We have also had our 20-year-old alarm system upgraded. As you are aware, keeping up with technology can have its challenges as well as its advantages.

We hope that you enjoy your Bridge this year and the Committee is doing their best to keep the Club functioning smoothly while making it a happy place to be.

Carol Preston  
On behalf of the NSBC Committee