



# NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB (INC)

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NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER, 2022

Dear Members

Spring has well and truly sprung.

Only 50 shopping days to Christmas. (Never on Sunday)

## Reminders

1. The club will be closed on Monday 24 October – Labour Day. No bridge.
2. Supervised play on Tuesday evening has ended for the year.
3. Jubilee Trophy Novice Tournament. Monday 7, 14, & 21 November

This tournament is for beginners to compete with players of similar ability. Everyone is welcome to play one or more sessions, but to win the trophy you must have a ranking of Novice (at 01/01/22) and play all three sessions with the same partner. Entries on the registration list on the noticeboard.

4. NZ Wide Pairs Friday 11 November 7.30pm

\$10 entry includes an informative booklet with analysis of all the hands. Glass of wine and nibbles at the conclusion of play. Play against 900+ other pairs throughout the country- guaranteed you won't be last! Entries to Christine Wilson, or on the sheet on the noticeboard.

5. Sponsors' Day Friday 25 November.

Wine and nibbles at the close of play. To show appreciation to our sponsors who together contribute over \$3000 annually to our club's funds.

6. Charity Day/Erebus Memorial Day Sunday 27 November

This year our chosen charity is St Vincent de Paul House, Birkenhead who help provide for families in need. I am always blown away by the incredible generosity of our members whose gifts pile high under our Christmas tree. This year there will be less emphasis on children's toys etc – though there will always be a place for them. A suggested gift list will be posted shortly on the noticeboard.

## Requests

Changes ??

Please notify any changes to your contact details to be included in our Program book which is to be published soon - no landline? Change of telephone number?

Any change to your car registration number for the list to be sent to AT regarding our permission for extended parking time in the lower carpark.

Change of address?

Please place written notification of your changes in the red box under the noticeboard.  
Sticky Fingers??

Recently our dealers – who do a magnificent but largely unsung job in providing us with hundreds of hands weekly THANK YOU DEALERS – have had a problem with sticky, wet and dirty cards which, as you can imagine, are not liked by the dealing machine. Please ensure your hands are clean and dry after lunch and tea breaks. Hand sanitizer and wipes are available on the sponsors' table and good old soap n water and paper towels in the toilets.

### **Congratulations**

Recently some of our members have achieved notable success.

Rosemary Jackson – Winner - Intermediate Swiss Pairs at NZB Congress

Christine Wilson – Second – Open Teams NZB Congress

Rosaleen Koch & Richard Ryan – Second Intermediate Pairs, Mt Albert Tournament

Liz Boulton & Heather Richards – Winners - Junior Pairs NSBC Tournament

Gabrielle & Mark Bercich -Second – Junior Pairs NSBC Tournament

Gabrielle and Mark are recent graduates from Douglas's classes and this was their first tournament. Well done Gabrielle and Mark! So come on you novices, the step up to competitive level is not as big as you think.

### **Encouraging Participation**

Remember when you were a raw and nervous beginner and a more experienced player smoothed your journey into competitive bridge?

I would like to see more of us experienced players step up to the plate here.

Next year, the Thursday session will start at 10am and comprise no more than 24 boards.

This is an ideal opportunity to encourage Monday and Wednesday players, and graduates from our lessons, to step up to competitive play in a friendly, welcoming environment.

Many of them may want to play with another novice, but others may welcome the opportunity to play with a more experienced partner. Are you willing to be that partner?

It may be just the nudge the nervous newbies need.

### **Membership**

At last count we had 314 members.

We have lost 40+ previous members during the year but have gained 34 new members. A small net reduction but a very satisfying retention in a climate of falling memberships for most clubs. Thank you loyal NSBC members.

Please encourage friends and neighbours, children and grandchildren, the butcher and the baker, to learn the game we love. One is never too old, nor too young – a 13 year old played at the Youth Congress recently – to take up "the beautiful game" (No! Not football! Bridge!)

May all your slams be grand

Richard Ryan NSBC