

Bridge profile for Douglas Russell, North Shore Bridge Club Tutor

I was appointed by the North Shore Bridge Club in 2017 to take over the role of Class Tutor, and also to a new role designing, coordinating and managing a coherent teaching programme. Here is a little about myself.

I am originally from the UK; my career was in the University sector, my last post being Professor of Chemistry at the University of Auckland. I retired in 2012. I hugely enjoyed the teaching aspects of the job, especially to First Year students; an example of my teaching style may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kL63MmZqEt8>. One of my obsessions outside my chosen subject has always been bridge. I have been playing competitively (with some breaks for career reasons) since the late 1970's, and I have represented New Zealand at the Seniors' level 11 times in 10 different countries. More recently, I have become involved with helping others learn this fascinating game, through teaching, assisting in supervised play sessions at the North Shore Club, partnering players eager to develop their skills in tournaments and club sessions, and training less experienced players for national and international competitions. Other hobbies include crosswords and other puzzles, gardening, tramping and most recently playing rock guitar, something I always wanted to do as a teenager but for which I did not have the time or resources.



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