

North Shore Bridge Club President's Newsletter



06 December 2024

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Another bridge year is drawing to a close, with just one more week (prize-giving) before we take a short break over Christmas and New Year.

For those addicts who might suffer withdrawal symptoms there will opportunities for a hit with 3 days of holiday bridge to keep you going until next year's programme starts in the week beginning 6th January.

Holiday Bridge

Please note 10am start! Finishes about 1:00 pm.

Tuesday 17th December & Friday 20th December, then Friday 3rd January

Partner not required but cannot be guaranteed. Visitors welcome.

Prize-giving

This year two new trophies have been added to the club's trophy cabinet.

The Puriri Trophy - competed for by Thursday Evening players over 3 nights. The inaugural winners are **Joy & Donna Ryan**.

The Catherine Stanaway Memorial Trophy, generously donated by Tony Stanaway in memory of his late wife. The committee determined this should be awarded for service to the club.

The inaugural winner is **Lizzy Roe**. First and foremost, Lizzy is responsible for the club's website. Earlier this year she redesigned and updated it which involved a tremendous amount of work. Lizzy also helps with lessons for beginners and improvers as well as assisting with the course of supervised play. She is a regular contributor to the catering for our tournaments and social days and always stays to help with the tidying-up after these events. Thank you Lizzy, and congratulations.

Other notable winners for 2024 are:

Jubilee Trophy (Monday morning session- Novice) - **Anja Janse & Harjeet Chatha**

Norah Hamblin Trophy (Wednesday morning session) - **Susan Kay & Denise Hubble**

Cranswick Cup (most improved junior) - **Jenny Hemmings**

Tony Wingfield Trophy (leading novice player) - **Garth Settle**

Patricia Cuthbert Trophy (Highest score over 70%) - **Ann Agmen-Smith & Vaughan Samuelson**

Killarney Trophy (most grand slams made) - **Rosaleen Koch**

Charity Day

A most enjoyable day with 14 tables in play. Once again members have been incredibly generous in their contributions of presents, food and money to this year's recipient charity, Women's Refuge.

Interprovincial Championship

Recently a pair from NSBC, Rosemary Jackson & Heather Richards, were part of the intermediate team representing Auckland Province at the interprovincial championship in Wellington, which was won this year by Canterbury.

Teams Events at NSBC

Next year's programme sees the re-introduction of teams events, not played at NSBC since 2018.

These are scheduled for Monday evening in April (2 sessions) and October (2 sessions): Tuesday in May (3 sessions) : Thursday morning in February (2 sessions) ; Friday in June (2 sessions).

All you need do is make up a team with another pair and enter your team of 4 on the entry sheet which will go up on the noticeboard prior to the event.

Only one open player per team is permitted.

Improver Lessons 2025

The course of 10 lessons will begin Tuesday, 4th March at 7.15pm.

These are intended for members who have already completed the beginner lessons and have had some playing experience.

To enrol please contact Heather Richards: email nshorebridge@gmail.com or tel: 021-0283 4811

Cost \$110 - pay online to account 12- 3011-0816965-00. Please put Surname and Improvers as reference.

See you next year at NSBC.

May all your holidays be grand!

Richard