

North Shore Bridge Club Newsletter



A New Year

Happy New (bridge)Year. Strange to be saying this at the end of February, but it is my first newsletter of the year. Speaking of the end of February, unattached gents be aware that Thursday 29 February is Leap Day!

May 2024 be a year of bridge firsts for you. First tournament? First session win? First Grand Slam? First 70+%? A new partnership?

Building maintenance

NSBC clubhouse is 45 years old and requires ongoing maintenance. The stairs to our downstairs area - out of action for some time - are about to be repaired.

The guttering and the pergola on the facade are soon to be removed and replaced. Recently new black-out blinds and curtains were fitted downstairs (thanks to a grant from Constellation Community Trusts).

Upstairs, those of you playing this week will notice the absence of the curtains while they are being laundered.

ECB Bridge Club

Our bridge neighbours are dealing with some serious maintenance issues at the moment. As a consequence they have asked NSBC if our clubrooms are available to host their tournament on May 18 - a request we are very happy to agree to.

Their tournament is for Intermediate and Junior players, and I would encourage NSBC players to support this event. More details will be provided closer to the date.

Meanwhile, we are seeing an increasing number of ECB players at our sessions. Please make them feel welcome.

Tournaments

April 13 - NSBC Open pairs

May 18 - ECB Intermediate /Junior pairs

Our open tournament, (sponsored by North Shore Travel) which, in the past has been a Swiss Pairs format, will this year be a conventional pairs contest. Intermediate and Junior players are welcome to enter.

Beginners' Lessons

Our NZ International tutor, Douglas Russell, is offering another course of lessons for beginners.

- 12 weeks
- Tuesday nights 7.15pm
- Starts May 14

Enquiries to Heather Richards - email:nshorebridge@gmail.com mob: 021-0283 4811

Kitchen Helpers

NSBC holds 8 events annually (3 tournaments & 5 social events) which involve catering.

Jenny Hemmings is looking for kitchen helpers for this year. Remember - many hands make light work. If you are willing to lend a hand, even for an hour or two, or on a one-off basis, please contact Jenny on: 021-986 555.

Ex-Presidents in Hospital

Gillian Howard - President 2013-14 - has been hospitalised following a stroke. We wish you a speedy recovery Gill.

Trish Moore - President 2014-16 - is home from hospital after an extended stay following a broken femur. Our best wishes Trish.

May all your slams be grand!

Richard Ryan
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