

North Shore Bridge Club President's Newsletter



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A Happy New Bridge Year to all members!

Already we are into our sixth week of bridge.

The year began with holiday bridge on Friday, 3rd January with 11 tables - a great turn out. All sessions, with the exception of Monday night, began the following week.

Series winners for January

Huron Pairs (Tues): Heather Brown & Richard Ryan

Saltburn Pairs (Thurs): Trish O'Connor & Wayne Benefield

Pupuke Pairs (Fri): Rosaleen Koch & Richard Ryan

Teams Events

The first of the teams events for the year - Thursday Teams - will be completed this week. 6 teams are competing. The next teams event, for the Monday night session, will be played in April and then, in May, the teams event for Tuesday players. Please enter your team on the sheet provided on the noticeboard.

Gold Coast Congress

Several (10?) NSBC members recently played at the Gold Coast Congress in Queensland, where hundreds of pairs compete over 10 days. Some of our members gained top 10 places in fields of 100+ pairs. A very commendable result.

Downstairs Rental Area

Some members may not be aware that on the ground floor of our building there is a large room with a full kitchen and toilet facilities available for hire. Members get a concession rate. Birthday? Wedding Reception? Special event?

See Ash Barnes or Vaughn Samuelson for details.

Upcoming Events

Improvers' Lessons - Tuesday 4th March, 7.15pm - 10 lessons by Douglas Russell. Open to all members.

See details of enrolment on our website or the Club noticeboard.

Social Sunday – Sunday, 9th March 1pm. Enter players' names on the sheet on the noticeboard. If you can help with catering or in the kitchen, please enter your name on the sheet on the noticeboard.

Open Tournament – Saturday, 13th April, 10 am. Sponsored by Shore Travel

Bidding Boxes

As most members will be aware we have been trialling bidding boxes for some time now at the Tuesday , Thursday and Friday sessions. They will be introduced to all sessions with the intention that they will eventually replace bidding pads. Some bidding pads will however, be retained for those unable for physical reasons, to use the boxes. There are strong arguments, economical and environmental, for replacing the pads with boxes.

Biscuits

With the rising cost of biscuits- the 20c charge is no longer covering costs. Since the Club is moving to cashless systems , the Committee has decided that the provision of biscuits will cease after Friday, 21st February.

Visitors

Visitors will now be able to pay, with the member's consent, through an existing member's Compa\$\$ account.

May all your slams be grand.

Richard