

# North Shore Bridge Club

## President's Newsletter – July 2025

Greetings Bridgers,

This is my final newsletter as President, although you will receive my annual President's report ahead of next month's AGM. More on that shortly.

### **R. I. P. – Ian Handricks**

As I write this newsletter, I have received the sad news of the death of Ian Handricks. Ian played only on a Monday night, so may not be known to many of you. Our thoughts are with his family and friends, and bridge partners.

### **Subscriptions 2025/26**

Last week you will have received the invoice for your subscription for the coming year. This has now been deducted from your Compa\$\$ account.

Please ensure your account has been topped up to accommodate this (\$90 - Full Member, \$65 – Associate member). If your account is in arrears at 31 July, and the club has not received your resignation by email, you will be deemed unfinancial and your membership will be suspended or terminated. If you intend not to renew your membership, please let us know by email NOW.

### **AGM**

You will soon receive notice of the annual AGM to be held this year on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August at 1:00 pm, to be followed by some bridge.

A sheet for nominations to the Executive for the 2025/26 year is on the noticeboard.

This year a number of your present Executive are not seeking re-election.

**President** - As some of you will know, I am intending to travel abroad and will be absent for 6 months next year.

**Treasurer** - Jill Torrie is taking some time off next year

**Committee** - at least one, possibly two, positions are vacant.

Please discuss this with other Club members and nominate anyone willing and able to fill these vacancies. If you wish to put yourself forward talk to one of the present Executive for a nominee and seconder.

### **NSBC 8B Restricted Tournament**

Last Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July, the Club held its annual restricted tournament, sponsored by Lady Allum Village, Milford. There was a capacity field of 32 pairs, more than half of which contained an open player.

- Winners - Joy Zeng & Anne Sim from Howick BC
- Runners-up - Bigi Cameron & Carol Bearsley from Mt Albert BC

The highest placed NSBC player was Marilyn Janmaat, who finished a very close 4<sup>th</sup>.

The leading Open/Junior pair (5<sup>th</sup>) were Chris Wilson & Sam McNae from NSBC.

A very big thank you to all members who contributed food and/or their time on kitchen duties. Your efforts help cement the club's reputation for hospitality.

### **Supervised Play**

A course of 8 sessions starts soon for less experienced players who wish to expand their knowledge of the game.

The course begins on Tuesday 5 August, 7.15pm. Details to be found on a flyer in the Clubrooms and on the NSBC website.

### **North Auckland Interclub Teams Challenge**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August, NSBC will send 3 teams of 4 (Mixed, Intermediate & Junior) to compete against 4 other bridge clubs - ECB, Orewa, Warkworth and Mangawhai. This year the host club is Warkworth.

NSBC won the Challenge in 2022 and 2023 but lost it last year to Warkworth. Bring it home again team!

### **IOUs**

The practice of leaving an IOU in the jar for jams and pickles etc. (and books) has ballooned to an unacceptable level.

Often we forget (I put my hand up here!) to redeem the IOU. I know in this increasingly cashless society it is hard to find the coins or notes.

Nevertheless, it is unfair on Susan Kay who produces all the wonderful products to receive payment in IOUs which she cannot bank for the Club, nor recover her expenses.

Similarly, the work Jenny Revell does in sourcing and stocking books is supposed to be for the financial benefit of the Club. IOUs are of no benefit at all.

From now on, it is strictly COD - cash on delivery. No exceptions.

May all your slams be grand,

Richard

**... and PLEASE support our sponsors.**

