

# North Shore Bridge Club President's Newsletter



19 June 2024

Greetings Bridgers  
Manawatia a Matariki

As we approach the Winter Solstice, astronomical mid-winter, the shortest day, we can take heart, despite the worst of winter's weather still to come, in the lengthening days.

The early Maori, whose only calendar was the sun, moon and stars, knew that this lengthening of the daylight coincided with the re-appearance over the eastern horizon of the star cluster the Greeks named the Pleiades, we know as the Seven Sisters, and the Maori called Matariki.

The rising of Matariki was therefore a cause to celebrate brighter days, new beginnings, a "New Year".

It was a time of coming together, feasting and playing of games.

## **Matariki Social Day**

On Friday 28 June we too will come together, play a game and feast – well... drinks and nibbles anyway. Play starts 1p.m. Table money is \$10 and will be deducted from your Compa\$\$ account.

Enter your name, with or without a partner, on the sheet on the noticeboard. Sign up to help with food, or in the kitchen, on another sheet on the noticeboard.

## **Subscriptions 2024-25**

You have already had notice of the increase to \$90.00 for Full Member subscriptions for the coming financial year which begins on 1 July. (Associate Members \$65.00)

Subscriptions will be deducted from your Compa\$\$ when the invoices are sent out around 10 July, whether or not there are sufficient funds in your account. I suggest

you top up your account by the required amount before that date, so you don't go into debit.

Subscriptions not returned to a credit balance by 20 August may result in the termination of the membership.

If you are not intending to continue your membership, please notify the Club of your resignation before the end of this month. Email [nshorebridge@gmail.com](mailto:nshorebridge@gmail.com)

## **Farewells**

### **Philippa Lowe**

Philippa first joined NSBC in the 80s, then after a few years at ECB, she rejoined us in the 90s.

A qualified Director, she assumed the role of Head Director soon after rejoining. She also assisted with classes for beginners.

Since retiring from her role as a Director, Philippa has continued her contribution to the club in less conspicuous ways. A constant supply of sharp pencils has been her handiwork (anyone want to step up here and take her place?). Those of us who play on a Tuesday have arrived to a warm/cool and welcoming clubroom as a result of Philippa's early arrival.

About 2 years ago Philippa, along with her husband Alf, commissioned and donated to the Club the painting of the kererū which gazes serenely down on our play from the South wall. A generous legacy.

Thank you, Philippa, for all you have done for NSBC over several decades.

Best wishes for the future.

### **Michael Coats**

Michael has been a Committee Member for the past two years, looking after matters of maintenance as well as being a part-time barman on social days.

Thank you, Michael, and best wishes for the future.

We welcome Norman Moritz who is filling Michael's shoes on an interim basis. Thank you, Norman.

## **Partner Arranger**

Please note the following change in contact number:

- Robin McKenzie (Tuesday) 021-266 8649, no landline

## **8B Restricted Tournament**

- Saturday 13 July
- Play starts 10 a.m.
- Open players must partner a Junior or Intermediate player
- For members, the \$35 entry fee will be deducted from their Compa\$\$ account
- Enter online - see the poster on the noticeboard for details of entry.

Sign up to help with food, or in the kitchen, on yet another sheet on the noticeboard.

## **First Aid and Emergency Procedures**

The committee is updating its policy in this area.

We are seeking those with skills or an interest in the following areas:

- Monitor of the First Aid BoxFirst Aider volunteers  
Preferably at least one for each session, including Monday & Thursday evenings.

Are there any medical doctors in the house? Email [nshorebridge@gmail.com](mailto:nshorebridge@gmail.com)

## **Tableteers**

Please ensure tablets are CLOSED DOWN and SWITCHED OFF before cleaning and charging.

## **Directors**

We are looking for more Directors to train up to booster our ranks.

If you would like to step up, please contact the club by email or talk to Heather Richards or myself.

## **Friday play**

Finally, there has been a drastic fall-off recently in table numbers for a Friday. Please come back! All is forgiven!

May all your slams be grand,

Richard Ryan