

North Shore Bridge Club President's Newsletter



25 June 2025

Greetings Bridgers

Past the Winter Solstice and the days start to lengthen, however we know the worst of winter is still to come.

Blow! Blow! Thou winter wind!

Thou art not so unkind

As.... a 5-0 trump break!

Subscriptions 2025-26

The cost of membership for the coming year remains the same:

- \$90 for full membership
- \$65 for associate membership

When invoices are issued on 9 July, subscriptions will be deducted from your Compa\$\$ account whether or not there are sufficient funds in your account. You will need to top up your Compa\$\$ account before that date, so you don't go into debit.

As per our Constitution section 2.6, if your subscription remains unpaid at 1 August due to insufficient funds in your account, you will be deemed unfinancial and your membership will be suspended pending cancellation.

If you are NOT intending to renew your membership for 2025-26, PLEASE EMAIL the club immediately to let us know you are resigning your membership. This will save us a great deal of time and paperwork - you will not be issued an invoice and your account will not be debited.

Matariki

There was a wonderful turn-out of 17 tables for our Matariki Social Day, last Friday afternoon.

A big thank you to all members who contributed to its success through catering, kitchen/bar duties, partnership organisation and directing. Special thanks to those members who brought food and didn't stay to play - priceless.

Congratulations to our winners Clare & Ross Anderson (N/S) and Ilona & Don West (E/W).

Restricted Tournament

- Sponsored by Lady Allum Village
- Saturday, 12th July
- Play starts at 10 a.m.
- Open players must partner a Junior or Intermediate player
- Enter online at NZBridge/Tournament entries
- For NSBC members, the \$35 entry fee will be deducted from their Compa\$\$ account

Entry is restricted to 32 pairs and as of 24 June there were 22 pairs entered. Don't miss out!

It would be appreciated if members could help with food, or in the kitchen. Please refer to the noticeboard.

Compa\$\$ Accounts

Members are responsible for maintaining a credit balance in their Compa\$\$ account yet quite a number are regularly going into debit. The majority of members appear to be checking their balance via www.mycompasss.com (note three "s") and topping up as necessary. Others have noted how many times they play in a month and have set up an automatic payment to cover the cost.

There are links to click if you have forgotten your login credentials (username and password). Usernames are often email addresses.

If you can't remember your username/password, click on the link to reset your password and try your email address as your username. If that isn't a registered username, the system will tell you. If it works, then reset your password.

If you can't remember a valid username, contact us or click on the link, "Forgot Username?". This will send a message to the site administrator.

There are sheets with information on how to check your balance at www.mycompasss.com on the Sponsors' table by the double doors. The information sheet is also available on the Club's website.

Please check your balance regularly and ensure you remain in credit.

Compa\$\$ Wallet emails

Periodically we send out emails to advise members that they need to put money into their account because they are in debit. It appears that in many cases, these emails are going to "Spam" or "Junk" folders and members aren't seeing them.

Can you please periodically check these folders to see if you have any NSBC emails there. If so, drag them out and put them into your Inbox.

Once you have done this a couple of times, your spam filter should have learned not to send our emails to Junk any longer.

Please keep an eye on it. It's a good idea anyway to monitor what is going into your Spam/Junk folders.

Double Bookings

If you find out on the day you're about to play bridge, that you have booked two partners for the same session (and some of us have been there, done that) then your partners will be invited to play with each other and you might be sent home! It's always a good idea at the start of a new series, or for a one-off, to check with your partner the day before.

Change of Information

Abandoned your landline? Moved house? New car? Changed your email? Sacked your next of kin?

Please let us know so we can keep our records up to date. Use the form on the noticeboard by the red box and pop the form in the box, or send us an email.

May all your slams be grand

Richard Ryan