

# North Shore Bridge Club

## President's Newsletter – May 2025



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Greetings Bridgers,

Winter is knocking at the door. What better time to settle down to a few hands of bridge in our cosy clubrooms with fellow bridge buffs?

### **First, Some Matters of Etiquette...**

#### **1. Mobile Phones**

It is not appropriate, nor is it courteous to fellow players, to use your mobile phone at the table even during breaks in play. I appreciate there are the rare occasions when you may need to use or consult your phone during a session, but please observe the courtesy of doing this away from the table, preferably outside the playing room.

#### **2. Social Days**

Established pairs please remember that these are occasions enjoyed by many of our less experienced players and it is not appropriate that they should be daunted by Tartan Twos, the Montreal Diamond, Bergen responses, the Multi Diamond, etcetera.

Out of consideration for their inexperience, please restrict your conventional bids to those with which they are familiar i.e. Stayman, transfers, weak twos, Gerber/Blackwood.

Social Days are just that, not competitive sessions.

#### **3. Name Badges**

Please wear your name badge while you are playing at the Club. We have quite a number of new members and wearing your name badge is simply a matter of courtesy.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Matariki Bridge - Friday 20th June**

1pm start. Partner not required. Visitors welcome. Sign up on the noticeboard.

### **Restricted Tournament - Sat 12th July**

10am start. Open players must partner a junior or intermediate. Enter online at NZB.

### **Friday Teams - Friday 6th & 13th June**

11am start. Please enter Teams on the noticeboard.

## **Results**

### **Open Tournament - 12 April**

Won by our own Christine Wilson & Douglas Russell, beating a very strong field containing national and international players. Congratulations Christine and Douglas!

### **Anzac Day Bridge - 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Highest score of 72.55% achieved by Peter Horwell and one of our more regular visitors, Jenny Alford from Waiheke. Congratulations Jenny and Peter!

A big thank you to all members who contributed their culinary skills and/or their time on kitchen and clean-up duties. NSBC's reputation for hospitality remains high thanks to your contributions.

## **A Request from one of our Sponsors**

Our newest Sponsor, Move By Design, has contacted NSBC with the following proposal:

"Move By Design is proud to announce that we are a principal partner for HARBOUR HOSPICE Awareness Month which takes place during May.

Harbour Hospice currently support 1 in 3 people who die in our community and the number of people they care for is growing rapidly.

We've got an ambitious goal of raising \$5,000 during the month of May. For every booking we receive during May, we'll donate \$1000. This means we need only 5 bookings. Please note this is a booking only, not a move.

You/your family/a friend could be moving any time in the next few months. For a booking made in the month of May we are extending our usual Full Service Move to include:

- Full house pack
- Full pack and move
- Full service move
- Unpack and Organise service

If you, or anyone you know, are moving house or business in the next few months please contact us at [movebydesign.co.nz](http://movebydesign.co.nz) or call Clare on 021-180 0651."

Clare and her company support our Club financially - as do all our sponsors. It would be great if we were able to return the favour.

### **A Distinguished Visitor**

Bob Fearn, the creator of the Compass system which our Directors use to set up every session, and which has enabled us to pay our table money electronically for the past 2 years, played a couple of sessions at the club last week. A Kiwi, Bob has lived in Seattle, Washington for many years.

### **A Benevolent Fund**

Your Committee proposes creating a relatively small fund available to members in cases of financial hardship to enable their continued participation in the game we all so enjoy. Members may, if they so wish, contribute to this fund. Details have yet to be finalised.

May all your slams be grand!  
Richard