

North Shore Bridge Club



26 September 2024

Greetings,

Spring has sprung! Great to have the warmer weather and the longer daylight hours - soon to get even longer in the evening (but darker in the morning) with the imminent putting forward of the clocks.

AGM

The recent AGM was possibly the shortest on record - 30 minutes! - with no major issues to be discussed.

The club's constitution (22pages!) needed to be rewritten/updated as required by a recent change in the law regarding incorporated societies. This has been done thanks to a mammoth effort by Mike McLaughlin, with help from Chris Pendleton. It was presented to the membership at the AGM and may be accessed online [here](#).

The Executive

The Executive for 2024/25 voted in at the meeting:

President - Richard Ryan

Vice President/Tournament Secretary - Christine Wilson

Secretary/Membership Secretary - Heather Richards

Treasurer - Jill Torrie

Committee - Mike McLaughlin (Compass/Compa\$\$, communications)

- Jenny Hemmings (Catering/kitchen)

- Norman Moritz (Building maintenance)

We welcome on board a new treasurer, Jill and farewell Lutz Naujack. Thanks for your service to the club, Lutz.

Heather would welcome someone to help her with Club Membership, which adds considerable weight to her already heavy load. If you can offer assistance, please contact Heather.

Events

Cambridge Sixes - This is an annual tournament for teams of 6 hosted by Cambridge Bridge Club and held at the NZ Rowing facility on Lake Karapiro. This year it attracted 37 clubs and the NSBC team finished a meritorious 5th of 37. Our team was: Christine Wilson & Douglas Russell (Open), Lizzie Roe & Donna Ryan (Int), Janet Holmes & Jenny Hemmings (Jun).
Well done Team!

North Auckland Teams Challenge - This is an annual interclub competition between teams from 4 clubs north of the bridge. NSBC, holder of the trophy for the past two years, was not successful in its attempt for a threepeat. This year the challenge was won by Warkworth BC. Congratulations, Warkworth.

Welcome Day - Sunday, 6 October, 1pm.

This is similar to our usual Sunday social days with the exception that we pair up beginner/less experienced players with a more experienced partner. The aim is to introduce new members and less experienced members to duplicate bridge in a friendly, fun environment.

Please sign up on the list on the clubroom noticeboard. Currently we have a shortage of less experienced, so come on, if that's you sign up and have a fun day.

If you can help with catering for the 'afterplay' drinks and nibbles, please contact Jenny Hemmings or sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard.

Intermediate & Junior Tournament - Saturday 19 October 9.30 am Sponsored by Northbridge

Separate competitions for Juniors and Intermediates run side by side. Entry is online at NZ Bridge.

For those of you unsure about online entry, here's what you do:

If you have not logged into the NZ Bridge website previously you will need to contact the club to get an access code number - this is NOT your ID number. Email the club and Heather will provide you with this code before you start.

Go to nzbridge.co.nz, go to LOGIN, scroll down to REGISTER, enter your access code then BEGIN.

Once you have completed your registration and are logged in, follow the steps listed below.

(If you have previously registered, just login.)

Click on "Tournament List", scroll down to the list of tournaments (they are in red and in chronological order), scroll down to 19 October, there are two separate entries for North Shore, select Intermediate or Junior and click on "Enter Here". Your details should already be recorded. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and enter your partner's name in the box marked "Player 2".

You will receive an email confirming your entry.

Tablet Management

To make it easier for those tasked with cleaning and charging the tablets at the end of a session, players please **DO NOT** shut down your tablet once you have viewed your pair's ranking.

Tableteers

1. BEFORE cleaning the tablet move it forward using the red arrow (bottom right)
2. When it asks "do you want to end this session?" tap 'yes'.
3. Now that the "START" page is showing you may switch the tablet off by holding down the on/off button
4. The screen will show two options: OFF (black) and RESTART (green). Tap OFF.
5. Once the tablet has been correctly switched off, you may clean it.
6. Only tablets with three or less bars need to be put on the charger.

Checking Compa\$\$

Please get into the habit of checking your balance regularly and top up when necessary. This will save Mike an awful lot of extra work sending out low balance warnings.

To check your balance, go to mycompasss.com (Note: three "s"). Click on "Check your wallet". Enter your Username and password and you should be good to go. If you have forgotten your Username, contact Mike. He may be able to help you.

Tuesday Partner Arranger

In the absence of Robin McKenzie and until further notice, please contact Richard on 0274-718 514 if you are looking for a partner on a Tuesday.

May all your slams be grand,
Richard