North Shore Bridge Club

Newsletter

October 2026

Greetings Fellow Bridgers,
It's Richard back again. Thanks for your warm welcome home.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Charity Day - Sunday 22 November
This year we will again be supporting Women' s Refuge.

Whether you intend to play on the day or not, all members are encouraged to contribute gifts and/or make a monetary donation.
Suggested gifts (please do not wrap):

- under 13 - toys, books, clothes, sweets
- teenagers - vouchers for online gaming, cinema (from supermarkets)
- household items - tinned/packet food, supermarket vouchers, towels, bed linen.

A table will be set up shortly to receive gifts. Monetary donations can be given to our treasurer, Ray Clarke, or any member of the committee.

End of Year Trophy Events
Jubilee Trophy for novice players sponsored by Auckland Eye
Monday mornings 2, 9, 16 November.
Norah Hamblyn Trophy sponsored by William Sanders Devonport
Wednesday mornings 4, 11, 18 November
Puriri Trophy sponsored by William Sanders Devonport
Thursday evenings 5, 12, 19 November
See posters on the noticeboard for conditions of entry.

Friday November Teams
The teams event programmed for Fridays in November has been cancelled and replaced by a regular pairs event - Takapuna Pairs

November Tuition
Chris Wilson is holding a series of 4 tuition classes on Thursday afternoons in November. First class on 5 November. Start time 1.10pm
Open to all members, not just Thursday players .Details of classes and sign up on the noticeboard.

Social Sundays

Next year the club will introduce a monthly Sunday afternoon session of social bridge. This will happen on the last Sunday of the month, except in those months where there is already a social event e.g. Anzac, Welcome Day, Charity Day. Play will start at THREE P.M.

FINDING A PARTNER:

A WhatsApp group for finding a partner is in place for the Monday evening, Tuesday, Thursday morning and Friday sessions.
To join a group please contact:

Monday evening	Norman Moritz - 021 0296 1219
Tuesday	Carol Preston - 021 463 155
Thursday morning	Helen Langford - 021 808 155
Friday	Pippa Dawson-Goodey - 022 376 8716
	Racheal Coughey - 021 651 642

If looking for a partner you can advertise your availability on the site and/or find a partner who is looking.

INTERMEDIATE TOURNAMENT:

On Saturday 17 October the club held its annual tournament, sponsored by Northbridge, for intermediate and junior players. There was a full field of 32 pairs.

Winning pair:	Caroline Goodall & Charlotte Jones from Orewa Bridge Club.
Best NSBC pair:	Mary Hanton & Ash Barnes - 5th
Best junior pair:	Wendy Braby & Val Dickinson - NSBC

A big thank you to all who made it an enjoyable day, especially those members who contributed to the wonderful catering.
A special mention to Christine Wilson, in charge of entries AND scoring. Also to Jenny Revell and Lynne Griffiths who spent a long day in the kitchen keeping us fed and watered. There was a lot of positive feedback from visitors, confirming our reputation as a very hospitable club.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Rhonda Graham and Nick Edgington on attaining the illustrious ranking of GRAND Master. This requires a player to have earned 1000 A and B points, of which 500 must be A points. A points are awarded only at Open Tournaments.

To Zindh Waleed and Sam McNae on finishing second in the JIN club championship. This involves aggregated results from junior and Intermediate tournaments held throughout the region over the year.

A GENEROUS GESTURE:

At a recent Thursday morning session, which starts at 10am, two visitors from Waiheke walked in at 10.30 believing it to be an 11am start. The session had already completed its first round but rather than send our visitors away disappointed, one pair - Carol Preston and Laurie Hinchcliff - generously gave up their seats. At the end of the session the visitors expressed their very favourable opinion of our club and one of them applied for membership. Thank you Laurie and Carol. Your generous gesture has enhanced NSBC's reputation as a friendly, hospitable place to play bridge.

HEALTH AND SAFETY – Helping Keep Our Club Safe:

The NSBC Committee has introduced a Health and Safety Incident and Hazard Register to support our Health & Safety at Work Act 2015 obligations and the Club's Health & Safety Policy and Procedures.

Employees, club members and visitors are encouraged to use the register to report hazards, injuries, incidents and near misses, raise concerns and suggest improvements. Examples include slips or falls, spills, loose flooring, damaged furniture or equipment, trip hazards, contractor incidents, medical events and unsafe practices. When completing the register, please select the most appropriate category, such as Injury/Accident, Near Miss, Hazard, Property Damage, Emergency or Suggested Improvement.

Reporting these matters helps the Committee identify potential risks, take appropriate action and make our club a safer place for everyone. The register is in the kitchen, beside the first aid supplies.

If in doubt, please report it!

A MATTER OF ETIQUETTE:

Do you get up from the dining table and leave someone else to deal with your dirty dishes?
At the end of a session the director is far too busy to be your housekeeper.

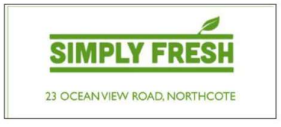
Please!
1. Take the tablet to a top table. It does not need to be switched off.
2. Take the table number to the designated collection point.
3. Take the boards IN NUMERICAL ORDER to the designated collection point.
4. Remove all paper from the table - personal score sheets, system notes, used bidding slips, hand records.
5. Arrange bidding boxes neatly in the centre of the table.
6. Push chairs in.
7. Put away pencils and bidding pads (if used).
There are FOUR of you to share these tasks. Please do not get up and walk away without doing your share.

ANOTHER MATTER OF ETIQUETTE:

As a matter of courtesy a player should refrain from addressing the director in a manner discourteous to him or other players.

A few months ago there was a serious event of this nature at an Auckland tournament. It resulted in a player, of international standard, being barred from playing bridge for several months. A second player, also of international standard, was given a formal reprimand.

Fortunately, at NSBC we have not had such a breach of etiquette but it serves as a reminder that, should a player disagree with the director's ruling, they should express this courteously and if they feel unjustly disadvantaged, they have recourse to an appeals procedure.

May all your slams be grand.

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