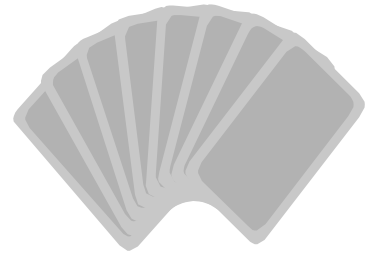


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Hello Members

This year's programme has already been interrupted by Covid 19 restrictions. Let's hope this bleep is now in the past and our sessions can progress forward from here.

## **REFRESHER COURSE UPDATE**

Val and her team have completed tutoring this course. A mix of 10 people attended the 4 sessions. Six commenced playing at the Friday sessions last week. Others will be feeding into sessions next week. Welcome to you all.

Actually – it was lovely to see the new faces on Friday, as we also have 2 new players – 1 from Morrinsville and 1 from Auckland, who have chosen to play Friday sessions. Enjoy your bridge and remember to liaise with the session stewards for partners.

## **BRIDGE LESSONS**

Lessons commenced last Wednesday night – 10 March, and will run for 12 weeks. Thanks to those members who have volunteered their time and expertise to help Val manage these sessions.

## **KELLY PEIRSE MEMORIAL TEAMS TOURNAMENT**

Now that NZ is back to Covid 19 Level 1, our Kelly Peirse Tournament can be held this Saturday 20 March. Currently there are 31 teams of 4 entered. If you have been thinking of entering, there is still room for a few more teams. Wendy Fraser is managing the kitchen helpers and food. If you are able to assist with food or time please contact Wendy. Thanks

## **PROPRIETIES OF PLAY**

To continue with points made in our last newsletter, NZ Bridge has a policy document regarding the Laws of Zero Tolerance Behavior at bridge sessions.

Commendable behavior includes:

- being a good 'host' or 'guest' at table
- greeting others in a friendly manner

- praising the bidding and/or play of opponents

Intolerable behavior includes:

- badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation
- negative comments regarding opponents or partners play/bidding
- constant and gratuitous lessons/analyses at table
- arguing with Director's rulings
- deliberately slow play
- table talk/actions during bidding/playing

If a player behaves in an unacceptable manner the Director should be called. The Director is able to impose a penalty if so required.

All of us fall into habitual behavior at bridge, so we all need to ask ourselves if we are falling into some bad habits.

Improving the atmosphere at bridge sessions makes bridge more enjoyable for everyone.

### **COMPETITION RESULTS TO DATE**

Monday	nil results due to Covid interruption
Wednesday	nil results due to Covid interruption
Thursday	3 night Pairs winners Gill Nelson & Caroline Wilson 58% av
Friday	4 day pairs winners – hcp Karen Smith & Marilyn Field 57%

Happy Bridging

Colleen Allen

