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Hello all members. Here we are at the beginning of Spring. Isn’t it lovely to be enjoying some warm weather at last.

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

In line with general practice we now have a policy with both vaccinated and non vaccinated players being able to play Bridge at our Club. Masks continue to be optional.

Please continue to be diligent with hand sanitizing, using same pencil throughout session, returning own cup/glass to dishwasher.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Delighted to welcome another nine members to our club. They include Sally Bradley, Chris Trower, Pam Dale, Tony Evanson, Lorraine Cameron, Denise Cronwell, Carol Patterson, Suzette White, and Jude Lipanovic. Two past members and seven new members. I have played in sessions with some of the new members and was very impressed with your knowledge in both bidding and play. Well done.

**OPERATION OF CLUB BAR**

After many weeks of liaising with the Rotorua Lakes Council, and meeting compliance requirements we can finally announce the re-opening of our Bar at the Club Rooms. A big thanks goes to the sub-committee who managed this process for us. Heini is now a fully qualified Bar Manager and we have a licence which allows our Bar to be open on Club Nights, all Tournaments for the remainder of this year, A.G.M, and Christmas Party.

Due to the cost associated with the licencing there has been a need to review the cost v’s revenue of the bar, with the objective being the Bar is self funding.

New bar prices are as follows

Beer $5 glass

Special/spirits $5

Wine $5 glass

Coke $4

We look forward to seeing the social gatherings after bridge sessions again. These have been sorely missed by many members.

**HOWELL V’S MITCHELL MOVEMENTS**

Due to the reduction of table numbers at Bridge sessions we have seen a greater frequency of the Howell movement being used.

The beneficial reasons this gives are:

Greater selection of competing pairs.

Alleviates the need to sit out for 5 or more boards when there is a half table.

Fairness of Competition was discussed by the Committee.

**There is a review to the Scorers/Directors recommendations.**

The following now applies:

**When there are 4 and a half tables, or less,** (was 6 and a half) a howell movement is used.

**When there are exactly 5 and a half tables** (was 7 and a half) a howell is used

**When there are 5 full, or 6 or more tables** (was 8) the movement is at the discretion of the Director. This decision is predominately to be a Mitchell movement. However, this may be altered to cater for the number of people requiring seating rights and/or the mix of the level of players involved. A further objective is to not have any phantom pair sitting out for more than 3 boards.

N.B. (as per the club programme booklet) please be reminded:

Unless seating rights are granted by the Director, a coin toss for seating position is compulsory. The winners sit North/South.

**PLAYING ETIQUETTE**

I have been asked to reinforce the two following points of playing etiquette:

**Use of STOP card:** This is to be used by a player when making a ‘jump’ bid. (a bid that is sequentially higher than the previous bid by your partner). This is to alert your partner, and the opposition, that a jump in the bidding has taken place. (it is to your advantage to use the ‘STOP’ card, thus indicating that a mistake has not been made).

The STOP card is also to be used by the opener, when the opening bid is at the 2 (or more) level.

**Pause when it is your turn to bid** Taking time to consider your bid is acceptable, as long as a bid is made. Taking time to consider your bid, and then passing, is not acceptable, as it is indicating to your partner that you have something more to offer in your hand. If this happens, it is etiquette for your partner not to rebid.

**ROTORUA RESTRICTED PAIRS TOURNAMENT**

**Sponsored by MOTORSPORTS LMVD Ltd.**

Saturday 10th September 2022

Morning Tea 9.30

Start time 10 am

Two sessions

This is an open tournament, but an Open player may not partner with another Open player.

Lunch provided.

Entry fee $25 per head.

Get your partner arranged, and enter on line ([www.nzbridge.co.nz](http://www.nzbridge.co.nz)) or email Margie ([margierobbie@gmail.com](mailto:margierobbie@gmail.com)

All combinations of partners are eligible for prizes, e.g.

Open/Junior

Open Intermediate

Intermediate/Junior

Junior/Junior Etc

**LOVEBLOCK (WAS BABICH) NZ WIDE PAIRS TOURNAMENT**

Friday evening 11th November2022

Venue: Rotorua Bridge Club

Prizes galore – National, regional, overall,

Rotorua has featured well in these results with recent winners including Ruth Lewis and Trish Stephens, and Hilary Williams and Christine de Vries.

Mark in your Diary .

To increase socializing after this event we will be including a home made supper (plate please), and enjoying the Bar facilities.

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

With planning underway for the programme book for next year there is an opportunity to include your business, or your families business in this Booklet. As an example session advertising averages $230 for the year. Please inform someone on the committee if you know of anyone who would be interested.

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