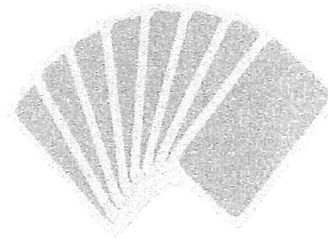


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Hello Everyone

Welcome to our October Newsletter. Spring has well and truly sprung and with that in mind we have set a date for our day of spring cleaning. This will be held on October 28th at 9.30 am. It will be similar to last year but as such a good job was done then there are some areas that will only need a quick going over. There will however be plenty to do so the more helpers we have the quicker it will be. Morning tea with home baking will be provided as will clothes and cleaning products. Let Collen know if you have an area in particular that you would like to concentrate on.

While I am talking about cleaning, could I remind players at the end of each session to check the floor around the bar and kitchen where we have our supper and afternoon tea. It is sometimes left very messy with crumbs on the floor. I have put the little rechargeable vacuum in the corner there. Please use it before you leave.

NEW PLAYERS

Val would like to have a list of **SUITABLE**, experienced players who are willing to play with our new players on Wednesday evenings or Friday afternoons. Suitable means you are able to play according to the Do's and Don'ts list.

This is regardless of the fact we are heading into the Championship events. Suitable names and their available days/dates will be passed onto the learners for them to contact you directly.

If you are willing to be contacted and play please email Val as soon as possible on

val.honeyfield@xtra.co.nz

Please clearly say which days/dates you will be available.

Thank You.

Do's and Don'ts for supporting new players

- Do
- Welcome them to the table with a smile.
 - Wear your name tag.
 - Answer their questions.
 - Give positive feedback at any opportunity.
 - Explain any unusual bids without them asking.
 - Chat with them at break times.
 - Invite them to partner you.
- Don't
- Introduce them to anything new beyond basic ACOL and Stayman.
 - Tell them what they could or should have done **unless** they ask.
 - Try to persuade them to play outside of their indicated preferred days.

Our new players are the lifeblood of our club, and we must do all we can to ensure that they have a comfortable and enjoyable experience when they first start playing. It is up to all of us to make this happen.

LOVEBLOCK PAIRS

(also known as the NZ Wide Pairs)

This event will be held at clubs all around the country on Friday November 10th at 7pm. Everyone plays the same boards and as well as getting a score for the club you play in, the boards are also scored across the whole country. It is a very enjoyable event to play in and at the end you receive a booklet with all the hands and a discussion on how the bidding may have gone and the different ways to play the hand. Very Educational!

We will be starting our session earlier at 6pm with a buffet style dinner. Bring a plate of suitable food and join us for a fun night. Play starts at 7pm and the table fee is \$10.00 which all goes to the NZ Bridge Foundation. This is an important fundraiser for them so we would appreciate your support.

AGM

We are already planning for next year and are keen to hear from members who think they would like to take their turn on the Committee. If you are unable to serve on the Committee there are still lots of tasks that can be undertaken by members. Things like shopping for kitchen supplies, doing laundry, collecting table money and many more. If you would like to volunteer to do any of these jobs please contact Christine de Vries and let her know.

PROPRIETIES

Your committee would like to draw your attention to page 14 in your programme and in particular to the paragraph about *making a bid with undue delay which may result in conveying improper information to partner*.

We have had a recent rise in complaints about hesitation. There have been several examples of players being disadvantaged by the actions of their opposition over a hesitation from their partner.

Firstly there should be no hesitations in your bidding. **IF** you hesitate and then pass you put your partner in a difficult position. If the partner now bids the Director may be called. The partner must be able to justify their bid and it can be awkward for all involved. If you hesitate and then bid there is not a problem.

Please read this page in your programme again.

TOURNAMENTS

Here are a few tournaments happening soon in our region. Please consider playing and enter online.

Te Puke	Open 3A Pairs	Saturday 7 th October
Waitomo	Restricted 8B Pairs	Thursday 12 th October
Taupo	Open 8B Pairs	Saturday 14 th October
Cambridge	Intermediate 5B Pairs	Sunday 15 th October
Hamilton	Mini Congress	Saturday, Sunday, Monday
	See NZ Bridge website	21 st to 23 October
	For details	Labour Weekend

CLIP BOARDS

We would like to encourage the use of the upcoming events clipboards with our new members coming to play. If you have a partner in your book, please add it to the relevant clipboard so that our Partnership Stewards have an idea who to try to arrange partners.

AFTERNOON STARTING TIMES

Please remember that the starting time for Monday and Friday Afternoons has been moved to 1pm. This means to be seated by 12.45.

SUMMER BRIDGE

We have decided to align the starting times for Summer Bridge with our normal session times therefore Monday afternoon sessions will now start at 1pm and Wednesday nights will start at 7pm.

WINNERS

Congratulations to Hilary and Christine who won the Junior division of the Bay Pairs. Well done you two!

SPONSORS

We are very grateful for the ongoing support of our sponsors. Please support these local businesses who are generously supporting our Bridge Club.

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- Eves Rotorua Real Estate – Linda Tomokino

Please send any suggestions or contributions to me at ruth.lewis@xtra.co.nz

Cheers

Ruth

