



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

No Bridge until 16 September

I wish I could bring better news but while we remain in Level 2 we do not think that we can play bridge safely. While masks are an option this is not a pleasant way to play bridge and the other risks around close contact for an extended period, all touching the same cards, and a stuffy playing room remain. Added to that are the issues around Aucklanders being allowed to travel throughout NZ.

The Committee discussed the pros and cons in depth and our view is that we need to do what is right for the majority of the members. So no bridge at the Club until 16 September.

We will review the situation as soon as possible after the next government announcement on the levels.

Competitions

Given our decision above we have decided to abandon all formal competitions for this year, there has been too much disruption and we do not think we could achieve a fair outcome.

However once we do get back to play we will put in place some Friday style competitions with prizes.

Subs and Table Money for 2021

As you know the subs and table money are confirmed at the AGM in November. The Committee is considering proposing that the table money be increased from \$2 to \$3 per session. This is to ensure the Club has sufficient funds to keep going (and the disrupted play this year has had a negative impact on our funds).

To give you some perspective many other clubs in the South Island charge a good deal more than this, with, for example, Christchurch charging \$8 per session.

We are not proposing to increase the subs but to rationalise them by having one flat sub of \$80 per annum reduced by the amount of the NZ Bridge levy (\$23) for those who have a home club elsewhere or do not have to pay the levy as they are a youth member.

We would like to hear your views about this.

Borrowing of Club Property

Just a reminder to members that if they wish to borrow Club property this needs to be OK'ed in advance by either myself or Junelle.

Directors

We need more! As you will appreciate the less we have the more the burden that falls on those we do have. Can you help? We are only too happy to help you learn how to be a director and will give you all the support you need. Please contact me if you would like to take up the challenge.

Theo Jordens
President