



OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

AGM - Nominations to Committee

These are now open - see noticeboard. We encourage anyone who wants to help the Club to put their name up for one of the officer positions or as a general member. The Constitution gives priority to 2 Bronze members for the general member positions so it would be great to have at least two Bronze (there is no limit!) on the Committee.

Subs and Table Money - Cttee Recommendation: Subs to \$100 - Table Money to stay unchanged

Under the Constitution the Committee puts forward a resolution to the AGM re the subs and table money for 2023 for voting on by members. Currently the Club is running a deficit this year of around \$6,000. This has arisen because of numbers, and sessions played, being down because of Covid restrictions. We have carefully considered the options open to us to bridge this gap. We think that numbers will improve back to where they were pre-Covid and that therefore we can carry part of the deficit on the basis that things will even out the course of next year. However we also know that the price of everything is going up.

The Committee has therefore looked at the alternatives and we think that an increase in the subs from \$80 to \$100 is reasonable (noting that the subs were dropped in 2017 from \$93 to \$80). We do not however support an increase in table money or bar prices at this stage. We will keep a close eye on our finances and flag that if they do not improve during the course of next year we will have to revisit whether or not to raise bar prices.

Bronze Champ Pairs - Change to Rules - to take effect from 2023

The Committee has been considering how to best ensure that those promoted from Bronze to Silver all reach the same minimum standard of play so that those promoted can readily move to the Silver level of play. We have resolved that **from 2023** the right to automatic promotion for winners of the Bronze Champ Pairs will be removed as will the bar on who can win this competition (or how many times anyone can win the competition).

So promotion from Bronze to Silver - **from 2023** - will be solely on these criteria:

Bronze players must have over the whole year (Monday nights only):

- (i) achieved an average score of 55.00 or more as worked out by the Scorer Programme; and*
- (ii) played on at least 10 nights (excluding Teams competitions); and*
- (iii) played with 5 or more different partners.*

Learners Lessons 2023

We are pleased to report that Jan Davidson will be teaching the learners' lessons again from 2023. We have been listening to feedback from new members and there is likely to be some tweaks to how the lessons are run. We also are linking up with Sonya Adams (NZ Bridgemate) who will help us publicise the lessons in a way which, we hope, will attract more learners.

Club Captain

We would like to have a Club Captain who would be responsible for players and encouraging them to play. This will mean contacting those members who are not turning up and seeing what can be done to get them back playing (though the role is not that of partner finder). So we are asking if anyone would like to take on this role - we imagine you would be a people person who likes talking to members and is keen to get people playing. Can anyone who is interested talk to me please?

Junelle Edmonds
President

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