

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

Or rather, we like to think we do.

You will find our database printed out on the top table. This is so you can check the information we have and confirm for our secretary that all is correct in our files. The personal information printed in next year's booklet will include your name, NZB number and phone number(s). Addresses and email addresses will not be published.



IN-HOUSE TOURNAMENT 21 NOVEMBER

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Intermediate/Junior Tournament that was scheduled for 7 November due to the Delta restrictions. Hopefully once most of New Zealand has been vaccinated against the virus the nationwide tournaments will be a happening thing again.

For a bit of fun we now plan to hold an In-House Multigrade Tournament on Sunday afternoon, 21 November. There will be prizes at all levels and everyone is encouraged to come and play.



AIR CONDITIONING

By the time you play bridge again there will be two new heat pumps in the playing room. We are looking forward to having much better heating, cooling and air circulation than we have had up to now. We have been fortunate to secure a grant of \$4000 from Four Winds Foundation towards the full cost of \$7800 for this project.

BATHROOM REFURBISHMENT

We are delighted with our new bathrooms. Our disability toilet is easy to negotiate with a wheelchair or walking frame and moreover, complies with regulations. The men's and women's areas are likewise a far cry from the rather miserable facilities that we have had until now. We thank Stan Rolston from Kapiti Kitchens and Bathrooms and his subcontractors for a job well done.



Many thanks to Committee member Shelley Ross for managing this project over a period of more than a year.

The renewal of the bathrooms cost \$62,675. We are grateful to have received grants from New Zealand Community Trust (\$40,000) and Pub Charity (\$10,000) which means we used a little over \$12,000 from our reserves for this project.

The last stage of our refurbishment this year will be to have the office, hallway and foyer repainted. We expect this work to start in November.

Many thanks are due to Anne Erwin

for her tireless help in securing grants from funding organisations for these projects which we could not otherwise afford.





BALANCING THE BOOKS

We expect to see a small deficit in our operating costs at the end of this year on top of a small deficit last year. The Committee has therefore resolved that from 1 November the charge for a 12-session ticket will increase from \$40 to \$45.

This means that for session card holders the price of a game of bridge will increase from \$3.33 to \$3.75. After discussing the budget at our October Committee meeting we agreed that the annual subscription for 2022 would remain at \$65.



LESSONS – FEEDBACK PLEASE

A large number of people turned up for our lessons this month. Judith Jackson helped us revise the basics and Graeme Norman will finish the Intermediate level lessons shortly. Judging by the number of people turning up, these lessons are clearly a welcome addition to the programme. We are keen to know how best to provide what the membership wants at all levels so a feedback sheet will be circulated once they are over so you can give us your opinions and suggestions.

VACCINATIONS

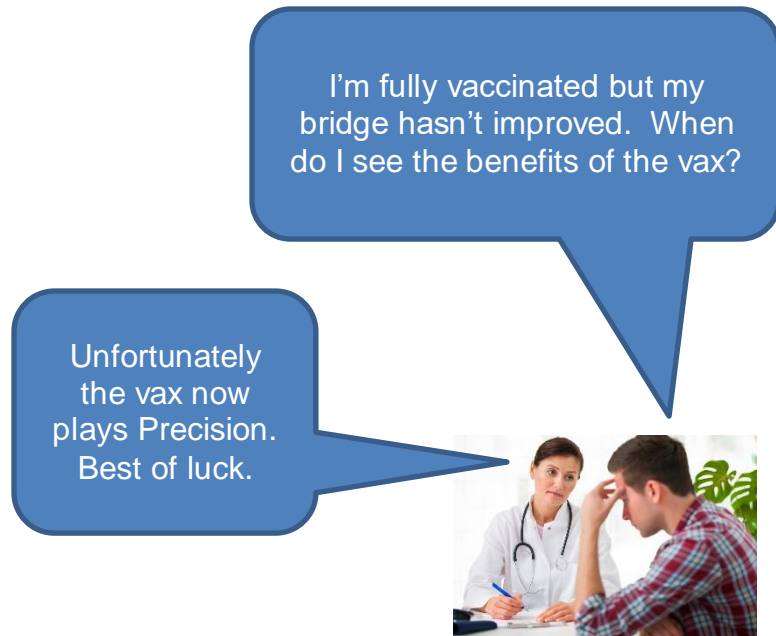


Your committee has spent quite some time discussing how best to limit the possible transmission of the Covid virus and protect our members. We take our guidance from New Zealand Bridge and of course, government directives.

Our membership is a vulnerable group, consisting mainly of retired people, and some of us have fragile health. A recent show of hands indicated that 100% of members present had been fully vaccinated

against the Delta variant. This suggests strong support among our current players for vaccination.

It is up to you, but it would seem that it is not only the committee members that would like all members to be fully vaccinated.



Enjoy your play
Ady Dale
President