



## Auckland Northland Regional Committee

### February 2023 Newsletter

**Kia ora koutou** An early newsletter with many in our region heading to the Gold Coast to escape our current weather and to enjoy good bridge and good company.

Our thoughts go out to all clubs and members who have been affected by the cyclone. A true national disaster that will take a lot of time and support to address.

#### **National Congress Organiser**

Thanks to outgoing Richard Solomon and our best wishes to new appointee Bridget Hannaway. Regular attendees of Wellington tournaments will have long recognised Bridget's expertise, welcoming manner and calmness under pressure. We are delighted to see her appointment.

#### **National Swiss Pairs (November)**

As advised earlier, we await the decision of other regions to decide if our major event will be on-line. Two regions have yet to make a call on earlier events.

#### **Rubber Bridge Regional Playoffs**

Entries are again low. Please promote this event and display our poster sent last month. Entries to [gjarvis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gjarvis@xtra.co.nz) Entry is free.

#### **Inter-Provincials**

Please keep **May 6 and 7** free to trial for our region in Open, Senior, Women and Intermediate/Junior. Eligibility is your grade on January 1 2023. Both partners must belong to Auckland clubs and consider our region as home. The trials and finals are both on-line. A flyer will follow in March.

## **Congratulations to our Region's Recently Selected NZ Representatives:**

(full team lists on NZB site – these are our region based players)

### **Asia Pacific Champs in Hong Kong June**

#### **Open:**

Michael Cornell , Matthew Brown  
Reserve Pair; Michael Ware and Malcolm Mayer  
NPC: Jonathan Westoby

#### **Women:**

Carol Richardson, Andi Boughey, Candice Smith and Kinga Hajmasi

#### **Mixed**

Fuxia Wen and Ian Berrington  
NPC: Douglas Russell  
(Seniors TBA)

**The World Bridge Federation (WBF) 46th World Bridge Teams** Championships will be held in Marrakech, Morocco on 20th August to the 2nd September.

#### **Open**

Michael Cornell, Matthew Brown, Michael Ware and Malcolm Mayer  
NPC: Jonathan Westoby

#### **Women**

Carol Richardson and Andi Boughey  
Reserve Pair: Candice Smith and Kinga Hajmasi

#### **Mixed**

Clair Miao  
NPC: GeO Tislevoll                      Chef de Mission (both events): Jonathan Westoby

### **New Members and Learners Promotion:**

In the next two months Auckland and Northland will have radio campaigns to generate interest in our game. Many of our clubs have aligned their next lessons to start after this promotion. Many have also used flyers, banners, bumper stickers, local libraries etc Your region offers each club a subsidy to assist promotions. The radio prompts listeners to go to our Play Bridge-Auckland (or Northland) Region. Please ensure details are correct.

This is an ideal time for all members to consider individuals in your community who may enjoy the social interaction and challenge our game offers. If every eight members can find just one new learner that would be a success. And of course we implore you to warmly welcome them and be patient at all times.

### **Inter- Club Teams (One Friday per month on-line):**

Hopefully our monthly on-line competitions have attracted teams in each grade from your club. Flyers and entry forms are with clubs and a special learners night is available to guide players who are new to Real Bridge. Teams can rotate eligible players as required -we do not require a formal team list. And multiple teams in the same grade are welcome.

### **Resignation:**

It is with regret that we accept the resignation of Steph Jacob from the role of Regional Bridge Support Person. We thank Steph for her hard work and passion and wish her well in her next role. No replacement has been announced.

**2024 Tournament Calendar:**

This is now posted on the NZB website. Please be aware dates are purely provisional at this stage. The response to this year's on-line event trials may also impact on dates and format.

Wishing you enjoyable bridge

**ANRC Committee** Jane Stearns, Tania Brown, Grant Jarvis