

APRIL NEWS



Bathroom renovations

In a few months' time we will be enjoying the club's sparkling new modern bathroom facilities. This exciting renovation project has been made possible by a substantial grant from the NZ Community Trust, a grant from the Loin Foundation and of course your money too. It is due to begin in late April or early May.

The disability bathroom will be upgraded first. Work on this bathroom will take approximately two weeks to complete during which time the disability bathroom will be out of action. The ladies' and men's bathrooms will be operational while this work is undertaken.

The next stage of work will be the ladies' and men's bathrooms. We have been advised that this will take approximately three to four weeks to complete. Unfortunately, while this work is being undertaken the disability bathroom will be the only functional bathroom. We plan to hire an outside portaloos as an extra convenience over this time. It will be placed at the North end of the building.

Please note that while the building is taking place, there may be some noise during the Monday and Thursday afternoon bridge sessions. Unfortunately, this cannot be avoided. The ultimate outcome will be lovely new modern bathrooms which we are sure will make up for any inconvenience caused during the course of the project. Shelley Ross coordinates this project.



Kapiti Open Pairs Tournament

More exciting news! With the help of Otaki Bridge Club we have been successful in our application to run a monthly Open Tournament based on the Kapiti Coast in 2022. This new tournament will be played once a month on Thursday nights between March and November next year.

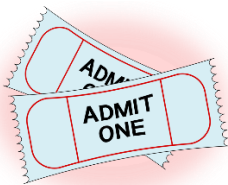


Startup Problems

We continue to have occasional difficulties connecting the bridgetabs to the computer at the beginning of sessions. Inexplicably, this problem occurs only sometimes. Other times the connection is quick and easy and we can all enjoy getting straight into playing the boards.

Our Computer Manager Maureen Pratchett has put many long hours into trying to identify what is causing this inconsistent glitch, troubleshooting around the room as we play and seeking outside advice. The Committee value her willingness and expertise in a very trying situation.

The Committee are well aware of the frustration that everybody feels on days when the startup is not smooth and we can only apologise. We are doing everything possible to sort out the cause and we hope and expect that it will get resolved soon.



Session tickets

Please think ahead when you need a new session ticket. Buy it online ahead of time. Get it from Blair before you need it. If you have left it too late and need it for the day's session, please pick it up at least fifteen minutes before the session starts otherwise your lateness holds up the director's preparations.

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Exhibitions



The club is lucky to have many members who have created their own works of art or have accumulated some interesting items over the years. We have enjoyed looking at the fine beadwork and stitching by Jeanne Wardill this year already, and this month we show historical portraits kindly donated by Lorraine and Michael Gaffaney. We need to refresh our exhibition every so often and you may have a set of somethings that could hang on our picture rail for a month or two. Don't be shy. Your collection of old ties could look great on the East wall. Rumours of closet artists are welcome. Please contact Ann Hancock on annevh@xtra.co.nz



Keys

We are updating our register of those who hold a key to the Clubrooms. If you have a key can you please let Ady Dale or Rae Lutman know.



Club Directors' course

NZ Bridge will conduct Club level Director Examinations over the weekend of 15 and 16 May 2021. A training group is planned which will take place in Kapiti. Please contact Pryor Rowland if you are interested. Email pryorrowland@gmail.com



Monday afternoon teas

Monday players were delighted by a sumptuous afternoon tea at the end of March. We thank those who provided the wonderful food and Vicky Young for organising it. We plan to make this a regular event on the last Monday of each month. Tempted?

Happy slams, Ady

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