

FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING 13 APRIL 2022

State Veterans Bridge Competition: You may recall that Tomaree Bridge Club was successful in gaining the hosting rights for this competition for a three-year period – beginning in 2021. However, COVID put paid to this going ahead last year, so now we are gearing up for this year's event – to be held from Tuesday 2 August to Friday 5 August.

Very soon, we will be asking for your support in seeking sponsorship from the Nelson Bay business community. We are preparing a flyer for distribution and this will be made available to you both in hard copy at the club and via email. Stand-by for this exciting event!

Directors: You may be aware that we are struggling to have enough directors to attend our sessions - without overworking them!! We are looking at the option of asking/hiring outside directors to assist us in the short-term, but this might be difficult to fulfil. If any of you have any interest at all in doing a director's course or have done so previously and can help us out for now, please let a committee member know without delay.

From the Suggestion Box: Timing of Play: Some members have made good use of the Suggestion Box – which helps the committee determine underlying issues and hopefully resolve them. A common recent complaint was in relation to reinforcing the clock, to ensure that games are played in timely fashion and the day's play ends at a reasonable time. As a result of this the committee agreed that we revert to how this was monitored previously, with averaging where necessary and with stricter adherence to a limited time (say 10-15 minutes) for tea breaks. Obviously, there needs to be some flexibility around the timing of board play, especially if the director is called for a lengthy or numerous problem/s.

Biggest Morning Tea: Sandra Mackenzie and Christine Blackledge wish to hold a "Biggest Morning Tea" to raise funds for Cancer Research, on Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 11.00 am. This will be held in our rooms before play on that day and John McIlrath will be giving a bridge lesson prior to this, so you will have two good reasons to attend and support this cause. There will be raffles and prizes to be won. Further details will be posted nearer the event.

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