

Greetings to Waikato Bridge clubs, both affiliated and Independent,

A Happy New Year to everyone.

New Zealand Bridge has decided to continue the RBM Project which was piloted over the last two years and I will continue to support W/Bays in that role. I am available to assist affiliated clubs with any requests for help they require. If unaffiliated clubs are interested in affiliation would they please contact me. In order to do this, I have a number of requests and would appreciate your help. If any of this information is not presently available, could you please send it to me when decisions have been made.

1. I would greatly assist me if each club could appoint an RBM Liaison Officer with whom I can communicate. I already have this at several clubs and the system works well. A committee member who can then pass on information and who can respond to my requests for information.

2. Could each club provide me with details of their newly appointed officers for 2020, their President and Secretary.

3. Could each club let me have details of their Bridge lessons for Beginners/ Novices this year.

a) The date lessons start and the number of lessons.

b) Contact details of the person taking the lessons, so I can communicate directly with the teachers.

4. Details of any provision for Improvers and / or Advanced lessons in each club, please provide details even if they are restricted to members of your own club. If dates are not yet fixed please let me know later.

a) Are these lessons open to any affiliated member?

b) Dates and cost to non-club members

c) Teacher details.

d) Promotional poster

5. Could promotional tournament posters be sent to myself for circulars and to Michael Neels for inclusion on W/Bays tournament posters, as well as to Jan who promotes them across W/Bays.

6. As I am unable to attend all tournaments could good photographs of the winners, the section winners, their club details and also any other prize winners be sent to me as soon as possible after the event so that I can promote Bridge either on Fb or in the local press.

7. Fun events are important publicity and promote Bridge locally. I am happy to put these on NZB's Fb page and to the local press if the club does not have a contact, but they must include good photographs and details of the event and the people in the photographs.

8. Nick Whitten would like to assist the Bays in setting up similar sessions to the Mini Moos that he provides in Waikato. Is there anyone, in any of the Bay clubs, who would be willing to organise these sessions for Novices. These sessions take place **after** lessons are completed and are extremely beneficial for new players. All the lessons and information are prepared by Nick.

Please contact me if you have any requests for assistance. If I am unable to help I will endeavour to find someone who can!

Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Warm regards,

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