

However - the really big news is that Bob has developed **Compa\$\$** - a tool within Compass that will obviate the need for table money at Compass clubs.

- Nobody wants to handle cash - particularly in these days
- Covid-19 has goosed us into many new things .. like working from home, learning to ride bikes again, online grocery shopping, contactless payment and .. Compa\$\$
- The experience of those clubs that had already stepped away from having table money has been that, in amazingly quick time, the members come to *love* it - like ducks and water
- Compa\$\$ is specifically tailored for bridge clubs. It maintains a record of who plays, who pays, and who got paid (ie - session prizes and fees for directors)
- Members are strongly encouraged to pre-pay by online banking to the club's bank account - amounts of their choice
- In the background on the debit side, Compass knows who played in which sessions enabling Compa\$\$ to charge table money to those players
- The system can produce account statements at any chosen time. Emails may be generated when balances fall below a defined amount
- On the credit side Compa\$\$ analyses the club's bank statement looking for members' payments
- Members have only to get used to ensuring their NZB number (and name) is mentioned on the transaction
- Those without computer skills may still pay by cash .. it works really well to have them fill in a clipboard when they do this so the treasurer can balance up the banking .. if there is any banking to do.

I daresay most people have gotten thoroughly used to doing online banking by this time. Cheques are definitely *passe* - will cash go the same way? Bob or I will be pleased to give you a demo if you're interested in having Compa\$\$ up and running for when face-to-face bridge resumes. Please get in touch by responding to (the user-defined Reply-To address in) this email.

Keep safe. Be kind. Use Compa\$\$ and CompassMail.

Mike Neels

(for the shy, modest, talented, hard-working Bob Fearn)