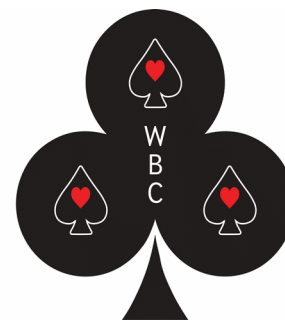


Warkworth Bridge Club

Newsletter – Autumn 2024



OUR CLUB
WITH HEARTS IN SPADES

Welcome to the Autumn edition of our newsletter – the newsletter to keep you up to date with events, competitions and people at the Warkworth Bridge Club. We hear summer is coming – seems to be taking a while!

Coming Up at the Club:

- Mondays –** Singles Competition – April 8, 15, 22, 29th
 Kawau Competition – May 6, 13, 20, 27th
 Omaha Competition – June 3, 10, 17, 24th
- Tuesdays –** Individual – April 2, 9, 16, 23rd (different partner required each session)
 Teams of 4 – April 30th, May 7, 14th
 Rita Collie Trophy – May 21, 28th, June 4, 11th
 Rodney Pairs – June 18, 25th, July 2, 9th
- Wednesdays –** Championship Pairs – March 6, 13, 20, 27th, April 3, 10th
 Rees Trophy – April 17, 24th, May 1, 8th
 Captain's Trophy – May 15, 22, 29th, June 5th
 Singles – June 12, 19, 26th, July 3rd

Our partner stewards are very helpful in finding a partner if required. Contact Jeanette for Mondays, Vanessa for Tuesdays and Trudy for Wednesdays, contact details in bridge book.

Congratulations

Recent results from Club events are as follows:

- Monday:** The Summer Competition, and Drawn Pairs have been played this year.
 The number of players and their grades at each session varied a great deal.
 So for these particular sessions no results are being posted.
- Tuesday:** Introductory Competition – Jeanette Grimmer & Paul Grimmer
 Jeannie Fraser Trophy – David & Celia Knighton
 Warkworth Pairs - Claire Loveland & Graeme Duhs
- Wednesday:** President's Trophy – Ross Longney & Murray Jurgeleit
 Ron Barnett Trophy – Paul Grimmer & Chris Jurgeleit
 Congratulations to the winners and to everyone else who participated.

Christmas Function

A very enjoyable evening was held at the Warkworth Bowls Club before Christmas. The food and company was excellent – and not a card or board to be seen. We have had this format for our end of year “do” for the last 3 years and the committee is looking for fresh ideas so that more members can participate, eg: maybe a midday function, or a lunch or early evening “social” before the start of a session at the end of the year (not necessarily the last playing day of the year) – any suggestions please share with one of the committee, – Sarah, Heather, Trudy, Graeme, Richard or Lynley. The committee is also looking to arrange a couple of social bridge events during the year – details to come!

January Tournament

A very successful bridge tournament was held on Saturday 20th January. We had 16 full tables



(32 pairs) from Northland, Auckland and further afield. 10 pairs from our club participated – congratulations to David and Celia Knighton who were 3rd in the Intermediates and Julie and Bruce Snowsill (pictured with Graeme Duhs on left) who won the Junior category. The competition was of a high standard as there were more than a few Open grade players – Warkworth currently has no active Open grade players. Well done and many thanks to all who assisted – the sub-committee, those who provided food for the generous

afternoon tea, the kitchen team who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, the players, those who contributed to our raffles and our sponsors – Lee Fish and New World. Our bank account benefited by \$992 from this day. Mark 18th January 2025 in your diaries now – not to be missed!

Other Recent Tournaments

4 pairs from Warkworth travelled to Orewa for their tournament on 24th February – while none of us featured in the prizegiving, we all enjoyed our day and played competitive bridge. Another group played at Mt Albert Club tournament on 24th March - congratulations to Steve Moore and Graeme Duhs who were second. Steve also played in a tournament in Kerikeri with a player from Whangarei he met that day – bridge players are a friendly lot! Jan and Alan France travelled to Kerikeri in January for their Summer Tournament – Swiss Pairs on Saturday and Summer Open Pairs Sunday – a full weekend of bridge! They finished 3rd on Day 1 and were the top Intermediate/Junior pair on Day 2 – well done. Jan and Alan say they find tournaments fun and challenging as it is a place where there is a chance to test out their

system and to learn more from better players. They have also made a lot of friends around NZ through their bridge. Next stop for our travelling bridge couple was Australia to play in their National Congress on the Gold Coast which they combined with a holiday. Remember too that if you are travelling, most bridge clubs welcome visitors but prefer a heads up that you are coming so go onto the local club website and check out when they play and make contact. We have players registered to play in tournaments at Auckland Bridge Club, Howick Club and Hibiscus Coast Club.

If you would think you would like to play in a tournament but are not sure what is involved, chat to some of our players who are regular attendees – Steve Moore, Graeme Duhs, Jeanette Grimmer & Paul Grimmer, Lynley & Ian Lewington, David & Celia Knighton and Jan & Alan France. It would be fair to say that some of the above are probably addicted to tournaments and bridge in general!

Interclub

We have entered 4 teams (2 Intermediate and 2 Junior) into the Auckland/Northland region Interclub competition. Play is online one Friday per month and commenced on 22nd March. If you missed the signup email, or would like to play but not every month, it is not too late to be a reserve – so please contact Graeme Duhs.

There are a number of local tournaments coming up – check them out on our website Tournament tab or go to <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/events.html> as all upcoming tournaments are listed with details on how to register.

For more information visit our webpage, news, masterpoints explained.

RealBridge

Friday Fun RealBridge is every Friday night (except for interclub night) run by WBC – the link for the session each week is posted on the club website under the Real Bridge tab. Non club members are welcome to play – so if you have bridge playing friends feel free to send them the link. Currently we have several regular players from East Coast Bays club, Whangarei and Wellington region. If you have any queries about how RealBridge works and what's involved, please contact Lynley and she can assist. We would love to see some new faces – a great way to improve your bridge skills – you just need a computer (or iPad) with a microphone and camera and it is like sitting at a table at the club. Being a Friday, BYO wine or whatever takes your fancy on the night!

Lessons

Many thanks to Kathryn Burgess for organising the Ace Asking lesson on February 29th presented by Julie Atkinson. The cost to members was \$10 and was subsidised a further \$5 by the club. This was very well attended (34 on the night) and I think we all found it valuable – a pity we have not been dealt more cards where we can use our new skills!

Beginner lessons began on Thursday 7th March, and this year we have a group of 30 attending – again well done and many thanks to Kathryn. We welcome these new players to the club and look forward to meeting you over the coming months. There are also some Improver lessons coming up on Monday nights later in the year – check out the website if you are interested.

Scoring and Dealing

We are always looking for some assistance in the club in this area so all the work does not fall to the same few. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make sure our sessions run (generally) smoothly. A shared document was sent out at the end of last year to those who have participated in the dealing and scoring in the past. Many thanks for filling this out – we will be adding dates to these documents for the second part of the year. A hard copy is also posted on the noticeboard for anyone who prefers this system. Please then remember which competitions you have signed up to deal or score for.

Dates for your Diary – nearby tournaments

Auckland & Northland Tournaments you might be interested in

April

20th – Waitemata 8B Restricted Pairs

May

18th – East Coast Bays Intermediate and Junior Pairs (to be held at North Shore Club)

June

23rd - Dargaville Intermediate Pairs

There are plenty more tournaments on the NZ Bridge website - check it out



A WINNER listens to his partner's point of view;

A LOSER just waits until it's time to express his own.

Should you have an article or event you think we would like to know about, please contact Lynley.

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Bridge Club Committee