

Warkworth Bridge Club

Newsletter – February 2025



OUR CLUB
WITH HEARTS IN SPADES

Welcome to our latest newsletter – the newsletter to keep you up to date with events, competitions and people at the Warkworth Bridge Club. The plan is to put out a few more of these this year so please – we need some contributions

Coming Up at the Club:

- Mondays – Improver Lesson – Stayman - March 3
Singles Competition – March 10, 17, 24, 31st
- Tuesdays – Warkworth Pairs – March 4, 11, 18, 25th
Individual – April 1, 8, 15, 22nd (different partner required each session)
- Wednesdays – Note dates in programme booklet are incorrect - apologies
Championship Pairs – March 5, 12, 19, 26th, April 2, 9th
- Fridays – Online
March Pairs – March 7, 14, 28th (Interclub 21st)

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

Congratulations

Recent results from Club events are as follows:

Monday: None finished yet

Tuesday: Introductory Competition – Ross Longney and Chris Darvell

Wednesday: Presidents Trophy – Jeanette Grimmer & Paul Grimmer
Congratulations to the winners and to all those who participated.

Interclub Tournaments

Graeme Duhs is organising the Interclub teams for 2025 so if you would like to play, please let him know if you have not already done so (graeme.duhs@gmail.com Ph 021764402). We need regular players and reserves. Interclub is run over 10 Friday evenings across the year starting in March.

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.

Welcome

Welcome to our new players who are beginning lessons in March.

RealBridge

Friday 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 other clubs. If you have any queries about how RealBridge works and what's involved, please contact Lynley and she can assist. The format has changed slightly this year and we are running monthly competitions similar to other club sessions. If you need a partner log on in plenty of time and sit at the designated table – hopefully someone will join you. Otherwise turn up with a partner. Being a Friday BYO wine or similar!

Tournaments

Warkworth players have been well represented at Tournaments this year. As well as the 17 club members who played in our own tournament a number of players have played elsewhere. At the recent Orewa tournament Paul & Jeanette Grimmer were 2nd and Steve Moore & Ross Longney 3rd in Intermediates. Alan & Jan France travelled to the Australian Congress held on the Gold Coast in January (2000 players) and they came away with 5 A points. Steve Moore, Ross Longney, Jan and Alan France and Graeme Duhs are travelling to the Franklin tournament late February.

Warkworth Annual Tournament



Congratulations to Carol Bearley and Aaron Starr who were the winners of our Annual Tournament held on 18th January. It was a very successful day for our club – the tournament

ran very smoothly, our players did well, and the club profited by approx. \$1000.

Many thanks to everyone who helped out by playing, providing food, bringing items for the raffle, and especially the hard working tournament committee.

Photo is our own Jeanette and Paul Grimmer who were second in the Intermediate category.

Scoring and Dealing

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make sure our sessions run (generally) smoothly. We have recently sent out a

shared document to those of you who have participated in the dealing and scoring in the past. The idea is you will commit to deal or score for a competition and fill this out on the sheet. Others can see that you have entered your name and will choose a different competition. Please then remember which competitions you have signed up to deal or score for.



Website Don't forget to keep an eye on our website – most information is now on the website. If you can think of anything else that you would like to see on the website, please let one of them know.

Drawn Pairs January

Our first social event of the year was a Drawn Pairs event on 30th January. We had 9 tables so a great turnout on a Thursday – drinks and nibbles followed by bridge with a partner many did not know well. Lots of laughs and good humour. The committee is keen to hear of other social ideas members are keen on – contact Lynley or Sarah.



Some Statistics from 2024

12 players feature on our Grand Slams (13 Tricks) bid and made list from 2024 – that means only 6 grand slams in the year – these players are Ane Locke, Bruce Snowsill, Graeme Duhs, Ian Lewington, Jeanette Grimmer, Julie Snowsill, Lynley Lewington, Oriol Heseltine, Paul Grimmer, Ross Longney, Sarah Gordon, and Steve Moore – Congratulations to all.

64 Players participated in bidding and making a total of 139 small or mini slams (12 tricks).

Topping the list with 15 is Graeme Duhs, Followed by David Knighton and Paul Grimmer with 13 each. The full list is on the club notice board.

More Dates for your Diary – nearby tournaments

Auckland & Northland Tournaments you might be interested in

March

1st - Dargaville Swiss Pairs - 8B

8th - East Coast Bays Open Pairs – 8B

There are plenty more tournaments on the NZ Bridge website – and there are also some online.

Succeeding in Trust

“Succeeding in bridge is surely not just about how well you play or how skilled you are, but also about trusting your partner, because bridge is a partnership game after all. Even when you play as an individual, you'll need to trust the partner assigned to you in each round. Trust is the foundation of every successful partnership.”

Bridge Quotes

" We had a partnership misunderstanding. I assumed my partner knew what he was doing."

"Sorry partner. I would have led my singleton but it was so small I could not see it."

Should you have an article or event you think we would like to know about, please contact Lynley. We would also love to hear about members moving into/ out of the area

Warkworth Bridge Club Committee