

Warkworth Bridge Club

Newsletter – January 2025



Welcome to the Summer edition of our newsletter – the newsletter to keep you up to date with events, competitions and people at the Warkworth Bridge Club. Hoping the wind will die down and we can all enjoy the summer!

Coming Up at the Club:

- Mondays –**
- Summer Competition – February 3, 10, 17, 24th
 - Improver Lesson – Stayman - March 3
 - Singles Competition – March 10, 17, 24, 31st
 - Improver Lesson – Transfer – April 7
 - Kawau Competition – April 14, 28 May 5, 12th No play Easter Monday
- Tuesdays –**
- Introductory Competition – January 7, 14, 21, 28th
 - Jeannie Fraser Trophy – February 4, 11, 18, 25th
 - 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
- Presidents Trophy – January 8, 15, 22, 29th
 - Ron Barnett Trophy – February 5, 12, 19, 26th
 - Championship Pairs – March 5, 12, 19, 26th, April 2, 9th
 - Rees Trophy(handicap) – April 16, 23, 30th, May 7th

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 Kaipara Competition, Zurich Pairs, and Singles were all played.
 - The number of players at each session varied a great deal.
 - So for these particular sessions no results are being posted.
- Tuesday:**
- Anniversary Pairs – Graeme Roffey & Jeanette Grimmer
 - Spring Competition - David & Celia Knighton
 - Christmas Pairs – Jeanette Grimmer & Paul Grimmer

Wednesday: Hibiscus Coast Trophy – Jacque Biggs & Louis Biggs
Holiday Bridge – David & Celia Knighton

Congratulations to the winners and to everyone else who participated.

Interclub Tournaments

Our 4 Interclub teams had lots of fun this year playing online against other teams from around the Auckland / North Auckland area. Results were:

Junior Teams:

Warkworth Omaha 6th and Warkworth Tawharanui 15th

Intermediate Teams:

Warkworth Matakana 13th and Warkworth Mahurangi 21st

Graeme Duhs will be organising the Interclub teams for 2025 so if you would like to play, please let him know or keep an eye out for the email. We need regular players and reserves. Interclub is run over 10 Friday evenings across the year usually 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.

Loveblock Friday 15th November.

A fun evening was had by those who attended. Loveblock is played simultaneously at a number of clubs around NZ – we all play the same hands on the same evening.

Congratulations to Dianne Reeves and Heather Mackay who were the 13th Junior pair in New Zealand, and to Dianne Knight and Oriel Heseltine who were the 11th Mixed grade pair. 915 pairs participated around the country.

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 other clubs. 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 – 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 similar!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Richard Norburn and Claire Loveland who won the inaugural Mangawhai tournament in November. 9 players from Warkworth took the trip over the hill to our closest bridge neighbours so a great turnout. A number of our players regularly play in and enjoy tournaments.

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. In the New Year we will also print out these sheets so if anyone is not comfortable using the shared document, please enter your name on the hard copy. 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.

Christmas 2024

We moved away from having one Christmas event to each playing session organising their own with our club providing some drinks and nibbles. We would welcome feedback on this so we can plan for next Christmas. As below, we are holding a social bridge evening for all club members on 30th January – please come along. We are also keen to have other events during the year – any ideas please let Sarah or Lynley know.

Fees

Just a reminder that any unpaid fees are now overdue. Any queries please contact Trudy. Many thanks to those who paid promptly.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 18th January – Warkworth Bridge Club Tournament

This is the second year since Covid this tournament has been held in our clubrooms. Currently it is booked out – 16 full tables – however please contact Lynley if you would like to be on the waiting list. We also need a reserve pair (no charge if you play) in case a pair pulls out at the last minute. This tournament is open to all bridge players and currently there are pairs registered mainly from the Auckland/Northland region but some players from further afield. The format is morning tea, bridge session, lunch (BYO), afternoon session, afternoon tea and prizegiving. Prizes will be determined by entries in each category. We have a dedicated organising committee as this is our showcase to the bridge world, but we are calling on assistance for raffle donations and baking for morning and afternoon teas. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Lynley or Sarah.

Drawn Pairs Thursday 30th January

Come along at 6.30pm for a fun evening of bridge. On arrival names will go into a hat, and before play commences pairs will be drawn. Meet some new faces and have fun. Drinks and nibbles provided.

More Dates for your Diary – nearby tournaments

Auckland & Northland Tournaments you might be interested in

January

18th – Warkworth Restricted Pairs - 8B – see more details above

February

8th – Orewa Restricted Pairs – 8B

15th Whangarei Open Pairs – 8B

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.

Bridge Quotes

The real test of a Bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he's in".

It's not the handling of difficult hands that makes the winning player. There aren't enough of them. It's the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones.

-S. J. Simon

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

Warkworth Bridge Club Committee