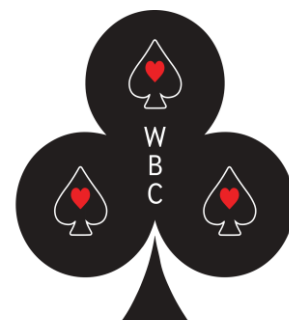


Warkworth Bridge Club

Newsletter –

July 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. Many thanks to those who have contributed to this newsletter.

Coming Up at the Club:

- Mondays –** Mahu Pairs – August 4, 11, 18 and 25th
Lesson – 2nd and 3rd hand play – Sept 1st
Kaipara Competition - Sept 8, 15, 22, and 29th
- Tuesdays –** Wellsford Pairs – Aug 5th (last week)
Championship Pairs – Aug 12, 19, 26th, Sept 2, 9th, 16th
Anniversary Pairs – Sept 23, 30th, Oct 7, 14th
- Wednesdays –** Note dates in programme booklet are incorrect - apologies
Zurich Pairs – Aug 6, 13, 20th – see below for more details
Kowhai Pairs (handicap) – Aug 27, Sept 3, 10, 17th
- Fridays Online –** August Pairs – Aug 1, 8, 15, 29th (Interclub 22nd)
September Pairs – Sept 5, 12, 26th (Interclub 19th)

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 our bridge book.

Congratulations

Recent results from Club events are as follows:

- Monday:** Drawn Pairs – Annette Wallace & Pam Whaley
Omaha Competition – Karen Hartshorn & Graham Hartshorn
Welcome Pairs – Jane Bawden & Ross Longney
- Tuesday:** Rita Collie Trophy - David Knighton & Celia Knighton
Rodney Pairs – Steve Moore & Ross Longney
- Wednesday:** Rees Trophy – Richard Norburn & Jacqui Biggs
Captains Trophy – Richard Norburn & Jacqui Biggs
Singles – David Knighton
Brunei Trophy – Ian Lewington & Lynley Lewington

Friday: May Pairs – Stan Naylor & Sue Green (Greymouth Club)
June Pairs - Stan Naylor & Sue Green (Greymouth Club)
July Pairs – Heather Mackay & Graeme Duhs

Congratulations to the winners and to all those who participated.

Presidents Corner – Sarah Gordon

2025 AGM This year you will all notice a few changes to dates and notifications. These have been brought about by our updated Constitution we passed in April, which not only affected our rules but also the need to have a more detailed run up to the AGM.

As a result, the 2025 AGM will now be held on Tuesday 11 November, commencing at 11am. 3 weeks after the original date and starting an hour earlier. Another difference is a nomination form will be sent to all members to have your say on who is on the Committee and proxy voting for the Committee and other agenda items is now allowed under our new Constitution (a form will be sent out for this too). More details will follow in an email but please save the date and ignore the AGM date of 21 October in the book.

Committee Initiatives

-Facebook – Don't forget to join our Facebook group so it can be used more to promote events and help find partners. We are looking to build numbers, and it is already being used when players are looking for partners.

- Wednesday August Sessions – For the 3 session Zurich Pairs on August 6th, 13th and 20th, we are encouraging players from other sessions (particularly Monday) to come along. Boards will be played at a more relaxed pace (around 7 minutes). Several of our regular Wednesday players are keen to partner those who want to give it a try – or come with a partner. If you would like a partner for this series please contact Sarah Gordon or Lynley Lewington.

- Sunday 20th July Social –



A fun afternoon of bridge was enjoyed by 17 pairs, followed by pizzas and drinks. The winners

(Sue & Steve Moore) and runners up (Helen Whiteley & Margaret Gibson-Smith) are pictured above. Many thanks to the committee for organising. Play was at a relaxed pace, and it was great to see players from all sessions. I think we all met and played against players we did not know and will meet them again at other sessions.



- **Auckland Northland Regional Hui** - 4 of our club members travelled to East Coast Bays Bridge Club on Sunday 27th July for this Hui. There were several workshops, including Chairperson tips, retaining players at clubs, update on teaching bridge, newsletter and poster design (any tips not included here as held after this was largely prepared!). No doubt those who attended will bring their new knowledge back to the club and we will all benefit. Interestingly, 18 of the 21 bridge clubs in the region were represented at this Hui – a great turn out.

North Auckland Teams Challenge Our club is hosting this event this year (due to winning it last year!) This is an annual competition between Orewa, East Coast Bays, Warkworth, North Harbour and for the first time Mangawhai. Each club has a 4-person team in each of 3 grades – Junior, Intermediate and Mixed (allows for 1-2 open players per team but we don't have any!). We are hosting the event on Saturday 9th August. We are fortunate to have Sterve Moore put in the hours behind the scenes to set this up on our computer and will be the director on the day. Best of luck to our teams – and may the bridge gods be with you. We are expecting the standard of play to be very high!

Interclub Tournaments Auckland/Northland region Interclub competition started in March – our club has 2 Intermediate Teams and 1 Junior team. These sessions are online on a Friday evening once a month. We have had some great results in the last few rounds particularly in the Intermediates. Warkworth Mahu (Dianne Knight, Jeanette Grimmer, Ian and Lynley Lewington with guest appearances by Steve Moore) is currently sitting second in the ladder of 14 teams (after a defeat this last Friday by the other Warkworth team) and Warkworth Mata (Ross Longney, Graeme Duhs, David & Celia Knighton) are sitting 5th. Graeme and Ross were the top pair in July. Other than pairs who have just played one evening, Warkworth has 3 pairs in the top 8 pairs. In the Juniors our team (Bill Crawford, Helen Kelly, Lynda Tate, Oriel Heseltine, Lara Peet and some guest appearances) is well placed in 2nd. The next round is on August 22nd.

Monday Session

Drawn Pairs was hotly contested with 13 pairs playing all 3 weeks of the competition and an average of 9.5 tables playing each week. Thanks to the Intermediate and Junior players who partnered and encouraged the novice players during this competition. The Omaha Competition was again well supported with 11 pairs playing all 4 weeks. To have such a great turnout over wet winter months is evidence of the enjoyment you are deriving from learning this great game of bridge. The 4-week Welcome Pairs have just been completed welcoming 7 new players who have finished this year's lessons. Some were paired up with experienced players and others wished to be paired up with another beginner. A special commendation to Jane, one of this year's beginners, achieving 1st place with Ross.

We missed Jeanette's organisational skills during the last month but still fielded a consistently high turnout of 18 pairs each week. A special thanks to all the experienced players who provided mentorship and encouragement to the 2025 Beginners. We look forward to welcoming Jeanette back after her recovery.

Training

- **Improver Lessons** Lesson #8, Second and Third Hand Play, will be held on Monday September 1st and Improver Lesson #10, Doubles, will be held on Monday November 3rd. These dates are in your programme booklet.

- **Thursday Evenings** Beginner/Improver Training – Thursday 7:00 – 9/9:30pm. \$5. This "session" is open to anyone although it is primarily to help and support the beginners. We will be working through the Improver Lessons or giving general tips, often resulting from Monday's session. This is a drop-in session, no booking required. Please let Kathryn know if you are interested in any particular lesson so she can contact you when it is to be run.

- **Intermediate Lessons** An email was recently sent to all members regarding 3 Intermediate online lessons. Escaping 1NT X is a very good lesson and is suitable for all players although a reasonable level of understanding would be helpful. Combating interference over our 1NT teaches the Lebensohl convention. Competing over Opener's 1NT is teaching the Landy convention. If you wish to do any reading prior to the course notes are on the NZB website under the learning tab. As with Real Bridge, if you are using an IPAD rather than a computer, ensure it is fully charged before you join the session. You do need to register and pay for these lessons with NZ Bridge – details in the email.

Library

Our Library continues to be a great asset with a wealth of information. There are a few books missing i.e. not signed out. PLEASE check your shelves at home for these books:

Intermediate Bridge Play Problems by Tina Zines
Bridge: The Mind of an Expert by Hugh Kelsey.
Hoffman on Pairs Play by Martin Hoffman

Enjoy our Bridge Library. Some new additions more suitable for junior players will be arriving soon. Watch this space.

Website

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website – most information is now on the website. Photos of competition winners are uploaded. We have also uploaded photos of our recent Sunday Social. If you can think of anything else that you would like to see on the website, please contact Lynley or Sarah.

Tournaments

Our regular tournament players have been active since the end of May playing in tournaments at Auckland, Papatoetoe, Te Aroha, Dargaville, Howick, Mt Albert, and North Shore. It is good to see some relatively new tournament players competing in selective tournaments: Kathryn Burgess partnering Ross Longney at North Shore; and Christine Jurgeleit partnering Ross Longney at Te Aroha. Most tournaments have a Junior section along with the Intermediate section so any interested members can play against others of a similar grade and standard. At the Mt Albert Intermediate Tournament our members were beaten by a pair with one person aged 103 years in August - Arch Jelly. Arch has a very successful athletics coaching background and his bridge results show playing bridge keeps the mind active.

There are several local tournaments coming up. 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.

Recent Competition Winners – more photos on our website



Dates for your Diaries

Loveblock – Friday 17th October (month earlier than usual) – this is the evening where all clubs around NZ play the same boards – prizes awarded for each grade. Usually the hands are a little unusual – lots of fun. Time and details to be advised.

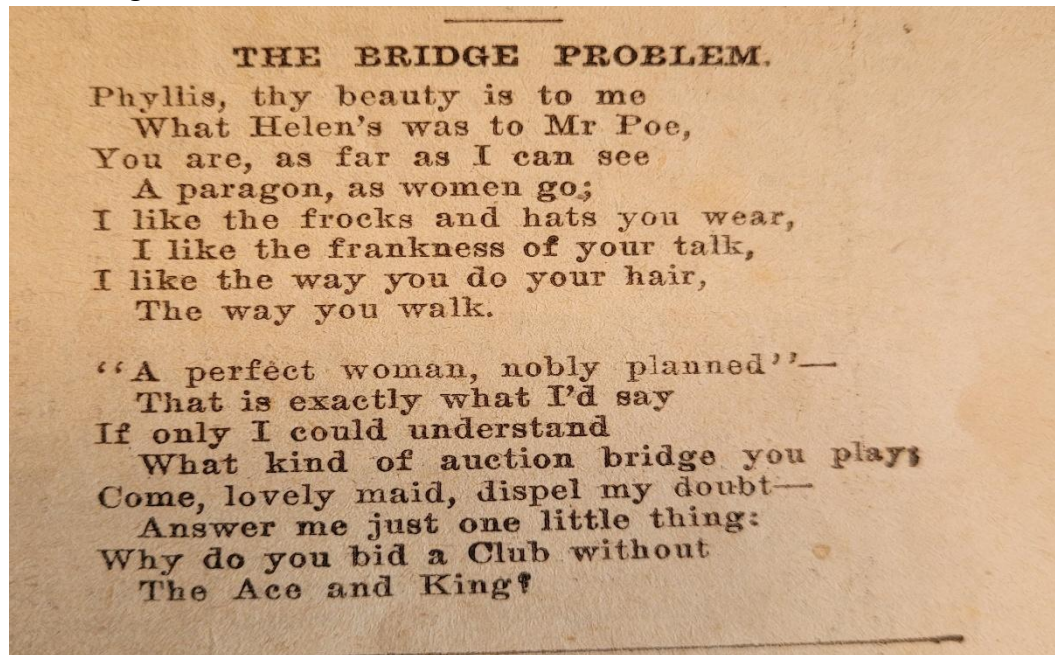
AGM – Tuesday 11th November 11am – further details above and emails will be sent

November Social - date to be advised – feedback appreciated on whether feeling is a Sunday afternoon, or a Thursday evening is preferred. We have done both so far this year. Feedback to Lynley or Sarah please – or with any other suggestions.

Rees Trophy Wednesday evenings 2026 – dates for this tentatively April 15, 22, 29 and May 6th – Wednesday players please try and keep your new bridge books free for this competition to be available to play with players looking to move to Wednesday evening sessions. It is a handicap event too! This will again be at a more relaxed pace (around 7 mins per board).

Bridge Laughs

- Thanks Colin Beckwith – excerpt from a 98yr old Christchurch newspaper – has much changed since 1927?



One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.

-Alfred Sheinwold

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