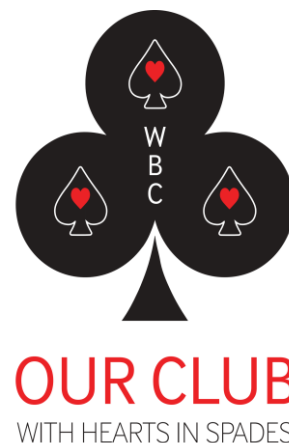


Warkworth Bridge Club

Newsletter – March 2025



Welcome to our latest newsletter – the newsletter to keep you up to date with events, competitions and people at the Warkworth Bridge Club. We aim to have a newsletter most months this year so please – we need some contributions – many thanks for this months contributions.

Coming Up at the Club:

- Mondays –** Improver Lesson – Transfers – April 7th
Kawau Competition – April 14, 28th, May 5, 12th (No session Apr 21)
- Tuesdays –** Individual – April 1, 8, 15, 22nd (different partner required each session)
Teams of 4 – Apr 29, May 6, 13th
- Wednesdays –** Note dates in programme booklet are incorrect - apologies
Rees Trophy – April 16, 23, 30th, May 7th
- Fridays –** Online
Casual Session – April 11th
May Pairs Competition – May 2, 9, 23, 30th (interclub May 16th)

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:** Summer Competition – Sarah Haydon & Ray Wigman
Singles – Robert Elcombe
- Tuesday:** Jeannie Fraser Trophy – Kathryn Burgess & Liz Allen
- Wednesday:** Ron Barnett Trophy – David Knighton & Celia Knighton
- Friday:** February Pairs – Fred and Matthew (East Coast Bays Club)
March Pairs – Sue and Aedan (Greymouth Club)

Congratulations to the winners and to all those who participated.

Presidents Corner

For those who start a new competition with a different partner it's always a good idea to just do a quick check about the systems both of you want to use so each of you understand each other's bids. Eg: 4 card majors or 5, stayman and transfer, what does 2NT mean after partner has bid 1NT. Communication is key.

Committee Initiatives

The committee has been busy in the first part of the year – mainly behind the scenes. The carpet and blinds have been cleaned, and the notice board has had a small revamp.

-Club Almoner - Julie Snowsill has taken on this role. This is a role that focuses on maintaining contact with members who are no longer fully able to participate in club sessions (permanently or just temporarily), often due to age, illness or accident. If you know someone who is in this position, or yourself, please let Julie know.

-Facebook – the committee has just set up a Warkworth Bridge Club Facebook group – admins are Bruce Snowsill and Lynley. It is a public group – please like and join. We see this as another way for members to connect – find a partner for a session (not replacing partner stewards), discuss recent hands played, transport to sessions or tournaments and anything else bridge related. There is a link to the FB page on our website

-Constitution – after a lot of work, the new Constitution is ready to be voted on at a Special General Meeting (on 15th or 24th April – to be advised). This will be distributed by email, as per the constitution prior to this. We were required to redo our constitution, as with all other clubs and societies under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. This was no small task – many thanks to Sarah, Trudy and Sarah Haydon.



-Trophies – many of you may have wondered about the trophy cabinet tucked away at the back of the clubrooms. Historically these trophies were pulled out once a year, cleaned, engraved with the competition winner for that year, and put away for another year. It turns out there is a trophy for most competitions played at the club. This year we will be presenting the appropriate trophy to the winners of each competition; the photo will be uploaded to our website and then the cup will be returned to the cabinet. Engraving will still be annually.



Interclub Tournaments

Auckland/Northland region Interclub competition started in March – our club has 2 Intermediate Teams and 1 Junior team – all teams got off to a good start and are sitting middle of the field. Bill Crawford and Helen Kelly (junior team) had the best result as a pair and were the 3rd pair on the first night in the junior competition. The next round is on April 4th – with 1 a month after that. It is not too late to contact Graeme Duhs if you are available as a substitute

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 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 are running monthly competitions similar to other club sessions – April is the exception due to Easter and Anzac weekends. May is a 4 week competition, with 3 sessions counting for the competition. 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! Watch this space as we are looking to run a Real Bridge demonstration on a Monday so members can see what is involved in sitting at your computer playing bridge and talking and seeing others in their homes!

Bridge Club Library

Our Library was “rejuvenated” last year with an input of \$200 from the committee for 11 new books and a massive donation by Murray and Christine Jurgeleit. Since the AGM further donations have been gratefully accepted from Claire Sims, Graeme Roffey and Ross Longney - we now have 93 books.

The 11 books purchased by the committee, mostly suited for beginning players, have been constantly on loan, barely hitting the shelves before someone else borrows them. We have some very keen improvers in the club! Two stock takes, December and March, have identified that people are being very good about recording the books as they take them out of the library. Only the following two titles have been borrowed without being written in the borrowing book. Could the borrowers please record them as borrowed or return them:

Intermediate Bridge Play Problems by Tina Zines – Borrowed last year.

Bridge: The Mind of the Expert by Hugh Kelsey – Borrowed this year.

At each stocktake an average of 25 books were “borrowed”. Please share with other members any title you thought was particularly good and ENJOY our library!

Beginner Lessons

Beginner Lessons started in March and thanks to all who referred friends. It is the best way to get and retain new members. Kathryn is very appreciative of the help of Jan France, Val Becroft and Rich Keen in the lessons to date. We are constantly trying to improve the presentation of the lessons and have trialled a couple of new approaches this year. It is a friendly group of 20 learners that would be a pleasure to have join our club. Let's hope we can get them hooked on the game by the end of June.

Monday Session

The Monday session started in February. Thanks to Rae and Bill Garnett, Dianne Knight and many others who helped the learners return after the long summer break. An enjoyable atmosphere was experienced by all with 9-10 tables each night for 4 weeks. 24 people attended the Stayman Lesson on the 3rd of March and many have organised practise sessions since. Remember; you do NOT need 11+ HCPs to use Stayman. Many options are by partnership agreement, check with new partners and agree on when to use Stayman. Please let Kathryn know if you missed the lesson and wish to be included for the next Stayman lesson. The March Singles Competition was strongly contested with many players in contention at the start of the final nights play. The Monday session is very well run, thanks to the organisation of Jeanette, and thanks also to the other volunteers working behind the scenes such as Heather Mackay for dealing the boards and Alistair Johnston for IT duties. Monday players are using their programme books and trying to organise their own partners in advance in line with all other sessions. We are lucky to have a new club member Rex Manning-Voyce who is supporting the session and will play with any member who turns up without a partner although Jeanette can organise one for you if you give sufficient notice.

Transfer Lesson

Monday, April 7th, Kathryn is teaching the Intermediate Lesson on Transfers bids. Please let Jeanette know if you will be attending so handouts can be prepared for you.

Website

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

Tournaments

NZB has a calendar of tournaments for members to play and a core group of our members play most Saturdays in mainly Auckland based club tournaments. Playing in tournaments helps to improve your skills and Junior or Intermediate tournaments mean you play against those with similar experience and grading. Tournaments are friendly and you meet with people from other clubs. Members keen to develop their bridge could enter a tournament with a partner - a suitable local one on April 5th is at Hibiscus Coast. If you want to find out more about playing in tournaments, please talk with Graeme Duhs.

Recent tournaments played in by Steve Moore and Ross Longney; Alan and Jan France; and Graeme Duhs (with a partner from East Coast Bays) include Franklin, Kerikeri, Hamilton, Whangarei, Mt Albert, and Waitemata.

Scoring and Dealing

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make sure our sessions run (generally) smoothly. Those of you who are already doing these tasks, please remember to update the shared document when you are able to deal/score or direct sessions. 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 – maybe note this in your programme booklet along with your partner for the relevant competition.

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Bridge Laughs



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