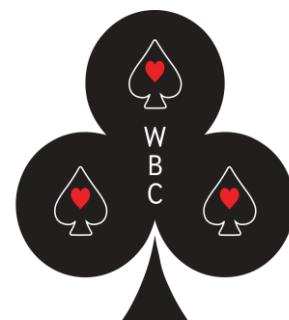


Warkworth Bridge Club

## Newsletter –

## May 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 –** Drawn Pairs – June 2 (last week)  
Omaha Competition - June 9, 16, 23, and 30th
- Tuesdays –** Rita Collie Trophy – June 3, and 10th  
Rodney Pairs – June 17, 24<sup>th</sup>, July 1, and 8th
- Wednesdays –** Note dates in programme booklet are incorrect - apologies  
Captains Trophy – June 4<sup>th</sup> (last week)  
Singles – June 11, 18, 25<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup> (different partner each week)
- Fridays –** Online  
June Pairs Competition – June 6, 13 and 20<sup>th</sup> (Interclub 27<sup>th</sup>)

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:** Kawau Competition – Ross Longney and Mark Wakefield
- Tuesday:** Individual – Helen Beckwith  
Warkworth Pairs – Helen Kelly & Jeanette Grimmer  
Teams of 4 – Kiwi – Liz Field, Caroline Goodall, Dave Gardiner & Kevin Day/Pam Stenning
- Wednesday:** Championship Pairs – David Knighton & Celia Knighton
- Friday:** May Pairs –

Congratulations to the winners and to all those who participated.

## Presidents Corner – Sarah Gordon

We have decided it is time for a social event. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm for an afternoon of friendly bridge followed by pizza and drinks. Come with a partner, or without a partner and be partnered on the day. Usual table money. Put it in your diary – we will be reminding you closer to the day.

Another successful year for Kathryn and her 2025 beginners. There are 14 due to complete lessons and "graduate" towards the end of June and will be joining the Welcome Pairs Competition starting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July. As a welcome to these players, all club members are invited for drinks and nibbles from 6.30pm and to join the play for the evening.

By way of getting newer players used to the ways of other sessions, when someone is looking for a partner for Tuesday, Wednesday or online Friday, we plan to send emails out to all WBC members for the time being.

## Committee Initiatives

The committee has again been busy – a lot of what we do is behind the scenes so that most players can turn up for a session, play and go home again. We appreciate those who go the extra and stay and tidy, set up, deal, score, take lessons, direct sessions etc.

**-Facebook** – the committee has 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. We are looking to build numbers, and it is already being used when players are looking for partners.

**-Constitution** – The new constitution was adopted at the SGM on 29<sup>th</sup> April. This was no small task – many thanks to Sarah, Trudy and Sarah Haydon. A link to the new constitution is on our website.

**- Real Bridge** - An online Real Bridge demonstration was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> before the Monday session. This was well attended, and we look forward to welcoming new players on a Friday – any questions contact Lynley. Remember Real Bridge sessions qualify for NZ Bridge C points just like all other sessions.

## Improver Lessons

Two Improver Lessons (8 and 10) will be held on a Monday Evening later in the year. The other Improver Lessons, and other lessons will be held on Thursday evenings starting shortly. These are to help and support the Beginners or anyone else interested. Please let Kathryn know if you are interested in any particular lesson (Improver or Intermediate) so she can contact you when it is to be run. \$5 per lesson.

## 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 2 rounds particularly in the Intermediates. In April, Dianne Knight and Jeanette Grimmer were the second highest pair (out of 28) followed closely by David and Celia Knighton who were third. In May, Ian and Lynley Lewington were the second pair and Warkworth Mahu (Dianne Knight, Jeanette Grimmer, Ian and Lynley Lewington with guest appearance by Steve Moore) is currently sitting top of the ladder of 14

teams. The next round is on June 27<sup>th</sup>.



## Monday Session

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of our club members who have recently earned their Certificate of Proficiency. This certification represents their dedication to mastering the complexities of the game. Congratulations to Graham Hartshorn, Rex Manning-Voyce, Ray Wigman, Karen Hartshorn, Simon Withers & Mary Chamberlain

The top placegetters on all sessions earn “C” Masterpoints which are shown on the results for the session. Totals for any individual can be viewed on the NZ Bridge website once you have a login. Contact Sarah to get a login (– this is a new system for NZ Bridge). 100 C points convert to one “B” point. You need five B points to earn your Certificate of Proficiency. NZ Bridge send out certificates at the end of each quarter – so please be patient.



The three week Drawn Pairs Handicap Competition kicked off on May 19<sup>th</sup> with 9.5 tables. Intermediate players and those with Certificate of Proficiency (mostly) drew other novice (beginner) players. Drawn pairs is a fun way of matching up players and most partnerships had not played together before. A couple of spot prizes, donated by Kathryn, added to the fun for the evening. We would especially like to thank all Intermediate players who are assisting Novice players improve their skills on these sessions. Remember, it's not just about winning, it's about growing as a player and enjoying the journey.

## 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. We have also uploaded photos of some members who have recently received NZ Bridge certificates. If you can think of anything else that you would like to see on the website, please contact Lynley or Sarah.

## Tournaments

Eight of our members have played in tournaments since March: Hibiscus Coast, Howick, Auckland, East Coast Bays, Franklin, Cambridge, and online Regional Trials. Rex Manning- Voyce played in his first tournament and other players were Alan and Jan France, Steve Moore. Ross Longney, Graeme Duhs, Caroline Goodall and Murray Jurgeleit. Notable performances were at Auckland Club's Easter Pairs where 24 pairs played with Steve and Ross coming second, and Graeme and Sue Jury (ECB) coming third; at Howick where Ross and Graeme won the Intermediate section out of 19 pairs; and at Franklin where Ross and Murray came 4th. Most members wear Warkworth Club badges which generate discussion and interest with players from other clubs.

Regular play in tournaments generate friendships and contacts with players from other clubs and matches are played in a friendly atmosphere. Directors are called to rule on any points and whether player discussions have conveyed information between partners. For example, one night a guy was playing with his future wife, and they had been playing several rounds with poor boards. She said, "It is going to be a long night". An opponent asked the guy how he interpreted her comments. He said "invitational".

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.

## Travel

Several of our members are taking the opportunity to travel this year. We wish them Bon Voyage and are always pleased to see them back at bridge when they return. Jan and Alan France are playing in a tournament during their upcoming trip to the UK. Bridge clubs usually welcome visitors to their regular sessions too – but it does pay to call ahead and check.

## Bridge Laughs



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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