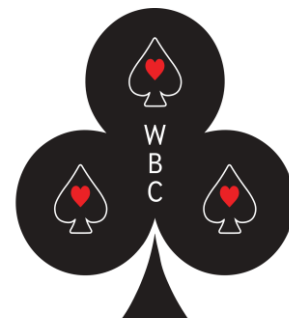


Warkworth Bridge Club

Newsletter – October 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 –** Singles Competition – Oct 6, 13, 20, and 27th
 Lesson – Doubles – Nov 3rd
 Move By Design Competition – Nov 10, 17, 24th and Dec 1st
 Christmas Special – Dec 8th
- Tuesdays –** Anniversary Pairs – Sept 23, 30th, Oct 7, 14, 21st
 Spring Competition – Oct 28th, Nov 4, 11, 18th
 Christmas Pairs – Nov 25th, Dec 2nd and 9th
- Wednesdays –** Note dates in programme booklet are incorrect - apologies
 Mahurangi Trophy – Oct 15th last one
 Hibiscus Coast Trophy – Oct 22, 29th, Nov 5, and 12th
 Holiday Bridge – Nov 19, 26th and Dec 3rd
 Social Evening – Dec 10th

Fridays Online – October/November Pairs – Oct 10, 24 and 31st, Nov 7, 14, and 28th

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:** Mahu Pairs – Tracey Butchers & Dianne Knight
 Kaipara Competition – Jane Bawden & Shone Duncan
- Tuesday:** Wellsford Pairs – Bill Crawford & Margaret Gibson-Smith
 Championship Pairs – David Knighton & Celia Knighton
- Wednesday:** Zurich Pairs – David Knighton & Celia Knighton
 Kowhai Pairs – David Knighton & Celia Knighton

Friday: August Pairs – Stan Naylor & Sue Green (Greymouth Club)
September Pairs - Stan Naylor & Sue Green (Greymouth Club)

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 advertised date and starting an hour earlier. You will have all by now received an email with a committee nomination form - if you are considering this please chat to a current member of the committee. Nominations close on 23rd October. 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). Please save the date and ignore the AGM date of 21 October in the book.

Committee Initiatives

- **Defibrillator** – many of you will have noticed this has been installed outside the toilets. This is thanks in large to the hard work of our Secretary Heather. The club applied for a grant from Pub Charity to have our own defibrillator to ensure immediate availability for those using the rooms at any time. Our grant application was successful, and we would like to acknowledge Pub Charity and BridgeHouse Lodge, Huapai Tavern, JT's Bar & Grill, and the Warkworth Inn from whom they receive their funds in this area. Support or recognition of these organisations is encouraged. After it was installed St John (the supplier) hosted a free CPR and defibrillator training session which was well attended by club members. If you were unable to attend, don't let this put you off using our machine, or any other, as it talks you through the process. There is also an app you can download which shows defibrillators nearby no matter where you are in NZ – handy to have. On a slightly lighter note, if you think you may be in need of the machine, do not wear good clothes – the first step is to cut the clothes for access and scissors are provided in the box for this purpose!

- **New Tables** – Many of you will have noticed we have some new tables which are gradually being put into service to replace old ones that are a bit wobbly. If you have any interest in a wobbly one please chat to Sarah otherwise they are likely to end up at the tip.

-**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.

Auckland Regional Bridge News

The Auckland Northland Regional Committee produces a monthly newsletter. This contains information on the bigger picture in the bridge world. Stories from our clubs across the region, information on activities and training available and expert discussion on hands. Every member of an affiliated club is entitled to receive the newsletter. It is free of charge. If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter subscribe [here](#).

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North Auckland Teams Challenge

Our club hosted this event this year on 9th August (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 were fortunate to have Sterve Moore put in the hours behind the scenes to set this up on our computer and directed on the day and Heather and Sarah working behind the scenes in the kitchen. The standard of play was very high and the day ran very smoothly. Congratulations to Orewa who were the winners on the day – Warkworth was a not so close second. A great day of bridge was enjoyed by all.



Figure 1 Members of the winning team



Figure 2 The winning kitchen team

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. Our members have played in 8 interclub matches through the year with just one more match on 21 November. Players represent the top players from 14 clubs in Intermediate and Junior grades so it's a real challenge for any 4 person team to do well over the 8 matches. Warkworth Club has competed very well and achieved great results punching above its weight! Our Junior Team (Lynda, Margo, Bill, Helen, Lara-Jane, Oriel) have been placed second for the past several matches - a great result. We have two Intermediate

teams. Mahu Team (Jeanette, Dianne, Sarah, Ian, Lynley, and Steve) have consistently been top but dropped to 3rd last match. The other Intermediate team (David, Celia, Ross, Graeme, Steve, Alan) are currently 7th. In the last match they were beaten by a youth team of promising good players in their teens and 20's (great bridge players but no chat!!)

Congress

Have you thought about experience playing in Congress which runs from 8-15 November in Palmerston North? This is NZB's major annual event attracting some 600 players in all grades. Players can play for 2 days or for all 7 days and it's a great experience playing plenty of hands. There's also a quiz night and fancy dress day to add fun to the play. We currently have 5 members going to Congress and Graeme Duhs can provide more information to anyone interested in going.

Tournaments

Tournaments are held across the Auckland/Northern region every week and keen bridge players compete in open, intermediate, and junior grades. Since the end of July nine of our Intermediate and Junior members have competed in 10 tournaments from Paihia to Matamata and good results have been achieved with the best being at Waitemata where Ross and Steve won the Intermediate tournament.

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.

The Warkworth Bridge Club Annual tournament is on Saturday January 17th. This event is always fully subscribed so if you want to play get your entry in on NZ Bridge. We have max 16 tables, usually a strong field, however there are cash prizes for the top Junior and top Intermediate pairs. As usual we will be requesting some assistance both on the day and prior so more details to follow.

Director Training

Kathryn, Heather and Jeanette all undertook Director Training recently. Their valuable new skills will be in demand in the bridge club.

Thursday Evening Beginner/Improver Training – Thursday 7:00pm – 9/9:30pm.

This “session” is open to anyone wishing to improve their play. Improver Lessons are given or discussion of played boards. This is a drop-in session, no booking required. Cost is \$5.

Library

Our Library continues to be a great asset with a wealth of information! A series of lessons were recently created and given based on the book Bridge: Step-by-step card play - No-trumps by Robert Berthe. There were MANY useful tips about planning the play of your hand, especially hold-up play - when to use it and hands where you shouldn't. The lessons extended and stretched all who participated. MISSING!

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.

Beginners Play by Derrick Browne
Test your pairs play by Hugh Kelsey

Five card Majors by Ron Klinger

Card Play Technique by Victor Mollo

The mistakes you make at Bridge by Terence Reese

Some of these books have been “missing” for more than 6 months.

Thanks to generous donations from Ross Longney, Kathryn Burgess and other Monday players these 12 books by have been added to our library. We would also like to thank Tina McVeigh From House of Cards who gave us a very good discount.

All will help our improving players develop, reinforcing basic concepts and extending them.



If you have had a library book for more than 6 months it may be time to swap it or thought it was particularly good, consider writing an article for the next newsletter on what you learnt.

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. \$20 per person, drinks and nibbles from 6.30, play starts at 7. If you have not put your name on the list but would like to play please contact Sarah to see if any spaces have come up. For those playing remember to deposit \$20 to WBC account as per email.

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

Thursday November 27th Pairs Social evening- Come with a partner or we will find you one on the evening. Drinks and nibbles from 6.30, play starts 7pm. Finish around 9.30.

Warkworth Annual Tournament – Saturday 17th January. Enter as per other tournaments on NZ Bridge - contact Graeme or Lynley if need any assistance

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 be at a relaxed pace (around 7 mins per board).

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sarah and Val for achieving their Certificate of Proficiency.



Recent Competition Winners – more photos on our website



Bridge Laughs – no room this month but accepting contributions for the last newsletter of the year

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