

Warkworth Bridge Club

Newsletter – Spring 2023



Welcome to the belated Spring edition of our newsletter – the newsletter to keep you up to date with events, competitions and people at the Warkworth Bridge Club.

Coming Up at the Club:

Friday 17 November – Loveblock

This is an NZ wide Bridge tournament and our club participates. The evening starts at our Club with a drink and a few nibbles at 6.30pm with play commencing at 7.00pm. Everyone at participating bridge clubs play the same boards and results are collated. After play is finished, players receive a booklet of what was possible for each hand. A fun evening not to be missed. Last year we had 8 full tables. Please let Sarah know if you would like to play or put your name on the list at the Club as numbers are limited. Entry is \$20pp which includes refreshments.

- Mondays – Kaipara Competition – 1 still to play - October 23rd
 Training Session: Stayman & Transfers - October 30th
 Zurich Pairs – November 6, 13, 20, 27th (in the book as Swiss Pairs)
 Christmas Special – December 4th
- Tuesdays – Spring Competition – October 24, 31st and November 7, 14th
 Christmas Pairs – November 21, 28th, December 5th
- Wednesdays – Hibiscus Trophy – October 25th, November 1, 8, 15th
 Holiday Bridge – November 22, 29, December 6th

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 Omaha and Singles Competitions were played.
 The number of players at each session varied a great deal.
 So for these particular sessions no results are being posted.

Tuesday: Wellsford Pairs – Caroline Goodall & Joan Gordon
Championship Pairs – Jeanette Grimmer & Paul Grimmer
Anniversary Pairs – Rae Garnett & Bill Garnett

Wednesday: Brunei Trophy – Sarah Gordon & Jacque Biggs
Zurich Pairs – Louis Biggs & Jacque Biggs
Kowhai Pairs – Robin Bickerton-Fisher & Margo Bubert
Mahurangi Trophy – Richard Biggs & Jacque Biggs

Congratulations to the winners and to everyone else who participated.

Interclub Tournaments

Our 2 Junior and 2 Intermediate teams in the Auckland Northland Regional Competition have 2 rounds left to play. These are once a month online on a Friday. Results are mixed but it is a great way to meet other players from the Auckland region. Keep an eye out early next year as we will be looking to enter teams again so put your name down!

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 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 East Coast Bays club, Whangarei and Wellington region. When paying please deposit the correct amount to our WBC bank account with the 02 suffix. Not our general account with the 01 suffix. If you have any queries about how RealBridge works and what's involved, please contact Lynley and she can assist. New players always welcome!

Club AGM

This was held before play on Tuesday 17th October. Many thanks to those who were able to attend. Heugh Kelly has stepped down from the committee (but is still available for legal advice as required – thanks Heugh!). The current committee is Sarah Gordon (President), Trudy Franklin (Treasurer), Heather Mackay (Secretary) plus committee members Graeme Duhs, Oriel Heseltine, Lynley Lewington and Richard Norburn. Please reach out to any of us if you would like to discuss anything. Remember also that many hands make light work so if you see something that needs doing, please lend a hand if you can. We are always looking for people to do the computer setup and scoring for each session – so let Sarah know if you would like to learn – it is not too difficult!

Dates for your Diary – nearby tournaments

Auckland & Northland Tournaments you might be interested in

October

28th – Whangarei Swiss Pairs

29th – Orewa Intermediate Pairs- 5B

November

11th – Waitemata Intermediate and Open Pairs – 5B and 3A

There are plenty more tournaments on the NZ Bridge website – and there are also some online.

A Social Date for your Diary

Thursday 7th December – Xmas party

Details to be confirmed but likely drinks and finger food at an outside venue. Keep an eye out for more details – open to all members and partners – cost to be advised.

Saturday 20th January – Warkworth Bridge Club Tournament

This is an Open event and attracts bridge players mainly from around the Auckland region. It is usually one of the first tournaments on the calendar for the year and has in the past been very popular. It has not been held for the last 3 years due to Covid. For 2024, we are restricting entries to 15 tables and the tournament will be held in our clubrooms. We will be looking for assistance including for morning tea, afternoon tea, and raffle contributions. Details to follow.

Did you Know?

A Yarbough is a hand with no A,K,Q,J, or 10. The chances of you having one is about 1 in 1,828.

National Congress

More than 550 players from all over New Zealand attended this year's congress last month. Teams, Pairs, and Swiss Pairs matches for Juniors, Intermediates, and Open grades were played over a week with morning and afternoon matches. Steve Moore and Graeme Duhs; Jan and Alan France went from Warkworth Club with Steve and Graeme getting good results



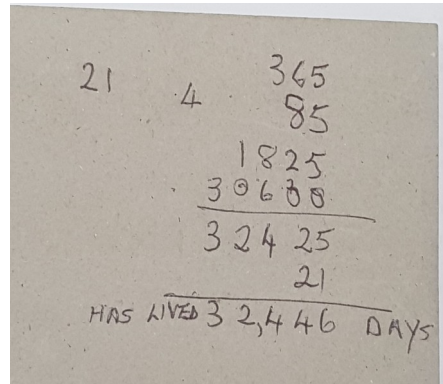
in Intermediate pairs coming 15 out of 64 pairs. Organisers make it a social event as well: A Pub Quiz night with teams of 8 (our team didn't fare well but had a good night); and a Fancy Dress Day where some dressed up in fun outfits – the winning pair, each approx. 70+ years' old, dressed up in their wedding outfits with attending bridal party.

If you are a keen Bridge player think about going to the annual Bridge Congress. You don't even need to have a partner as one

can be arranged for you. Graeme's planned partner for Intermediate Teams had an accident and couldn't attend, so the organisers arranged a partner for him. Graeme met his partner 5 minutes before the match started to discuss basic systems and his team still came 13/30 thanks to the other pair in their team doing well. Playing at Congress is great experience and enjoyment with the inevitable "If only" explanations with partner.

Finally –
when a Club member is twiddling his/her thumbs waiting for the call to move

Found on the back of a bidding pad!!!



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

Warkworth Bridge Club Committee

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