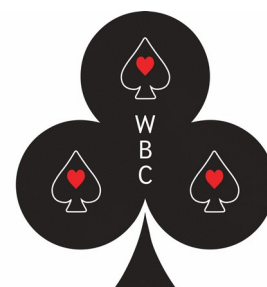


Warkworth Bridge Club

Newsletter – Summer 2023



OUR CLUB
WITH HEARTS IN SPADES

Welcome to the Summer edition of our newsletter – the newsletter to keep you up to date with events, competitions and people at Warkworth Bridge Club. First up congratulations to **Graeme Duhs**, who worked on the logo idea, came up with a sketch, and put us in touch with Good Thunder Graphic design. They have developed the logo above and you will see this in use more and more. Please support Good Thunder as this was done at no cost to the Club! Graeme has earned himself 10 table vouchers and Sarah is looking forward to presenting them to him.

The bridge year is under way on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays – with Monday evenings starting on 6th February.

Coming Up at the Club:

Mondays –	Summer Competition	6/2, 13/2, 20/2, 27/2
	Drawn Pairs Competition	6/3, 13/3, 20/3, 27/3
	Singles Competition	3/4, 17/4, 24/4 (no play 10/4 Easter Monday)
Tuesdays –	Introductory Competition	finishes 31/1
	Teams of 4 –	7/2, 14/2, 21/2
	please make sure you are in a team to play	
	Warkworth Pairs –	28/2, 7/3, 14/3, 21/3
	Individual –	28/3, 4/4, 11/4, 18/4
new partner required each week		
Wednesdays -	President's Trophy -	finishes 1/2
	Ron Barnett Trophy -	8/2, 15/2, 22/2, 1/3
	Championship Pairs -	8/3, 15/3, 22/3, 29/3, 5/4, 12/4

If you have not tried playing on another day, give it a go. If you need a partner, contact the steward for the session and they will – hopefully - find you a partner. Bridge improves with regular play and ideally more than once a week.

Congratulations

Recent results from Club events held from October – December 2022 are as follows:

Monday:	Kaipara Comp – Jeanette Grimmer & Shona Duncan	
Tuesday:	Anniversary Pairs – Kathryn Burgess & Beulah Heaven	
	Spring Competition – Paul Grimmer & Clare Sims	
	Christmas Pairs – Jeanette Grimmer & Paul Grimmer	
Wednesday:	Mahurangi Trophy – Jacque Biggs & Richard Biggs	
	Hibiscus Trophy – Jacque Biggs & Richard Norburn	

Well done everyone and thanks to all those who came along to make sure these competitions went ahead.

Club Website

Many thanks to Jan France who has worked on the club website over the break – please take the time to check it out. There is a lot of current information included on this and is well worth a browse. <https://warkworthbridgeclub.nz/index.php>

People

Interprovincial Championships

The Interprovincial Championships were held over the weekend November 18-20. The 7 provinces of NZ all competed on the Real Bridge platform in 4 grades: Open, Senior, Women, and Intermediate. Trials were held in May 2022 to select teams for the Auckland/Northland region with 3 pairs selected for each grade and Steve Moore and Graeme Duhs were selected for the Intermediate grade. The other two pairs for Intermediate both came from Whangarei club – so no pairs from Auckland clubs were selected. Competition was strong with each pair playing about 96 boards over the weekend.

Auckland/Northland Open and Women's teams came 1st; Seniors came 5th; and unfortunately, the Intermediates came 7th. Steve and Graeme both enjoyed playing in the championships with Sunday night practices and coaching on a regular basis leading up to the competition weekend. – Thanks Graeme for this report.

Tournaments

Our 2 Junior and 2 Intermediate teams in the Auckland Northland Regional Competition 2022 played well. Our teams were evenly matched.

Juniors: Mahu Minors 4th
 Mahu Majors 5th

Intermediates: Kawai Kings 13th
 Kawai Wildcards 14th

2023 will see another Interclub Comp – online on a Friday evening – 9 evenings starting 24th March, every month to November. If you are interested in playing please contact Jan France, either on 022 085 6102 or email janicefrance53@gmail.com, by Tuesday 14th February. It was lots of fun last year.

Several pairs also played in a NZ Bridge pairs competition online on a Sunday evening – 10 sessions over 8 months. Congratulations to Lynley & Ian Lewington who won the Juniors competition and took home prize money.

There are a number of local tournaments coming up – check out our website for details of these on the Tournament tab or see Dates for your Diary below, or go to <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/events.html> as all upcoming tournaments are listed with details on how to register.

Demystifying Masterpoints

Have you ever wondered what the points are on the club bridge results and what their purpose is? Thanks Jan for the explanation below:

'C' points are part of the NZ Bridge rating system called 'Masterpoints' used for ranking players. Warkworth Bridge Club is a NZ Bridge affiliated club and as such we award Masterpoints at each session. As a member of Warkworth Bridge Club you are affiliated to NZ Bridge and part of a wider Bridge community regionally, national and internationally.

'C' points are awarded to the winners and placegetters. If a Mitchell movement is played, you stay either East/West or North/ South for the whole session. Points are awarded to both the winners and place getters North/South and East/West Pairs. If it is a Howell movement, points are awarded to the winners and placegetters on a single ladder.

So, what do they mean? NZB has 3 levels of players based on NZB Points, Junior, Intermediate and Open and they have tournaments for each of these levels. Points are used by NZ Bridge to measure a player's progress within the game and to ensure that players at tournaments are playing at the right level.

At a club session you are awarded 'C' points. 100 'C' points = one 'B' point. Once you have amassed 5 'B' points, you are awarded a certificate of proficiency and your journey begins. 'B' points are also awarded to winners at Junior and Intermediate tournaments along with a cash prize. 'B' points cannot be converted to 'A' points. 'A' points are only awarded at 'A' point tournaments.

If you would like to know your grade, where you are in the ranking and how many points you have go the NZB webpage, dropdown masterpoints, click on the search masterpoints tab and put your name or NZB number in the boxes.

For more information visit our webpage, news, masterpoints explained.

RealBridge

RealBridge is back on a Friday night run by WBC – the link for the session each week is now 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 – funds are deposited to the WBC bank account with the suffix 02.

Lighten the Load

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to enable our bridge sessions to run (relatively) smoothly – dealing, computer setup, scoring, directing, renting rooms to others, etc. If you would like to help lighten the load, please contact Sarah when you are next at the club. Notes have been developed for scoring and dealing to explain what is required and someone who has experience will show you the ropes.

Dates for your Diary – nearby tournaments

North Auckland & Northland Tournaments you might be interested in

February

- 11th February 2023 - Whangarei Open - 8B
- 18th February 2023 - Orewa Restricted - 8B
- 25th February 2023 - Dargaville Swiss Pairs – 8B

March

- 4th March 2023 - East Coast Bays Intermediate - 5B
- 18th March 2023 - Mt Albert Junior Pairs - 3B
- 25th March 2023 - North Shore Swiss Pairs – 5A

April

- 1st April 2023 - Hibiscus Intermediate Pairs - 5B
- 1st April 2023 - Whangarei Broomes Intermediate/Junior Pairs - 5B
- 15th April 2023 - Waitemata Open Pairs - 8B

Happy bridge and we look forward to seeing you at the Club – remember, if you need a partner let someone know! We also welcome new players.

If you would like to contribute to the next newsletter (coming in Autumn), or have some bridge news to include, please contact Lynley.

The WBC Committee