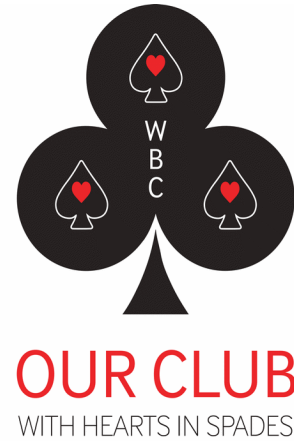


Warkworth Bridge Club

Newsletter – Summer 2023



Welcome to the Summer edition of our newsletter – the newsletter to keep you up to date with events, competitions and people at the Warkworth Bridge Club. We hear summer is coming – seems to be taking a while!

Coming Up at the Club:

- Mondays –** Summer Competition – February 5, 12, 19, 26th
Drawn Pairs Competition – March 4, 11, 18, 25th No play Easter Monday
Singles Competition – April 8, 15, 22, 29th
- Tuesdays –** Introductory Competition – January 9, 16, 23, 30th
Jeannie Fraser Trophy – February 6, 13, 26, 27th
Warkworth Pairs – March 5, 12, 19, 26th
Individual – April 2, 9, 16, 23rd (different partner required each session)
- Wednesdays –** Holiday Bridge – January 3rd – to be confirmed
President's Trophy – January 10, 17, 24, 31st
Ron Barnett Trophy – February 7, 14, 21, 28th
Championship Pairs – March 6, 13, 20, 27th, April 3, 10th
Rees Trophy(handicap) – April 17, 24th, May 1, 8th

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 Kaipara Competition, Zurich Pairs and a Christmas Special were all played. The number of players at each session varied a great deal. So for these particular sessions no results are being posted.
- Tuesday:** Spring Competition – Pam Stenning & Caroline Goodall
Christmas Pairs – David & Celia Knighton
- Wednesday:** Hibiscus Coast Trophy – David & Celia Knighton
Holiday Bridge – David & Celia Knighton

Congratulations to the winners and to everyone else who participated.

Interclub Tournaments

Our 4 Interclub teams had lots of fun this year playing online against other teams from around the Auckland / North Auckland area. Results were:

Junior Teams: Warkworth Spades 4th and Warkworth Diamonds 13th

Intermediate Teams: Warkworth Aces 11th and Warkworth Wizards 12th

Graeme Duhs will be organising the Interclub teams for 2024 so if you would like to play please let him know. We need regular players and reserves. Interclub is run over 10 Friday evenings across the year usually starting in March. A number of this year's regular players are away for periods next year so Graeme will be keen to hear from you.

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.

Loveblock Friday 10th November

A fun evening was had by those who were able to attend – numbers were down due to the recent Covid outbreak. Congratulations to Sue Nicholls and Heugh Kelly (pictured with their winnings) who were the 2nd Junior pair in New Zealand, and to Lynley & Ian Lewington who were 9th Junior pair. 858 pairs from 53 clubs participated throughout the country.



Christmas 2023

The 25th is very nearly upon us all and on behalf of the Committee I hope you all have a lovely, relaxed and festive time with family and friends. Such a good time to catch up with people we don't see on a regular basis and see how the year has been for us all. In the case of Warkworth and surrounds, rain, Cyclone Gabrielle, and more rain! 2024 WILL be better!

We had a very enjoyable couple of hours for the Christmas Social at the Bowling Club on Thursday 7th December. For all those who attended we were treated to absolutely delicious

“nibbles” – Chicken cashew wontons, kumara whispers – to name but a couple and felt thoroughly spoilt. Thanks to the caterer Annie Randle.

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 the Wellington region. If you have any queries about how RealBridge works and what’s involved, please contact Lynley and she can assist. We would love to see some new faces – great way to improve your bridge skills – you just need a computer (or iPad) with a microphone and camera and it is like sitting at a table at the club. Being a Friday BYO wine or similar!

Scoring and Dealing

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make sure our sessions run (generally) smoothly. We have recently sent out a shared document to those of you who have participated in the dealing and scoring in the past. 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. In the New Year we will also print out these sheets so if anyone is not comfortable using the shared document, please enter your name on the hard copy. We would suggest that you mark your 2024 programme book with the competition you have elected to deal and / or score for – by way of jogging your memory!

Website

Graeme Duhs and Lynley have been working behind the scenes to update our website. It is still not very phone friendly but there is quite a bit of useful information and is up to date. If you can think of anything else that you would like to see on the website, please let one of them know.

Fees

Just a reminder that your fees are due (\$55) and if unpaid on 1 January increase to \$60 (\$5 late fee). Any queries please contact Trudy. Many thanks to the majority of you who have paid promptly. Just as an insight to how much value our club is, I received an invitation(?) to join Auckland Bridge as an Associate (due to playing interclub online) and the Associate fee was twice our club fee!

Pinky for Sale

After many years of sturdy and reliable service our pink table is being retired. We have replaced it with a younger and more mobile version! Should you have a need for Pinky, whose measurements are 1200mm long x 750mm wide x 720 high, then please contact Sarah. Price negotiable starting at \$0.00 and the highest bidder wins!



Dates for your Diary – nearby tournaments

Auckland & Northland Tournaments you might be interested in

January

20th – Warkworth Restricted Pairs - 8B – see more details below

February

24th – Orewa Restricted Pairs – 8B

March

2nd – Dargaville Swiss Pairs - 8B

9th – East Coast Bays Intermediate and Open Pairs – 5B & 3A

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

More Dates for your Diary

Saturday 20th January – Warkworth Bridge Club Tournament

After 3 years of not holding our Annual Tournament, we have decided to go ahead but on a slightly smaller scale. This tournament is open to all bridge players and currently there are 20 pairs entered (max 32). The format is morning tea, bridge session, lunch (BYO), afternoon session, afternoon tea and prizegiving. Prizes will be determined by entries in each category. We have a dedicated organising committee as this is our showcase to the bridge world, but we will be calling on assistance in the new year for raffle donations and baking for morning and afternoon teas. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Lynley or Sarah.

Bridge Tip

When fortunate enough to have a powerful trump suit and being forced to ruff, tend not to ruff with your lowest trump. That tiny trump might be your only way to get to dummy.

Burn's law of total trumps

When you are declarer, the total number of trumps held by your side should be greater than the total number of trumps held by the opponents (invented by British expert David Burn).

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

Warkworth Bridge Club Committee