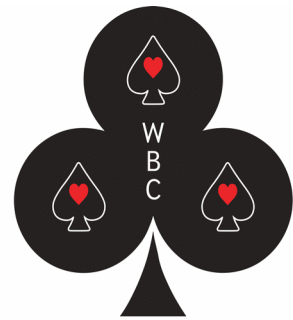


# Warkworth Bridge Club

## Newsletter –

## Winter 2023



**OUR CLUB**  
WITH HEARTS IN SPADES

Welcome to the Winter 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:

**Mondays –** Omaha Competition – August - 7, 14, 21, 28  
Singles Competition – September - 4, 11, 18, 25  
(different partner each week)  
Kaipara Competition – October – 2, 9, 16, 23  
Training Session: Stayman & Transfer

**Tuesdays –** Wellsford Pairs – August – 1 session remaining - 8<sup>th</sup>  
Championship Pairs August - 15, 22, 29, September 5, 12, 19  
Anniversary Pairs – September 26, October 3, 10, 17

**Wednesdays –** Brunei Trophy – August 2<sup>nd</sup> – last session  
Zurich Pairs – August 9, 16, 23 – formerly Swiss Pairs  
Kowhai Pairs – handicap – August 30, September 6, 13, 20

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 Singles, Kawau & Welcome Pairs 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:** Jeannie Fraser Trophy – Rae & Bill Garnett  
Rita Collie Trophy – Caroline Goodall & Joan Gordon  
Rodney Pairs - Kathryn Burgess & Jeanette Grimmer

**Wednesday:** Rees Trophy – Claire Macpherson & Richard Biggs  
Captain's Trophy – Louis Biggs & Jacque Biggs  
Singles Competition – Claire Macpherson

Congratulations to the winners and to everyone else who participated.

## **Cyclone Gabrielle Fundraiser**

The below is an email recently received from Craig Jepson, Kaipara District Mayor

“Dear team at the Warkworth Bridge Club

Thank you for your generous donation to the Kaipara District Council Mayoral Relief Fund. The Mayoral Relief Fund provided financial assistance and relief for residents severely impacted by February’s extreme weather events, namely Cyclone Gabrielle and the Mangawhai rainfall event.

The Kaipara District Mayoral Relief Fund gave out a total of \$532,443.94 to residents and ratepayers in the Kaipara district. 119 grants were given out for urgent roof and house repairs not covered by insurance, damaged accessways and footpaths, clearing debris, trees, replacement of flood-damaged furniture and other items from properties, broken and damaged culverts, septic tanks, and more. The majority of payments went to individual and families, with a number of marae, community groups and businesses also receiving funds.

On behalf of Kaipara district, I give my heartfelt thanks to you and everyone else who gave to the fund. Your donation provided much-needed, tangible support to those most severely affected.

Yours faithfully

**Craig Jepson**  
**Mayor Kaipara District”**

The WBC contribution from many of our members amounted to \$1,285.00.

## **Mid Winter WarmUp**

There were 30 of us who had a fun afternoon on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July with lots of laughter and chat – and the odd groan when hands were checked! The winners on the day were Celia and David Knighton – well done you two. There was a “prize” for winning a trick with the 2D and that was awarded to Jan Bathgate. Not sure we all got the correct definition of bringing a “small” plate so suspect none of us went home to a 3 course meal! Thanks very much for all your contributions. It was very enjoyable and shall be repeated at some stage.

It was a pleasure to be able to catch up with our “old” members, Gaye and Paul Decker and although now based in Te Aroha, still have family and business connections in Warkworth.



These and a few more photos are on our website.

## 2023 Travel

We know many of our members are taking advantage of the opportunity to travel again - both within NZ and overseas. Just a reminder that bridge clubs welcome visitors and can often arrange for a partner if you need one. It is a great way to meet some locals. If you visit another bridge club, please let us know as we would love to include your experience in a future newsletter.

## Interclub Tournaments

Our 2 Junior and 2 Intermediate teams in the Auckland Northland Regional Competition have played ten rounds with the next one due on 11<sup>th</sup> August. These are once a month online on a Friday. In both grades one team is in the top 10 and the other isn't!

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.

## 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. When paying **please** deposit the correct amount to our WBC bank account with the **02 suffix**. Not our general account with the 00 suffix. Most of you are now doing just that so thanks for noting the difference. If you have any queries about how RealBridge works and what's involved, please contact Lynley and she can assist. New players always welcome!

## Beginners' Lessons

These started on 16 March and ran over 10 + weeks. Many thanks to Kathryn Burgess for her organisation and input. From feedback received they were most enjoyable. The majority of our new players are now coming to the Monday night sessions which have boosted our table numbers – and at times the decibels!

## Blackout!

Jeanette was all set to give an Improvers' Lesson on Monday night (31<sup>st</sup> July) on play techniques and declarer play in No Trumps - and what happened?. 6.45pm and the lights go out for all of us who live between the areas of Wellsford, Snells Beach, Algies, Warkworth and down to Puhoi! People were just starting to arrive, Jeanette had set up the tables and turned the heat pumps on – and then – **Blackout**. So home for everyone with that lesson to be held on an unnamed date in the future. (Power resumed at approx 8pm.)

## People

Last month we said farewell to **Chris Moore** who has moved to Katikati and has subsequently joined the Katikati Bridge Club where we understand he is getting lots of opportunities to play bridge. We wish him well and are sure that it will be great to be closer to his family.

**Dates for your Diary** – nearby tournaments

## **Auckland & Northland Tournaments you might be interested in**

### **August**

12<sup>th</sup> – Waitemata Intermediate & Junior Pairs – 5B and 3B

19<sup>th</sup> – Mt Albert Junior Pairs- 3B

19<sup>th</sup> – Paihia Intermediate & June Pairs – 5B and 3B

### **September**

9th – Howick Intermediate and Open Pairs – 5B and 3A

### **October**

14<sup>th</sup> – North Shore Intermediate & Junior Pairs – 5B and 3B

14<sup>th</sup> – Whangarei Intermediate & Junior Pairs – 5B and 3B

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

NZ Bridge National Congress is at Mt Maunganui from 23<sup>rd</sup> September – 29<sup>th</sup> September with a number of pairs and teams events in each grade. WBC players are likely to be going, for some events or all!

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

Warkworth Bridge Club Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023