

Warkworth Aces



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

First up this is only a provisional name. We are running a competition to come up with a name for our newsletter. Send your ideas to Lynley at ianandlynleysejil@gmail.com or put on paper and give to her or Sarah at the club. The name will be chosen by a team, if your suggestion is selected as the name for the newsletter, you will receive 5 cards for bridge session table money. As well - if you include a logo to go with the name – another 5 cards. Who can resist?

Coming Up at the Club:

Mondays – Omaha competition – finishes 22/8
29/8 Training – Strong Opening Hand
Singles Comp - 5/9, 12/9, 19/9, 26/9 – remember a different partner each night
Kaipara Comp – 3/10, 10/10, 17/10, 24/10

Tuesdays – Championship Pairs – 16/8, 23/8, 30/8, 6/9, 13/9, 20/9
Anniversary Pairs – 27/9, 4/10, 11/10, 18/10

Wednesdays – “Zurich Pairs” – 10/8, 17/8, 24/8 – this has taken the place of the scheduled Swiss Prs
Kowhai Pairs – 31/8, 7/9, 14/9, 21/9 – handicap event
Mahurangi Trophy – 28/9, 5/10, 12/10, 19/10

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 find you a partner. Bridge play improves with regular play and ideally more than once a week.

“Bridge is one of the best ways to practice the ‘use it or lose it’ advice for maintaining mental sharpness in older age. Research has shown that regular bridge playing improves reasoning skills and long- and short-term memory.”

Congratulations: Recent results from Club events are as follows:

Monday:

Kawau Comp – 1st Alistair Johnston & Shona Duncan
Welcome Pairs – 1st Amanda Wilson & Rae Garnett
Drawn Pairs – 1st Karen Letica & Kathryn Burgess

2nd Jan Bathgate & Rae Garnett
2nd Alistair Johnston & Shona Duncan
2nd Mary Coupe & Shona Duncan

Tuesday:

Jeannie Fraser Trophy – 1st Julie & Bruce Snowsill
Rita Collie Trophy - 1st Claire Loveland & Graeme Duhs
Rodney Pairs – 1st Richard Norburn & Paul Grimmer

2nd Sarah Gordon & Vanessa Barber
2nd Richard Norburn & Geoff Cavanaugh

Wednesday:

Captain’s Trophy – 1st Louis & Richard Biggs
Singles – 1st Richard Biggs
Brunei Trophy - 1st Jacque Biggs & Louis Biggs

2nd Celia & David Knighton
2nd Claire McPherson
2nd Claire Loveland & Graeme Duhs

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

People

Congratulations to Steve Moore and Graeme Duhs who have been selected in the Auckland Intermediates team to play in the NZ wide Interprovincial Tournament later in the year.

Tournaments

Our club has 2 Junior and 2 Intermediate teams in the Auckland Northland Regional Competition – all teams are playing well, and enjoying meeting like minded bridge players from around our region. This competition runs until December – one Friday night a month online. Keep an eye out for this early next year as there is no limit to the number of teams we can enter. Or if you don't want to commit for that long, sign up as a reserve. All reserves this year have already had at least one game.

Several pairs are also playing in a NZ Bridge pairs competition online on a Sunday evening – 10 sessions over 8 months. It is not too late to play in this casually (but too late to compete for honours as need to play in a minimum of 8 sessions) – again another great way to meet players from around the country without leaving the comfort of home!

If anyone is interested in inperson or online tournaments, check out <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/events.html> as all upcoming tournaments are listed with details on how to register. There are some more local events coming up with no great distances to travel. It is a great way to improve your skill level, earn some B points and meet new people.

RealBridge


Our club RealBridge offering has taken a short break but will be back on Fridays, probably commencing Friday 19th August with a few changes in the background. It will be run under the Club umbrella, with the same table money as f-2-f club bridge, funds will be deposited into a club bank account. Perhaps not initially, but down the track the link will be posted on the club website each week. As before, all proceeds go to the club. More details will be sent before RB recommences. Non club members are welcome to join in and can deposit to the club account. If anyone would like to assist with the organisation and admin for this, please contact Lynley – 0211612289.

Behind the Scenes

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 out rooms, etc. Of late, mainly due to Covid, this has fallen to a very small number of members. If you would like to help lighten the load, please contact Sarah. The Club AGM is on Tuesday 18th October at 12 noon and a couple of the current committee are stepping down so feel free to put your hand up - many hands make light work! The committee generally meets on the last Tuesday before bridge every second month.

Does your Partner Owe you a Beer?

Beer
card:

In some quarters tradition has it that if you win the last trick with the  7 partner owes you a beer. Diamonds cannot be trumps & the contract must make (or fail if it is a rare *defensive* beer card)

Happy bridge and we look forward to seeing you at the Club – remember, if you need a partner let someone know! If you have bridge playing friends in the area who are not members, but would like to join, prorated membership is available for the rest of the year. We welcome new players.

If you would like to contribute to the next newsletter (possibly every other month), or have some bridge news to include, please contact Lynley. And don't forget the naming competition! We look forward to your ideas!

The Warkworth Aces Team