



Warkworth Aces No 2

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

The provisional name still stands. Here are some suggestions. Let us know your thoughts –

Warkworth - A Bridge Too Far

News and Views of WBC

Warkworth – A Diamond Amongst Clubs

Warkworth – A Strong Club

Warkworth - A Bridge to Nowhere

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Warkworth – The Best Club

Warkworth – The Club with a Heart

Remember if your name is chosen as the name for the newsletter, you will receive 5 cards for bridge session table money. If you include a logo to go with the name – another 5 cards. Let Lynley or Sarah know your preference or any other options.

Friday 11th November – Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs Tournament

Formerly known as Babich Wines and played at many clubs around the country. Designer boards, and at the end of play each player receives a booklet on how the hands could/should have been played. Pit yourself against other players from around NZ from the comfort of our own Club. The cost is \$20 per player and includes drinks and nibbles starting at 6.30pm with play commencing around 7.15. Look out for more details on this and a sign-up sheet is at the Club or contact Sarah to have your names added. This is for players at all levels and is lots of fun and very interesting. Currently over 16 pairs have signed up – let's make it a great turnout!

Sunday 30th October – Groups & Club Day – Town Hall

Come and join us in promoting our wonderful game at the Town Hall for 30 minutes or longer. We plan to set up a table playing some boards with a 5th person answering questions and explaining what we are doing. The actual promotion runs from 10am-2pm, if you can spare half an hour or longer come and join us (please let Sarah know) and at the same time you will see what else is on around our Warkworth community. It should be fun, some of the questions could be interesting!!

Coming Up at the Club:

Mondays: Kaipara Competition – finishes 24/10
 31/10 Training – Opening Leads
 Swiss Pairs - 7/11, 14/11, 21/11, 28/11
 Christmas Special – 5/12

Tuesdays: Anniversary Pairs – finishes 18/10
 Spring Competition – 25/10, 1/11, 8/11, 15/11
 Christmas Pairs – 22/11, 29/11, 6/12 – final day shared lunch 12 noon

Wednesdays: Hibiscus Trophy – 26/10, 2/11, 9/11, 16/11
 Holiday Bridge – 23/11, 30/11, 7/12

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

Congratulations

Recent results from Club events are as follows:

Monday: Omaha Comp – 1st Gavin Elliot & Liz Jones
 2nd Kathryn Burgess & Anne Murphy

Singles Comp – 1st Kathryn Burgess
 2nd Gavin Elliot

Tuesday: Wellsford Prs – 1st John Gamble & Jeanette Grimmer
 2nd Chris Moore & Richard Norburn

Championship Pairs - 1st Jeanette Grimmer & Paul Grimmer
 2nd Chris Moore & Richard Norburn

Wednesday: Zurich Pairs – 1st Claire Macpherson & Jacque Biggs
 2nd = David & Celia Knighton - Louis Biggs & Richard Biggs

Kowhai Pairs – 1st Chris Moore & Graeme Duhs
 2nd Richard Norburn & Claire Loveland

Mahurangi Trophy - 1st Richard Biggs & Jacque Biggs
 2nd Claire Macpherson & Shona Duncan

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

People

NZ Bridge Annual Congress – Thanks Jan for the report



Congress was held on 1st – 8th October at Bay Park - Mt Maunganui a new venue for the event which worked well. This year it was good to see congress come back to face-to-face play as over 650 players descended on the Mount. All Grades were represented from Open to Novice and as players took their seats the battle commenced.

Four players from our Warkworth Club attended. These were Graeme Duhs, Steve Moore, Alan and Jan France who over the course of 4 days played 204 boards. The competition was

tough, but we hung in there. The first day, Swiss Pairs (52 boards) Graeme and Steve came 14th, well played, and Alan and Jan 66th out of 82 pairs. On the second day only Graeme and Steve played in the Intermediate Pairs (56 boards) coming in 34th out of 70 pairs with a very respectable 49.26%. Jan and Alan took a break and visited the hot pools. The final event of Congress was the 2-day Teams events played over 8 sessions of 12 boards. Making a total of 96 boards played on Friday and Saturday. We were all entered in the Intermediate Teams event and Graeme and Steve paired up with Rosemary and Takayo from East Coast Bays, they came 17th. Jan and Alan paired with Ann and Joe from Royale Epsom and managed to stay off the bottom of the ladder, just, coming 27th out of 30.

Tournaments

Our 2 Junior and 2 Intermediate teams in the Auckland Northland Regional Competition are all still playing well. Results will be available next newsletter. Several pairs are also playing in an NZ Bridge pairs competition online on a Sunday evening – 10 sessions over 8 months – again the results will be out next newsletter. Lots of tournaments coming up - check out <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/events.html> as all upcoming tournaments are listed with details on how to register.

RealBridge

RealBridge is back on a Friday night run by WBC – if you don't receive the weekly email with the link but think you might like to play – either regularly or occasionally, please let Lynley know and she will add you to the email list. If you receive the email, but have no intention of playing, and would like to come off the email list – again let Lynley know. 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 a WBC bank account. We plan to have the link on the WBC website weekly in the future.

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.

Christmas Break

As per the calendar of events above, club sessions finish up early December. This year we are having a (non-bridge playing) social evening on Thursday 8th December – more details to come but mark this in your diary. Club sessions resume early to mid January.

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

If you would like to contribute to the next newsletter (coming early 2023), or have some bridge news to include, please contact Lynley.

The Warkworth Aces Team
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