

## WHANGAREI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



### A NEW COMMITTEE – A NEW NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our new monthly bulletin on all things happening at Whangarei Bridge Club.

As we wind down towards the end of a unique year we would like to thank all of our members for their continued support of our club. By returning to play you are helping to give this amazing game of bridge a future in our city.

The new committee welcomed two newcomers, Kim Thomas and Jane Stearns, bringing fresh ideas to the club. Together with Kevin Grundy and Yvonne McKinnon they have formed a “Rejuvenation sub-committee” to undertake the important work of reviving our club post-Covid in 2021.

Our season is not over – read below details of upcoming events open to everyone at the club including the Babich NZ Wide Pairs and Whangarei’s own Swiss pairs tournament.

We hope you enjoy our new newsletter and look forward to your feedback.

**Whangarei Bridge Club Committee**

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### BABICH NZ WIDE PAIRS

A date for your diary – Friday 30 October at 7pm.

**All club members** are welcome to play in this event which competes against players nationwide. We all play the same hands, and the results are combined. Will a Whangarei pair lead the nation in 2020?

A great event for all level of player – a booklet accompanies the event so you can review the hands afterwards with a commentary on “what might have been”. A great tool for advice on how you might bid the hands and how to make that extra trick.

Register **NOW** by signing up on the entry list on the clubroom noticeboard. Entry fee \$10. Wine available on the night.

## WHANGAREI SWISS PAIRS

Support our Halloween tournament

Saturday 31 October

Enter online at NZB today



## UPCOMING – NORTHLAND CENTRE

**8B PAIRS** - 14 November in Whangarei

## TEACHING THROUGH COVID

Growth of our club is supported each year by the intake of new members through lessons. This year Richard Bland and his team have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that despite two periods of Covid cessation, new players have been supported through their lessons. We thank Richard for his dedication and perseverance which has resulted in four tables of enthusiastic novices now playing on Monday nights.

A warm welcome to our newest members:

[names]

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## FOCUS ON JUNIORS

The biggest step any beginner takes in their bridge journey is that from lessons into club play. Our new players have advanced from lessons into supervised play on Monday nights. It is hoped they will transition into a new Junior night of bridge in 2021 on Monday evenings. All club members are welcome, but the focus of the session is to nurture and encourage newer players. Features of the new junior night will include:

- Phone a Friend
- Slow, unpressured play
- Focus on fun
- Handicaps
- Basic systems only allowed

Slow play and high noise levels are not for everyone. For those members who want the focus on socialising and fun, this will be a session you will enjoy.

## NEW EVENING START TIME FOR 2021

Make a note of the new start times for evening bridge in the new year

7.00pm

to ensure an earlier finish time