

## WHANGAREI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



### NEW SEASON OF BRIDGE

Welcome back to our regular playing sessions. It is good to see so many of our members back and enjoying their bridge.

The stunning photo above was the winning entry into “The Spirit of Whangarei” photo competition. Congratulations to Richard Bland, who took the winning entry. A prize bottle of wine is winging its way to Richard. Thank you to everyone who entered and all of the entries are now scrolling on our website. View them here:

<https://www.whangarei.bridge-club.org/> Many thanks to our esteemed judge Rosalie Ross.

We have lots of news this month, with our upcoming tournament, a special juniors night getting underway and improvers lessons taking.

One word of caution – the Committee are trying to raise the funds to repair the car parking surface. In the meantime – please take extra care as you walk over the ruts and uneven areas. Also a reminder, following the recent Northland case, that we should all be using the Covid app or signing in when we play at the club.

Whangarei Bridge Club Committee

### WHANGAREI OPEN B TOURNAMENT

Saturday 13 February

We hope many of our members will play in this tournament. Please **bring a plate of food** to support the event. We are also looking for a **reserve pair**, ready to play to avoid a phantom. Please let Lee know if you would be willing to play if needed on Saturday.

### **JUNIOR OPENING NIGHT – Monday 15 February at 7pm – Welcome back to bridge**

We begin our new junior night with a fun and relaxed evening. Cheese and biscuits provided by the club. Players welcome to BYO beer/wine. No partner needed. Bring your membership books along to book up for the first series starting 22 February.

Basic systems only allowed.

### **JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE IMPROVER SESSIONS WITH LEE**

Taking place now on Tuesday evenings. 6pm prompt start. Session ends 6.50pm.

Players encouraged to attend the Tuesday playing session following at 7pm to put into practice their tuition.

Free to members. No partner needed.



### **NEW EVENING PLAY START TIME**

A reminder - for the 2021 season **all** evening playing sessions will begin at 7pm. Please be seated by 6.55pm.

*Congratulations!*

**Helen Brodie** has risen from Junior to Intermediate grade – congratulations Helen and a real achievement in a year of Covid to advance so far with so few playing opportunities.

**Len Dent** and **Glen Bilton** won the Kerikeri Swiss Open tournament.

**John McIntosh** and **Andrew Liu** won the Kerikeri Open pairs tournament

**Patsy** and **Lee Walters** won the Warkworth Open tournament.



Have you joined the Whangarei facebook group? News and views from the club and wider bridge world are shared. Join in to see the latest. <https://www.facebook.com/playbridgeinwhangarei>

### **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Dargaville Swiss Pairs – 20 February. Kerikeri Open Pairs – 6 March. Enter online at NZB