

May 2021

WHANGAREI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM OUR CLUB

We look forward to welcoming new students to our game this month. The marketing campaign has gone well and we are hoping for a bumper crop this season. See news from teaching team later in this bulletin.

St John have generously donated an AED (defibrillator) to the club. They will be demonstrating its use before Friday morning play on Friday 7 May at 10am. All members are welcome to attend and learn how to use this equipment.

We await a start date for the resealing of the club carpark. We will keep members updated on this as we will need to move to an alternative venue for three weeks whilst this work is undertaken.

The fundraising team of Helen Brodie, Janice Johnson and Yvonne McKinnon have outlined their plans for the remainder of this year. These can be viewed on the club noticeboard. They need help – please step to support them if you can.

Whangarei Bridge Club Committee

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Update from the Teaching Team

April has been a very busy time for the teaching team. With the help of the rejuvenation sub-committee the message of bridge lessons starting has been publicised through many and varied media.

Special thanks go to Lyn Nelson and her dedicated team of helpers who have once again manned the library to bring in a new crop of students. The one thing every club member has been asked to do to support this work, is to **invite one new person to bridge lessons** this year. If you have not yet done so – please try and find one person to join the lessons starting Monday 3 May at 7pm, and Tuesday 4 May at 10am. The first two lessons are free – so a good chance for a friend or family member to try out the game and see if they enjoy it.

Help needed: We are anticipating larger numbers than usual. If anyone has a microphone/speaker system they would be willing to allow the club use of for the lessons please contact Jane.

Returnees to lessons in 2021: A warm welcome is extended to all of our existing club members (paid up members prior to 1 April 2021) – to attend any of the lessons held this year **free of charge**. If you would like to complete the whole course, or just attend for topics you would like a refresher on, you are very welcome to do so.

Please note the special arrangements on Monday night lessons for returnees:

- Separate playing tables with dedicated helper (Barry Johnson)
- Please bring your existing notes where possible
- If numbers are uneven, we may not be able to accommodate returnees at a playing table – first priority will go to the new fee paying students
- You may be asked to move to a new student table to make up numbers during some of the lessons

We will do our best to accommodate returnees during the practical part of the lesson but you may watch other returnees and swap in and out at times. Thank you for understanding if it is not possible to have a dedicated playing seat at every lesson.

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Upcoming Whangarei Tournament

15 May – Yovich & Co Open 5A

Please bring a plate of food for morning tea. A reserve pair is needed – please contact Lee if you are willing to be on standby.

“BRIDGE BANTER” – Thursday nights

A reminder of John's Bridge Banter sessions at the end of Thursday night play. Enjoy discussion with a glass of wine around boards just played in Thursday evening sessions. All welcome to stay after Thursday play.

Lee's Junior/Intermediate improver sessions

Continue throughout May – Tuesday evenings 6pm sharp at the club.

Congratulations to our April series winners:

Monday morning **Blush Pairs** –Judith Byrne and Marianne Stevens

Tuesday evening **Jade Pairs** – Kevin Grundy and Judith Byrne

Wednesday morning **Magenta Pairs** – Henri Cramer and George McGirr

Thursday night **Parahaki Cup** – Patsy Walters and Neil Ruddell

Friday morning **Sunshine Pairs** – Janice Johnson and Helen Brodie

Tournament success in April

Thanks to all our club members who supported our **ANZAC Day tournament** in support of **STROKE Foundation**.

Congratulations to the Winners: **Helen Brodie** and **Richard Bland**

Broome Family Open 8B:

1st - **Matt Brown** and **Tania Brown**

2nd – **Margaret Hooson** and **Richard Bland**

3rd – Andi Boughey and **Patsy Walters**

Broome Family Intermediate/Junior 5B:

1st – **Judith Byrne** and **Laura Maton**

2nd – **Stewart Love** and **Helen Brodie**

3rd – **Sandra Hollis** and **Pat Costello**

The club is very grateful for the continued sponsorship of this tournament by the Broome Family.

Inter Provincials – 8/9 May in Auckland

Still time to enter the IPs. A great opportunity to join with players from all over Auckland/Northland to compete to represent the Region. The trials are a regular pairs format. Join with the Whangarei pairs travelling down to enjoy the camaraderie of a weekend of bridge. Contact Jane if you would like more information.

Join in our regular club series in May

Monday mornings – Canary Pairs runs for five weeks, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Wednesday mornings – PaknSave Pairs handicap series May 5, 12, 19, 26

Friday mornings – Rotterdam Cup - for five weeks Apr 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28

Contact **Janice** if you need a partner for any **daytime** bridge sessions.

Tuesday evenings – Kobi Pairs May 4, 11, 18, 25

Thursday evenings – Yovich & Co pairs May 6, 13, 20, 27

(followed by “Bridge Banter”)

Contact **Jane** if you need a partner for any **evening** bridge sessions.

Upcoming Tournaments

15 May – Yovich & Co Open 5A Pairs

29 May – Paihia/BOI New World Open 5A Pairs

8/9 May – InterProvincial Trials – Open/Women/Senior/Intermediates - Auckland