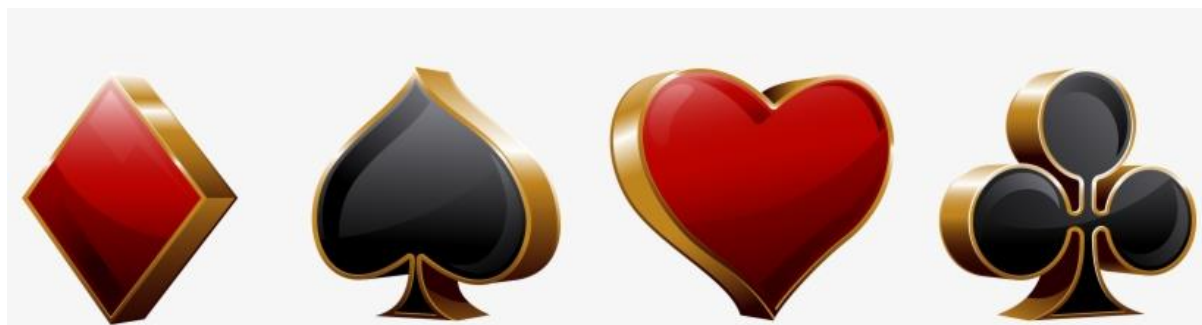


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Covid-19 Special

WHANGAREI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



GREETINGS FROM OUR CLUB

As we face uncertainty in the times ahead, we wanted to reach out to all our members to check in on them and make sure you are all okay. A member of the bridge club will be telephoning you soon to make sure you are safe and well in your bubble. We know for some of our members a lockdown can mean isolation and we are here to support you and help where we can.

We have news of some adjustments to our schedule, a games night online and details of how to join in bridge from your home.

Please take time to enjoy your read and offer help and support where you can.

Whangarei Bridge Club Committee

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Bridge Club Survey

If you have not yet found time to complete the club's online survey – now is your chance. We have re-opened this for a further week. We would really appreciate your feedback on different aspects of club life. Your view is important. Please press Control and Click on this [link](#) to access and complete the survey before Wednesday 25 August.

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DO YOU NEED HELP?

We have a number of our members willing to help with shopping and prescriptions during lockdown. If you struggle to get out without transport and need someone to shop for you please get in touch with Lee or Jane. If you are willing to take someone's shopping list down and buy for them at the supermarket, please let Lee or Jane know.

PLAYING BRIDGE ONLINE

Have you signed up for BBO? Bridge Base Online is a free site where thousands play bridge from all over the world. You will need to create a user name and password. The Auckland Bridge Club is running daily online playing sessions up to and including Tuesday 24 August which you are welcome to join. They have 24 board sessions - daytime (start at 1pm) and evening (start 7pm).

Go to www.bridgebase.com If you look in "tournaments" and search "Kiwi" you will see the sessions. They are usually called Daytime Kiwis or Evening Kiwis.

GAMES EVENING

Join in an **online** games evening **Tuesday 24 August at 7.15pm**. Have a glass of wine and get ready for an evening of trivia and other random games fun. Click the link below from 7pm to join in the fun.

Link to games evening:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OWZmY2l4N2EtM2ViZS00MTU0LThhMTMtNmZjNjBlYzZjZDQx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22d5ba34bb-bde3-4ef8-9b96-dd8b95c9fe4a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%222fb711ae-98f2-44f2-a496-9eb3bf7b6a%22%7d

AGM – Sunday 29 August at 1.30pm

It is likely that our AGM will be deferred. We will give you further news on this as the situation changes during the week.

THEATRE NIGHT UPDATE

33 tickets have been sold to club members. At this stage we hope the show will go on! It is an anxious time for those involved who see rehearsal and planning stages being disrupted. We will keep you informed.

Northland Tournaments

We were sorry to see our neighbours Paihia having to cancel their tournament. The club website and facebook page will keep you up to date on cancellations.

Whangarei Leader

We hope many of our members received the Leader this week and saw the article on our two young members featured on page 3. Details below for those of you who missed it:



Bridge club members graduate

The Whangarei Bridge Club celebrated its graduation of 34 students into regular club play following its 2021 lesson series.

Among them were Toby Sutherland and Kalila-Jane Sadler who, at age 10 and 11, become the club's youngest members.

Bridge is a game for life and one that spans generations enabling families to connect and enjoy a compelling mindsport on a level playing field.

The game is ageless and a player can keep enjoying it for a longer period than any other human pastime.

Research has shown that bridge is excellent for developing concentration and problem-solving skills, especially in children.

It also promotes teamwork and social development.

Bridge can be as competitive as you want it to be but for most, including the majority of the class of 2021, it is simply a great way to make new friends and have fun.

FUTURE NEWS ON RE-OPENING

Remember – the club website and facebook page are the top sources for news from the club. Keep an eye on them for updates as the lockdown progresses.

Information to update our members will be posted to there to keep you informed.

Until we meet again at the club – stay safe and well in your bubble and reach out to your bridge friends and buddies if you need extra support at this time.