

September 2021

WHANGAREI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



GREETINGS FROM OUR CLUB

We have moved from Level 4 to Level 3 and await news of when we move down another level. We are uncertain when the club will be able to re-open and will be guided by advice from New Zealand Bridge. Vaccination is a matter of personal choice. The Club encourages all of our members to have their two vaccination shots before returning to club play.

We have news of opportunities to join online bridge sessions, an update on the club theatre trip and the postponement of National Congress.

Stay safe and well in your bubble and remember to contact any committee member if you need support at this time.

Whangarei Bridge Club Committee

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Postponement of AGM and cancelled tournament

Our AGM set for 29 August has been postponed. We will fix a new date in October. Our Craigs Investment tournament for 4 September has been cancelled.

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DO YOU NEED SUPPORT?

We have a number of our members willing to help with shopping and prescriptions during lockdown. We also have a number of "Caring Callers". Please do not feel isolated. Ring Lee if you need support or would appreciate a regular phone call. Being isolated is not good for the human condition! We are here to support you.

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. Many members of our club take part. You can see their user names by going to our website and clicking in the About Us section.

BBO Tutorial for Beginners

If you are new to bridge, or new to BBO, join Jane in an online tutorial on Wednesday 8 September at 7pm.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Several clubs and Regions are organising online sessions:

Auckland Bridge Club is running daily online playing sessions. 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. You can register two hours before play begins – they are heavily subscribed – so hop online two hours before the start to ensure you can play.

Waikato Bays Region are running two evening sessions on Mondays and Thursdays at 7pm. They are just 18 boards so a short session to enjoy. Look for Pairs Waikato Lockdown in the Free Tournaments section of Competitive Bridge.

Pairs Mount Albert PCBC – starting at 6.30pm most weekday evenings.

Westport Bridge Club – running sessions Monday and Thursday evenings at 7pm. Look for Kiwi Westport Pairs in the Free Tournaments section of Competitive Bridge.

Christchurch Bridge Club – running sessions most days.

THEATRE NIGHT UPDATE

The show is being postponed until later in the year. The probable date (tbc) is **Wednesday 1 December**. Once that date is confirmed for the Whangarei Bridge Club performance we will let all ticket holders know. You will be able to confirm your attendance or request a refund. If anyone else would like to join this outing please let Jane know asap.

NATIONAL CONGRESS 2021 POSTPONED

The week long annual bridge tournament has been moved to a midweek to midweek event from 10-17 February. The details can be found [here](#). National Congress 2022 is planned for its regular slot in September 2022.

COMPUTER HELP

In our recent online survey a member offered their computer skills to support the club. The survey was anonymous so we cannot identify who this was. Thanks for the offer of help and would the volunteer please make themselves known to a committee member 😊

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 alert levels change. Information to update our members will be posted 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.