

December 2021

WHANGAREI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



SEASONS GREETINGS FROM OUR CLUB

We hope you will all join in our end of season Christmas party and prizegiving on Saturday 11 December – full details in this newsletter.

We have some bridge in December – our festive pairs on Thursday nights, Christmas pairs on Friday mornings and themed Christmas bridge on Monday nights. We will have some holiday bridge in January to look forward to as well.

The committee discussed its response to the ongoing Covid pandemic. They had agreed that from 1 February 2022 the club would become a vaccinated venue. In the light of the traffic light system introduction this now needs **to be advanced to 3 December 2021**. Please read more details around what this means for you as a member later in this newsletter.

We wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year in 2022.

Whangarei Bridge Club Committee

Christmas Party – come and join the fun!

Theme: “*Christmas looks like this*”

Secret Santa - max \$5.00 – put your wrapped gift in the box.

To collect your pressie - tell us one goal for next year.

Pot Luck Dinner - members please bring a pudding or a salad. Please write your contribution on the list in the clubrooms.

1,30 Prizegiving

2,00 Bridge - no partner required

4,30 Bridge will finish regardless of how many boards have been played

4.45 Members’ family or friends arrive to enjoy a pot luck meal with us

Chicken and ham, sherry and cake provided.

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Babich NZ Wide Pairs

A very enjoyable evening. The inclusion of some of the sponsor’s product (Babich wine) and food made for a great atmosphere. Many thanks to Jayne Broome and Laurie Brockliss for the lovely spread they put on for the players.

Congratulations to Richard Bland and Margaret Hooson and Laura Maton and Stuart Love who took home an A point from their success at the event.

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Donate a Club Trophy

The club’s cups/trophies are very old and need replacing. Would any members be prepared to donate a trophy for the club? If you are replacing an existing trophy your name will be on the cup as donor. If you wish to donate a new one, you can decide what it’s called, and when it will be played for. We are hoping we can replace most existing ones in the coming year – contact Lee.

St John’s Charity tournament

Postponed until 2022. Another date will be set when we open up for tournament bridge enabling members from the wider Northland clubs to attend.

PANDEMIC RESPONSE – VACCINATED VENUE

The health and safety of our club members is a priority and the committee have considered and discussed at length the steps it needs to take to best protect and support our members. At the recent AGM the committee were given a mandate to take what steps they deemed appropriate to protect as best as possible our club members and ensure the sustainability of the club itself.

In our last newsletter we explained the new traffic light system announced by the Government and its impact on the club. There has now been additional information provided and our updated response is set out below.

In brief – on 3 December 2021 Northland moves into the traffic light system at Red. Bridge can be played at levels Red, Orange and Green if it is a vaccinated venue. Bridge cannot be played at the club at levels Red, Orange and Green if we are an unvaccinated venue.

The committee have carried out a health and safety assessment and this can be viewed on the clubroom noticeboard.

The committee have also considered the financial impact on the club were it not to become a vaccinated venue.

In the light of the above the committee have decided that **the club will become a vaccinated venue from 3 December 2021.**

What does this mean for you as a member?

From Friday 3 December you will be asked to provide proof of your vaccination status **to Lee Walters only**. To allow for a timely start to play please arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled start time to enable this recording to be undertaken.

From 3 December 2021 you will be unable to access the clubrooms unless you have:

1. Provided proof of double vaccination to Lee.
2. Provided proof that you are ineligible for vaccination (eg. under 12 years of age currently) to Lee.

If your vaccine pass is based upon a certificate of exemption or if you are ineligible for the vaccination, we ask that you wear a mask at all playing sessions you attend at the club after 3 December 2021. Mask wearing is recommended to all our members.

Your vaccination details will be kept by Lee. Directors of sessions of bridge at the club will be provided with details of those members who have not registered their vaccination status.

We recognise that the decision on whether or not to be vaccinated is a difficult one for some and we acknowledge this as a committee and respect all our members'

decisions on this matter. We ask that our members show respect and consideration for each other at this time.

We also ask for your patience as members. The rules and requirements are changing and evolving. We will try and bring you any new information as it arises.

Wheelchair vehicle parking space allocated

Please note that we now have a special designated parking area in the front corner of the club carpark. This is to enable a vehicle with side wheelchair access to open and ensure no car is parked too close that would prevent a wheelchair exiting. Please take time to identify where this is and leave the space clear. There are two wheelchair signs on the white wooden fence to indicate this.

CHRISTMAS BRIDGE

Enjoy some festive bridge in December:

Monday evenings – themed Christmas bridge, 6 December (Christmas colours)

13 December (nativity theme plus bring small plate to share)

Thursday evenings – the Festive Pairs on 25 Nov, 2, 9 Dec.

Friday mornings – Christmas Pairs on 3, 10 Dec.

All welcome.

NOVEMBER RESULTS ROUND-UP

Monday morning – Daytime singles cup – Winner: **Margaret Hooson**

Monday evening teams – Winners: The Wiggles. (**Judith Byrne, June Zhu, Kevin Grundy, Yvonne McKinnon, Lyn Nelson**)

Winners costume competition: The Wizards (John Ward, Roger and Ruth de Bray, Colleen Fannin)

Monday evening Pairs 6 – Winners: **John Ward** and **Colleen Fannin**

Wednesday morning Citrine Pairs – Winners: **Len Dent** and **Kate Marsland**

A remarkable four sessions played by Len and Kate with Judith Byrne as the first week sub. An outstanding average of 73.67% for the competition!

Thursday evening – Acol Bowl Championship Pairs
Winners: **Richard Bland** and **Margaret Hooson**

Friday morning – Wisteria Pairs – Winners: **Len Dent** and **Lee Walters**

TOURNAMENT SCENE RE-OPENING

15 January 2022 – Craigs Investment BOI Swiss Pairs at Kerikeri

16 January 2022 – Craigs Investment BOI Holiday Pairs at Kerikeri

Book now to avoid missing the opportunity – spaces are filling fast.
Double vax proof needed to enter.