

WHANGAREI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2022



NEWS FROM OUR CLUB

Welcome back! Our regular playing season is underway.

We have seen good numbers at our holiday bridge sessions and our Monday night playing sessions.

We congratulate our members whose performance in 2021 has been recognised by NZB. More details later in this newsletter.

The committee met in February to discuss the outcomes from our club survey last year and to consider the feedback and suggestions to make a plan for the upcoming year. More information on this will follow in future newsletters.

A reminder to everyone who has not yet provided Lee with details of their Covid pass – you need to arrange this before admittance to the club in 2022.

Whangarei Bridge Club Committee

Keeping each other safe – Covid protocols

1. If you test positive for Covid and have played at the club in the preceding 14 days, please **telephone Lee immediately**. Tel: 021 132 3284
2. The club may need to be closed for a few days on very short notice in order to carry out deep cleaning.
3. Closures will be posted on the club website and club facebook page – you may want to check these each time before you come out to play for the up to date situation.

4. A sign will be put on the outer club door advising if the club is closed.
We apologise for any wasted journeys – situations can change quickly.
5. Ensure you scan-in when you come into the club to play.
6. Masks are highly recommended.
7. Hand sanitiser is available at the club.

These protocols may change at short notice - please have a mask with you in case this is needed in future sessions.

NEW GRADINGS FOR 2022

Congratulations to our members who have been promoted from Junior to Intermediate grade.

New Intermediates:

Henri Cramer

Jayne Broome

Laurie Brockliss

Tim Boyd

TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

Our newest intermediates stormed the field at the Swiss Open Pairs in Kerikeri in January. In a strong field of 32 pairs, **JAYNE BROOME** and **LAURIE BROCKLISS** finished on the podium in **THIRD** place – many congratulations to them both. Helen Brodie and Janice Johnson finished just off the podium in 4th.

In the Craigs Investment pairs event – **NEIL RUDELL** with last minute substitute **TANIA BROWN** finished **RUNNERS-UP**.

As the winners of the Swiss Pairs event noted – it was wonderful to be back playing face-to-face tournament bridge.

RANK SUCCESS FOR 2021 SEASON

Each year NZB publishes the Top 20 players in each bridge rank. Whangarei players featured:

Life Masters: **Tania Brown** - 12th, **Margaret Hooson** - 18th.

National Masters: **Jane Stearns** - 9th, Len Dent - 18th.

Provincial Masters: **Richard Bland** - 4th, **Janice Johnson** - 12th.

Local Master: **Alan Pumfleet** - 5th.

Congratulations to all our players. A special mention for Alan Pumfleet who came to lessons in 2021 to refresh his knowledge having been away from the game for many years. An outstanding return to bridge – well done Alan.

Tuesday night bridge

A reminder that our Tuesday evening bridge sessions begin in February. All are welcome and nearly all the events are scored on a handicap basis. Ideal session for newer players to transition into. You do not need a partner – just turn up by 6.55pm and a partner will be found for you. You do not have to attend a whole series – just play any nights you are free.

New almoner for the club

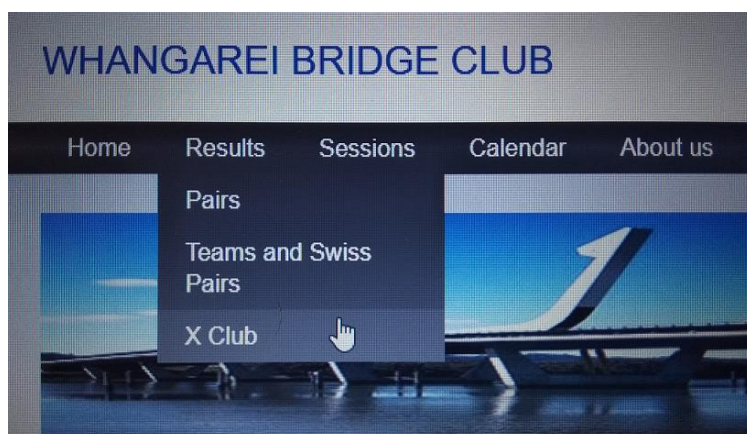
Judy Allison has stepped into the role of almoner for the club – thanks Judy! In caring for its members the club sends cards and sometimes flowers as appropriate to members who are in need. If you know of a member in need of some support, please call Judy. Tel: **027 438 4481**.

TOURNAMENT HELP NEEDED – SATURDAY 5 MARCH

Helpers in the kitchen throughout the day and a stand-in pair ready to play to ensure no phantom at the Pak n Save tournament are needed. Contact Lee.

X-CLUB

Whangarei Bridge Club has joined the X-Club in 2022. The deals we play are also played by clubs across the whole of New Zealand if they run a playing session on the same day as us. If you click on the Results tab on our website – you will see the “X-Club” option:



We have been playing X-Club deals on Monday nights and have had some great successes with our newer players featuring in the Top 10:

Session: Week 50 Monday 50mon.: Result Summary								
Club: CompassMate Date: 2021-12-13								
Overall Result		Overall Result						
Rank	Name	Club	Grade	Boards	MPs	Max MPs	X-Club %	Club %
1	Penny Broughton & Judith Byrne	Whangarei	J1	15	1165.6	1710	68.16	64.80
2	Peter Boynton & Mary Keane	Mt Maunganui	J1	16	1230.1	1824	67.44	67.86

Session: Week 2 Monday 02mond: Result Summary												
Club: CompassMate Date: 2022-01-10												
Overall Result		Overall Result										
Rank	Name	Club	Grade	Boards	MPs	Max MPs	X-Club %	Club %	Difference	IMPs	Datum VPs	XG Rating
1	Jane Stearns & Ange Guest	Whangarei	OJ	18	2537	3672	69.09	69.44	-0.35	39	17.69	56.22
2	Susan Hardy & Gill Nelson	Rotorua	IO	21	2809.3	4234	66.35	67.06	-0.71	23	15.01	56.82
3	Glenda Frapwell & Patricia Joyce	Christchurch	II	26	3212.8	4884	65.78	64.50	1.28	48	17.80	55.70

Session: Week 46 Monday 46mon.: Result Summary

Club: CompassMate
Date: 2021-11-15

Overall Result Overall Result

Rank	Name	Club	Grade	Boards	MPs	Max MPs	X-Club %	Club %
1	Peter Boynton & Mary Keane	Mt Maunganui	JJ	24	3367.5	4764	70.69	76.19
2	Ian Moore & Pam Moore	Cambridge	OO	18	2510.5	3708	67.70	68.06
3	Carlene Mason & Ange Guest	Whangarei	JJ	18	2503.2	3708	67.51	65.00
	Wendy Morris & Peter							

We will start using the X-Club deals at all our playing sessions from February – so check out not only how you did against the players in the clubroom – but against players in clubrooms across NZ.

Session: Week 3 Monday 03mon.: Result Summary

Club: CompassMate
Date: 2022-01-17

Overall Result Overall Result

Rank	Name	Club	Grade	Boards	MPs	Max MPs	X-Club %	Club %
1	Richard Parkinson & Evelyn Bradley	Kaitia	**	27	1767.4	2640	66.95	63.89
2	Michael Neels & Ian Moore	Cambridge	OO	21	1453.6	2252	64.55	51.79
3	Margaret Wilson & Val Tetley	Papatoetoe	II	24	1668.9	2588	64.49	55.83
4	Alan Pumfleet & Juliet Golightly	Whangarei	IJ	18	1298.1	2016	64.39	65.90
5	Phil Lynch & Rob Skinner	Papatoetoe	II	24	1653.2	2588	63.88	55.00
6	Carlene Mason & Jane Stearns	Whangarei	JO	18	1266.7	2016	62.83	62.42
7	Kim Chung & Sheryl Righton	Taupo	IJ	20	1407.4	2240	62.83	69.38
8	Chris Tinkler & Nat Natarajan	Howick	II	24	1598.2	2588	61.75	66.04
9	Anna Kalma & Pam Moore	Cambridge	OO	24	1591.6	2588	61.50	62.50
10	Chris Tobin & Renate Tolks	Whangarei	*J	18	1184.7	1936	61.19	60.52

January results:

Monday night individuals: Winner - **Carlene Mason**

Friday night Interclub – starting Friday 25 March

Teams of four needed of similar grade – Open, Intermediate or Junior. More information in next month's newsletter about this online event.

NATIONAL CONGRESS 2021

No – not a typo! Just as with Tokyo Olympics 2020 – so our national bridge competition was delayed owing to Covid and now proceeds online in February 2022.

There is still time to enter.

To those who are newer to bridge – every year there is a "National Congress" where bridge players from all over NZ (and in the past overseas) come to compete. It is usually held at the end Sept/start Oct, but because the 2021 had to be cancelled owing to Covid - they are holding an additional Congress this year in February. It is being held online for the first time in its history using "Real Bridge".

You can view the full programme [here](#)



Happy Bridging!