

WHANGAREI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER – MATARIKI 2022



NEWS FROM OUR CLUB

At the start of the Māori New Year we have new beginnings of our own to celebrate at our club, with the graduation of over 20 students from our lessons. Our graduation event is Monday 4 July - full details in this issue and we hope many of our members will join in the evening. A huge thank you to our teaching team of Richard Bland and Lyn Nelson and the many helpers that support our lessons.

We hope many of you will take part in the deferred Broome Family tournament later this month – full details in this newsletter.

There is a major consultation on the role of online bridge by NZB. Whangarei will discuss its response on 13 July. Relevant papers are attached to this newsletter. If you have views to express, please speak to a committee member 13 July or you can contact NZB directly to give your view as an individual.

Whangarei Bridge Club Committee

GRADUATION NIGHT – MONDAY 4 JULY

Come along this Monday to congratulate and welcome our new players emerging from lessons into the club. The evening starts with wine and nibbles and a graduation ceremony from 6pm followed by relaxed play from 7pm to 9pm. Make this a date for your diary to join in the celebration.



Broome Family tournament – 23 July

Join in this fun tournament suitable for all player levels.

Rescheduled from earlier this year – the tournament has prizes for all sections including a tail end Charlie.

Text Lee on 021 132 3287 or email her leewalters14@gmail.com to enter or sign up on the list in the clubrooms.

If you graduated from lessons in the last couple of years and have not yet tried a tournament – this is the perfect one for you to try. A relaxed atmosphere, focus on fun and a great day of bridge.

We are very grateful to Jayne Broome for her continued support of the club by sponsoring this popular tournament.

Trading Table

The club has raised over \$580 from the trading table in June. Thank you to all our members for their kind donations and to those who have supported the table by buying items. All proceeds go to support the club.

Presentation to Northland Rescue Helicopters

Jane recently met the crew at Northland Rescue Helicopters. The donation of \$350 from the club from our Anzac Day charity event was gratefully received and they send their sincere thanks to the club for its support.



Len Dent – Kauri carved bowl presented to the President of the United States of America by Prime Minister of New Zealand

On Jacinda Ardern's recent trip to the States she presented Joe Biden with a kauri bowl turned by no less than our own Len Dent here in Whangārei. The piece, which had its rim made by Len's friend Thomas Hansen of Tauranga, was on display at Te Papa. It was purchased by the Prime Minister's office. Len gave details of its provenance to accompany the State gift. A fine acknowledgement of Len's craftsmanship that he so often uses to boost our raffle/auction sales at tournaments at the club.

Top Tips – Etiquette - Hesitation

Partner of hesitators - beware!

It is always good to bid "in tempo" then there can be no suggestion that a hesitation has influenced a bid by your partner.

Sometimes it is difficult to know what to bid – so what are the rules around hesitation?

1. You are entitled to think – you can hesitate and then bid with no penalty.
2. When you hesitate – the spotlight falls on your partner and their actions following your hesitation.
3. If you hesitate before bidding and then choose to pass – and then your partner decides to bid – your partner's hand is under scrutiny. It must be a valid bid for the situation in the auction and to determine this, the director considers whether 75% of equal standard pairs would have made that bid without the hesitation.
4. If you hesitate before bidding and then choose to place a bid other than pass – your partner's hand still falls under the spotlight. The director applies the same standard.

What do you do if there is a hesitation?

- Ask all players at the table "Do we acknowledge there was a hesitation?" If acknowledged, your position on whether this has impacted the auction is reserved. Wait until the end of the hand. If you feel the partner of the hesitator did not have a valid bid after hesitation – call the

director and ask for a ruling. A score can be adjusted if the director finds the non-offending pair have been damaged.

- If the hesitation is not acknowledged when asked – call the director and explain you feel there has been a hesitation – the director will give a ruling and advise whether your position is reserved. If reserved, the director returns at the end of the hand to adjust the score if necessary if the non-offending pair have been damaged.

Why are there rules around hesitation?

- The auction is silent – you can't pass information to your partner during the auction. A hesitation may suggest you are unsure. If you then decide to proceed there is usually no penalty, but if you choose to pass – the information that you were uncertain is then passed to your partner. They now have to act ethically in this situation and ask themselves – if there had been no hesitation – were they really going to bid?
- Hovering back and forth over the bidding sheet with your pen, as if going to make a bid, withdrawing your hand, putting it back over the sheet, pulling it away again, saying “Oooh I don't know” or “Shall I?” all pass information to your partner and that is against the rules!
- Sit calmly and serenely at the table (even if in a complete panic about what to do). From that position make your decision on your bid. Then calmly make your bid.

Congratulations to Whangārei players in recent tournaments

Dargaville Open Pairs

Winners **Neil Ruddell** and **Tania Brown**

Runners up – **Laura Maton** and **Kim Thomas** – an outstanding performance by also the top intermediate pair.

3rd Intermediate pair – **Ian Johnson** and **Vanessa McGoldrick**

Top Junior pair – **Jenny Trigg** and **Judith Robinson**

Good Luck Kevin and Jane!

Kevin and Jane have advanced to the semi-finals of the Regional rubber bridge competition. Their semi-final match is on 3 July and we wish them well as they try to advance to the final and win through to represent Auckland/Northland at National Congress.

TOWAI CUP – FULL REPORT



Towai is a tiny village midway between Whangārei and Kerikeri and on Saturday 11th June, 24 intrepid Bridge Players headed North. But we weren't going to Towai. We were going to Kerikeri to defend the Towai Challenge. Every year Whangārei and Kerikeri fight out a teams tournament for the trophy.

As usual Kerikeri were excellent hosts. They put on a wonderful spread to welcome us and afternoon tea was equally good. (Something to which we shall aspire when we host next year.) The good feeling continued throughout the day. Rarely have I played in a tournament that was played in such good spirit.

We put up six teams, 2 Junior, 2 Intermediate and 2 Open. There were two rounds. In the first round the Whangārei A teams played the Kerikeri A teams and the B teams played against each other. Naturally the Junior teams played Junior teams, Intermediate played Intermediate and Open played Open. In the second round it was A team plays B team.

For those people who haven't played Teams, let me explain. Two pairs make up a Team. One pair sits North-South on the home table and the other pair sits East-West on the Away table. (The Away table is the Home table of the opponents.) Both pairs play all the boards and you simply compare the scores. So if our NS pair bids and makes 2S, they score 110 ; if the opposing NS make 2S+1 they score 140. We compare 110 to 140 and score a swing of 30 points to

the opposition. There are tables that convert the scores into Victory Points. This is a standard rating out of 20 that allows us to compare different matches. Naturally a score of 10-10 victory points is a draw. Anything better than 14-6 is a substantial win.

Whangārei did rather well. We won 4 of our 6 matches

Towai 2022 Results

Open	Keri A 2.08 – 17.92 Whan A	Keri B 11.77 – 8.23 Whan B	13.85 – 26.15
	Keri A 2.79 – 17.21 Whan B	Keri B 17.10 – 2.90 Whan A	19.89 – 20.11
			33.74 – 46.26
Inter	Keri A 0 – 20 Whan A	Keri B 9.53 – 10.47 Whan B	9.53 – 30.47
	Keri A 7.24 – 12.76 Whan B	Keri B 8.23 – 11.77 Whan A	15.47 – 24.53
			25.00 – 55.00
Junior	Keri A 0.78 – 19.22 Whan A	Keri B 7.43 – 12.57 Whan B	8.21 – 31.79
	Keri A 3.12 – 16.88 Whan B	Keri B 6.01 – 13.99 Whan A	9.13 – 30.87
			17.34 – 62.66
Overall result Kerikeri 76.08 Whangārei 163.92			

Upcoming tournaments

16/17 July – Regional Northland/Auckland pairs/teams – good luck to players from Whangārei travelling down to take part.

23 July – *Broome Intermediate/Junior tournament (rescheduled) – Whangārei

*Note: This tournament will not have masterpoints awarded and so entries will not be online via NZB. They will be an open section if enough participate.

30 July – Kerikeri Bay of Islands New World Pairs – Kerikeri

Club results:

Mon morning – Beryl pairs: **Val Hegh** and **Isabel Thom**

Mon morning – Emerald Pairs: **Alan Pumfleet** and **Glennis Bilton**

Tues eve Indigo Restricted Pairs - **Juliet Golightly** and **Teresa Small**

Tues eve Opal Pairs – **John McIntosh** and **Juliet Golightly**

Wed morning – Hilda James Memorial Trophy – **Len Dent** and **Janice Johnson**

Thursday eve – Yovich & Co Pairs – **Lee Orton** and **Patsy Walters**

Thursday eve – Rust Pairs – **Roger Johnson** and **Lee Orton**

Friday morning – Rotterdam Cup – **Bruce Thom** and **Isabel Thom**

Friday morning – Yovich & Co Pairs – **Helen Brodie** and **Kevin Grundy**

Congratulations to all our club session winners.



Happy Bridging!