

Whangarei Bridge Club



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They Have Been Good To Us And now it's pay back time

We are talking about St John's Ambulance Service. If you want to know what they have done for us then just ask a committee member. Let's just thank them for providing transport to away tournaments and then there is the defibrillator.

Christmas charity tournament in aid of Hato Hone St John



Wine and mince tarts served at lunchtime

Entry fee \$30

Prize for best festive outfit

Prize for top junior

Prize for top intermediate

Prize for tail end Charlie

Prize for biggest score given away

Prize for the 1st hand with all 2s in it

Prize for

All entries to

whgtournament@gmail.com

or text Lee on 0211323287.

No Online Entries



A View From The Bridge



Janice Johnson
Team Captain

I'm going to talk about the membership drive. "What membership drive?" I hear you ask. Well, whilst we don't have a specific drive just now, we are always on the lookout for new members.

Our numbers are good but people do leave and we need to replace them. A full session of 10 tables needs 40 players and that is a lot of people.

Our training team has done a very good job in bringing in new members and we hope that they will do the same next year. (Next year's lessons begin on 14 February.)

Now is a good time to persuade a friend or neighbour to think about the game. Once lessons are underway it is a bit late. If every member brought just one new person to the lessons, we would be more than happy.

Last year the lessons brought in a record number of new members. Let's make it two years in a row

Remember that this is your Newsletter and if there is anything that you would like to see here then email the editor at:

WhangareiBridgeNews@gmx.com

Xmas Party and Prizegiving

Saturday 10 December at 1.30pm
Dress as a Christmas Bell or bells and the best dressed bell wins the prize.
There will be a Secret Santa and all you need to get pressie is say what you would like to see happen at the club next year. It couldn't be simpler.
There will be an afternoon tea festive spread. See you all there.



A Cracking Read

Lyn has negotiated a special deal on this book.

Card play is a bit of a black art. There are many books that explain it but most are difficult to read. Paul Marston, on the other hand, explains the basic principles in terms that anyone can understand. This is a book that unlocks the mystery. You never know. After reading this book, you might get to love No Trump contracts.

The price on Amazon is \$91 (or \$42 for a second-hand copy) but Lyn can get a bulk discount for \$24 each providing we get enough orders. Call Lyn on 0211 554 645 to order your copy.

Director Please!

You can't run a duplicate session without a Director. It's a bit like footy. You can have a punt about with some mates but to have a proper match you need a ref. Bridge is the same. Four friends can sit at a table with a pack of cards and play a couple of friendly rubbers. (There will be an article on Rubber Bridge next month.) Duplicate, on the other hand, with multiple tables and a movement to control needs someone in charge.



And that is where the trouble starts. We don't have enough Club Directors.

A Tournament Director needs to have an intimate and thorough grasp of all 93 Laws and 268 subsections. A Club Director, on the other hand, just needs a rough working knowledge of the rules. You simply need to know what is right and what is wrong.

Over 95% of all Director calls relate to just 4 problems. These are: Bid out of turn, Insufficient bid, Play out of turn and Revoke. These are covered by crib sheets with flow charts that tell the Director what to do. If a weird problem turns up, we have a complete set of the Laws. The index is your friend – Looking up the answer is easy.

When it comes down to it, a Director is mostly there to shout, "East-West move please!"

If you are prepared to direct a session, please let Lee or Janice know.

