

April 2021

WHANGAREI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



HAPPY EASTER

We wish all of our club members a very Happy Easter.

In April we will be launching a major recruitment drive to support our teaching team. Lessons for beginners start Monday evenings and Tuesday daytime during the first week of May. The future of our club depends on steady growth in our numbers. We will have our regular library campaign and supplement this with a radio advertising campaign on Newstalk ZB, posters, fliers, social media and more. Listen to the club's interchanging adverts on Newstalk ZB - press "Control" and then click on links below.

[Ad 1](#) - [Ad 2](#)

The one thing every member is asked to do to support this, is to **invite one new person to bridge lessons** this year. So while you are out and about with family and friends over Easter and the coming month – please do all you can to find your one person to bring along in May.

Whangarei Bridge Club Committee

Two upcoming Whangarei Tournaments

17 April – Whangarei Broomes Open/Intermediate/Junior Pairs

The club is grateful to Jayne Broome for continued generous sponsorship of this event. Please bring a plate of food for morning tea. A reserve pair is needed – please contact Lee if you are willing to be on standby.

25 April – Whangarei Charity ANZAC Day tournament – for Stroke Foundation

Our one-session afternoon charity tournament is in aid of the Stroke Foundation. Their work is greatly valued in the community and the club is pleased to support them by donating the proceeds of this special event to them. Entry fee \$10 – 1pm start. You do not need to register an entry as it is a walk-in event. Call Janice if you need a partner.

NEW “BRIDGE BANTER” – Thursday nights

Starting in April John McIntosh will be facilitating discussion around boards just played in Thursday evening sessions. All welcome to stay after Thursday play, enjoy a glass of wine, and review what went well and not so well and hopefully learn how to improve for next time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BARRY AND JANICE JOHNSON

Celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary - we send them our warmest congratulations as they celebrate their milestone.



CALL TO ACTION

We need your help:

- **Display lesson posters** in prominent places – there will be posters available after Easter for distribution to workplace, Church, Marae, and other club noticeboards as well as shops, dairies – wherever the public might see them. Please complete the register with the posters at the clubrooms with your name and the location you are taking the poster to (to avoid duplication)
- **Portable microphone system** – do you own one and could you loan it to the club for use at lessons? Contact Jane.
- **Scribes for the club website and facebook page** – do you enjoy writing? Are you a facebook user? Do you enjoy working with computers? We need support from our membership to help sustain our key communication tools. Speak to Kevin Grundy if you would like more information.
- **Alternative playing venue** – does anyone know of an alternative playing venue with car parking space that would be available when the club car park is being resurfaced? Please contact Lee.

Lee’s Junior/Intermediate improver sessions

Continue throughout April – Tuesday evenings 6pm sharp at the club.

Congratulations to our March series winners:

Monday morning **Penguin Cup** – Richard Bland and Kevin Grundy

Monday evening **Handicap Pairs 1** – Jenny Trigg and Colleen Lamb

Tuesday evening **Indigo Restricted Pairs** – Jane Stearns and Kevin Grundy

Wednesday morning **Open Pairs championship** – Len Dent and Janice Johnson

Wednesday morning **Bow Cup junior championship** – Adam Okura and Anne Rosandich

Thursday night **Broome Pairs** – Patsy Walters and John McIntosh

Friday morning **Teal Pairs** – Judith Mehrtens and Judith Byrne

Join in our regular club series in April

Monday mornings – Blush Pairs runs for three weeks, April 12, 19 and 26

Wednesday mornings – Magenta Pairs handicap series April 7, 14, 21, 28

Friday mornings – Sunshine Pairs runs for three weeks April 9, 16, 23

Contact **Janice** if you need a partner for any **daytime** bridge sessions.

Tuesday evenings – Jade Pairs April 6, 13, 20, 27

Thursday evenings – Parahaki Cup April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
(followed by “Bridge Banter”)

Contact **Jane** if you need a partner for any **evening** bridge sessions.

Tournament success in March

In the Whangarei Barrells Teams tournament an outstanding performance to finish on the podium in third place by **Team Johnson**. Congratulations to Roger Johnson, Lee Orton, Cynthia Johnson and Vivienne Sexton (Kerikeri).

Inter Provincials – 8/9 May in Auckland

Have you thought about entering the IPs? A great opportunity to join with players from all over Auckland/Northland to compete to represent the Region. The trials are usually a Swiss pairs format (tbc). Getting to the right contract and bidding games and slams is top priority and overtricks are not as valuable. Join with the Whangarei pairs travelling down to enjoy the camaraderie of a weekend of bridge. Contact Jane if you would like more information.

Upcoming Tournaments

10 April – Paihia Quail Ridge Twin Salver Open Pairs

17 April – Whangarei Broomes Open/Intermediate/Junior Pairs

26 April – Whangarei Charity ANZAC Day tournament – for Stroke Foundation

1 May – Kerikeri Dolphin Pairs

8/9 May – InterProvincial Trials – Open/Women/Senior/Intermediates - Auckland



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