

ANRC November 2024 NEWSLETTER



Auckland Interclub Teams winners

Many thanks to the Auckland Bridge Club and organising director Patrick Carter for hosting this very well supported on-line event. This event continues to allow Northland teams to meet our local Auckland competitors.

Some great competition with every team having their successes. And the victors.....

Open:	Howick's Who's Hu
Intermediate:	Papatoetoe Buckle Up
Junior:	Papatoetoe Bridesmaids

Reluctant directors abound

Little did the regional committee know when they decided to host this 2 hour course that they would have 70 informal club directors participating. A huge thank you to Paihia's Heather Cernis for taking the participants through the NZB flow charts for directors covering the four most common calls to the table. Thanks to the English Bridge Union for their permission to show their videos showing exemplary director behaviour in each situation. The Region plan to repeat this session to accommodate those on the waiting list unable to join the course.

Thank you to all our members who step forward on an informal basis week in week out to support their clubs by being directors of club sessions.

Good Luck to the Auckland Northland Regional Championship squad heading to Wellington this weekend - follow them on VuGraph on BBO

New Zealand Congress winners 2024

Congratulations to the following successful players from our region. The blue-ribbon event final in the NZ Teams was contested by two teams captained by players from our region. Each were partnered by overseas visitors. **Michael Cornell** narrowly missed adding the NZ Pairs title finishing second with ex-pat **Ashley Bach**. Michael's winning record in the teams event is truly outstanding. His tally of 14 wins extend back to 1973. A truly superb effort to be winning 50 years on.

NZ Intermediate: **Joy Zeng** (Howick) and **Monica Cheng** (Auckland)

NZ Int/jnr Swiss Pairs: **Jacinda Manconi** (Mt Albert)

NZ Senior Swiss Pairs: **Alison Beer** (Orewa)

NZ Open Teams: **Michael Cornell (1st)** (Akarana)
Geeske Joel (RU) (North Shore)

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NZ Restricted Open Pairs: **Anne** and **Leo Sim** (Howick) Also 2nd in Restricted Teams and Swiss Pairs

NZ Intermediate Teams: **Kevin Grundy** and **Kim Thomas** (Whangārei)

Congress Int/Jnr Swiss Pairs: **Anna Li** and **John Weijermars** (Papatoetoe) 1st Juniors
Kevin Grundy and **Kim Thomas** (Whangārei) 1st Intermediates

NZ Rubber Bridge Final: **Malcolm Mayer** and **Tom Jacob** (Akarana)

National Pairs November 4/5

Our national event was again hosted in superb style by the Auckland Bridge Club and a hard-working team of officials and helpers. With the whole event being barometer scored it required a massive dealing effort and we were very grateful for Angela Royle, Kieran from Royle Epsom and Tony Morcom's significant assistance at late call. The event attracted a strong but smaller field of 18 tables. The Regional Committee thanks all participants.

Warmest congratulations to winners..

1. Jo and Sam Simpson (Tauranga)
2. **Malcolm Mayer** and **Brian Mace** (Akarana)
3. **Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin** and Jack James (Auckland/Palmerston North)

Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs

Well done to the clubs and players who supported this worthy fundraiser for the NZ Bridge Foundation. There were 915 pairs (53 clubs) involved in this year's competition. A special well done to Franklin and Mt Albert for providing two of the three biggest fields but well done also to our smaller clubs who made the effort.

Our region could not manage the table success of last year - Rona and John Driscoll (Taupo) winning with 74.72%

Lysandra Zheng and **Tim Pan** (Howick venue), **Hamish Brown** and **Johanna Perfect** (Mt Albert venue) and **Kevin Birch/Pam Browne** (Franklin venue) took our regional A points.

There was much discussion after you held AKQ976, KQT9432, -, - and the opposition open a weak 1nt.

Would you be brave enough to bid 6H? Partner had just one point – the JH !! Your courage would earn you a 92% result. Incredibly the opposition -holding 3 aces – were the ones who had to sacrifice (in 7D).

Social media campaigns for club lessons 2025

All clubs will have received the information from Mel Auld asking for confirmation by 30 November 2024 if they want to be involved in the 2025 campaign. With only a few days left - please book your slot with Mel Auld now if your club wants to go ahead next year. Email: mel.auld@nzbridge.co.nz

Please note with the change in financial year for NZB (1 Jan to 31Dec), Region will not know until late December whether their request for funding of \$300 per club towards advertising and marketing lessons for beginners will be available. As soon as there is approval of the Region's budget we will advise all clubs.

Festive tournaments

We hope you will support our local Xmas and New Year tournaments at Akarana, Papatoetoe (three-nighter), Auckland (three-nighter) and Kerikeri.

We wish all of our bridge community a wonderful festive season and a successful 2025.

AUCKLAND NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE - Jane, Hamish, Tania, Mary and Jan

An offer of support from WBRC to any clubs using the Compass scoring system



Compass Scoring – Support and Development

The WBRC is very keen to promote and support the Clubs in our region. Most of our Clubs are using the Compass scoring system, and the WBRC has identified a need for the training of new scorers and for the support of our existing scorers.

Mike Neels from Cambridge has volunteered to prepare and present a series of on-line lessons on the use of Compass, starting with

1. Setting up the program in your Club for the start of the new year, and
2. Preparation and distribution of members' Subscription Invoices

As these are topics that all Clubs will be instigating shortly these lessons will begin very soon. At the end of each lesson participants will be able to ask questions which Mike will answer. The lessons will be recorded and then will be available on-line as part of a library of scoring resources.

We will be asking for your suggestions on the topics for future lessons.

A Waikato Bays Compass Scorers Group has been set up on WhatsApp, and we hope that it will operate in a similar fashion to our very popular Waikato Bays Directors Forum. This will be used to access our lessons, and to provide real-time assistance to scorers who need help.

Many of you will have had a recent email from Hugh McAlister. He (hughdi20@gmail.com; 027 266 3488) and Nick Saunders (saunders.downunder@xtra.co.nz; 027 277 4313) are collating a list of those interested.....please contact one of them.

Those from other regions who are interested are welcome to join in.

I am acting as convenor/facilitator of this initiative so please make any suggestions as to content and timing to me at nandgd@gmail.com

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