

# ANRC October 2024 NEWSLETTER

## Matt Brown wins in New Delhi



Winners HCL International  
Gold Teams 2024

L to R: Andy Hung, Matt  
Brown, Sartaj Hans, Michael  
Whibley

Matt was part of the winning team (partnering his NZ teammate Michael Whibley ) in the elite teams event in the HCL International Gold Teams. Why was this so outstanding??

- They had to beat India's top team, Norway's highly ranked open team and a team of USA professional players in the quarters, semis and finals - with a team of 4.
- This is India's most prestigious event
- The tournament is the richest in the world with over half a million dollars on offer. Matt's team earned over NZD\$80,000
- Top commentators praised the level of skill and composure displayed by the team

Matt started his bridge in Whangārei before moving to Auckland and is currently "globetrotting" with wife -and NZ Women representative - Andi Boughey.

# East Coast Bays official re-opening



A celebration at the East Coast Bays Bridge Club at its official re-opening. Flooding over the Xmas New Year break last year left the club with a major project on its hands. Club member and new vice-President Brent Johnston stepped forward as project manager and President John Cameron led proceedings to thank those involved in the major building works. Dan Bidois, MP for Northcote cut the celebration cake.

# National Youth Week

Well done to participants, organisers, guest experts and billeting hosts for the role they played in a very successful youth weekend at the Auckland Bridge Club. A great turnout of 40 players from throughout the country generated lots of fun and new friendships. We look forward to seeing you succeed in our wonderful game in the years ahead.

## YOUTH AND NEW PLAYERS SUCCESS

We are delighted to see some of our younger and first year Open players succeeding at the highest level of tournaments.

Zachary Yan (Akarana) and Lysandra Zheng (Howick) are Macleans College graduates with the ability to be stars of the future. Lysandra is a first year open player. Along with Akarana's Malcolm Mayer they won every match to take the National Teams title in Dunedin. And in the Waikato Bays Main Regional 10A Swiss Pairs recent Open graduates Aaron Starr and Rob Davies (Papatoetoe Club) left a very strong field in their dust as they led throughout to win by a huge 10 VP's. The win would have surprised both of them but is the result of a lot of practice going back to the 2021 Inter Provincial Intermediate Teams. Runners up were Zachary Yan and Kevin Hu (Akarana)

The Kerikeri 5A Swiss provided another special winning pair. Tamati Grieg playing with John McIntosh (both Whangarei) won all of their matches for a decisive win. Tamati only advanced from novice grade to junior this year so a win in a thirty pair 5A event is a superb effort. Mahi tiki ana.



## KERIKERI win Wyllie Salver



The annual Northland derby matches between five clubs, Whangārei, Dargaville, Mangawhai, Kerikeri and Paihia saw an outstanding win by Kerikeri Bridge Club to secure the Wyllie Salver - the first time in many a long year. A team of Open players compete across two separate days. Success to Bob and Sue Brown, Bill and Sulochna Humphrey.

# Club director training

Join in the Region's informal club director training on Sunday 17 November, online 4pm-6pm. **This session is aimed at the player interested in becoming an informal club director.** It will cover the most frequent calls to table and show practical real life examples of exemplary director behaviour to deal with calls. There will be opportunity for Q&A. The session is not aimed at the higher more in-depth level of assisting those studying to become a qualified club director and is specifically for the many members called upon to direct at their club sessions.

Cost to Auckland/Northland region members attending - \$10. Cost to members outside Region - \$20. Proceeds will go to support the Auckland/Northland regional championship teams with their accommodation costs in Wellington in November.

Register now via Jane Stearns: [janelawrence50@hotmail.com](mailto:janelawrence50@hotmail.com)

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## Teaching and Learning Resources

The NZ Bridge Teaching and Learning Committee is pleased to announce that the Board has contracted Alan Grant (Wellington) to undertake the review of the current teaching and learning resources. Alan will work closely with the Committee, and it is hoped to have revised offerings in place by the end of January.

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Featuring on TVNZ news recently Whangārei bridge player, Bernard Collins, showed his skill in his other hobby - power lifting. Winning the over 80s category at the National Power lifting championships in Pukekohe his PB is 84kgs. Taking up the sport at age 84 upon learning no-one over 80 had ever competed, his goal is to lift 100kgs at 100. Now 91, Bernard proudly shows his medals. Go Bernard!

