

KAPI-MANA BRIDGE CLUB (Incorporated)

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the committee – Suzanne Keppel (Secretary), Yvonne Helps (Treasurer), Dianne Lester (Vice President), Barbara McDonald, Tracey Shields (Editor, Table Talk), Rod Ferguson, Alan Savage, Colleen McCaw, Marcia Forsman, John Antliff and Margaret Robertson (Immediate Past President). Your support running the affairs of the club are much appreciated by me and the club's membership.

In addition sincere thanks go to the following members for their work outside the committee. Some efforts are easily recognised, others less so, but all have a significant effect on the club's health.

- Barbara Daly, our Club Director
- Kaye McCredie, our Tournament Secretary
- Lyn Mansfield, producer of our Programme Book
- David Morel, Learners' Lesson Class presenter, ably supported by Eleanor Morel
- Partnership Stewards Gaye McGill, Alan Savage, John Avery and Annette Austing
- Sue Fish who purchases supper and cleaning supplies
- John Joseph our Hand Setter
- Barbara Daly, Kaye McCredie, John Antliff, Sue Fish and Nigel Horne who "deal the boards"
- Richard Boodee as our Auditor
- Club Members who act as Playing Directors when there are no paid directors
- Club members who do the scoring
- Club members who assist at our tournaments in the kitchen, buying food and drinks, manning the bar and cleaning after tournament events.
- These are the unsung heroes whose efforts are rarely recognized for their assistance by the membership

My special thanks go to Suzanne Keppel who, in addition to her secretarial duties, has driven many of the changes brought about by our involvement with Regional Bridge Mates (RBM). Suzanne initiated the Wednesday session Team Dress Up late last year which was a colourful and entertaining evening, introduced the Session Communicator function before the start of play at each session and revamped the notice boards. RBM is a promotion of NZ Bridge and is all about having fun, communicating, how to respect fellow players, handling of lesson graduates when integrated into club evenings, encourage members to consider attending Director classes, promote the club and bridge to family and friends but in the end make bridge and our club a happy place to attend.

Regrettably Suzanne is stepping down from secretarial duties but is leaving this function having made a positive difference.

Barbara Daly has for years said she wanted to stand aside from the Club Director role and May 2018 is it. Barbara has offered so much to the club over many years and deserves the rest. The membership and I extend to Barbara our sincere thanks for her dedication to the club. We know that we will continue to see her friendly presence at the club. The committee will rely on her general counsel.

The positions of Club Director and Secretary will be contested at the AGM.

David Morel has been our Lessons Presenter for many years, assisted by Eleanor, is also keen to shed some of his Lessons workload and to this end Margaret Robertson has agreed to share a rotation of yearly lessons. David and Eleanor are extended the thanks of the committee for all you have done in the past.

Membership

The club's membership is 120 at 30 April and includes 5 life members, 3 Monday only members and 8 with other home clubs.

Retaining our members is vital to our club's survival. Our record of retaining learners after the summer break has not been good, despite their lesson fee including club membership until 31 March. It is incumbent on all members, and in particular Wednesday evening regulars, to treat learners with respect, arrange ongoing monthly partnerships with them, encourage their involvement and at all times remember how it was for you on your introduction to club bridge.

We had a healthy retention of members from the 2017 lessons who, with your assistance, have integrated seamlessly into club, interclub and tournament play.

Sadly, **Philip Clark** passed way in September 2017. Phil was a keen player, interclub and tournament participant. He was also an advocate for the correct interpersonal attitude with all members, advised lesser mortals on areas to improve their game in a way you would not be offended and was a genuine good man. He also supported the club with regular sponsorship via his vehicle passenger service business. In his memory his wife agreed to our request to allow his name to be part of our annual 50% award.

Lessons

Lessons started on April 30 and David and Eleanor were pleased with the 18 participants who attended.

David and Eleanor are taking a well earned break during the lesson sessions and Margaret Robertson will then take the reins.

David is always keen to offer advanced lessons and previous attendees have benefitted for his guidance. Members are encouraged to attend these sessions when advertised.

This year the Wellington Region Bridge committee committed money to a Radio advertising campaign. This campaign covered the period mid-March to mid-April and was broadcast on two local radio stations. Did you hear the promotions? In addition we advertised through the Kapi-Mana newspaper,

Flyers delivered to vehicles at railway station car parks from Takapu Rd to Pukerua bay, Tawa Link email group, Neighbourly, a Plimmerton email system and a group organised by Marcia Forsman. The membership application form being completed by the Lesson participants ask the question "Where did you learn about our Lessons". The answers will be collated and be a guide for the incoming committee where best to target advertising in the future.

Financial

The club recorded a profit of \$541.82 for the 2017-2018 year. The audited accounts are attached with our Budget and Long Term Capital and Maintenance plan.

Interclub

We had four teams entered in the Wellington region competition, two Open Restricted teams, one Intermediate and a Junior team.

Results

Open Restricted 1, captained by Margaret Francis, 3rd in Consolation Group.

Open Restricted 2, captained by Yvonne Helps, 4th in Plate. (Yvonne's team lost Phil Clark during the year).

Intermediate, captained by John Joseph, 4th in Main Competition.

Junior, captained by Sue Fish, 1st in Consolation Group.

Despite not being in the top echelon of each grade, all players really enjoyed the competition which was spread over nine Friday evenings between March and November. Congratulations and a big thank you to all team captains and players.

Competitions and Tournaments

Our programmed four tournaments were held except the Intermediate Tournament, which regrettably was cancelled because of a lack of entries. Thanks to all members who participated and made the tournaments a success and to those behind the scenes for their assistance.

Congratulations to those members who achieved success at our club and those who played at tournaments organised by other clubs.

Our annual matches against Paraparaumu and Kairangi clubs, winning the Shield against Paraparaumu but losing the Kerr Cup to Kairangi.

Club Director

Congratulations to Margaret Robertson who has passed the "test" and is now a qualified Director. Well done Margaret.

Social Events

The Christmas and Prize Giving functions on 1 and 11 December were well attended and the many award recipients were duly acknowledged. Well done to all.

Opening night on 25 January organised by Barbara Daly. Always a special and enjoyable event.

The club also had the pleasure of honouring Lorraine Inglis for achieving Grand Master status, the first club member to attain this honour. A special presentation was made to Lorraine and she now has a special place on our honours board. Congratulations Lorraine.

Table Talk

Another year of successful and interesting material compiled by our editor, Tracey Shields.

Tracey would appreciate copy, photos and stories of a bridge perspective from members for inclusion in subsequent issues.

Thanks Tracey from the club.

Sponsors

The club acknowledges with thanks the support given by our sponsors –

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Conclusion

The club is in a sound financial position.

The flooring in the kitchen has been replaced.

This is just the start of updates to our fixtures and fittings.

Retaining membership is an ongoing issue and with your help we hope to grow our numbers.

Thanks to you all for your contributions to keeping the club a viable operation. Any suggestions to improve your experience are welcome.

I wish the incoming management committee every success. I am certain the membership will be fully supportive of the new committee and offer their assistance when asked.

Nigel Horne

President