



## ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

### Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the committee, Dianne Lester (Vice President), Tracey Shields (Secretary), Yvonne Helps (Treasurer), Marcia Forsman (Editor, Table Talk), Rod Ferguson, Alan Savage, John Antliff, Kevin Stacey and Margaret Robertson (Immediate Past President), for your support running the affairs of the club. These are much appreciated by the club's membership and myself

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.

- Margaret Robertson, our Club Director
- Tony Davidson, our Tournament Secretary
- Lyn Mansfield, producer of our Programme Book
- Margaret Robertson, Learners' Lesson Class presenter
- Partnership Stewards Gaye McGill, Alan Savage, John Avery and Annette Austing
- Barbara MacDonald for organising the lunches for our tournaments
- Sue Fish who purchases supper and cleaning supplies
- John Joseph our Hand Setter
- Barbara Daly, Kaye McCredie, John Antliff, Sue Fish, Kevin Stacey and Nigel Horne who "deal the boards"
- Richard Boodee, our Auditor
- Margaret Francis for organising our interclub teams.

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 recognised for their assistance by the membership

### Membership

Two new life members, Mac Faatafa and John Joseph, were elected at the 2017-2018 AGM.

The club's membership is 115 at 30 April 2019 and includes 7 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 2018 lessons who, with your assistance, have integrated seamlessly into club, interclub and tournament play.

### Obituaries 2018-2019

During the year the club was sad to lose:



Lois Wood, a member for 20 years and a highly respected and admired bridge player.

Lidia Dabrowska, a Thursday evening and vastly experienced player who was a member for more than 20 years.

Our sympathies go to their families.

### Lessons

Lessons started on April 30 2018 and David and Eleanor Morel were pleased with the 18 participants who attended.

David and Eleanor are taking a well-earned break from lesson sessions and Margaret Robertson has taken the reins.

David has offered advanced lessons and previous attendees have benefitted from his guidance. Members are encouraged to attend these sessions when advertised.

As there was some resistance from the public the Committee decided not to distribute advertising flyers at railway stations etc. in 2019. We advertised in the Kapi Mana News, signs in supermarkets, Harcourts sponsored signs at the entrances to Tawa and social media platforms.

### Financial

The club recorded a profit of \$6327.45 for the 2018-2019 year.

This is an inflated figure given our purchase of assets, Dishwasher, Fridge and Bridge Boards with cards for a cost of \$7128.00 (\$4000.00 from Grants). The unaudited accounts are attached with our Budget and Long-term Capital and Maintenance plan.

Applications were made for financial grants to assist with the purchase of a new Dealing Machine, Scoring Tablets and Card Tray Sets. Whilst not all applications were successful, the committee proceeded with the upgrade of our equipment, bringing the club into a new era. My thanks to Kevin Stacey who masterminded the Fund applications.

### Interclub

We had five teams entered in the Wellington region competition, two Open Restricted, one Intermediate, one Junior and one Novice. As always the teams held their own in their grades and it is pleasing to note that the Novice team won the Junior/Novice combined (top 2 Novice Grade teams and the bottom 4 Junior Grade teams) playoff at the end of the competition.

### Team results

Open Restricted 1, captained by Margaret Francis (6<sup>th</sup> in Consolation)

Open Restricted 2, captained by Yvonne Helps (1<sup>st</sup> in Consolation)

Intermediate, captained by John Joseph (2<sup>nd</sup> in the Plate)

Junior, captained by Sue Keppel, (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Novice, captained by Claire Arlidge (1<sup>st</sup> Junior/Novice Combined)



### Competitions and Tournaments

Our four tournaments were held as programmed. 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 were successful for the Club, winning the Jackways Shield against Paraparaumu and the Kerr Cup against Kairangi.

### Club Director

Congratulations to Margaret Robertson for a successful first year as Club Director. Well done Margaret.

We lost our previous Club Director, Barbara Daly, when Barbara resigned after many years of service to the club. She and her husband moved to Hamilton and we wish them well.

### Social Events

The Christmas and Prize Giving functions on 7 and 10 December 2018 were well attended and the many award recipients were duly acknowledged. Well done to all.

Opening night on 31 January 2019 organised by Margaret Robertson. Always a special and enjoyable event.

Kevin arranged a fun evening called Bridge Olympics, played on a Wednesday December 12,, which created a lot of amusement and a successful event for all who attended.

### Personal Achievements

Congratulations to Eleanor Morel, who gained National Master status.

### Table Talk

Another year of successful and interesting material compiled by our editor, Marcia Forsman. Marcia would appreciate copy, photos and stories of a bridge perspective from members for inclusion in subsequent issues.

Thanks Marcia from the club.

### Sponsors and supporters

The club acknowledges with thanks the support given by:

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#### In conclusion

The club is in a reasonable financial position. Consideration needs to be given to raising the annual subscription without destabilising the existing membership.

Retaining members is an ongoing issue but with your help we hope to grow our numbers.

Thanks to all members for your contributions to keeping the club a viable operation. Any suggestions to improve your experiences 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**