

♠ Kapi-Mana Bridge Club Inc ♣

Table Talk March 2019



The Kerr Cup

We did it! We bought the Kerr Cup back to Kapi Mana Bridge Club ☺

36 keen players braved the trip across the city to Kairangi Club to play for the Kerr Cup. The evening started with drinks, nibbles and convivial conversation before the battle commenced.

The evening ended with a lovely supper provided by Kairangi, and a happy bunch of Kapi Mana players!

Photo: Club President Nigel Horne receiving the Kerr Cup from Alan Kerr, Kairangi President



Do me a favor. Take a few minutes off from playing online bridge. Your eyes Will appreciate it.

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What's coming up in March?

Multigrade Tournament – 10 March 2019

As always, we need volunteers to help on the day, and players to play. As it's a Multigrade there is no pair restrictions, so if you're keen find a partner and enter now! ☺

THERE'S STILL SPACES FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT ON THE DAY – PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME OF THE WHITEBOARD IF YOU CAN HELP OUT!



Club Play

Keen to play, but don't have a partner? – phone

Gaye (238-9904) for a Monday partner,

Leigh or Alan (232-9926) for a Tuesday partner,

John (233-6122) for a Wednesday partner, and

Annette (234-8916) for a Thursday partner,

Championships

The monthly championships have begun, but don't despair if you've missed some. The eight best scores are counted to be in the running, so all is not lost! Remember though, substitutes are not counted.

Change of phone number

Elicia Gold, who joined us last year, has a new phone number. It's now: 0274614487

March competitions

Monday: Bay Pairs

Tuesday: Cobham Pairs

Wednesday: Secretary's Pairs

Thursday: President's Pairs

Interclub: 22 March

Tournaments

March 10 – Kapi Mana Multigrade Pairs

March 17 – Paraparaumu Open Pairs

March 24 – Masterton Open Pairs

March 24 – Kairangi Junior/Intermediate Pairs

April 7 – Victoria Multigrade Pairs

April 2 – South Wairarapa Junior & Intermediate Pairs

April 25-27 Wellington Regional Congress

Farewell to Barbara Daly



February ended with the awesome Barbara moving to Hamilton. Barbara has been a member of the club since 1988, and will be sorely missed. I'm sure Club President Nigel Horne reflects everyone's feelings when he said:

Your official resignation from the Kapi Mana Bridge Club has been received and I am sure that those who did not know were as shattered as I was when you told me. You and the other "older club members" have been the backbone of our club since the 80's. Your presence has been an inspiration to all members who have been part of the club, whether on a personal level, executive level, as a highly respected Club Director, go to person for quality advice, dealer and advocate for high standards at the club.

Your presence, humour and sense of fun will be sadly missed by all who have had contact with you.

We, the committee and club members, wish both you and Kevin a safe transfer to Hamilton to be near to family members, the most important part of living.

Your departure is KMBC's loss and Hamilton's gain.

February also saw the Club farewell long serving tea lady *Mary Horner*, who has decided it's time to hang up her teapot. *Kate Davies*, who took over from Debbie at the end of last year, will take over the extra duties that Mary leaves behind.

Linden Social Centre Open Day 16 February 2019



1Dianne & Tracey waiting for the opening

Committee members Dianne Lester and Tracey Shields volunteered to represent the Club at the Open Day of the Social Centre on Saturday 16 February. A big "Thank you" goes to Chris Mowatt, Margaret Robertson and Maureen Sheldon come along during the afternoon so we could demonstrate the game of bridge.

We had a small table assigned to us, where we set up a banner, some bridge books, bidding slips, boards, lesson flyers and other bridge paraphernalia. We also took along some chocolates, which were a magnet for children!

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With Tournament season starting don't forget to "alert"



Alerting your bids is very important – un-alerted bids can get you into trouble with the Director!

As a matter of course, you must announce the meaning of your partners 1NT or 1C opening.

If any bid your partner makes is not natural, it should be alerted, and, if asked, should be explained as fully as possible. Note the "if" – if you're not asked, you don't have to explain.

The bid was explained wrong – what do you do?

- If you realise you've explained your partners' bid incorrectly, call the Director straight away
- You know your partner has got confused – if your side ends up winning the contract call the Director at the end of the auction, if you end up being defenders, call the director at the end of play
- You must not take advantage of any unauthorized information you may have received from your partners' mistaken explanation

What don't you need to alert?

Cue bids are self-alerting, but if you're the opposition, it can be a good idea to ask what it means – it may not be what you think!

These bids are also self-alerting:

- the 2C Game Force opening bid (and the 2D negative response – but if your 2D means something more specific, or different, than a negative response, this should be alerted)
- the Simple Stayman 2C after a 1NT bid, (and the 2D response denying a major)
- Doubles and redoubles



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