



## Annual report 2022-2023

The year 2022-2023 has been a year of transition out of the formal constraints that were put in place to combat COVID-19. Unfortunately, the virus is still prevalent in the community. During the year this has resulted in a small number of club members having to absent themselves from bridge due to the illness.

The major consequence of the pandemic is its impact on club member playing numbers. There have been reductions in all forms of competition. This includes cancellation of regional tournaments, including our own tournaments that were scheduled for November 2022, and March 2023. We had one team competing in the 2022 Wellington Regional Interclub Competition, and there has been a reduction in the number of players on Kapi-Mana Bridge Club competition nights. There has also been a poor response to this year's learner lessons.

Efforts will be made in the 2023-2024 year to turn around these trends.

### *Acknowledgements*

The successful running of the club depends very much on the voluntary efforts of its members.

My thanks to the 2022-23 Committee for the tremendous efforts that they have put in to make our club a success:

Dianne Lester (Vice President), Tracey Shields (Secretary), Yvonne Helps (Treasurer), Margaret Robertson (Club Director), Marcia Forsman, Pam McLean, (Editor, Table Talk), Cherie Arlidge, Graeme La Cock and Rohitha Fernando.

A lot of support has been provided by members. This has been essential for the successful running of our club and of benefit to all members.

Special recognition goes to:

- ◆ Margaret Robertson, Club Director and Learners Lesson Class Presenter.
- ◆ David Morel, for Lesson support.
- ◆ Tracey Shields, producer of our programme book.
- ◆ Sue Fish, Tournament Secretary
- ◆ Lyn Mansfield, Alan and Leigh Savage, John Avery, Dianne Grain, Annette Austing, Anne Jackson and Dianne Lester, our Partnership Stewards who have the difficult task of matching partners.
- ◆ John Joseph, for creating the deals.
- ◆ Our Dealers, Kaye McCredie, John Antliff, Gaye Mc Gill, Sue Fish, Kevin Stacey, Pam McLean, Clive Phillips, Bruce McDonald, Cherie Arlidge, Colin and Sue Russell
- ◆ Nigel Horne, organising the dealing roster every year.
- ◆ Ian Fowler, our Auditor.
- ◆ Margaret Francis, for organising our interclub teams.
- ◆ Cherie Arlidge, our Master Points Secretary.
- ◆ Cherie Arlidge for Trophy management.
- ◆ Our in-club Directors: Margaret Robertson (Club Director), Lyn Mansfield, Tracey Shields, Adrian Shields, and David Morel, for directing our competitions. John Joseph and Clive Phillips, our

Directors in Training.

- ◆ Robyn Gunderson, for floral contributions.
- ◆ Kate Davies, supper making.
- ◆ Di Lester for all those behind-the-scenes support activities that make things run smoothly.

A big thanks to those who acted as Playing Directors, assisted in the scoring, helped in the kitchen, including manning the bar, and cleaning up after tournament events.

While the club has a solid core of volunteers, it is a struggle to get people to help during events such as tournaments, or to replace roles, and I'd like to encourage all members to consider how they might contribute to the smooth running of the club.

## *Supporters and sponsors*

The club acknowledges with thanks the support given by:

Margaret McKeefry from Collective	McCabe and Company
Guardian Funeral Home	Summerset Retirement Villages
Whitby Pharmacy	Johnston Ebbett Porirua
BridgeNZ	all over IT

Where possible please support these organisations which have supported the club.

## *Membership*

Membership during the year reached 129. There were 124 "home club members" and 5 members were Kapi-Mana was their second club. The membership was down from the previous year, most likely due to the impact of Covid -19.

## *Obituaries 2022-2023*

During the year the Committee was sad to note the passing of former members David Lash, Tom Newell and John Crookston.

## *Lessons 2022-2023*

### *2022 Learners class*

13 people enrolled in the learners class, as well as a 2019 learner, who had not played since Covid. Only 8 of the 2022 learners joined the club. Seven of the eight learners played regularly in 2022, with the other resigning citing health issues. However only two of the learners are playing regularly in 2023, with two others playing occasionally.

### *2023 Learners class*

2023 saw a response of only one application for lessons. There were several others who indicated an interest, but these did not come to fruition.

### *Holiday Bridge*

On Wednesday nights in January 2023 Margaret Robertson ran Holiday Bridge. Each night had a different theme, and there was lots of time for discussion of the hands. The themes were: What happens when you call the director; Competing over the Oppositions Opening 1NT bid – Landy, Extended Landy, Hamilton & Brozel; and Hand evaluation – The Rule of 20 & Losing Trick Count. Between 10 and 14 members attended each night. The carrying out of such sessions is a credit to the club Director Margaret Robertson.

### *Improvers lessons*

No improvers lessons were held in 2022

## *Financial*

Even with reduced player numbers and competition nights the club accounts are in a healthy state with a surplus of \$4,619.68. A voucher system for table money was introduced during the year to help reduce the amount of cash handling. It has proven successful and will be extended.

## *Competitions and Tournaments*

In October 2022 Kapi-Mana retained the Jackways Shield in the annual match with Paraparaumu. A great Sunday afternoon was had by all players from both clubs.

There was no such luck with the Kerr Cup, played in March 2023. This was retained by Kairangi. The Friday night was deemed a success, with many compliments from visiting team players.

While the club had to cancel the 2022 Open Pairs, the 2022 Junior/Intermediate Multi Pairs, and the 2023 Multigrade tournaments due to a lack of entries, the Intermediate Pairs tournament in October 2022 was successfully held. 20 pairs entered, and Kapi-Mana players came first, second and fourth, a great result for the club.

## *Wellington Regional Interclub*

The interclub competition was significantly interrupted by the restrictions imposed by lockdown. There was also a move to online Real Bridge. This change in format did not appeal to many club members, resulting in only one team entering the competition. That was the Novice Junior team consisting of Rohitha Fernando (captain) Lori Fernando, Tracy Collen and Steve Lee. They came a creditable 9<sup>th</sup> overall.

## *Social Events*

The 2022 Christmas party was successfully held. This was the first in two years due to the impact of Covid-19. Delicious food, wine, beer and non-alcoholic drinks on the Friday evening were a great way to celebrate the successes of the club members who won series and trophies.

Attendance was low at the 2023 Official Opening Night on January 26, but a fun evening was had by those who attended.

## *Table Talk*

Pam McLean has successfully produced Table Talk throughout the year. Members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter.

## *Conclusion*

In conclusion, I leave the role of President knowing the Kapi-Mana Bridge Club remains in good shape. Finances are solid, and membership numbers are holding up, although work will be required in 2023-2024 to re-establish pre Covid-19 playing numbers.

Looking forward I encourage the incoming Committee to put in place a strategy to grow the club throughout 2023-2024. I also note there is a large piece of work ahead for the Committee in creating a new constitution for the club.

I feel the future remains bright as there is an abundance of talent in the club to continue building on our strong foundations.

**Kevin Stacey**

**Kapi Mana Bridge Club President**