



Annual Report 2021-2022

The year 2021-2022 has proven to be another year of disruption to bridge due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Once again there were several lockdowns, resulting in the cancellation of regional tournaments and the curtailing of some Kapi-Mana Bridge Club competition nights. The year also saw the implementation of mandatory measures to resist the spread of COVID. These included the compulsory requirement to provide vaccine passes, the use of masks and sanitizer, and the registration of attendance using QR codes.

It would be fair to say that at times not all members were in favour of these restrictions. The overriding consideration of the Committee was the health and safety of club members, a number of whom would be at heightened risk if they caught the virus.

When allowed under the alert or traffic light regimes, the club ran as many competition nights as was realistically possible. Many members have appreciated the opportunity to continue playing bridge in a safe face-to-face setting.

Acknowledgements

The successful running of the club depends very much on the voluntary efforts of its members. These are acknowledged below.

My thanks to the 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, Alan Savage, Pam McLean, (Editor, Table Talk), Annette Austing, Cherie Arlidge and Graeme La Cock

A lot of support has been provided by members outside of the committee. 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.
- ◆ Alan and Leigh Savage, John Avery, and Annette Austing (and more recently Anne Jackson) as Partnership Stewards who had 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 and Cherie Arlidge:
- ◆ Nigel Horne, organising the dealing roster every year.
- ◆ Sue Fish, purchasing the vital supper and cleaning supplies.
- ◆ Ian Fowler, our (new) Auditor.
- ◆ Margaret Francis, for organising our interclub teams.
- ◆ Christine De Roo, our Master Points Secretary.
- ◆ Colleen McCaw, for Trophy management.
- ◆ Our in-club Directors: Margaret Robertson (Club Director), Lyn Mansfield, Christine De Roo, Tracey Shields, Adrian Shields and David Morel, for directing our competitions.



- ◆ Robyn Gunderson, for floral contributions.
- ◆ Kate Davies, who hopefully will return to supper making.

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

Supporters

The club acknowledges with thanks the support given by:

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

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

Membership

Membership increased during the year, and we now have 144 registered members. Kapi Mana was the only club in the Wellington region to experience a significant increase in membership.

Obituaries 2021-2022

During the year, the club was sad to lose:

Keith Knox

Also, we acknowledge Daan Kolston (an historic life member) who passed away 5th February 2020

New Learners 2021-2022

2021 saw one of the largest intakes of aspiring new bridge players on record. Twenty four people completed the course and joined the club. Of the twenty four, fifteen now play on Wednesday night, and five play regularly on Monday or Tuesdays. It is expected that some of the remainder will compete once mask wearing is no longer mandatory.

Well attended refresher lessons were held in February and March. The successful taking of lessons for such a large group of new players is a credit to the Club Director Margaret Robertson and her "on the night assistants".

Financial

With the reduced number of competition nights due to COVID-19 lockdowns the club; expenses were significantly reduced. The club accounts are in a healthy state even though playing numbers were down. A surplus of \$5,116.32 has been achieved.

Competitions, Tournaments and Personal Achievements

Our annual matches against Paraparaumu (Jackways Shield) and Kairangi (Kerr Cup) were postponed due to the impact of COVID-19 until later in 2022.

Interclub 2021

The interclub competition was significantly interrupted by the restrictions imposed by lockdown. There were four Kapi-Mana teams - two Intermediate and two Novice Junior.



Results

- Intermediate Captained by Margaret Francis came 1st.
- Intermediate Captained by Yvonne Helps came 9th.
- Novice Junior Captained by Pam McLean 12th
- Novice Junior Captained by Lori Fernando came 15th.

These are very good performances as the competition was cut short because of lockdowns.

Social Events

The 2021 Christmas party had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Therefore, prize giving was undertaken at each of the final sessions for the year.

Table Talk

The club's monthly newsletter had a change of editor in the year to Pam McLean. Thanks to outgoing editor Marcia Forsman. Newsletter contributions from members are gratefully received.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Kapi-Mana Bridge Club is in good financial shape. Membership numbers are holding up. The future remains positive. It is expected that the tournament schedule will recommence from June 2022 onward. As the remaining restrictions on attendees are largely relaxing, playing numbers should return to close to pre-pandemic levels.

Given the challenges and constraints presented over the past twelve months the positive response shown by club members has been tremendous.

Kevin Stacey
President.