

KAPI-MANA BRIDGE CLUB (Incorporated)

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Acknowledgements

Firstly, I would like to thank the committee - Lorraine McArthur (Secretary), Yvonne Helps (Treasurer), Barbara McDonald, Tracey Shields (“Table talk” editor), Mac Fa’atafa, Rod Fergusson, Nigel Horne and Christine de Roo for their contribution to the running of the club over the year.

I would also like to thank the following club members for the work they do to ensure the smooth running of the club:

- Barbara Daly, our Club Director
- David Morel, the Masterpoints Secretary
- Kaye McCredie, the Tournament Secretary
- Lyn Mansfield & Judy Thomson for the preparation of the Programme Booklet
- David Morel for running the Learners’ classes.

There are many functions undertaken by club members outside the committee who make a vital, but unsung contribution to our club. They are:

- our partnership stewards (Viv Haliburton & Gaye McGill, Annette Austing, John Avery & Lorraine Inglis)
- Eileen Gray who purchases our supper & cleaning supplies with the help of Lesley Gilhooly.
- the club members who give their time to deal boards (Barbara Daly, Nigel Horne, Kaye McCredie, John Joseph)
- the club members who are playing directors on Mondays, and also on Tuesdays & Thursdays when there is no paid director
- the club members who do the scoring
- the club members who help at tournaments – dealing boards, scoring, buying food and drinks, helping in the kitchen and on the bar. Our tournaments would not be a success without you. Thank-you.

Membership

The membership has remained steady with 122 members at 31 March 2016.

Retaining our members is vital to the survival of our club, not only our learners but also as club members gain confidence and progress to playing on Tuesday and Thursday nights. I would urge all members to play with at least one “new” player on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution that Brian Jackson, made to our club over the thirty years that he was a member. Brian served on the committee for a number of

years, holding the positions of Club Director, Vice President and Treasurer. Sadly, Brian passed away on 27th February 2016.

Lessons

Once again, David Morel, ably supported by his wife Eleanor, has offered his time and experience to run lessons for prospective members. There are 17 attending the current lessons.

David also happily offers advanced lessons to existing members at various times throughout the year. These lessons are most appreciated, with those attending learn more about the game of bridge.

Financial

The club made a small profit during the 2015-16 financial year. The Audited accounts are attached.

Budget & Long Term Capital and Maintenance Plan

The budget for 2016/2017 is attached.

A new dealing machine - while money has been allowed for this in the budget, a new machine will only be purchased this year if the old machine is no-longer repairable.

The next major item of capital expenditure will be the replacement of the urinal in the Gents. The committee seeks the approval of the AGM to spend money on plans for this upgrade.

Interclub

KMBC interclub teams achieved good results in 2015.

- The two Open Restricted teams did well against stiff competition. Yvonne Helps' team was 3rd and Margaret Francis's was 4th.
- The Junior Team, captained by Jann Dyer, was 4th in the Novice/Junior combined competition.

Congratulations to all those club members who played.

Competitions & Tournaments

KMBC held four successful tournaments over the year, starting with the Multigrade Tournament in May 2015, the Open Tournament in June 2015, the Intermediate Tournament in October 2015 and lastly the Junior/Intermediate Multigrade in March 2016. I would like to thank all those members who helped to make these tournaments a success, whether it was helping behind the scenes or by playing in the tournaments.

Congratulations to all those who did well in these tournaments.

Unfortunately, KMBC did not do so well defending the Jackways Shield or the Kerr Cup, both of which were lost to Paraparaumu and Kairangi respectively.

Social Events

Three social events were organised throughout the year.

- The first was the “End of Winter Tournament” organised by Tracey Shields and Christine de Roo, and held on Saturday 29th August. An enjoyable afternoon was had by everyone. Thank-you Tracey & Christine.
- Next were the two Christmas Parties and Prizegivings, held on Friday 4th December & Monday 7th December. Both were well attended although numbers for the Friday Prizegiving were down on previous years. 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.
- The Opening Night on 28th January 2016, organised by Barbara Daly, was another successful evening and a great way to start the year. Thank-you Barbara.

Conclusion

The Club is in a sound financial position. Maintaining our membership remains the major challenge along with maximising attendance at all sessions.

A big thank-you to all members who have contributed to the running of the club. Without your assistance we would not have had a successful year, or received the compliments given by members and visitors alike.

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

Margaret Robertson
President