

KAPI-MANA BRIDGE CLUB (Incorporated)

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Acknowledgements

Firstly I would like to thank the committee - Lorraine McArthur (Secretary), Yvonne Helps (Treasurer), Dianne Lester (Vice President), Barbara McDonald, Tracey Shields (“Table talk” editor), Mac Fa’atafa, Rod Fergusson, Allan Dyer and Radha Sandilya for their contribution to the running of the club over the year. It has been great having you all on the Committee to help and support me. I did appreciate Dianne volunteering to join the Committee after the AGM as Vice President.

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
- Kaye McCredie, the Tournament Secretary
- Lyn Mansfield for the preparation of the Programme Booklet
- David Morel for taking the Learners’ classes with support from Eleanor.

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 (Gaye McGill, Annette Austing, John Avery & Pauline Robb)
- Sue Fish who purchases our supper & cleaning supplies
- 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.

I would like to single out three people for a special vote of thanks. Firstly, I would like to thank Lorraine for all her hard work over the years she has been a member of our club, and in particular as club Secretary over the last 5 years. She has been invaluable to me and made being President so much easier. Lorraine resigned from the club at the end of 2016, but kindly agreed to continue to be Secretary until the AGM to ease the burden on the rest of the Committee. Thank-you so very much Lorraine, and we wish you well for the future.

Barbara and David have also given me much support & advice, which I have really appreciated. Both Barbara and David have indicated that they wish to hand over their responsibilities. They are life members and they have given so much to our Club over many, many years. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank them both for all their hard work and the support they have given me.

Membership

The membership has remained steady with 121 members at 31 March 2017. The club has 5 life members, 3 Monday only members, and 7 with other home clubs.

Retaining our members is vital to the survival of our club. Our track record of retaining learners over the summer break has not been good over the last few years and we need to do all we can to encourage our learners to stay. This means being patient and friendly as the learners settle into play on club nights. I am sure you all remember your first night playing after lessons and how nervous you were.

We also need to retain existing club members as they gain confidence and progress to playing on Tuesday and Thursday nights. I would urge all members make “new” players on Tuesday and Thursday nights feel welcome and to invite them to play a series.

Sadly, two of our members passed away during the year: Valma Dibble in September 2016; and John Crichton in January 2017. Both played on Mondays.

Two former members also passed away in September – Bev Norman, who played mainly on Wednesday nights in the early 2000s; and Henry Perera, who played on Thursday nights for over 30 years until 2012.

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 12 attending the current lessons.

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

Financial

The club made a profit of \$4,250 during the 2016-17 financial year. The Audited accounts are attached.

Budget & Long Term Capital and Maintenance Plan

The budget for 2017/2018 and the long term maintenance plan are 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. It was also in the budget for this year, but was not needed.

Interclub

KMBC had 4 teams playing interclub – two Open Restricted Teams teams, captained by Margaret Francis & Yvonne Helps, an Intermediate Team captained by Allan Dyer and a Junior Team captained by Christine de Roo. The Junior Team won their grade. ☺ 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 2016, the Open Tournament in June 2016, the Intermediate Tournament in October 2016 and lastly the Junior/Intermediate Multigrade in March 2017. 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 playing Paraparaumu for the Jackways Shield which we lost again. We did, however, win the Kerr Cup back from Kairangi in March this year.

Social Events

Two social events were organised throughout the year.

- 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 2017, 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 president and committee every success. I am certain the membership will be fully supportive of the new committee and offer assistance when asked.

Margaret Robertson
President