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♦ Kapi-Mana Bridge Club Inc ♣♥

Table Talk March 2017



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.

And, it was a close battle, there was only 6 points in it at the end (rumour has it that it was a misplayed slam hand that made the difference).

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

Photo: Club President Margaret Robertson with the Kerr Cup

What's coming up in March?

Lessons are starting

Monday March 13 is the start date for lessons, so if you know someone who is keen to play, let them know ASAP!

Junior/Intermediate Tournament – 19 March 2017

As always, we need volunteers to help on the day, and players to play ☺ As it's a Junior/Intermediate tournament, pairs can be Junior/Junior, Junior/Intermediate, or Intermediate/Intermediate.

THERE'S STILL SPACES FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT ON THE DAY – PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON 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,

Annette (234-8916) for a Tuesday partner,

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

Pauline (234 8499) 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.

February competitions

Monday: Bay Pairs

Tuesday: Cobham Pairs

Wednesday: Secretary's Pairs

Thursday: President's Pairs

Interclub: March 19 and 31

Tournaments

March 19 – Kapi Mana Intermediate/Junior Multigrade Pairs

March 19 – Paraparaumu Open Pairs

March 26 – Masterton Open Pairs

April 2 – South Wairarapa Junior & Intermediate Pairs

April 9 – Victoria Multigrade Pairs

April 22-25 Wellington Regional Congress

Bridge in the news

Bridge with migrants and refugees

Anne Blewden, [Waikato Times, February 24 2017](#)



Jane Stearns and Ayako Imahashi play bridge at the Cambridge Bridge Club.

Cambridge bridge enthusiast Jane Stearns has embarked on a project to help people learn English - through playing cards.

Stearns works as a volunteer for English Language Partners helping migrants and refugees learn English.

Her idea to help people learn the language through the card game bridge, has the support of the Waikato-Bays Bridge Regional Committee.

Migrants may have limited English skills but that's not a barrier to playing cards. Some have played bridge in their own countries.

Looking at the Cambridge Bridge Club, there would be a considerable drop in numbers should all the foreign-born members not play.

One of the club's most valued members is Ayako Imahashi from Japan.

She had played a little bridge with her family in Japan and was encouraged by the Migrant Centre in Leamington to attend lessons in Cambridge.

It was a challenge she rose to and proved useful in terms of improving her grasp of English.

It was also a vehicle to help with her integration to New Zealand.

Stearns is using Ayako's story to underpin the theme of a 48-page booklet she has produced.

It is called Card Words and the cost of printing the first 50 copies will be covered by the Waikato-Bays Bridge Regional Committee.

The booklet is aimed at introducing people with little English to bridge vocabulary and the structure of the game.

The idea is to encourage those who do not have English as their first language, but played bridge in their home country, to take up the game and come to a club.

While the purpose of the booklet is not to teach bridge, Stearns aims to introduce participants to a medium for social interaction and, hopefully, to build up enough confidence and vocabulary to attend lessons at a bridge club nearby.

****Editor's note - Jane Stearns is one of the candidates to be on the board of New Zealand Bridge**



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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