



Karori Bridge Club

March Newsletter from your KBC Committee

Happy Easter

Welcome back everybody. The heat of summer will soon be easing off so in this Karori Bridge Club newsletter, we wish you all a very Happy Easter, and if you are looking for something to do on the Monday, why not enter our mixed pairs 3A tournament?



Committee Updates

New Committee member

The committee is delighted to welcome a new member to our ranks. Pat McCarthy was confirmed as a committee member during our February 2024 meeting.

Canopy maintenance

Many people will be aware our KBC building canopy was damaged by a vehicle on Karori Road. This has created quite a bit of work for the committee because the damage exposed the poor condition of the canopy structure. So far we have:

- Requested & received a payout from the insurance company
- Engaged an Engineer who has advised considerable work is required to upgrade the canopy
- Installed a temporary pole to support the structure, as recommended by the engineer
- Obtained a builder's quote to fix the canopy (this was prohibitively high)
- Obtained a quote to demolish the canopy rather than replace it (WCC has confirmed we have permission to do this)

Please contact Karen Falconer at kbcsecretary274@gmail.com with any feedback on this.

Strategic Plan

The committee has begun work on a strategic plan with the help of Patti Poole. We will be confirming sub-committee structures as a part of this work. This means there will be opportunities to contribute to the running of the club without having to join the committee.

Cashless payments

We are in the process of introducing cashless payments for table money. This will make life easier for members, the Club Manager and directors. Cashless payments are made to the Club much the same as with coupons. Each time you play the scorer software will take the table money and keep track of how much money you have left. Statements with your balance will be sent to you via email twice a month for you to review. Should your balance be in arrears you will be given a reminder to top it up.

The preferred table money payment option will be the new system

If you have any questions, please ask Natalie, Alys or Klaus

Notices



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Defibrillation Training

Would you be confident to save somebody's life in an emergency? There will be another free CPR & defibrillator training session, 6.30-8pm Monday 25 March. This is run by Wellington Free Ambulance, please register asap on the sign-up sheet so they know approximate numbers to expect. They make these classes interactive and fun. The defibrillator dramatically increases your chances of surviving cardiac arrest because there are no ambulance depots in Karori.

Book Sale

We will now be advertising our monthly book sale to the public, from 10am to 12pm Weds, so please tell all your friends & family!

Venue for Hire

The KBC club rooms are available to hire for events with discounted rates available for charities and community groups. Contact Natalie Winter (Club Manager) on 04 476 6179 or karoribridge@gmail.com if you're interested.

Improver Workshops

The committee is very excited to announce a special guest will be taking improver workshops aimed at Thursday players this Autumn. Ross Quayle is a Life Master from the Wellington Club with over 350 A points. He has a fabulous approachable demeanour and is good at breaking things down and making them simple to understand. He will be covering topics such as slam bidding, bidding after a 1NT opening, leads and signals and declarer play. There may be completely new concepts for you, or it may be an opportunity to reinforce things you are already building familiarity with.

Mon, 18 Mar 2024 Stayman and Transfers (Recap Stayman and concentrate on Transfers)

Mon, 8 Apr 2024 Leads and Signals, Doubles - Takeout and Penalty

Mon, 15 Apr 2024 Declarer play in NT and Suit Contacts

Mon, 6 May 2024 Slam Bidding

See you there 😊

Wellington Regional Mixed Pairs 3A Tournament

This is being held on Easter Monday, 1st April, and is hosted by our club. All grades are welcome and there is a prize for the best non-open pair. A raffle box is on the table at the club – please kindly donate anything you think appropriate. We are looking for volunteers to help – please put your name on the sheet at the club or email Natalie if you're available.



Beginners Lessons

Beginners Lessons start April 6th. We will be running a block of 10 lessons followed by 4x mentor practice sessions on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Please let your friends and family know to register at lessons@kbc.org.nz



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Congratulations

Well done to our recent series winners:

Monday Mary Weatherly Trophy – Ross Craig

Tuesday New Years Pairs – Peter Delahunty
Lescher Cup – Chris Bolland & Peter Delahunty

Thursday R & B Grades New Years Pairs – Gerry Cooper
Walker Cup – Karen Falconer & Paul Devadatta
Ponsonby Pairs – Nic Sperring & Noel Gilmore

The 70% Club – there is a new club in town...

Congratulations to the following pairs, who averaged 70% or more in a single night this year:

- Stephen Sawrey & Luke Kelly
- Helen Beaumont & Nick Bishop
- Sarah Sawrey & Olivia Sawrey

Grand Slam – Well done to **Isobel Reid and Nick Bishop** for making their 7NT contract on 2 February!

Thank you!

Helen Collicoat

The committee would like to thank Helen Collicoat for all the wonderful volunteering she is doing for the club. Helen was instrumental in organising our very successful Christmas party last December. Thursday players will know Helen for her fun twist on the notices in her Grade Captain role. Helen hung up her Grade Captain's hat at the end of 2023. She is also generously putting time towards investigating sponsorship opportunities for the club.

Thank you, Helen!

Nominations: *Please contact Olivia Sawrey if there is somebody you would like to nominate to be thanked in the next issue.*

And until next time...

Why did cupid get kicked out of the bridge club?

He stole everyone's hearts!



All the best from Olivia, Alys, Donna, Gerry, Jean, Karen, Klaus and Pat
(your KBC Committee)!