



Karori Bridge Club

October Newsletter from your KBC Committee

Spring has sprung!

The start of spring has been a time of change for Karori Bridge Club. Our new committee was confirmed at the AGM and quickly got to work on some suggestions raised by members. We finally have a beautiful, repaired canopy at the front of the building with bold signage to help advertise our club.



Committee Updates



Stop Cards

NZ Bridge contacted our club recently to advise they will be ceasing the use of STOP cards from now on. They made this choice because STOP cards are often misused and may have the effect of alerting a partner to a jump bid as much as an opponent. All future New Zealand tournaments will implement this change. The committee made the decision to cease the use of STOP cards from Monday 23 September 2024 so our club can be consistent with the rest of the country.

Canopy Repair

We are delighted to confirm the canopy repair is now completed. Thank you, Peter Wilcox, for providing excellent consultancy. This was no mean feat for Jean, who procured multiple quotes for builders and signage, liaised with the insurance company, notified neighbours, got permission to place scaffolding on two car parks, dealt with the road workers across the road (who incorrectly advised they had a prior claim on our front car parks for their own project) and ensured necessary repairs to the cowl took place at the same time. We secured a \$10,000 grant to help pay for the canopy and the final cost came in slightly over budget.





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Christmas Party

Save the date! The Christmas Party is set down for Saturday 7th December. We are currently in the early stages of planning and will be looking for volunteers to help set up the room. If you would like to help out with the Christmas party, please contact Jean Williams.



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 2024 AGM took place on Friday 30 August. A modest number of club members attended but it was more than enough to make a quorum. All the proposed constitution changes were approved by the members present.

2024-2025 Committee

A new committee was confirmed at the AGM. Shortly after the new committee was confirmed, we had one resignation. It is worth noting the committee has twelve spots but only seven members. All members of the committee work very hard for the benefit of the club.

We held our first committee meeting after the AGM where responsibilities were determined. These are as follows:

President – Jean Williams (Tenancy, Finance, Property Maintenance)

Secretary – Karen Falconer (Property)

Treasurer- Alys Freeman (Finance, Tenancies, Property Maintenance)

Other members

- Donna Chin (Tournaments & Sponsorship),
- Klaus Dorbecker (Education & Club Manager Liaison),
- Olivia Sawrey (Education & Communications)
- Sarah Sawrey (Grants & Tournaments).



Notices

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.

Karori Open Pairs

The Karori Open Pairs took place on Sunday 25th August. The tournament had low attendance however we were still able to break even thanks to Donna's fundraising efforts. Thank you to Rymans for sponsoring the tournament.



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Serve yourself tea breaks

Our tea breaks will be serve yourself from 11th November for Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. The tea breaks will be serve yourself from 4 October onwards for Friday Social bridge. The committee made this difficult decision after careful consideration because the tea people's status as contractors hinges on a grey area of employment law. Some argue it would be more appropriate to have them as employees however the club cannot afford this.

Although our tea people have done an excellent job, and we will be sad to see them go, we will still have a tea break which will be serve yourself. This is consistent with other clubs in the Wellington region.

Congratulations

Well done to our recent series winners:

Monday Jean Madgwick Trophy- Jenny Coulter.

Tuesday Winter Teams, Mander Rose Bowl- Royce Johnston, Jenny Coulter, Chris Bolland & Peter Delahunty.

Thursday R Grade Paul Dobbs Cup- Richard Huelin & Gerry Cooper.

Thursday B Grade Schofield Cup- Thu Dzung Nguyen & Noel Gilmore.

Friday Social: Matariki Cup- Carl Burgess & Eason Lu

70% Club – Congratulations to the latest members of the 70% club

74.49	Mariusz Tumilowicz/Mindy Wu	28/05/2024
71.06	Carl Burgess/Eason Lu	28/06/2024
72.04	Ross Craig/Jenny Coulter	22/07/2024
71.42	Peter Delahunty/Jenny Coulter	23/07/2024
70.83	Thu Dzung Nguyen/Stephen Sawrey	25/07/2024
74.17	Karen Falconer/Tom Chambers	25/07/2024
70.00	Noel Gilmore/Thu Dzung Nguyen	22/08/2024
71.15	Stephanie Smith/Alar Treial	2/09/2024



Congratulations to David and Royce for making two Grand Slams since the last newsletter was drafted.

David Don/Royce Johnston	3/09/2024	16	7 NT	W	=	2220
David Don/Royce Johnston	21/07/2024	12	7 NT	N	=	2220



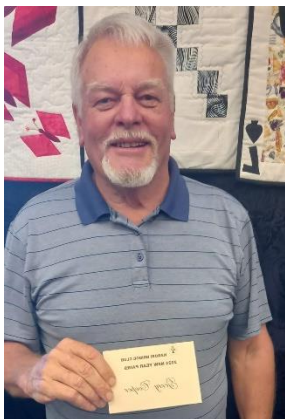
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Thank you!

Jenny Mills

Jenny has been providing beautiful flowers from her garden for the women's toilets for many years. These are really appreciated by all the women at our club, and especially at this time of year when her spring flowers have such a nice perfume. I understand one or two of the men at the club have a little bit of flower FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out)!

Jenny is a long-standing member of the club. Each year, she and Audrey Thomson bake 'Mary's Kornie Biscuits' on the last day of the Mary Macintosh Pairs series for afternoon tea. Jenny has also served as a Grade Captain on Monday afternoons in the past.



Gerry Cooper

A big thank you to our outgoing committee member, Gerry Cooper! Gerry is extremely reliable. He spent many hours supporting the maintenance of our large old building and following the banks around Wellington when they closed. He also helped in the office when Natalie was away. Most recently, he successfully took the truck company that collided with our canopy to the Disputes Tribunal. Though the tribunal found in our favour, it transpired the company had gone into liquidation, so we are unlikely to recover the funds owed. Gerry was always a cheerful, level-headed presence on the committee, and we will miss him.

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...

"Life is like a game of bridge- only a dummy puts all her cards on the table" — Florence Broadhurst

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