**February Newsletter 2019**

**From the President:**

Hi Everyone

I hope you all had a good Christmas break and are now enjoying being back at bridge. There is a lot to look forward to in 2019 especially our 50th Anniversary on Saturday 18 May.

Welcome to our new members - Jane Blackwell, Ruth Bruker, Sally Crombly, Gloria Grayson, Barbara Leach and Jo Rollo.

Vivienne started **Improver lessons** on Monday evening and if you are interested please see her as she has a list of topics she is covering. Our Beginner Lessons will start on April 29 and we are fortunate to have Anna Herries to introduce new people to bridge. If you have any friends or family who might be interested in learning bridge please let them know about the lessons.

Round 1 of **Interclub** starts on 22 March and Lynda Rigler will be holding a pre-interclub session for Novice, Junior and Intermediate teams on Friday 1 March at 7pm. This will be a valuable lesson before you begin the competition and I encourage all teams to attend if possible. Graham Pugh is our liaison person for interclub but it is important that the captain ensures the team members can play each round and have a sub ready if needed.

Lynda is also the **50th Anniversary** Convenor and plans are well underway for this. If you think of anyone who was a past member please let us know so we can contact them.

If anyone has a good idea for a cake/cakes or would be happy to bake a cake (ingredients provided) please let us know. We intend to have 3 raffles, one of which will be for Visitors' Day on Monday 13th May, and we want to fill them with special items. If you have contacts for vouchers or suitable items to put in the baskets please let me know.

The Committee held it's first meeting for the year on Monday night and I wish to advise you that we will be holding a **Special General Meeting** on Monday 15th April to consider two things - the nominations for Life Membership of Karori Bridge Club and to set our annual subscriptions. We will remind everyone closer to the time.

We also discussed **Saturday Bridge** which will be held between 8 June and 7 September and although Committee members are prepared to open up, do the afternoon tea and nibbles and then close up the Club, it occurred to me that some of you may be prepared to help us with this. If you are able to help one Saturday, instead of playing, please let me know as we would very much appreciate it.

Thank you to all who do help with the jobs that keep the Club running and best wishes for a successful year with your bridge.

Annette