

# TAURANGA BRIDGE CLUB INC.

## President's Report 2016

I have pleasure in presenting the report for my second year in office.

Many thanks are extended to the members of our club who have been the basis of another successful year. Once again we have been fortunate to have an enthusiastic and competent committee which enables the Club to progress so well. The Club operates so efficiently due to the members who contribute so much. The directors run the sessions with efficiency and patience. Our dealers work hard producing the thousands of boards needed for club play and tournaments. The scorers produce the all-important results quickly after the close of play. Our partnership stewards do much to form those last minute partnerships. Thanks are also extended to the other volunteers who help with catering, gardening and working bees. We have a great club with a marvelous spirit.

Karen Martelletti and Alan Turner have both served on the board of NZBridge for another year. We are fortunate to be so close to the policy makers of our sport.

Karen has spent another year controlling and developing our excellent website.

### **Financial Position**

The Club remains in a sound financial position. There has however been an increase in some expenditure in the last few years. Insurance premiums have increased due to earthquake issues and cost of utilities has gone up. We have negotiated a long-term lease for the parking area next to the railway with KiwiRail at a level well below the original asking price.

### **Membership and Table Money**

We finished the year with 408 members, the same as twelve months ago. Amanda and Stephen once again conducted their excellent lessons in conjunction with the Mount Bridge Club. This year approximately 40 new players attended their lessons. Our Club owes Amanda and Stephen a debt for the considerable effort they put into teaching.

Numbers for all sessions have remained at last year's levels. It would be very desirable to have more players coming along to Thursday evenings. Playing against the more experienced players is a great way to improve your bridge.

Member Numbers at year end have been:-

2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
408	407	415	378	380	380	406	415

Table numbers showed a small decrease of 50 over the year. However table numbers were showing good growth at year end with up to 31 tables for the Friday session.

Your Committee recommends that the membership subscription remains at \$65 for next year with the subscription for Associate Members (Tauranga as second club) being \$45. The recommendation is that table money be \$5. The proposal is that ten session cards can be bought for \$45 working out at \$4.50 per session when this option is exercised.

There are several major capital items coming up soon and these need to be financed. The replacement of the carpets in January will cost \$31K and the chairs are in need of replacing before too long. In addition the parking area will need re-sealing before too long. We have been fortunate to receive a grant of \$5K from the Lion Foundation towards the carpet. Obtaining grants seems to becoming more difficult, with Bridge Clubs seeming to have low priority. Possibly there is an image problem.

## **Sponsors**

Lyn Bailie continues to do a marvelous job in obtaining sponsors for our competitions. Members are asked to mention our club when using sponsors services. Please look at the business cards in the clubhouse when you need goods or services. Many thanks again to Craig Investment Partners for being our major sponsor for another year. Please mention our Club when dealing with them.

## **Lessons**

We are pleased to hear that Amanda and Stephen will be continuing with their lesson program in 2017. They have developed an excellent series of lessons with comprehensive information and follow-up. Thanks are also extended to the many members who assist Amanda and Stephen with their teaching. New members obtained through these lessons has been very important in keeping up our membership.

## **Maintenance**

The Committee has been concerned for some time about the condition of the carpeting. After seventeen years of wear, stretching and wear has caused a ripple effect which could

easily cause tripping and falls. This will be remedied with the new carpet tiles. The material on the chairs is becoming worn and constant movement has caused some of the chair legs to bend. Hopefully the chairs will be replaced within the next twelve months.

## **Technology**

Karen has doing an excellent job in developing the website further. Our Bridgemates have done so much for ease of recording and scoring. A long way from the days of double match-pointing and manual scoring remembered by some of we older members.

We will shortly be introducing an Eftpos machine to make it easier for members to pay subscriptions and purchase table tickets. With the closure of the Cherrywood branches the banking of cash has become complicated, with a trek to 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue being the order of the day. The banks are certainly edging us towards a cashless society.

## **Club Championship Winners**

Congratulations are extended to the following members.

### **Daytime**

Travelcom Tuesday Singles:  
Travelcom Friday Singles:  
Bay City Rentals Friday Pairs

Carol Cullen  
Judy Pawson  
Judy McLeod and Judy Pawson

### **Junior**

Travelcom Junior Singles  
No 8 Tours Junior Pairs  
Metlifecare Junior Teams

Jenni Davies  
Don Espie and Stu Dumbleton  
Jenni Davies, Suzanne Lugton,  
Lyn Marr, Don Espie

### **Intermediate**

Travelcom Intermediate Singles  
Metlifecare Intermediate Pairs  
Andrea Cawley at Eves Intermediate Teams

Joy Bates  
Mike McKeown and Bruce Gibson  
Stacey Hilton, Brenda BrettKelly,  
Cathy Brown, Jan Gyenge

### **Open**

Travelcom Championship Singles  
Ultimate Motor Group Championship Pairs  
Somerset Cottage Restaurant Championship Teams

Hank Ping  
Judith Malcolm and Henry Levy  
Jo and Sam Simpson, Kathy and  
Ken Yule

## 2016 Congress Notables

NZ Pairs	5 <sup>th</sup>	Jo Simpson & Sam Simpson
NZ Teams		Cormack Cup (Best All Women NZ Team) Julie Sheridan & Karen Martelletti Kate Terry, Judy Pawson
NZ Intermediate Pairs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hattie Curtis & Bruce Ballard
NZ Senior Pairs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Judy McLeod & Alan Turner
NZ Mixed Pairs	5 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Yule & Ken Yule
NZ Intermediate Swiss Pairs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hattie Curtis & Bruce Ballard
NZ Senior Teams	1 <sup>st</sup>	Judy McLeod, Alan Turner, Ian Clayton (Hamilton), Noel Woodhall (Hastings)

### **The following members represented Waikato/Bays at the Interprovincial Championships.**

Open	Alan Turner
Women	Judy Pawson, Kate Terry, Christine Gibbons
Intermediate	Hattie Curtis and Bruce Ballard
Senior	Pat Rutherford, Tony Hacking, Julie Sheridan, Karen Martelletti

### **New Zealand Representation**

Christine Gibbons played in the successful New Zealand Women's Team at the World Teams Championship in Wroclaw, Poland which qualified for the knockout phase of the competition – the first time this has been achieved by the NZ Women's team.

### **Other Winners**

Jan Johnstone won the Waikato Bays Junior Champions League, with Melanie Rex in

second place, while Bruce Ballard and Hattie Curtis were equal third in the Waikato Bays Intermediate Championship League.

Stephen Francks and Alan Turner won the Bay of Plenty Pairs.

## **Committee**

We have been most fortunate to have hard workers on the committee. Thanks are extended for the willing manner in which the committee members carry out the myriad of duties needed to make our Club function.

Unfortunately four members of our committee are not available for re-election this year.

Sue Sherwood has been the backbone of our catering for quite a time. Sue unfortunately was involved in a very nasty road accident and will take a long time to recover. She will be greatly missed at the club.

Shirley Bain has made a very positive contribution whilst on the committee. She has also done very well as editor of Finesse. Hopefully she will be able to continue with this task in future. We are sorry that you are unable to continue on the committee due to work commitments.

Diane Menzies has made a great contribution to the club over many years. Her strong organizing ability has made her extremely valuable. We hope that Diane will be able to continue with her dealing duties. We will certainly miss her at our meetings,

Helen Charteris is unable to stand for committee again due to pressure of work. Helen has been looking after health and Safety matters at the Club. We thank her for her input to club matters.

## **Conclusion**

We think with fondness of those members who have left us due to illness and those who have departed over the past year. We especially think of Life Member Bruce Vant who did so much for the Tauranga Bridge Club.

Best wishes are extended to you all for Christmas 2016 and the 2017 New Year

# Tauranga Contract Bridge Club

## 2016 President's Report

### Thank You List

**The Club wishes to place on record its thanks to all members who have given of their time so willingly, in particular:**

<b>Partnership Stewards</b>	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	<b>Murray Knight Miriam Heeney Margaret Guy Derek Webb Margaret Wakelin</b>
<b>Conveners</b>	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	<b>Heather Melville Derek Webb June Smith Alan Turner Joy Bates</b>
<b>Directors</b>		<b>Pam Clotworthy, Peter Hagan, Helen Heuvel, Karen Martelletti Judy McLeod, Norm Silcock, Alan Turner, Martin van der Meys, Pat Ware, Derek Webb</b>
<b>Scorers / Bridgemate Managers</b>	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	<b>Peter Hagan, Karen Martelletti Margaret Wakelin, Carolyn Parker Jenni Davies, Sue Greig, Mike Newton Karen Martelletti Margaret Wakelin, Carolyn Parker</b>
<b>Compass Scoring Software Support</b>		<b>Bob Fearn</b>
<b>Bridgemate Trouble-shooter</b>		<b>Jan Spaans</b>
<b>Holiday Bridge</b>		<b>Amanda Smith, Stephen Francks. Peter Hagan, Derek Webb</b>
<b>Almoner</b>		<b>Nelma Kibblewhite</b>
<b>Finesse Editor</b>		<b>Shirley Bain</b>
<b>Bridge Tutors</b>	Beginners	<b>Amanda Smith, Bren Birss, Stephen Francks, Judy McLeod, Pamela Pederson, Alan Turner, <u>and</u> the many other helpers who came along on our revision nights</b>
	Improvers	<b>Karen Martelletti</b>
<b>Social Bridge</b>		<b>June Barclay, Pam Bell, Lorna Beauchamp, Helen Charteris, Pam Clotworthy, Nola Darvill, Christine Grant, Linley Hay, Margaret</b>

Howcroft, Judith Malcolm, Peter Malcolm, Karen Martelletti, Judy McLeod, Heather Melville, Jenny Myhill, Carolyn Parker, Colin Roberts, Dot Skousgaard, Heather Slee, Lynne Smyth, Rosemary Steele, Margaret Wakelin, Hilary Warren

**Sponsorship**

Lyn Bailie

**Tea Lady**

Gillian Norton, Jenny Greenlees, Denise Morrell

**Tournament Catering Managers**

Sue Sherwood, Jill Ussher, Pat Ware  
And many others who helped in the kitchen

**Christmas Party 2015**

Breakfast  
Theme and  
Organizing  
the Day  
Ticket Sales

Sue Sherwood and her team

Karen Martelletti, Amanda Smith  
Beryl Smith

**Bar**

Pat Ware, Peter Hagan

**Dealers**

Joy Bates, Dianne Menzies, Carolyn Parker, Pat Rutherford, Mary Toner, Hilary Warren, Norm Silcock

**Website Manager**

Karen Martelletti

**Money Collecting/Banking**

Allen Smith, Norm Silcock, Convenors & Directors

**Subscription Manager**

Allen Smith

**Table Cloths**

Jill Ussher

**Gardening / Flowers**

Juliet Pearson, Derek Webb

**Raffles**

Melanie Rex

**Library**

Pam Halls

**Maintenance**

Bruce Gibson

**The Club Captain**

Karen Martelletti

**The Treasurer**

John Masters

**Vice President**

Pat Ware

**The Committee**

Shirley Bain, Helen Charteris, Bruce Gibson, Dianne Menzies, Melanie Rex, Sue Sherwood, Jill Ussher

**Club Administrator**

Norm Silcock

**Representatives on Other Bridge Organizations**

- New Zealand Bridge Board

Alan Turner, Karen Martelletti