

TAURANGA BRIDGE CLUB INC.

President's Report 2018

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 has once again served on the board of NZ Bridge for another year. We are fortunate to be so close to the policy makers of our sport.

Karen also has spent another year controlling and keeping our website up to date.

Financial Position

Thanks go to John Masters with assistance from Amanda Smith in completing the years financial records.

The Club remains in a sound financial position. There was however an increase in some expenditure in the last year with the purchase of the chairs being \$34500.00 and the refurbishment of the men's room approximately \$9000.00. John Masters has compiled an accurate picture of our financial position which is enclosed in this report, thank you John.

Membership and Table Money

We finished the year as at the 31 October with 393 members, a drop of 5.

Tuesdays and Fridays sessions have been exceptional and Monday and Wednesday nights are steady. 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:-

2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
393	398	408	407	415	378	380	380	406	416

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 introduction of session cards that can be bought for \$45 working out at \$4.50 per session, or if paying by cash \$5.

This was achieved with the introduction of the Eftpos machine for members to purchase table ticket and pay subscriptions; Eftpos has been a resounding success.

I would like to mention that the club in conjunction with the banks is fazing-out accepting cheques, all future vouchers and subs to be purchased by cash, Eftpos or on-line banking.

Sponsors

Kate Terry and Chris Buckley with help of Lyn Bailie, Dot Skousgaard, Mary Toner, Pat Rutherford and Megan Wackrow continue 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

The committee would like to thank Carolyn Parker for conducting the lessons this year, they were a resounding success. 25 new players attended the lessons of which 20 joined the club. The support from club members to Carolyn during these sessions shows amazing club spirit. Many thanks.

Finesse

Chris Buckley took over as editor of Finesse this year and has made a very positive contribution ,your time is really appreciated.

Maintenance

As mentioned earlier the committee was concerned about the condition of the chairs. After twenty years of hard wear the chairs were replaced in June these have been an outstanding success. Many thanks to the members who donated funds for this project.

In November the men's room was refurbished to a very high standard, with just the painting to be completed by the committee before the new season begins.

Technology

The club is running smoothly with our current software and hardware systems, but as always, we need to review advances in technology. Things for us to consider in the near future are advances being made in hand held scoring devices, online club management systems and online and electronic security systems for the club. Sometimes it is hard to keep up with changes! If anything requires a major investment, we will seek funding, as we normally do

Club Championship Winners

Congratulations are extended to the following members.

Daytime

Travelcom Tuesday Singles Pat Rutherford

Travelcom Friday Singles Judy Pawson

Bay City Rentals Daytime Championship Pairs
Marion Kelly & Rachelle Pelkman

Junior

Travelcom Junior Championship Singles Steve O'Brien

Bakers Delight Junior Championship Pairs Jean Sales & Dianne Gibson

Andrea Cawley at Eves Junior Championship Teams
Jenny Lynam, Heath Smart, Sue Greig, Tony de Jong

Intermediate

Travelcom Intermediate Championship Singles
Mike McKeown

Mettlifecare Intermediate Championship Pairs
Lorraine Murrie & Jocelyn Buchanan

Martelletti Consulting Intermediate Championship Teams
Jo Wenham, Barry Doyle, Cathy Brown, Daphne Hoyle

Open

Travelcom Championship Singles Sam Simpson

Ultimate Motor Group Championship Pairs Judy Pawson & Kate Terry

Somerset Cottage Restaurant Championship Teams
Jo Simpson, Sam Simpson, Rachelle Pelkman, Murray Wood

2018 Congress Notable Successes

NZ Pairs 3rd Jo Simpson and Sam Simpson

NZ Senior Pairs	6 th	Dot Skousgaard & Heather Melville
NZ Intermediate Pairs	4 th	Jan Gyenge and Melanie Rex
NZ Same Sex Pairs	4 th	Kate Terry
NZ Mixed Pairs	5 th	Jo Simpson and Sam Simpson
NZ Intermediate Teams	6 th	Jan Gyenge, Melanie Rex, Joy Bates, Simon Eminson,

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

Open	Pat Rutherford & Tony Hacking
Women	Jo Simpson and Kathy Yule
Intermediate	Jan Gyenge and Andrea Andresen
Senior	Rachelle Pelkman & Murray Wood
Chef de Mission	Karen Martelletti

International Success

Congratulations to Christine Gibbons and her all-kiwi team for winning the Womens Teams event at the Australian Spring Nationals held in Sydney.

Other Winners

Judy Pawson and Kate Terry won the Bay of Plenty Pairs with Linley Hay and Helen Heuvel runners-up.

Joy Bates won the best Intermediate player and Mike Newton the best Junior player in the Bay Pairs competition.

Tournaments

Our club has had very successful tournaments this year although no major tournaments except the Inter Provincials were held in Tauranga. We appreciate all the hard work our members do behind the scenes and we also seem to have found a good catering solution working with the Tasty Times caterers It makes our life easier and the quality is often commented on by the players. We will endeavour to use these caterers as much as possible.

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 the amazing club it is, without these people and the people who work behind the scenes the club would not be able to function.

Unfortunately two members of our committee are not available for re-election this year We extend our thanks to Jan Gyenge and Ruth Pepper for their time given to the club.

Congratulations

The committee and all the members of the club would like to extend to Alan Turner our congratulation on receiving a Queens Service Medal (QSM) in the 2018 New Year Honour List and becoming a Life Member of the New Zealand Bridge later in the year. These are well-deserved honours.

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 our two former Presidents we lost during the year Ivan Sokolich and Jocelyn Major

Best wishes are extended to you all for Christmas 2018 and the 2019 New Year

Pat Ware
President

Tauranga Contract Bridge Club

2018 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:

Partnership

Stewards	Monday	Kay Wright
	Tuesday	Liz Simpson
	Wednesday	Dale Allen
	Thursday	Derek Webb
	Friday	Margaret Wakelin

Conveners	Monday	Heather Melville
	Tuesday	Derek Webb
	Wednesday	Dale Allen
	Thursday	Alan Turner
	Friday	Joy Bates

Directors	Pam Clotworthy, Peter Hagan, Karen Martelletti Judy McLeod, Norm Silcock, Alan Turner, Martin van der Meys, Pat Ware, Derek Webb
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Scorers / Bridgemate Managers

Monday	Karen Martelletti, Mike Newton
Tuesday	Margaret Wakelin, Carolyn Parker
Wednesday	Kevin Dawson, Sue Greig, Stephen Dorrington
Thursday	Karen Martelletti
Friday	Margaret Wakelin, Carolyn Parker

Compass Scoring Software Support	Bob Fearn
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Bridgemate Trouble-shooter	Jan Spaans
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Holiday Bridge	Peter Hagan, Derek Webb
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Almoner	Nelma Kibblewhite
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Accounts Administrator	Amanda Smith
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Finesse Editor	Chris Buckley
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Bridge Tutors	Beginners	Carolyn Parker, Dale Allen, Chris Andrews, Lyn Bailie, Jocelyn Buchanan, Chris Buckley, Pam Clotworthy, Nick Comber, Jan Gyenge, Reba Hunt, Bev Knight, Karen Martelletti, Bev McGregor, Judy McLeod, Heather Melville, Dianne Menzies, Mavis Meyer, Jean Morris, Jenny Myhill, June Nightingale, Judy
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Pawson, Ruth Pepper, Pat Rutherford, Athol Ryan, Ronnie Ryan, Dot Skousgaard, Norm Silcock, Lynne Smyth, Barbara Stimson, Ruth Sweatman, Lois Taylor, Mary Toner, Alan Turner, Caren van der Meys, Martin van der Meys, Sadie Vernall, Megan Wackrow, Margaret Wakelin, Pat Webb, Kay Wright

Improvers

Karen Martelletti

Social Bridge

Pam Bell, Pam Clotworthy, Lyn Corbett-Foy, Nola Darvill, Christine Grant, Judith Malcolm, Peter Malcolm, Karen Martelletti, Judy McLeod, Heather Melville, Jenny Myhill, Colin Roberts, Dot Skousgaard, Heather Slee, June Smith, Lynne Smyth, Ruth Sweatman, Margaret Wakelin, Hilary Warren, Kay Wright

Sponsorship

Kate Terry, Chris Buckley, Lyn Bailie, Pat Rutherford, Dot Skousgaard, Mary Toner, Megan Wackrow

Tea Ladies

Gillian Norton, Denise Morrell

Tournament Catering Managers

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

Christmas
Party 2017

**Breakfast
Theme and
Organizing
the Day**

Caren and Martin van der Meys and their team

Karen Martelletti

Bar

Pat Ware, Derek Webb

Dealers

Joy Bates, Jan Johnstone, Dianne Menzies, Jean Morris, Pat Rutherford, Mary Toner, Caren van der Meys, Megan Wackrow, Norm Silcock

Website Manager

Karen Martelletti

Table Cloths

Jill Ussher

**Gardening /
Flowers**

Juliet Pearson, Derek Webb

Raffles

Ruth Pepper

Maintenance

Bruce Gibson

The Club Captain

Karen Martelletti

The Treasurer

John Masters

Vice President

Kate Terry

Past
President

Derek Webb

The Committee

Chris Buckley, Jocelyn Buchanan, Bruce Gibson, Jan Gyenge,

**Bruce Inglis, Ruth Pepper, Melanie Rex, Jill Ussher, Megan
Wackrow**

Representatives on Other Bridge Organizations

- New Zealand Bridge Board Karen Martelletti