

# April 2024 Newsletter

## From our President



*Greetings to you all*

*I am Glenys Checchi, your new president for 2024.*

*I learnt to play bridge nearly 40 years ago. I have had several breaks away due to professional reasons, but each time I have returned to Kairangi Bridge Club to play this fascinating game.*

*We have a great club, with a strong membership base. We value your volunteer support to help make the club an enjoyable, safe place for members to come to play bridge.*

*We, as a committee will ensure an inclusive environment for you to enjoy the game, whilst being competitive, having fun, and observing good bridge etiquette. The committee will follow our strategic plan to ensure we make sound decisions and adhere to fiscally responsible practices.*

*I am looking forward to seeing you at the club and good luck for your bridging in 2024.*

*Best wishes*

*Glenys*

## Thanks

I would like to sincerely thank Peter Jackson for his work as President over the past year. He has put a lot of energy into this role and we are very grateful for his contribution.

I would also like to thank outgoing committee members, Lew Skinner, Mary Scott, and Tim Edwards. And many thanks to outgoing Treasurer Stefan Prentice.

Thanks to you all for your wonderful work on the Committee.

Welcome to all the new members of the Committee for 2024, and many thanks to those who continue to volunteer. The 2024 Committee is:

**President:** Glenys Checchi

**Vice President:** Leigh Graham

**Immediate Past President:** Peter Jackson

**Treasurer:** Martin Dowse

### **Committee Members:**

India Korner

Lester Goodfellow

MaryAnne Mackenzie

Melinda Sando

Peter Palmer

Sharyn Gallagher

Simon Depree

Tony Sutich

## Welcome

We are delighted to welcome more new members to the club.

- David Harding
- Katharine McHardie
- Nicola Varuhas

We also welcome all the beginners who are currently doing the Tuesday lessons and who will be joining us in club sessions in late June.

## The new way to pay

In order to improve the way we manage table money, and to reduce the admin time and cost, the Committee has decided to introduce **Cashless Payments**. This is in line with other clubs in Wellington.

Cashless Payments will be **live from 15 April 2024**.

The system is run through the Scorer bridge system interfacing with a dedicated Kairangi table money bank a/c. You simply pay money into our new table money bank account and this is added to your table money balance in the Scorer system. It's just like the voucher/ticket system except instead of giving you a voucher we record your table money in Scorer.

### What's changing?

- Vouchers will be phased out (you can use your existing vouchers, but no vouchers will be sold after 12 April).
- There's a new bank a/c number specifically for table money.  
**03-0521-0176861-001**

- Cash is still an option if you don't use internet banking, but no change will be given.

### At the table

- A new form will be introduced. You simply tick the Cashless Payment box to make your payment (or pay cash at the table).

### What you need to do

- Internet bank the amount you wish into your Table Money Fund – we suggest \$80 each time which gives ten sessions, but you can do more or less.
- When paying for table money, use our new **Table Money bank a/c number 03-0521-0176861-001**. Please use this new account number for table money as this reduces our admin costs.
- State your **NZ Bridge number** in the reference field and your surname in the particulars field when you deposit funds.

### What the system will do

- Add funds we receive in our new table money bank account onto your table money balance in the Scorer system. We use your NZ Bridge number and surname to make sure the money gets added to the correct person's balance.
- Every time you play, Scorer will automatically deduct the table money from your balance in Scorer.
- Provide you with an emailed monthly statement showing your Scorer table money account balance and activity

(deposits made and table money used).

Click [here](#) for more information.

## Congratulations

Many congratulations to Kate Davies and John Patterson on their wonderful achievement in the National Teams Tournament in March. Their team, consisting of John, Kate, Murat Genc and Anne Sommerville placed 2nd in NZ. Well done Kate and John!

And special congratulations to John who recently achieved the status of Gold Grand Master! Wow!



Congratulations to Mary Scott and David Esterman for achieving the amazing 81.99% score on Friday 8 March. It is not often we see scores over 80%!

## Working Bee thanks

**Thanks to all the amazing helpers** at the Working Bee on 9 March. Many thanks to Andrew, Carol, Charles, Glenda, Glenys, Julie, Leigh, Lester, Lorraine, Martin, Melinda, Robyn L, Peter J, Simon, Tony, Viv, Wendy (and husband Russell). And many thanks to all the lovely people who provided baking to feed the workers. Most appreciated everyone!

And special thanks to Viv McEnnis who donated trailer loads of mulch which she, Lester and Peter Jackson all spread over the garden. Fantastic effort team!

[Click here for photos](#) from the Working Bee.

## Tournaments

Unfortunately the Kerr Cup was postponed. We had a great response from Kairangi members but Kapi Mana wasn't able to round up enough people to play. We will defer this until later in the year. We will keep you posted closer to the new date.

**The March Intermediate and Junior Pairs Tournament**, hosted by Kairangi on 24 March, was a great success. There were fewer participants than we hoped for, but those who attended had a great day and had an excellent opportunity to add to their Masterpoints.

Many thanks to our wonderful helpers at the tournament: Ann P, Fran S, Glenys, Judith, Kate R, Lester, Lorraine, Peter J. And huge thanks to Carol and Tony for all their work organising this event.

Congratulations to Mary Scott and Peter Jackson for winning the Intermediate grade. Well done!

## Interclub

**Interclub** started a couple of weeks ago. A great response by Kairangi with three junior and three intermediate teams entered. If you didn't get your name down in time, let Carol know and she can keep you in mind as a reserve.

## Beginner Lessons

Our beginner lessons are underway with 25 eager participants learning the game we all love.

Many thanks to Simon, Lew, and Jilly for running these lessons, and also to Joanne, Viv and Lorraine for stepping in to help when people are away.

If you feel you need a refresher on any aspect of basic ACOL play, please contact Jill or Viv to join any of the beginner lesson sessions.

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The next few lessons are:

16 April: Responder's Limit Bids

23 April: Responder's New Suit Bids

30 April: Balanced Hands

6 May: Responder's Rebids

## Improver Lessons

Our first Improver Lesson for 2024 was on 20 March. **Mastering No Trumps** by Colin Haywood, gave all those who attended some excellent guidance, some tips and tricks to know when to bid NT and when to double 1NT.

The new committee is currently reviewing the structure for 2024 Improver Lessons. We hope to bring you an exciting range of new Improver Lesson options soon. The previously scheduled classes on Transfers and Takeout Doubles/Scoring are on hold for the time being.

## Congratulations

*Congratulations to our March winners.*

### **Monday Night: Kairangi Teams winners**

*Team Sutich: Rosa Mishkin, Allan Joseph, Lorraine Sutich, Tony Sutich, (Don Hollander and Michel Norrish subs on first night).*

### **Tuesday Night: Tuesday Teams winners**

*(kindly sponsored by Emma Young & Team at Lowe & Co):*

*Team Graham: Kendra Blackburn, Melinda Sando, MaryAnne Mackenzie, Leigh Graham (and reserve Arthur Howard).*

### **President's Pairs winners**

*(kindly sponsored by Andrew Black Optometrists)*

*Leigh Graham and Kendra Blackburn (sub Felicity Steel)*

### **Thursday Night: Symons Ladder and Rose**

*Pairs will be reported at the end of the series.*



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### **Friday Afternoon:**

*Results for the Turner Ladder and Championship Pairs will be reported at the end of the series.*

## Need a builder?

Our club is very fortunate to have three wonderful tenants renting premises (downstairs). The rent these tenants (all builders) pay goes a long way to ensuring our club is financially sound. Some members of our club have engaged the services of these builders and can recommend their work. We encourage you to contact them if you are in need of building services. FYI their contact details are:

- Barry Arthurs 021 242 5672 (no job too big or small!)
- Jason Liobl (JL Builders) 022 645 4109
- Chris Ryan 027 433 3093

## Contact updates

Please add the following to your Programme Book directory:

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### **Nicola Varuhas**

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### **Kath Jones**

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## Etiquette Reminder

If there is any hesitation in the bidding or the play, the partner of the player who hesitated must be very careful not to draw any inference from this and must bid/play as he/she would have done if there had been no hesitation. This is particularly the case if the player hesitated during the bidding then passed.

See our [website for club etiquette](#)

## Feedback

If you have any feedback, suggestions, or some news to share, please contact Leigh Graham [leighgraham99@gmail.com](mailto:leighgraham99@gmail.com) or Glenys Checchi [glenyschecchi@hotmail.com](mailto:glenyschecchi@hotmail.com) to share your thoughts.

### Useful Links

- **Search Masterpoints** for people online [here](#)
- **Articles for newer players** on NZ Bridge [website here](#)
- **A section for improvers** on NZ bridge [here](#)

### Sponsors

Thanks to our April sponsors:

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- **Pick a Posy Florist**
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