

# February 2024 Newsletter

From our President



Kia ora everyone

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024.

I know many of you have already started the New Year well, playing lots of bridge. Fantastic! For those I haven't seen in person yet, I look forward to seeing you at the club soon.

The February/March period at the club is very busy. There are a lot of fun events to get involved with, and it's the time of the year to think about whether you'd like to join the committee or help out in other ways. Read on...

See you soon.

*Peter Jackson*

## Recruiting Now!

**Beginner lessons** commence on 5 March so we ask you all to please help us promote these lessons. It is incredibly important for the club to keep attracting new members. We are fortunate to have several people within the club who volunteer their time to run these lessons, so we want to make it worth their while to have good numbers attending.

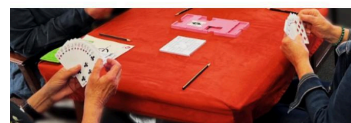
If you have not already taken some flyers to distribute in your neighbourhood, please do this ASAP. Ideally we'll get all the flyers distributed in the next week or so. There's a map to view on the table in the supper room. Just mark off the areas you will distribute to, so we don't double up. It could be a great opportunity for a walk around your neighbourhood!

We also have A4 posters available for you to display at your local community centre, supermarket, library, workplace, any other club you are a member of (eg bowls), or any other noticeboard you can think of.

### Learn to play Bridge

**Fun, social & mentally stimulating**

- Weekly at 7:30pm, starting Tues 5 March
- At the Clubrooms 138 Hobart Street, Miramar
- 11 lessons only \$70, includes 2024 membership
- Everyone welcome, a range of ages play at our club



For more information or to enrol:

Clubrooms 04 388 2527  
or Carol 027 453 6040  
admin@kairangibrIDGE.nz  
www.kairangibrIDGE.nz



And we have a facebook/digital ad (see above) that you can share on your social media and on your local community pages. Carol has also emailed out a jpeg version for you to use.

Many thanks to Simon Depree, Lew Skinner and Jill Crew who will be running these lessons.

## March Events

**Our AGM** is scheduled for Wednesday 13 March. (It will be at the later time of 7.30pm this year – please note this is different to the time listed in the programme book). We would love to see as many people as possible at this important event. Remember, you need to be there in person in order to vote for Committee Members (and you also need to be a fully paid-up member to vote).

And now's the time to think about whether you'd like to join the Committee. We are a friendly group of members who band together to run the club (alongside the wonderful Carol, our Club Manager). We have a wide range of skills amongst us and are keen to have others who have complementary skills to contribute. The Committee has eight members and four official positions, so there's a number of us working on all the various projects needing to be actioned. We would welcome your nomination!

If you would like to put your name forward to be on the Committee for 2024, please contact Carol for a nomination form. [admin@kairangibridge.nz](mailto:admin@kairangibridge.nz). You need to be a fully paid-up member and have two other

fully paid-up members nominate you. We will also ask you to write a 100 word intro about yourself to assist with the voting process.

**The Kerr Cup** is our social tournament of the year. This is an annual exchange with Kapi Mana Bridge Club and this year it is our turn to host. Members at all playing levels are invited – you just need to find a partner and put your name on the noticeboard or let Carol know that you are keen.

It's a fun event and there will be a lovely supper at the end of the evening. This event is on Friday 8 March at 7.30pm.

**The March Intermediate and Junior Pairs Tournament** is your opportunity to enter a tournament hosted by Kairangi. People from all around Wellington will come to our club to play in this tournament. A great opportunity to get experience in the warm, friendly Kairangi Club environment.

Register now on the sheet on the noticeboard or email Carol with the name of your pair, and your grade. This tournament is on Sunday 24 March.

## Coming Soon ...

**Interclub** starts next month (first night is 22 March), so we need to get all our teams registered by 26 February.

Interclub is lots of fun, and it's a great opportunity to play against people from other clubs. It is not a huge commitment – one Friday night a month, and it's all online. Play from the comfort of your own home.

Please register your interest with Carol, or form a team and let Carol know who's in your team. Each team needs to have at least four players, all of the same grade. The grades are Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Open. If you know you are not going to be available for all games that's fine – just make sure you have some reserves in your team.

### Teams Lesson

Each year Tony Sutich runs an annual lesson on Teams - how to play and score. If you are a Tuesday night player and haven't played Teams before, or are registering for interclub for the first time, you will likely benefit from this lesson. In fact, everyone who is playing Teams will benefit. All welcome!  
**Wednesday 14 February** at 7pm at the Club. Please let Carol know if you are interested.

A National **Rubber Bridge** tournament is scheduled for September/October this year. Entries for the Wellington Regional event (which feeds into the national event) need to be received by 31 March. For those not familiar with Rubber Bridge, it's a more social form of bridge where you can deal the cards yourself and play with as few as four people - so unlike duplicate bridge, it's easy to play with a few friends.

Tony and Lorraine Sutich have kindly offered to run a session on how to play Rubber Bridge - (it is mostly the scoring that's different). Some say it's more like 500 than bridge so come along and find out! Then you will have the skills to enter the tournament if you're keen. We will keep you posted on dates for this when they come to hand.

## Congratulations

*Congratulations to our December and January winners.*

**Monday Night: Summer Ladder winner:**  
*Michael Wilcox*

**Monday Night: Miramar Pairs winners:**  
*Stefan Prentice and Michael Wilcox*

**Tuesday Night: Christmas Pairs winners:**  
*Rob Burton and Barry Spencer*

**Tuesday Night: Two Night Pairs winners:**  
*MaryAnne Mackenzie and Melinda Sando*

**Thursday Night: Trial Pairs winners:**  
*Stefan Prentice and Sushila Kumar*

**Friday Afternoon: Christmas Ladder**  
*Tony Sutich*

**Friday Afternoon: January Pairs (kindly sponsored by Unichem Miramar)**  
*Sushila Kumar and Tereska Knap.*

*And special congratulations to Melinda and MaryAnne who were the first of 2024 to join the 70% Club! They achieved 72.18% on the first Tuesday session of the year. Well done!*

## Reminders

### Table Money and Subscription Fees

Just a wee reminder that subs are due now. The "early-bird" discounted rates will apply until 20 February 2024, so get in quickly if you want to take advantage of that special low rate.

Also remember, table money is now \$8 per session. Any leftover vouchers from last year are still valid though – you don't need to pay any extra to use them.

## A call for helpers (please!)

**Fundraising help required.** If anyone has experience in Fundraising we would love to hear from you. The Club is keen to try and tap into local grants that might help us with things like building maintenance.

## Suggestions please

### 2024 Improver Lessons

We are starting the planning for our 2024 Improver Lessons. Please let us know if there are any particular topics you would like covered in these lessons. Please email Carol on [admin@kairangibridge.nz](mailto:admin@kairangibridge.nz) with your suggestions. Many thanks.

## Etiquette Reminder

Remember to avoid looking directly at your partner or opponents or their hands during bidding and play.

And, unless “dummy” has left the table, declarer should never touch dummy's cards, even to rearrange them.

**For all Club etiquette and procedures, see our website:**

<https://www.kairangibridge.nz/club-etiquette.html> for all Club Etiquette and Procedure.

## Feedback

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

## Sponsors

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