

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



FAREWELL KEN MILLS

Life Member Ken Mills passed away on 6 February 2022. Ken played at Waikanae club from 1984 until the end of 2021 and was President in 1998 and 1999. He was a keen regular player and greatly enjoyed the camaraderie of the club. He will be missed by his many friends here.



OPEN TOURNAMENT

We were sorry to have to cancel our Open Tournament a few days before the event. As it happened, the prediction of massive community transmission of the Omicron variant did not eventuate by the scheduled date, however we considered the risk to our members and the club were too great. We look forward to holding the Multigrade and Intermediate/Junior Tournaments later in the year in a more predictable environment.



AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 28 February. All members are invited to gather at 4.30pm in the club rooms to elect the four office holders and six committee members and agree the appointment of the Honorary Solicitor and Financial Reviewer. Three members are retiring from the Committee and three replacements will be elected. Annual accounts and annual reports will be posted on the website soon and documents will be sent to members once the committee nominations close on 14 February.

KAPITI HOROWHENUA AREA PAIRS

KHAP

The Area Pairs is a new once-a-month B-point tournament beginning on Thursday 17 March 2022. This year Waikanae is the host club. You will find the details in our programme booklet and on our website.

Enter on line through NZBridge.



RUBBER BRIDGE

The national Rubber Bridge competition will run as usual in 2022. It is slightly different from duplicate bridge in that you deal the cards yourself and the luck of the deal can affect your chances to win a rubber. Consequently juniors may be able to beat better players because they have got better cards. We will give you tips on how to bid.

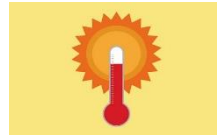
For more information please contact Graham Cheater on 027 448 3938. Entries must be in by 31 March.



NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Joan Key, John Key, Francie Vagg and Jane Windle to our membership. Despite a few losses our total membership continues to grow with 170 members now and more in line waiting for the process for acceptance to run its course.

AIR CONDITIONING



We have spent club funds on two new air conditioning units in the playing room so we can have a comfortable temperature inside regardless of how hot or cold it is outside. It is difficult to make it right for everybody at once but we try our best. The Duty Officer and the Director are responsible for monitoring players' comfort during sessions so if you are not happy with the temperature please talk to one of them. Please don't alter the controls yourself.



ST PATRICK'S DAY Thursday 17th March is

St. Patrick's Day. As usual we will celebrate this with a fun day of bridge. There will be prizes for the best dressed, Irish jokes and a quiz. If you can assist with afternoon tea that would be great. Please let Vicky Young know.



RED LIGHT RULES

This is a reminder that under the Red Light Rules you must wear a mask at all times while you are playing. No food or drink is to be taken to the table. If you are desperate for a breather take your chance while you are dummy and leave the table. You may have a drink at the kitchen end of the room and take a walk outside without your mask.

Please observe social distancing at all times and of course, if you don't feel well just don't come to bridge.

Enjoy your play

Ady Dale, President