

♠ ♦ Kapi-Mana Bridge Club Inc ♣ ♥

Table Talk January-February 2020

Welcome back to another year of bridge.

We officially started the year with the Opening Night on January 30, with nibbles and a convivial time before play started.

Attendees had a fun night, playing *Friends and Enemies*, and keeping track of their own scores. Top scores at the end of the night were held by Yvonne (North), Kaye (West), Lyn (East) and Phyllis (South). John Joseph got closest to zero on the positive side of the equation, and Margaret Robertson was closest to zero on the negative side. Davy Muir took out the prize for the lowest score overall.

A big thanks to those who organised the nibbles, barpeople Alan and Leigh Savage, and Club Director Margaret Robertson ☺



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Interclub players required

It's the start of the year, and soon it'll be the start of the Interclub competition for 2020.

The matches are played monthly on a Friday night – below are the proposed dates.

Round No. **7.30pm Friday Night Dates**

1	20 March
2	3 April
3	15 May
4	19 June
5	17 July
6	7 August
7	11 September
8	16 October
9	13 November

If you're interested in playing, we need team members for all grades – Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Open Restricted, and Open.

Organise yourself a team, and write the names on the sheet on the noticeboard by **February 26** to enter.

What's coming up in March?

Kerr Cup -- 6 March 2020

The annual match with Kairangi is coming up fast!

We had a stunning victory last year over at Kairangi, and this year the competition is being played here at Kapi Mana. This is a Club vs Club competition, so we need people of all grades. Organise with your favourite partner to enter - the entry form is on the notice board in the clubrooms.

If you're playing on the night, don't forget to bring a plate for supper.

Multigrade Tournament – 8 March 2020

And immediately after the Kerr Cup is our Multigrade. Multigrades aren't just for Open players so even if you haven't been playing long do consider giving it a go. There's prizes for all grades, and pairs made up of mixed grades, so don't be shy!

Volunteers are required to help on the day, so if you can't play, or don't want to play, you can contribute to make the day a success. Please write your name on the whiteboard if you'd like help.

System cards

To play in tournaments and interclub you do need a system card. NZ Bridge have created blank and partially filled in System cards in Excel, which is meant to be easier than the pdf version!

To use these templates, you need Excel 2013 or a later version. If you're interested in giving it a go, [click here](#).

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Club Play

Keen to play, but don't have a partner? – phone

Gaye (238-9904) for a Monday partner,

Leigh or Alan (232-9926) for a Tuesday partner,

John (233-6122) for a Wednesday partner, and

Annette (234-8916) for a Thursday partner

Championships

The monthly championships are beginning, but don't despair if you miss the first one due to other commitments or our lovely summer weather. The eight best scores are counted to be in the running, so all will not be lost! Remember though, substitutes are not counted.

February competitions

Monday: Lash Pairs

Tuesday: Mansfield Pairs

Wednesday: Elsdon Pairs

Thursday: Keningston Pairs

Tournaments

February 9 – Waikanae Open Pairs

February 25 – Masterton Junior & Intermediate Pairs

February 23 – Fielding Open Pairs

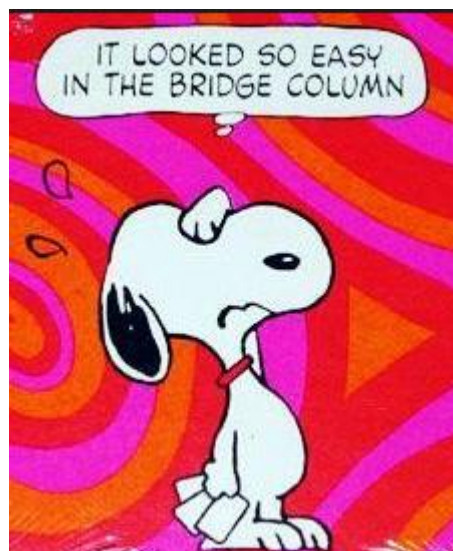
February 26 – Wellington Poppy Roberts begins

March 1– Hutt Multigrade Pairs

March 8 – Kapi Mana Multigrade Pairs

March 22– Kairangi Junior & Intermediate Pairs

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Entertainment books

If you're interested in purchasing a Wellington Entertainment Book this year, you can purchase one and support your favourite Bridge Club at the same time!

Book price is \$69.99 – – follow this link :

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/929d444>

Member updates

New members:

We recently welcomed to the Club Judy Hedwig and Alison Williamson. If you come across them at the table don't forget to say hi!

Resignations:

We've farewelled regular Wednesday players Jeremy and Lynn Blake-Palmer who have moved away. John Crookston also resigned recently, sadly due to ill health.

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## Obituary



Gretchen Lash, a long standing member of the Kapi Mana Bridge Club, recently passed away and members acknowledged her contribution to the Club by observing a Minutes silence at Playing Sessions.

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Facebook!

If you have a Facebook account be sure to like us - [Kapi Mana Bridge Club](#). It's a good way to keep up to date with club happenings ☺

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## Table manners

When playing in the North/South position, remember to greet the incoming pair with a smile and a pleasant "Hello" or "Good evening". There's nothing worse for those travelling around the room to be ignored on arrival at a table due to an intense discussion of the follies or triumphs of the previous hand!

Conversely, if you're playing East/West, and have been delayed playing a hand, West should move on as soon as possible (don't stop to inspect the bridge tab!), and do apologise to your new North/South opponents for being late. If the table you are moving to is a bit slow, don't sit and finish your conversation because you can't move, that only holds up the pair behind you.

When calling the Director, do say "Director *please*", and remember to put your hand up. Of necessity the call for the Director must be loud, but the "please" makes it just a bit nicer for the Director to hear. And don't assume the Director will recognise your voice – that's why the hand in the air is useful so the Director can come to you as quickly as possible.

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