



Table Talk April 2017

What's coming up

April competitions

Monday: Autumn Pairs

Tuesday: Takapu Pairs (Mixed grade pairs)

Wednesday: Ranui's Pairs

Thursday: Porirua Pairs

Interclub: April 28 (at Wellington Club)

Club Play

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

Gaye (238-9904) for a Monday partner,

Annette (234-8916) for a Tuesday partner,

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

Pauline (234 8499) for a Thursday partner

Put this in your diary now!

May 23 2017 7 pm

AGM

with drinks and nibbles

Followed by social bridge

Tournaments

April 17 Wellington Regional Mixed-sex pairs (at Karori)

ANZAC Weekend – Wellington Congress (see below)

April 30 Upper Hutt Open Pairs & Upper Hutt Junior Pairs

May 7 Kapi Mana Multigrade Pairs

May 13/14 Wellington Inter-Provincial trials (all grades)

Wellington Congress

The Wellington Congress is being held at Wellington Bridge Club over ANZAC weekend.

Open Grade: The Wellington Regional Congress has three Open events, spread over four days.

Intermediate, Junior and Novice Grades: There are separate Pairs and Teams events for Intermediate and Junior players.

[For more information, click here](#)

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Junior / Intermediate Tournament March 19

Once again we ran a hugely successful tournament on March 19. A big thanks goes out to all those that helped on the day – Dianne Lester, Nigel Horne, Barbara MacDonald, Margaret Robertson, Helen Todd, Lynn Mansfield, Anne Jackson, Lyn Underhill, Phil Clarke and Mac Fa'atafa.

In regards to the winners on the day, Kapi Mana was not disgraced, with our own Alan and Jann Dyer winning the Junior/Intermediate Pairs, and Craig Booth and Doug Helps winning Best Pair Containing a Novice Player



An extra-special thanks goes out to our Club Director Barbara Daly, who directed the tournament. Barbara donated her time and managed the day superbly.

You're a star!

And, the winners were...

Top Intermediate/Intermediate pair, and winner overall: Mira Trifunovic and Graham Potter (Wellington Club)

Top Intermediate/Junior Pair: Alan and Jann Dyer (Kapi Mana)

Top Junior/Junior Pair: Adrienne Dale and Miriam Lewin (Waikanae Club)

Best Pair with a Novice Player: Craig Booth and Doug Helps (Kapi Mana)



Tournament players relaxing at the end of play

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Are you an energetic, motivated problem solver?

Can you work effectively as part of a team?

Do you have good organisational skills?

Do you love the game of bridge?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, you'll be perfect to join our team, the Kapi Mana Bridge Club Committee.

Positions available are:

Club President

Club Secretary

General Committee Members

Club Director

Almoner

Tournament Secretary

Yes everyone, that time of year is drawing near – the AGM is fast approaching, and there are several spots on the Committee vacant.

Our awesome President Margaret Robertson has to step down as she is coming to the end of 2 terms as President. If you would like to be Club President don't let the fact you haven't been on the Committee deter you, put your name forward!

The lovely Lorraine McArthur has decided to hang up her pen, so the position of Club Secretary is also available.

Our superb Club Director Barbara Daly gave notice at the last AGM that this would be her last year, so we need someone to fill this position.

Our Constitution also states we need players from all playing nights represented on the Committee, so no matter what night you play, we need you!

If you want to know what's involved in being on the Committee, have a chat to any of the current Committee members – Margaret Robertson, Mac Fa'atafa, Yvonne Helps, Alan Dyer, Tracey Shields, Rob Ferguson or Barbara McDonald.

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Strange but true bridge story – at Interclub in March one Kapi Mana pair managed to bid to 5 Spades after a weak opening, promptly got doubled, and went 4 light – 800 points to the opposition. “That’s fine” said the South player jokingly, “our other pair probably bid and got the slam”. At the end of the round, the other pair came racing over – “Did they bid the slam?” they enquired “We did – 6 Diamonds, vulnerable” on the same board!! The team’s bacon was saved, and what looked like a loss turned into a triumph 😊

New Zealand Bridge – Board update

After the elections in March there is a few changes on the Board of NZ Bridge.

There’s a new Chair, Alan Dormer, and Clare Coles and Jane Stearns have joined the Board. The make-up of the Board is now:

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What’s going to happen about the proposed restructuring that caused the big uproar at the end of last year, and the start of this? We don’t know yet, but will keep you informed of any proposals.

May 7 is the date of our Multigrade tournament, and it’s not too early to start thinking about partners. The joy of a Multigrade is that you and your partner do not have to be of the same grade. So, start eyeing up potential partners, and don’t be shy to ask!

We’re going to have raffles again, so, if you have anything to contribute to a raffle please bring it along sometime in the next few weeks.

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