



# Table Talk

KAPI - MANA  
BRIDGE CLUB

February  
2016

## Spring cleaning - 27 February 2016



10 am at the clubrooms

It's time to give the clubrooms a spring clean

**WE NEED YOU TO HELP OUT**

So dress up in your best cleaning clothes and come along and join the fun.

Gents, you are not excused, we are an equal opportunities club! For you there will be exciting things like ladders to climb, how can you refuse?

See you there

10 am at the clubrooms

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**Club Play in February**

*Monday:* Lash Pairs

*Tuesday:* Cobham Pairs

*Wednesday:* Elsdon Pairs

*Thursday:* Keningston Pairs

***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***

***Lorraine (232-7694) for a Thursday partner***

**Interclub**

Interclub begins again on March 18. Forms are up for the teams, so it's time to get organized!

**Tournaments**

February 14 – Waikanae Open Pairs

February 28 – Masterton Junior/Intermediate

**March 4 – Kerr Cup, vs Kairangi, at Kapi Mana**

March 13 – Upper Hutt Intermediate

March 20 – Paraparaumu Open

**March 20 – Kapi Mana Junior/Intermediate**

*"What did the valentine card say to the stamp?  
Stick with me and we'll go places!"*

Contributions welcome to:  
tippyshields@xtra.co.nz

**Kerr Cup****March 4****Play starts at 7.30 pm**

The annual match against Kairangi is being held at Kapi Mana clubrooms this year.

Put your name on the form on the notice board if you're keen to play – don't worry if you haven't got a partner organized, partners will be arranged if required.

All levels of players are welcome, so don't be shy!

Table money is not required, but please bring along a plate to share for supper

Overheard at the bridge table:

*"You've had some good hands tonight, partner"*

*"Yes, and you've done your best to destroy them!"*

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***Precision bridge***

*Interested in learning more about the Precision system of bridge?*

*Kim Prescott and Mark Janor have offered to give some lessons – look for the form on the noticeboard to register your interest*

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# Opening night 28 January

If you didn't come along, you missed a fun night of bridge. Beginning with drinks and nibbles, attendees settled down to play at about 7.45.

We had a supper break, with a lovely supper provided by a club member who wishes to remain anonymous, followed by more bridge, and then a prize giving.

Members were mixed and matched during the night, and the prizes were awarded to the 4 who came top North/South/East and West – Phyllis Hendriksen, Mac Fa'atafa & Margaret Robertson (Mac and Margaret played half the evening each), Elizabeth Sutton and Don Mather



## Bridge in the news

### Kiwi busted in Thailand for playing bridge!

Add ageing Western bridge players to the list of desperadoes in Thailand's seaside resort of Pattaya, a sin-city rife with prostitution, corruption and foreign and home-grown gangsters.

A Kiwi was among the mostly British players busted by a task force of soldiers, police and local officials as they played cards at eight tables in an apartment above a restaurant, Colonel Sukathat Pumpanmuang, superintendent of the Pattaya Police Station, said yesterday. He said the law enforcement agents were acting on a tip that illegal gambling was taking place there.

A Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade spokesman said they were aware a New Zealander had been reportedly detained and then released in Thailand but had not been approached for consular assistance.

Those arrested Wednesday afternoon, including an 84-year-old Dutch woman, according to the Pattaya One news website, were released on bail of 5000 baht (\$140) each in the wee hours of Thursday morning. Sukathat said they would not be charged with gambling, but might be charged under a law limiting individuals to possession of 120 unregistered playing cards.

Source:

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=11584884](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11584884)

Overheard at the bridge table:

“They must have set the dealing machine to mean!”

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# Don't forget to "alert"

Alerting your bids is very important – un-alerted bids can get you into trouble with the Director!

**As a matter of course, you must announce the meaning of your partners 1NT or 1C opening.**

If any bid your partner makes is not natural, it should be alerted, and, if asked, should be explained as fully as possible. Note the "if" – if you're not asked, you don't have to explain.

THE BID WAS EXPLAINED WRONG – WHAT DO YOU DO?

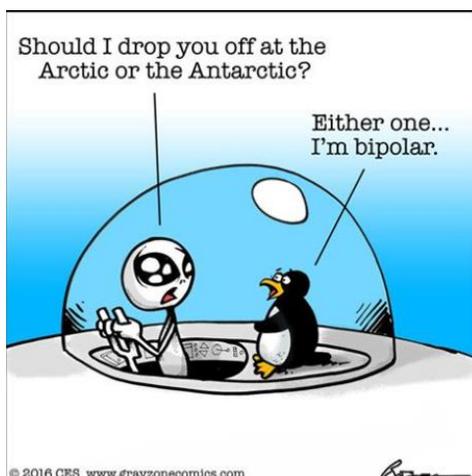
- If you realise you've explained your partners' bid incorrectly, call the Director straight away
- You know your partner has got confused – if your side ends up winning the contract call the Director at the end of the auction, if you end up being defenders, call the director at the end of play
- You must not take advantage of any unauthorized information you may have received from your partners' mistaken explanation

## What don't you need to alert?

Cue bids are self-alerting, but if you're the opposition, it can be a good idea to ask what it means – it may not be what you think!

These bids are also self-alerting:

- the 2C Game Force opening bid (and the 2D negative response – but if your 2D means something more specific, or different, than a negative response, this should be alerted)
- the Simple Stayman 2C after a 1NT bid, (and the 2D response denying a major)
- Doubles and redoubles



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