



# Table Talk

KAPI - MANA  
BRIDGE CLUB

October 2016

## The Kapi Mana Intermediate tournament When: October 16

If you are planning on playing, don't forget to write your name on the entry form!

Not playing, but interested in helping on the day? Volunteers are needed to help make the day a success, please write your name on the whiteboard, saying where you would like to help out. We need volunteers for morning tea, lunch, and after play.

Remember to bring along something this week to add to the raffle prize!

### Jackways Shield

Sadly, despite our best efforts, it was a narrow loss to Paraparaumu. Thanks to everyone who travelled up to play – next year will be our year!



Barry and Hannah, an old married couple, are sitting on the couch watching TV.

On the show they were speaking about how to prepare in case of death etc. "Honey", says Barry, turning to his wife with a serious expression, "I want you to promise me, that if there ever comes a time that I am dependent on just machines and bottled fluid, that you will make sure to put an end to it."

"No problem hun", said Hannah, and she promptly got up, turned off the TV, and poured his beer down the drain



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**Club Play in October**

Monday: Mana Pairs

Tuesday: Paremata Pairs

Wednesday: Papakowhai Pairs

Thursday: Brown 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**

**Pauline (234 8499) for a Thursday partner**

**Interclub**

Interclub is on October 14.

**Tournaments**

October 9 - South Wairarapa Multigrade

**October 16 – Kapi Mana Intermediate Pairs**

October 30 Karori Intermediate Pairs

November 6 – Upper Hutt Multigrade

Contributions welcome to:  
tippyshields@xtra.co.nz

**New Member:**

*Welcome to Nancy Cooney, who recently joined the club.*

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**I'm giving up bridge  
By Anon**

*I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's my last night  
It's amen to Staymen, I give up the fight.  
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles  
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.*

*My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten  
Who's played and what's trumps and what's gone  
on my right!  
So for now it's all over- I'm off to the back wood  
I'm bidding good-bye to Gerber and Blackwood*

*I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain  
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.  
So I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's a bad night.  
Declarer is horrid and nothing's going right.*

*My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope.  
And when s/he says "double" I know we're in  
trouble.  
My points are not high and I'm wondering why  
She kept on bidding right up to the sky.*

*We're in seven spades and all my hope fades  
When surprise, surprise, the high bidding pays!  
We're winning all tricks, the defenders feel sick,  
And I have to admit my partner's a brick*

*But I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's my last night.!  
Farewell to conventions- I give up the fight?  
So I leave with few words but some that are true,  
Bridge is a game- not for me but for you.*

*So be kind to your partners and don't mind their  
cheek.  
For it's only a game- Oh! Yes. I'll see you next  
week*

**Thanks to Lyn Underhill for contributing this poem**

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## Obituaries



Three members (past and present) of the Kapi Mana Bridge Club recently passed away and members acknowledged their contribution to the Club by observing a Minutes silence at Playing Sessions.

### Bev Norman

Bev played regularly before she and her husband, Bob, moved to the Kapiti Coast. Bev was a lovely lady and she and Bob played together with unusual harmony for a married couple. Always pleasant and interested in people Bev is remembered fondly by those who played with and against her during her time spent as a member of the Club.

### Val Dibble

Val played mainly at Monday daytime sessions and was well known to the Tawa players outside Bridge as she taught in the area for many years. Val enjoyed the game of Bridge, one of her many interests, and played with a variety of partners. After her Monday Bridge session she regularly participated in a French class. She had travelled extensively and was always keen to share her many experiences with those at the Table.

### Henry Perera

A tribute to Henry will appear in the November Table Talk.

Our sympathy goes to the families of these three people.



Did you win a trophy last year? If so, now's the time to start polishing it up as we need it back, bright and sparkly, by the end of the month.

## Christmas is coming!

**Put this date in your diary now:  
Friday 2 December  
Christmas Party and Prize-giving  
6.30pm start**



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## Bridge in the news

### Kiwi bridge players awarded gold medal after scoring error nearly denied them victory

**KELLEY TANTAU**

Ashley Bach and Michael Cornell are now the joint pair winners of the World Bridge Games, despite a scoring glitch that almost cost them the gold.

Two of New Zealand's top card players almost had their victory at the "Olympic Games of bridge" cruelly snatched away by a scoring error.

Michael Cornell and Ashley Bach blitzed the field at the World Bridge Games in Wroclaw, Poland in September, coming out on top of a field containing some of the best card players in the world.

But a basic scoring error saw the Kiwi pair mistakenly awarded second place behind a German pair and denied their rightful gold medal.

After a two-week investigation by the World Bridge Federation, Cornell and Bach were awarded joint first prize on Friday to become the first New Zealanders to win the prestigious open pair's championship.

Cornell, from Auckland, said it was a "fantastic" result.

"We're champions of the world. It's more than we ever dreamed of," he said.

The controversy has caused a stir in the bridge world, with Bridge Federation president Gianarrigo Rona issuing a statement rebuking players for commenting on the error on social media.

He said the "supposed winners recognise themselves that they failed to adequately check the scores obtained within the time scale provided for.

Rona said: "In all sporting contests it is important to have certainty of the result that has been obtained according to the respective rules & regulations that are applied and cannot be modified despite, unfortunately, that they may have influenced the result."

New Zealand Bridge chairman Arie Guersen said it was good result for the New Zealand federation right from the grassroots through to the top players.

He said a joint title was the right result.

"It's an extremely difficult thing to take the medal away from one pair and award it to another after the ceremony.

"But it was hard on Michael and Ashley knowing they had won but didn't get the medal."

New Zealand bridge development officer Richard Solomon said it was the biggest result a pair had come away with at the "Olympic Games of bridge".

He and Guersen said the win was the icing on the cake after a period of positive Kiwi records.

The New Zealand team had never qualified for the knock-out stages in 45 years of trying. The women's team also did the best they've ever done by reaching the Top 16.

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