



## Table Talk August 2017

### Congratulations Lorraine!



A big congratulations goes to Lorraine Inglis, who has become Kapi Mana Bridge Club's first **Grand Master**

A Grand Master is a player who has earned at least 1000 A and B points playing bridge, and at least 500 of those points must be A points

*What are A points?* You can't earn A points at Club level, you can only get them playing Open grade tournaments.

Well done Lorraine, we're all very proud of you

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## What's coming up

### August competitions

**Monday:** Spring Pairs

**Tuesday:** Patron's Pairs

**Wednesday:** Grenada Pairs

**Thursday:** Teams competition

**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**

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### **Director's Choice evening**

#### **Tuesday August 29**

Tuesday August 29 is a Director's Choice evening. This is a fun night of bridge, open to players of all grades and abilities.

This is a great way to meet players who don't play on the same night as you, and also it's a good chance to get to know other club members better.

Partners aren't required, so just bring yourself, and be prepared to have fun!

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### **Jackways Shield date change**

The date of the Jackways Shields is now **October 8**, not October 1 as listed in the programme book

### Interclub this month

August 25 Playing at Kapi Mana

### Tournaments

August 13 – Hutt Intermediate Pairs

August 20 Kairangi Junior Pairs

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August 27 Otaki Intermediate/Junior Pairs

August 27 Karori Open Pairs

September 3 Wellington Junior Pairs

September 3 Wellington Intermediate Pairs

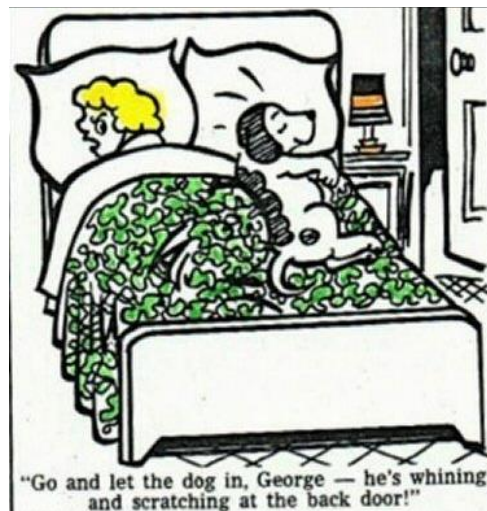
### **October 15 Kapi Mana Intermediate Pairs**

### **Tournaments - Who's been doing well?**

Congratulations to:

**Lorraine Inglis** and her partner Judy Plimmer, who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Levin Open on July 23

**Dianne Lester** and **Annette Austing**, who came 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Karori Intermediate Pairs on July 23



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## Middleton Trophy update

The Middleton Trophy is awarded to the player with the best average score on Thursday evenings.

At this stage of the year **Eleanor Morel**, on 54.58%, is ahead of **Mac F'aatafa** who's on 52.67%

My partner sits before me,  
She has gently closed her eyes,  
As if she is sweetly thinking  
Of Love in Paradise.

So calm her smile; I wonder,  
So sunk in thought her head;  
Perhaps it is I who's dreaming;  
I hope she is not dead.

Is she awake or sleeping?  
It makes me sore afraid.  
She had better remember the  
bidding,  
And lead a bloody Spade.

by Mr Charles Leedham-Green for a  
competition for poems to be called  
'Awake' run by *The Oldie*.

*Thanks to Lyn Underhill for sending  
this poem for the newsletter*

## Wellington Regional Club Champs July 16

Sadly for our club, bridge was the winner on the day! But, all of those involved enjoyed their day of bridge, and thought it was a good initiative by the Wellington Regional Bridge Committee.

Wellington Club won the Champs, with Waikanae coming 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Karori Club 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The WRBC is thinking of running this event again, so if you are interested in being part of a pool of team players, please let a member of the Committee know.

### Your 2017/18 Committee

Nigel Horne, *President*;  
Dianne Lester, *Vice-President*;  
Yvonne Helps, *Treasurer*;  
Suzanne Keppel, *Secretary*;

John Antliff, Rod Ferguson, Alan  
Savage, Barbara McDonald, Colleen  
McCaw, Margaret Robertson and  
Marcia Forsman

## Have you moved house recently?

If you have, don't forget to let us know your new address and any other contact details that may have changed – email, phone etc.



They were at a concert.

Said she, a bridge addict,  
"What's that book the  
conductor keeps looking at?"

"That's the score," answered  
her escort.

"Oh. Who's vulnerable??"



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## New laws are here!

August 1 saw the start of some changes to the Bridge laws.

"What does that mean to me?" did I hear you say. There are a few changes you should be aware of, so here's a brief synopsis of some of them

The board is required to stay in the middle of the table *correctly oriented*.

Good practice anyway, but now written in law

Dummy can now try and prevent an irregularity by any player, instead of just partner. But, Dummy still can't draw attention to a Defender's revoke

**Comparable calls** - This is a new concept, and means that any withdrawn call (e.g. bid out of turn, insufficient bid etc.) can be replaced with a *comparable call*.

A comparable call is a bid that:

- (1). has the same or similar meaning as the withdrawn call, or
- (2). defines a subset of the possible meanings attributable to the withdrawn call, or
- (3). has the same purpose (an asking bid or relay) as the withdrawn call

This law takes a bit of getting your head around!

**Mistaken Explanation or Mistaken Call** - It is now an infraction to state there is a partnership agreement when there isn't one, for example, by stating an opinion as if it were an agreement, or by saying "I'm taking that as...".

Probably the best thing to say, if you don't have an agreement with your partner, when asked about a bid they've made, is "undiscussed"

**Incorrect Number of Cards** - If the auction has commenced and a player holds a card belonging to another hand, then the hand should be corrected, the auction is completed and the hand is played out. This should occur even if the player has seen another player's card and regardless of which card it is. If the non-offenders are damaged, then an adjusted score can be awarded.

This doesn't mean you don't need to count the cards before you start playing!

**Inspection of tricks** - You can now look at, but not show anyone else, the last card you played to a trick, until either you or your partner has played to the next trick.

If you want to check out all the changes, here's the link to the pdf document on the NZ Bridge website:

<http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/user/file/2359/2017%20Laws%20-%20Guideline%20for%20Players.pdf>



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