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♠ ♦ Kapi-Mana Bridge Club Inc ♣ ♥

Table Talk November 2017

Party Party Party Party Party Party Party Party Party Party Party Party Party Party Party



*You Are Cordially Invited
to the
Kapi-Mana Bridge Club
Annual Christmas Party and Prize-Giving*

Friday December 01 at 6.30pm

Partners are very welcome

Please bring a plate to share – a main or dessert is preferred

Monday Daytime party is on December 11



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What's coming up

November competitions

Monday: Kolston Pairs

Tuesday: Johnsonville Pairs

Wednesday: Back to the Future Teams

Thursday: Christmas Pairs

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

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### Who's been successful lately

*Ian Fowler & John Joseph* came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at the Upper Hutt Multigrade

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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.

Interclub this month

November 10 - It's the finals this month, and all the teams are playing at Karori

Tournaments

November 12 Waikanae
Intermediate & Junior Pairs

November 19 Masterton
Multigrade Teams

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### Congratulations Maureen!

We send congratulations to Maureen Sheldon, who's just been appointed the Wellington Regional Bridge Mate. Maureen starts her new role next year.

Regional Bridge Mates are exactly what the name suggests – they are there to be "mates" to a club. They will listen to club needs, help make plans, and support clubs to grow.



### Facebook!

We now have a presence on Facebook.

If you have a Facebook account be sure to like us - [Kapi Mana Bridge Club](#)

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## Bridge Magazine

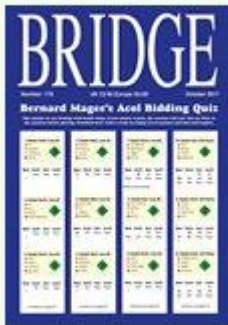
Once upon a time NZ Bridge produced a bi-monthly magazine with bridge news and articles about bidding, defence, declarer play for players of all levels. But not enough bridge players subscribed and the magazine lost money. NZ Bridge tried an online version to replace the print magazine but that was unsuccessful. So now we have nothing.



[www.mrbridge.co.uk](http://www.mrbridge.co.uk)

Ryden Grange, Knaphill, Surrey GU21 2TH. UK

BRIDGE 178



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If you want to improve your bidding, play and defence you could try the magazine produced by Mr Bridge in the UK. The website is <http://www.mrbridge.co.uk/>

If you click the [library link](#) you will find the magazines. You can look online or download a copy.

You will find quizzes on bidding, declarer play and defence. You might not agree with all the answers but that's OK – it's good to read the reasoning behind the recommended bids and plays.

### Helpers required!

It's Christmas decoration time, and we need helpers to decorate the clubrooms

When? Monday November 20 at 7.30pm

Where? The Clubrooms

Rumour has it there may be wine.....



### Your 2017/18 Committee

Nigel Horne, *President*;

Dianne Lester, *Vice-President*;

Yvonne Helps, *Treasurer*;

Suzanne Keppel, *Secretary*;

Tracey Shields, *Masterpoints Secretary*;

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

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## Is bridge a sport?

People may remember that the English Bridge Union was trying to get bridge classified as a sport. To me, bridge has all the hallmarks of a sport – it's fiercely competitive, it's had press about top-level cheating, lots of players take drugs of the medicinal variety...

But, it seems not. The UK Telegraph on October 26 reported that the EU has ruled against it as a sport

Bridge is not a sport, European Union judges ruled ..., in a decision that dealt a blow to British clubs' hopes of a VAT tax break.

To be classified as a sport under EU tax law, the European Court of Justice said this morning, an activity must have a significant physical element. Duplicate bridge, while played competitively at national and international level, is a card game.

The EU's VAT Directive, which is law in Britain, gives tax breaks to services closely linked to sport. The English Bridge Union (EBU), which organises duplicate bridge tournaments, applied to British tax authorities for a refund on the 20 per cent VAT for the entry fees to its competitions.

It argued that duplicate bridge, which is played in pairs, should be considered a sport for VAT purposes as it promotes physical and mental well-being....

Despite a favourable preliminary opinion from a senior EU judge, the court today said that the definition of sport under the directive was limited to "activities satisfying the ordinary meaning of that concept, which are characterised by a not negligible physical element."

Duplicate bridge was "characterised by a physical element that appears to be negligible", the court said.

EU judges did offer a glimmer of hope to British bridge players. They insisted the decision did not mean that duplicate bridge could qualify for a VAT exemption as a "cultural service".

The VAT Directive allows a tax break on services linked to activities that are part of a country's cultural heritage. Whether duplicate bridge qualifies would be a decision for the British courts.

The EBU said: "This decision comes as both a surprise, and a disappointment.

To read the full story online, click [this link here](#)



Sports people also win trophies – if you won one last year, have you bought it back yet??