



Table Talk October 2017

October 15

Kapi Mana Intermediate Tournament

This week sees your last chance to enter our Intermediate tournament – the entry form is on the Tournaments noticeboard.

Not just Intermediate grade players can enter. If you've played in any Junior tournaments this year, don't be afraid to give this one a go – it's always nice to play tournaments at your home club!

Help is needed

We're a bit low on volunteers to help out through the day. If you don't want to play, do consider contributing your time to help make the tournament a success!

It will only take an hour or so out of your day, so please put your name down to help if you can.



Jackways Shield

Sadly for the club, the Paraparaumu Club team came down and won the day again!

However, a fun afternoon of bridge was had by all (despite some pretty diabolical hands).

As always, a big thanks goes to our Director & Scorer David Morel, Barbara Daly and Margaret Robertson for taking charge of the kitchen, and all the Kapi Mana players who bought along stuff for afternoon tea – it was pretty delicious.

Next year, it'll be played up in Paraparaumu, and hopefully we'll win it back then ☺

Nigel Horne handing the Jackways Shield over to Brian Pender

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What's coming up

October competitions

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,

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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### **Membership update**

It's with some sadness the Committee received Ron Meng's resignation due to ill health.

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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.

Christmas is coming fast!

Our Christmas Party is on **December 1** – put it in your calendar now, or you'll miss the party of the year 😊

Interclub this month

No interclub this month, the final round will be on November 10

Tournaments

October 15 Kapi Mana Intermediate Pairs

October 20-22 Kairangi Open Pairs (over 3 evenings)

November 5 Upper Hutt Multigrade

November 12 Waikanae Intermediate & Junior Pairs

16-24 February 2018 Gold Coast Congress

Entries are open for this Congress that a lot of our members attend.

A full programme is now on their website

<http://www.qldbridge.com/gcc/program2018.php>

The 2018 entry form can now be downloaded via

http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/2436_qba16Feb2018.pdf

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### **Who's been successful lately**

*Sue Keppel & Kevin Stacy* won the Victoria Junior Tournament

*Ian Fowler & John Joseph* won the Victoria Intermediate Tournament

*Eleanor Morel & Lorraine McArthur* won the Hutt Multigrade

*Lesley Gilhooley* and *Averil Wootten* won a session at the Paraparaumu Multigrade

*Lorraine Inglis* and *Judy Plimmer* came 8<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Pairs at Hamilton Congress

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Books for beginners - and those that wish they were



House of Cards series of booklets		Other titles of interest
Acol at glance and transfers	Stayman	The first bridge book –Flint & Gullick
The bridge book Slam bidding		Paul Marston's introduction to bridge
Declarer play and beyond	Weak 2s	Basic Acol – Cohen & Lederer (several editions)
Notrumps are easy! without trouble	Double	Basic bridge – Ron Klinger
Defence Competitive bidding		Bridge for bright beginners – Terence Reese
Bridge tips Partnership manual		The expert beginner – Danny Roth

All available to borrow from the Club

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

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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An update on NZ Bridge

After all the kerfuffle and upset earlier in the year (see the January/February edition), the new Committee has settled down, and is busy with several initiatives – here’s an update on 3 of them

NZ Bridge website update

Observant bridge players would have noticed the result printouts look a little bit different. That’s due to a change at NZ Bridge, which means we can upload masterpoints won at sessions directly after each session. Previously we sent files to NZ Bridge, and they were uploaded by the Secretary. This means that if you check your points online, they should be totally up-to-date.

If you want to check your own masterpoints, you need to create a login with NZ Bridge. It’s easy enough to do – [click on this link](#)

There will be other changes coming – at the moment that’s a work in progress.

Tournaments and Grading Review Taskforce

Presently this group are working on a survey for players, which should be going out in November. The plan is that next year they will review the results, make recommendations, which will also go out for review throughout the bridge community, with final recommendations to go to the Board in September 2018. This timeframe means any changes to grading will be in place by 2019.

The plan also says any tournament schedule changes will implemented in 2020

Regional Bridge Mates

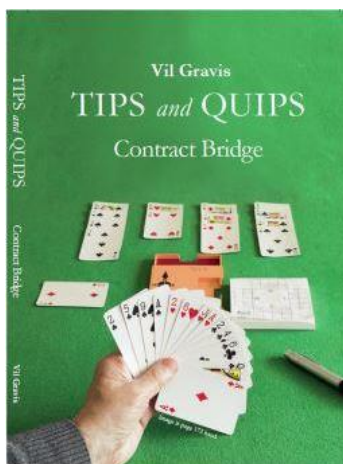
Regional Bridge Mates are exactly what the name suggests – they are there to be “mates” to a club. They will listen to club needs, help make plans, and support clubs to grow.

NZ Bridge want to keep bridge alive and growing in as many communities as possible across NZ, which is why they created these positions.

Wellington Region doesn’t yet have one, but they hope to have someone in place by January 2018



Tips and quips by Vil Grivas



Well known contract bridge figure, long time writer, teacher and mentor Vil Gravis's new book, “Tips and Quips” is now available. The book is a collection of bridge hands and stories, some from the past and some of more recent origin, and is aimed at bridge players across all levels.

“Tips and Quips” is available directly from Vil (email villyn@xtra.co.nz) and costs \$30.00 – postage is included in the price.

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