

♠ ♦ Kapi-Mana Bridge Club Inc ♣ ♥

Table Talk August 2018

Director's Choice evening July 31 2018



40 club members attended the Director's Choice Hat and Bingo Party, and a great night was had by all!

Line prizes went to: Colleen McCaw, Richard Boodee, Helen Kithulagoda Doug Helps, Maureen Sheldon & Claire Hughes, and there were several lucky raffle winners!

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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,

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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### Tournaments

August 12 – Hutt Intermediate Pairs

August 19 - Upper Hutt Multigrade

August 26 Otaki  
Intermediate/Junior Pairs

August 26 Karori Open Pairs

September 2 Wellington Junior Pairs

September 2 Wellington  
Intermediate Pairs

October 8 – Jackways Shield (at  
Paraparaumu)

**October 15 Kapi Mana  
Intermediate Pairs**

October 29 Wellington Club Champs

### Interclub

September 7 – At Wellington and  
Hutt



## 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.

## Coming up in October

As well as our Intermediate tournament, in October we're also competing for the Jackways Shield – this year it's up in Paraparaumu. It's not too early to organise yourself a partner, it would be nice to win it back this year!

The last weekend in October sees the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wellington Club Champs. We'll need 6 people to make a team, comprising an Open Pair, an Intermediate Pair, and a Junior Pair. If you're interested, talk to a Committee member.

## Parking – be good neighbours!



We know there is a bit of a shortage of car parks, but please don't park in the driveway down the side of the Plunket rooms. That is an access way to the house at the back, and, understandably enough, they get a bit grumpy if they can't get in or out!

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Guess who went all the way to Budapest and managed to bump into other club members?



### Committee change

There's been a small change in your Committee during July, with the resignation of Suzanne Keppel. Luckily we have quite a full Committee, so you needn't worry you're going to be shoulder tapped to join!

Your Committee now comprises:

Nigel Horne, *President*;

Dianne Lester, *Vice-President*;

Yvonne Helps, *Treasurer*;

Tracey Shields, *Secretary*;

Margaret Robertson, *Club Director*

John Antliff, Rod Ferguson, Alan Savage, Kevin Stacey, and Marcia Forsman

The Committee extends a big "Thanks" to Suzanne for her energy and enthusiasm over the past year

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## Slow play and what you can do to help avoid it



There will always be occasions where we have a particularly difficult hand, or something goes wrong and we have to call the director and end up finishing the boards late. However, consistent slow play to the extent of repeatedly holding up the next table or the pair following simply is not fair on them and can result in spoiling their enjoyment of the evening.

It would help if everyone would abide by the following guidelines:

- 1) Please arrive in good time so that we are all sitting at the tables and ready to start play at 7.30.
- 2) Please try to keep up to a reasonable speed with your bidding and play. We allow 13 minutes for two board rounds (19 minutes for three board rounds), which is normally plenty. If you finish a round late, please make every effort to catch up during the next one.
- 3) We all have to stop and think sometimes, but if your problem is that you're simply not sure what to do, please try not to take too long over making a call or playing a card. You have to make a decision at some point! Your partner should feel free to give you a gentle nudge if you are taking too long over a decision.
- 4) Please keep conversation to a minimum until you have finished playing all the hands for each round. Don't analyse each hand as it finishes. If there is still time at the end of the round, when all the scoring has been done, then by all means have a post-mortem, but in a low voice so that neighbouring tables can't hear.
- 5) When the Director calls the move, please move promptly – don't stay to finish that conversation!
- 6) North should keep an half an eye on the clock and if necessary chivvy the whole table along.
- 7) When you're on lead, please make your lead before writing the contract on your score card. Similarly, when you're dummy, put your hand down first, then write down the contract. If you see someone beginning to write down the contract before making the opening lead, remind them *politely* that they should lead first so that everyone else can be getting on with the hand.
- 8) If, as declarer, you can see that you will definitely win all the remaining tricks, or a definite number of the remaining tricks, please claim, but in doing so remember that you must make a statement as to how you will play the rest of the hand, and this must include a reference to how you will handle any trumps still held by the defenders (otherwise they can argue that you had forgotten they were still out). Equally, as defender, if it's totally obvious that your side will win (or lose) the last, say, two or three tricks, please make a claim (or concession).
- 9) Remember, the Director can tell you not to play a hand if you are too slow, so if that happens to you don't get grumpy at the Director!

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## Membership updates

We're pleased to welcome to the club Alan Thompson, Peter Hill, Graeme La Cock, Kate Lang, Warren Hughes, Richie Rama, Nadun Kithulagoda, Xan Humphries, Joanne Thompson, Vickie-Lee McCoy, Pushpa Rama, and Fiona Kirkwood, who all successfully completed the 2018 lessons.

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|-----------|-------------|----------|---------------|
| Linda     | Dale        |          | 021 0297-4051 |
| Peter     | Hill        | 233-8638 | 027 681-8372  |
| Warren    | Hughes      |          | 029 894-2560  |
| Xan       | Humphries   | 232-5166 | 021 263-3109  |
| Fiona     | Kirkwood    | 232-7448 | 027 436-5710  |
| Nadun     | Kithulagoda | 232-0172 | 021 039-6499  |
| Graeme    | La Cock     | 232-7506 | 027 605-8988  |
| Kate      | Lang        | 236-8144 | 021 264-4887  |
| Vicki-Lee | McCoy       | 385-0584 | 027 560-0689  |
| Pushpa    | Rama        | 232-7437 |               |
| Richie    | Rama        | 232-7437 | 022 414-2890  |
| Jo        | Thompson    | 236-7710 | 027 869-7251  |
| Alan      | Thompson    |          | 021 256-0705  |

Kahu Livingstone has also recently joined us. Kahu has been playing on Tuesday and Thursday nights, and is also a member at Victoria Bridge Club. Kahu's phone numbers are 550-8520 or 021-908620

Faye Smith has rejoined the Club, and will be playing on Mondays.

And sadly we farewell Jenny Kenny, who's moved to Waikanae, Marie Crookston, Katherine Schimanski, Tracey Ward, and Kim and Mark Janor – although we have hopes that Kim and Mark may be back next year.

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