

♠ Kapi-Mana Bridge Club Inc ♣

Table Talk January-February 2018

Welcome back to another year of bridge.

We officially started the year with the Opening Night on January 25, with nibbles and a convivial time before play started. A small but select crowd attended, and a good time was had by all.

6 tables played an amended rainbow movement, so everyone at a table got to play with each other. To spice up the play the Director gave an order for the first board of each round, saying what people had to do – for example on one hand the dealer had to open 1NT, no matter what their hand said!



1 Phyllis, Joan and Elizabeth



2. The boys and Julie



3. We're not looking!

A big thanks goes out to Dianne Lester and Margaret Robertson for organising the nibbles, barman Alan Savage, and Director Tracey Shields ☺

Interclub players required

It's the start of the year, and soon it'll be the start of the Interclub competition for 2018.

What's Interclub? do I hear you say. Interclub is the Wellington Region graded team competition played between all the clubs. The matches are played monthly on a Friday night – below are the proposed dates.

Round No.	7.30pm Friday Night Dates
1	16 March
2	6 April
3	4 May
4	25 May
5	22 June
6	27 July
7	7 September
8	12 October
9	9 November

If you're interested in playing, we need team members for all grades – Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Open Restricted, and Open.

Organise yourself a team, and write the names on the sheet on the noticeboard by **February 22** to enter.

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What's coming up in March?

Kerr Cup -- 2 March 2017

The annual match with Kairangi is coming up fast!

We had a stunning victory last year over at Kairangi, and this year the competition is being played here at Kapi Mana. This is a Club vs Club competition, so we need people of all grades. Organise with your favourite partner to enter - the entry form is on the notice board in the clubrooms

Junior/Intermediate Tournament – 18 March 2017

As always, we need volunteers to help on the day, and players to play ☺

As it's a Junior/Intermediate tournament, pairs can be Junior/Junior, Junior/Intermediate, or Intermediate/Intermediate.

So, fix that date in your diary now – if you're not eligible to play, or don't want to play, please think about volunteering to help out on the day

Club Play

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

Championships

The monthly championships are beginning, but don't despair if you miss the first one due to other commitments or our lovely summer weather. The eight best scores are counted to be in the running, so all will not be lost! Remember though, substitutes are not counted.

February competitions

Monday: Lash Pairs

Tuesday: Mansfield Pairs

Wednesday: Elsdon Pairs

Thursday: Keningston Pairs

Tournaments

February 11 – Waikanae Open Pairs

February 25 – Masterton Junior & Intermediate Pairs

February 25 – Fielding Open Pairs

February 28 – Wellington Poppy Roberts begins

March 3 – Hutt Multigrade Pairs

March 11 – Upper Hutt Intermediate Pairs

March 18 – Kapi Mana Junior/Intermediate Pairs



Do me a favor. Take a few minutes off from playing online bridge. Your eyes Will appreciate it.

They call it "bridge" because it makes you want to shove your partner off one.



NZ Bridge update

Change of Chair

Sadly, the chairman of NZ Bridge, Alan Dormer, resigned due to health reasons on January 21. Allan Morris is the interim Chair until the next election, which will take place in late February/early March.

If you want to find out more about Allan, click [here](#)

If you're interested in standing for the Board of NZ Bridge, you can find information and nomination forms on the [Nominations - Board Elections](#) page on the NZ Bridge website – it might be nice to have someone from Kapi Mana on the Board!

Grade and rating changes

There was a problem at the beginning of the year with the NZ Bridge website and the grade and rating changes for 2018. This has been fixed, but if you think there is a problem with your grade or rating please contact Alister at NZ Bridge – the email address secretary@nzbridge.co.nz



Playing in No Trump

A lot of people don't like playing in NT contracts, but it can be fun as well as challenging. Your editor found these helpful hints on the internet

Count before playing to 1st trick

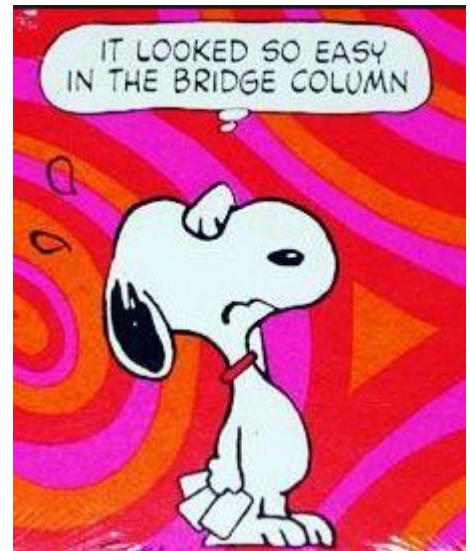
Do you have enough winners off the top to make the contract?

If yes, then take them.

If no, then you have to create winners.

Creating winners

If you do not have enough tricks off the top to make the contract then you have to create winners. In most cases this must be done immediately. If you have sure winners off the top they can be played last. They will not run away. Keep them for later. They are like money in the bank; let them collect interest. By playing winners prematurely you may create winners for the opponents. You must concentrate on creating *your* winners. How is this done?



Long Suit Promotion Finesse

This might involve giving up the lead. In most cases do so as soon as possible.

Take loses quickly; take winners slowly.

Long suit

Most No Trump contracts are a race between the Declarer and the Defenders as to who can make tricks with the long suit. For the Declarer it might involve:

- dropping an honour by playing high cards
- taking a finesse
- giving up the lead to a high card

Often Declarer has to give up the lead (sometimes more than once) to create winners. An investment in one losing trick might give a return of five winners. Or an investment of three losers might give a return of just one winner. But that winner might be the one needed to make the contract.

Promotion

Trick promotion is done by playing high cards in a short suit and driving out opponent's top honour(s). Then the Declarer's high cards or honours are promoted to winners. You must lose tricks in order to promote high cards to winners.

Often in Declarer play you have to lose tricks - Do it sooner rather than later.

Remember: Losers Early | Winners Late

Sourced from: [Beginner bridge](#)

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