



## Table Talk April 2024

### What's coming up

#### **April competitions**

- Monday 15, 22, 29 – Autumn Pairs
- Tuesday 9, 16, 23 – Cobham Pairs
- Wednesday 10, 17, 24 – Ranui Pairs
- Thursday 14, 21, 28 – Porirua Pairs

There are also the Pair competitions that run throughout the year (Championship for Mondays, Jackson for Tuesdays, Tiriti for Wednesdays and Kapi Mana for Thursdays). These are usually held on the first of the month for the day, but check your book for details.

A reminder for players to please be seated at least 10 minutes before each session starts to provide sufficient time for the Director to organise the session.

#### **Club Play**

**Keen to play, but don't have a partner? – phone:**

***Lyn Mansfield (234-1636) for a Monday partner,***

***Leigh & Alan Savage (021 942 969) for a Tuesday partner,***

***Ro Fernando (021 763 376) for a Wednesday partner, and***

***Dianne Lester (021-0850-0810) for a Thursday partner.***

#### **Tournaments in April**

- South Wairarapa Intermediate and Junior Pairs – 7 April
- Paraparaumu Open Pairs – 14 April
- Upper Hutt Intermediate Pairs – 14 April
- Upper Hutt Junior Pairs – 14 April
- Victoria Multigrade Pairs – 21 April
- Wellington Congress – 25 – 28 April

Flyers for all tournaments are up on the noticeboard at the Club. You can enter online or write your name on the poster.

To make an on-line entry go to <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/home>

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## AGM coming up and Committee members

The Club's AGM is on Tuesday 14 May starting at 7.30pm with social bridge to follow. All members are welcome. Please come along and support your club.

At the AGM any remits (a significant matter to address at the AGM) will be discussed and voted on. If you would like to put forward a remit, please let us know by 30 April (by email to [kmbc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kmbc@xtra.co.nz), or drop it in the suggestion box on the table by the stairs).

**Be a Committee member:** If you are interested in being on the Committee, please let us (any Committee member) know and we will put your name forward at the AGM. The Committee roles and Committee members are on page 3 of the Programme book. Being on the Committee means a meeting once a month and helping out with doing a particular role, of other activities (such as writing this newsletter). We would welcome anyone keen to help out.

## Mac's tribute

I'm deeply sorry to report that Mac Fa'atafa recently passed away. Mac was an amazing bridge player who had a long and important presence in our bridge club. I fondly recall the helpful hints Mac gave me and others and the surprising way he could play a difficult hand. Our thoughts are with Ynys and family. Mac's son, David Fa'atafa gave us permission to share his tribute below.



It's with great sadness and heavy hearts that the Fa'atafa family share the news of dad's passing.

Falemai'i Faleuma (Mac) Fa'atafa passed on Friday 29 March in his 81st year, surrounded by mum, me, Paulien and Nikau. Dad fought hard with his health challenges, and we are thankful for the extra time we were blessed to share with him.

Originally from the Village of Falefa in Samoa, dad was one of 9 siblings. He was part of the Pacific work migration to NZ in 1964. Settling in Newtown to pursue work, he met mum and his roots were firmly planted in Wellington where they married and had me.

Dad is the hardest worker I know. Starting his career as coachpainter, working on painting Wellington buses I believe, he then worked in panel beating. He would often work weekends doing perks for his friends and then later my friends. I would sometimes join him and have really fond memories hanging out. It was a testament to his generosity and work ethic, ensuring our family never missed out on anything. I am so grateful for the privileged position he and mum put me in, setting me up to be able to give back and serve my community.

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A damn good Bridge player, dad would spend countless evenings and weekends with mum at the Kapi Mana Bridge Club. He later became a director as well as teaching people the art of Two no spades.

Dad was also a keen gardener, always so proud of his garden at home. He often produced so much that he had to give most of it away to friends. Tawa has definitely lost its prime provider of new potatoes and zucchinis. Dad loved going on adventures, driving places, and diving. On one of our annual trips to the south island to Oamaru, we came home with a cat (beamer), who became dad's new best friend. I also remember him free diving with no wetsuit at Paekakariki for pāua in his late 50's, thinking what a crazy fool he was. And then there was the quick 5 minute walk he took me on at Mt Cook to the Tasman Glacier, which ended up being much longer!!!

Dad loved sport, playing when young (and bowls when he retired) and as a spectator. Dad and mum's passion for sport definitely paved my own passion for sport, which is no doubt why I work in the industry now. Dad would always watch me play sport when I was young. But he would also come to watch a Wellington 1st XV Final that I was the event manager for, or a team I was coaching, or even when I was playing for the Tawa Pressies. I didn't understand why at the time, but I now realise he was just so proud of what I was doing.

I know many of you would have met dad on the sports field, during pick ups from sport / parties, or gathered around our family dinner table, as our home was always open to friends and visitors, especially during Christmas. He regularly asked about my friends, former players and coaches, anyone connected to me that he had met along the way. He would always treat everyone with kindness and warmth, accompanied by his infectious and joyful laughter.

I know he missed his family in Samoa and would have loved to travel back more often. My thoughts are with Auntie Nofoaga, who is the last of the siblings making sure that all the younger ones are behaving!

In the last three years, his grandson has been the apple of his eye. The joy I saw on dad's face whenever Nikau was in the room was amazing. Every time we would go out for dinner, dad would marvel at what a good eater of meat Nikau was. Whether it was duck, a chicken wing, or a giant pork rib, dad looked on with pride as his grandson picked the bones dry.

A huge thank you to Mary Potter Hospice, who did an incredible job looking after dad with such dignity and compassion. The alofa they showed towards our family was just amazing. I just can't express enough gratitude to all the staff. Mum has requested that rather than sending flowers to her, please consider donating to this amazing charity. <https://marypotter.org.nz/support-us/donations/>

A big thank you to everyone else that supported mum and dad, especially Doug and Yvonne, Paulien, and Motiana. You helped mum so much through this difficult time and are a big reason why dad could stay at home for as long as he could.

As per dad's wishes, there will be no funeral service. We will look to have a memorial later on to honour and celebrate his life. Dad will be deeply missed. His legacy of hard work, generosity, and love will endure in our hearts forever. Miss you so much dad ❤️.

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## Multigrade tournament was a success

The Kapi Mana Multigrade tournament was held on 17 March. It was a great turnout with 13 tables. Places went to:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Naciye Bagci and Dorothy Mackay
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Anny Tyrie and Margot Davenport
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tracey Shields and Cherie Arlidge



Dianne Grain and Deidre Evans – 1<sup>st</sup> junior pair



Wayne Sharman and Margaret Francis – 1<sup>st</sup> intermediate pair



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## Success at other tournaments

Some of our members have had success at other tournaments, these include:

- Kairangi Junior tournament: Deidre Evans and Sue Gray won the junior pairs
- Kairangi Intermediate tournament: John Joseph and Kaye McCredie were second
- Wellington Junior Pairs – Ro and Lori Fernando were second

Please let me know of any recent tournament successes you have had.

## Partnership Stewards

Included within our many and various volunteers who contribute to the running of the club are our partnership stewards. So let's take a look at the Steward role:

- There are Stewards for each session. At present they are:
  - Monday – Lyn Mansfield
  - Tuesday – Alan and Leigh Savage
  - Wednesday – Ro Fernando
  - Thursday – Di Lester
- Note that the current programme book refers to Dianne Grain as the steward for Wednesday. She has in the last month retired from that role, and Ro has taken over. Thanks Ro, for putting your hand up and grateful thanks to Dianne for all her hard work in that role.
- Contact details for the stewards are listed at the beginning of each playing session in the book, and in this newsletter. The programme book also has member names and phone numbers to help people find partners.
- The role of the partnership steward is to help you find a partners. This could be due to your prearranged partner being unable to play, or you find yourself unexpectedly available to play a session.
- Before a series a board may be circulated around the room, asking for people to note down who they are playing with, or if they are looking for a partner. The steward will match up those looking for partners, and this helps them know who's interested and is available to play.
- You can contact the steward for a session to seek a partner if you don't have one. But please bear in mind the following:
  - Ideally, look to sorting out your own partners well in advance.
  - Ultimately it is your responsibility to manage your own book and partners. The stewards aren't there to arrange each of your partners and each of your session – rather to help out if there is a glitch, or if you've been unable to do so.
  - Stewards try and arrange partners who might get on well. The stewards may give you a list of people for you to contact yourself, and ask you to let them know if you are successful.
  - But also let the steward know if, after notifying them that you are looking for a partner, you find one.

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- Please let the steward know if, after notifying them that you are looking for a partner, you find one.
- Please do not relentlessly contact the stewards looking for a partner. They are not going to respond well to daily approaches seeking updates.
- Finally – please know that the stewards do what they can, but sometimes just can't find partners for all that want them. But they will do their best!

Please get in touch with any of the stewards or the Committee, if you have any queries about the above.

## Marketing report

As reported in the last newsletter, our learner lessons this year have been a great success. This is partly due to the marketing campaign done by Cherie Arlidge, Pam McLean, and Dianne Grain. For your interest, I have attached the report that Cherie wrote which is excellent!

*Please remember to send your favourite Bridge tips or jokes for the next newsletter to Pam (email [pmclean868@gmail.com](mailto:pmclean868@gmail.com)).*

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