



## Table Talk August 2021

### What's coming up

#### August competitions

Monday: Spring Pairs

Tuesday: Patron's Pairs

Wednesday: Grenada Pairs

Thursday: Brown Pairs

#### Club Play

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

***Leigh & Alan Savage (232-9926 or 021 112 5136) for a Tuesday partner,***

***John Avery (233-6122 or 027 840 7888) for a Wednesday partner, and***

***Annette Austing (234-8916 or 027 235 9307) for a Thursday partner,***

#### Tournaments

August 15th: Upper Hutt Multigrade Pairs

August 22nd: Karori Open Pairs

August 22nd: Otaki Intermediate/Junior & Junior

Flyers for all these tournaments are up on the noticeboard at the Club. You can enter online or write your name on the poster and Sue will forward your details to the host club.

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

Registering for club events (i.e. Jackway Shield and Kerr Cup) is done via Margaret Robinson. (Thankyou Margaret)

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## Lighting

You may have noticed improved lighting due to the light bulbs being replaced. Thanks to Kevin for organising this.

## Reminder to alert non-natural bids

Over the past few weeks, there has been a few issues with players not alerting their partner's bid promptly or not alerting it when alerting is required. Margaret Robertson, our Club Director, has prepared this reminder.

New Zealand Bridge has regulations regarding which bids should be alerted. All bids which are not natural (do not mean what they say) should be alerted by the player's partner putting a circle around the bid immediately after it is made.

There are some exceptions:

- The Stayman 2C bid after a 1NT opening bid and the negative 2D response
- The ACOL 2C game force opening bid and the 2D negative response
- Doubles and redoubles
- Cue bids of an opponent's denomination/suit
- Conventional bids at the four level or higher (eg 4C Gerber or 4NT Blackwood)

All other non-natural bids need to be alerted. Some examples are:

- 2C Stayman after an opponent's double
- 3C Stayman over a 2NT opening bid
- Transfers over a 1NT opening bid
- A strong 2D and a Multi-2D
- Conventional opening bids at the 4 level or higher
- Conventions by the opponents over an opening 1NT bid, eg Landy, Brozel
- A forcing pass

Please call the Director if a bid is not alerted promptly. If a bid is alerted after you (the next person to bid) has bid, the Director will make the appropriate ruling.

A full explanation must be given to the opponents if they ask for it. It is not sufficient to name the convention eg Multi-2D, Landy. You must explain exactly what the bid means giving point count and length of cards in each suit.

If you are unsure whether a bid should be alerted, it is generally safer to alert the bid and, if asked, explain the circumstances.

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