



Table Talk December 2022

What's coming up

December competitions

- Tuesday – Holiday Pairs
- Thursday – Mixed Pairs

Tournaments in December

Suzanne Duncan Memorial Pairs (3 evenings)

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>

Club Play

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

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

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

Anne Jackson (233-6220 or 022-192-8678) for a Thursday partner.

2023 and Christmas break

We finish the 2022 year on Thursday 15 December. The 2023 bridge year will start at our club on Tuesday 10 January. Have a great Christmas break everyone and we look forward to more games next year.

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New Zealand Bridge Online Strategy

You may recall a survey that went out to all clubs about a strategy for online bridge. The Working Group have made their report "A Future Strategy for Online Bridge" which can be read at [NZB Online Bridge Strategy Note to Regions Clubs 6th December.pdf](https://nzbridge.co.nz/NZB%20Online%20Bridge%20Strategy%20Note%20to%20Regions%20Clubs%206th%20December.pdf) (nzbridge.co.nz)

In summary, they concluded online bridge will be part of the mix. Club online sessions will continue to be eligible for masterpoints. There will be one weekend per month where clubs will be invited to run their tournaments online or in-person. The National Congress will be held in person.

The Board acknowledged there needs to be work on rules for online bridge and more training.

Kapi Mana Intermediate Junior Multigrade Tournament

The Kapi Mana Intermediate Junior Multigrade Tournament was held on 13 November with 26 pairs playing. Another successful tournament for our club.

The top three teams were Karen Eriksen and Jude Lucas (1st), Stephanie Smith and Andrew Smith (2nd) and Chris Mowatt and John Joseph (3rd).

In addition, we had the top junior/intermediate pair Doug Helps and Barbara McDonald (left photo), top junior pair, Cherie Arlidge and Leigh Savage (middle photo), and top novice pair, Mahes and Roshanthi Hettege (right photo).

Well done everyone, it sounds like it was a great tournament. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped and sponsors.



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Christmas party

The Christmas party on 2 December was enjoyed by all who attended. Plenty of nice food, prize giving and a good social occasion. It is good to be able to celebrate together again. A big thanks to Di and Tracey who organised the party.

Surprise engagement announcement

Di made a surprise announcement at the Christmas party. Julie Wray and Mike Steele met a few years ago at our club and have recently become engaged. Here's an old photo of them at one of our functions. All the best for your future together Julie and Mike and hope you keep enjoying our club.



Book sale table

Next year we are going to try a book sale table where members can bring along a book and buy another book for small amount. We will provide more information on this initiative early next year. Who doesn't like reading a good book!

To finish on a light note

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet!

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride? A Holly Davidson!

Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can 'ho ho ho'!

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

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