



Table Talk December 2023

What's coming up

December competitions

- Tuesday 5, 12, 19 – Holiday Pairs
- Thursday 7, 14 – Mixes Pairs

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,

Dianne Grain (0274 449 641) for a Wednesday partner, and

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

For Leigh and Alan, please don't use the landline number in the book as they no longer use it. The cell phone number above is the correct number to use. Please change their number in your book, thanks.

Tournaments in December

- Wellington Region Christmas Cheer – 9 Dec
- Suzanne Duncan Memorial Pairs – 27-29 Dec

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>

Kapi Mana Intermediate/Junior Multigrade Pairs

We held another successful tournament on 12 November with 24 pairs attending. A big thanks to everyone who helped to run the tournament, it takes a lot of work. Top 3 placings were:

- 1st overall – Margaret Francis and Wayne Sharman
- 2nd overall – Jude Lucas and Karen Eriksen

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- 3rd overall – Cheryl Scott and Pauline Edwards

Julie and Mike Steele came first in the juniors. Well done to everyone who played. Here's a couple of photos.



Christmas parties on Friday evening 1 December, and Monday 4 December

We had the Christmas parties on Friday 1 December and Monday 4 December. Thanks to Dianne Lester, Tracey Shields and others who helped to organise the parties. We didn't have such a good turnout as usual, but those who attended enjoyed it, including the food, raffles and festivities. Here's a couple of photos.



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Holiday bridge – January 17th, 24th and 31st at 7.30pm

Margaret Robertson has kindly organised some bridge lessons for January next years for juniors and intermediate players.

This time we are going to work through the book "Common Mistakes at the Bridge Table" by Tina McVeigh and Tony Taylor. Tina is a well-known Christchurch bridge teachers who founded the bridge club, the House of Cards.

The book contains 24 different scenarios, and we will aim to work through eight each week. The scenarios are:

- × Does the auction help?
- × Promises, promises
- × To bid or not to bid
- × Work with your partner
- × Best suit first?
- × Time to give up?
- × When to ruff
- × Plan your play early
- × Keep control
- × Timing is all
- × Don't fall asleep
- × Bid or defend?
- × One more trick
- × Who's the boss?
- × Only just enough
- × Not a girl's best friend
- × First to speak
- × Strength or length?
- × Trust partner
- × To force or no
- × Truth or lie?
- × A crucial opening lead
- × Another lead problem
- × That important 3rd bid

These all ring a bell for me, so I definitely will try and come along and learn how to be a better player and partner. All Tuesday and Wednesday night players are welcome to attend.

The lessons will be held on Wednesdays starting at 7.30pm – 17, 24, 31 January. Notes will be provided on all the problems and solutions.

Learner lessons start on 24 February

We have started advertising the lessons for next year, so please spread the word and hopefully we will get more learners next year. Dianne Grain designed some

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wonderful posters and pamphlets (see below). Some of these have been left on a table in the club for members to distribute.

If you know people who you think would like to learn to play bridge, please take the smaller flyers and give them to your friends, family, work-mates, and neighbours. If you belong to other clubs, please take a larger poster and pin it to the wall to attract potential learners. Your support to increase our membership is much appreciated.

We are also signed up for the NZ Bridge Facebook campaign for next year's lessons. Thanks for Cherie Arlidge for organising this. The poster has also been advertised in the Kapi Mana newspaper (thanks to me) and will be advertised on signs and other venues around the wider area in the new year.



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For more information, or to register, email kmbc@xtra.co.nz or leave a message on (04) 232 4824 and a club member will get back to you.

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Have a great Christmas!



Happy Christmas to all members. From the Committee, please have a lovely holiday break, and we hope to see you back in January/February. The first session is on Tuesday 9 January.

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