



Table Talk July 2021

What's coming up

July competitions

Monday: Titahi Pairs Pairs

Tuesday: Mixed Pairs

Wednesday: Whitby Pairs

Thursday: Onepoto 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

July 18th: Karori Intermediate Pairs

July 18th: Paraparaumu Junior Pairs

July 25th: Wellington Open Pairs

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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New furniture

You may have noticed a new blue desk for the directors to use. This gives directors a better space. To accommodate this, we have moved some furniture around. There is more moving to be done, including installing a new book case which will go upstairs. We have also installed some new light bulbs to give better lighting. Any feedback on this is appreciated.

Vouchers instead of cash for table money

At our recent AGM the Committee was asked to look into different options for members to pay their table money. The Committee asked other clubs what they did and found most have a 'non-cashless' option for table money.

The Committee proposes to trial a prepaid voucher system that can only be used on Club nights, not for Interclub or Tournaments. You can still pay by cash, but have the option of using vouchers instead.

The vouchers will be printed on an A4 sheet, 10 to a sheet, costing \$50 for Tuesday through to Thursday, and \$40.00 for Monday.

These can be purchased on-line (same account number as for fees), or at the club. If paying on-line, please remember to supply your 'name' and 'table money' in the reference. Notification of payment can be advised to our email address – kmbc@xtra.co.nz.

Thanks to Yvonne and Tracey for arranging this.

Security

A kind reminder to please set the alarm code before you leave if you come to do something outside of normal hours. We have had a few occurrences of the alarm not being set. Thanks.

Bags and coats

There have been a few club nights recently where, due to the great turn-out, we have had to move bags and coats from a spare table as it needed to be used. Instead of using a table, can people please put their coats and bags on the bar, or on the coat hooks in the entrance, if they are needing somewhere to leave them. This is a good sign of a growing club.

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New beginners

We had a big class of learners this year, and after losing 6 of the learners (who decided that bridge was not the game for them), 25 learners will be starting play in the middle of July. Twelve of the learners had learnt before – two over 50 years ago – but for the rest of the class, the lessons were their introduction to bridge.

Margaret Robertson was the teacher and organiser and a huge thanks to her. We as a club, are very lucky to have Margaret do this. Margaret would like to give a big thank-you to the committee members, Bill Black and other club members who have helped her teach the learners.

Unfortunately, several of the learners are unable to play on Wednesday nights due to other commitments. They will be playing on either Monday during the day or Tuesday evenings. You will all know who the learners are because they have orange smiley face stickers on their name badges.

Margaret would ask that you:

- Make the learners feel very welcome
- Be PATIENT with them at the table as they may be slow at first or unsure of what to bid. They will have "cheat sheets" which they may use when playing bridge until the end of 2021. The learners may also ask the director for advice until the end of August.
- DO NOT give the learners any advice – they have enough to remember without being given any more information. Sometimes, no matter how well-intentioned and kindly the advice is given, the learners see it as criticism and give up playing bridge, as was the case with one of the 2019 learners.
- DO NOT double the learners for penalties – if the learners have ended up in the wrong contract, you will get a good board so there is no need to demoralise the learners by doubling for penalties.

The following poem reminds you of what can happen if new people are not welcome - with the heading, **This would never happen at KMBC.**

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10 new bridge players came to cheese and wine
1 was criticised for laughing loudly
Next week there were 9

9 new bridge players, one was a minute late
"You have to be seated by 7"
Next week there were 8

8 new bridge players, one slowly tried the rule of 11
Tutting, sighs, rolling of eyes
Next week there were 7

7 new bridge players, one couldn't remember his bids
"We haven't got all night you know"
Next week there were 6



6 new bridge players, one forgot to follow suit
"You've reneged" in an accusatory voice
Next week there were 5

5 new bridge players, East handled a board
"Don't touch that - I'm South" was hissed
Next week there were 4

4 new bridge players, one nervous and desperate for a pee
"You can't go now, we're already behind"
Next week there were 3



3 new bridge players, sharing boards and scoring was new
"You are so slow" as the board was snatched
Next week there were 2

2 new bridge players, had thought the lessons were such fun
If new players are not made welcome
We will find there will be none.

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