



## Table Talk July 2022

### What's coming up

#### **June competitions**

- Monday – Titahi Pairs
- Tuesday – Mixed Pairs
- Wednesday – Whitby Pairs
- Thursday – Onepoto Pairs

#### **Tournaments in July**

Karori Intermediate Pairs – 17 July

Poppy Roberts 5A Pairs online – 20 July

Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs online – 21 July

Peter Benham Memorial Open Pairs (Wellington) – 24 July

Waikanae Multigrade Pairs – 31 July

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**

***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.***

### **Subscriptions overdue**

Membership subscriptions are now overdue and there will be a small increase in amount due. Please ensure you have paid your subscription if you are intending to continue to play bridge.

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Please pay this to the Club's bank account which is 02-0552-0031286-00 and include your name so we know who has paid.

## Learner lessons

The course of 10 lessons for learners will finish on 17 July. There will be a graduation celebration on 24<sup>th</sup> July. The new members will then start playing on the regular sessions. Please give them a warm welcome.

A huge thanks to Margaret Robertson for teaching and organising the lessons once again. Thanks also to Kevin, Yvonne and Kaye for their help with the lessons. Our club needs new members, and it is great to see continued interest in learning how to play.

## Kerr Cup

We are playing Kairangi for the Kerr Cup again in last August (last Sunday). There is more information on this and a sign-up sheet down at the club. If you are interested, please put your name down and join the fun.

## COVID-19 requirements

There are no changes this month to the COVID measures which are:

- ❖ Mandatory mask wearing for all bridge sessions (unless medical exception)
- ❖ Please bring your own pencils/pens
- ❖ Please make sure your partner is keen to play and understands these restrictions

As we are not having a tea break in the evening sessions, if you need to have a break please do so when it is your turn to be dummy. Just ask the table for permission and your partner can manage your cards until you return.

Finally, please do not come to bridge if you are feeling unwell. There are still lots of cases of COVID in the community and with the normal winter illnesses, it is better to be cautious.

Thanks for your continued patience and perseverance with these restrictions.

## Thomas Newell

Many of you would have played bridge on Tuesday night with Thomas Newell, a long-standing member of Kapi Mana Bridge Club. Thomas sadly passed away and his funeral was held on 12 July at the Catholic Church in Tawa.

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## Tip for July – Don't forget to "alert"

Alerting your partner's bid is very important. An un-alerted bid can get you into trouble with the Director!

As a matter of course you must announce the meaning of your partner's 1NT or 1C opening.

If any bid your partner makes is not natural, it should be alerted, and, if asked, should be explained as fully as possible. Note the "if" – if you are not asked, you don't have to explain.

If you realise you have explained your partner's bid incorrectly, please call the Director immediately. If you have made the bid and you know your partner is confused, if your side ends up winning the contract call the Director at the end of play. You must not take advantage of unauthorised information you may have received from your partner's mistaken explanation.

### What don't you need to alert?

Cue bids are self-alerting, but if you're the opposition, it can be a good idea to ask what it means – it may not be what you think!

These bids are also self-alerting (i.e. don't need to be alerted):

- the 2C game force opening bid (and the 2D negative response unless your 2D means something different in which case it should be alerted)
- the simple Stayman 2C after a 1NT bid (and the 2D response denying a major)
- Doubles and redoubles

*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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