



Table Talk June 2022

What's coming up

June competitions

- Monday –Mixed Pairs
- Tuesday – Vice President's Pairs
- Wednesday – Swiss Pairs
- Thursday – Phythian Pairs (note, this will not be Swiss pairs)

Tournaments in June

Poppy Roberts 5A Pairs online – 15 June
Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs online – 16 June
Masterton Junior Pairs – 19 June
Masterton Intermediate Pairs – 19 June
Kapi Mana Open Pairs – 19 June
Wellington Main Regional Teams – 25 June

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.***

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Subscriptions due

Membership subscriptions are due by the end of June.

It is \$90 if Kapi Mana is your home club or \$67 if Kapi Mana is not your home club. If you only play on Mondays, it is \$70 if Kapi Mana is your home club or \$47 if Kapi Mana is not your home club.

If you do not pay by the end of June, the amount goes up to \$95 or \$75 for Monday only (if Kapi Mana is your home club).

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

This year 13 people are learning to play bridge on Monday nights. One of the 2019 learners has also joined the class. The lessons started on May 2nd and will finish on 25th July. The learners will be joining in club play on Wednesday 6th July.

Club members are welcome to attend any of the lessons they would like to. A list of the lessons is on the whiteboard in the clubrooms. Please let Margaret Robertson know if you are planning to attend any lessons (margaret@robertson.gen.nz).

COVID-19 requirements

We canvassed members views on mask wearing for the AGM. There were varying views with no clear direction either way. The Committee has decided to continue with mandatory mask wearing for now and will reassess it once a month at the Committee meetings. Here's a reminder about the current COVID measures:

- ❖ Mandatory mask wearing for all bridge sessions
- ❖ 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.

Thanks for your continued patience and perseverance with these restrictions.

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Free lessons with Andrew Robson

The Auckland Bridge Club is providing free bridge lessons by Andrew Robson in conjunction with *Realbridge*. Andrew Robson OBE is a well-known English bridge player, author of several books, and has a great website at [About Andrew Robson | Andrew Robson Bridge Club](#).

The lessons are in June and July. They are targeted at junior and intermediate players. There is one lesson a week repeated over three days. Go to the Auckland Bridge Club website to find out more - [RealBridge - Auckland Bridge Club \(akbc.co.nz\)](#).

Winners of Karori Junior Tournament

Tracy Collen and Steve Lee were first equal winners at the Karori Junior Tournament in late May. Well done Tracy and Steve. It is good to see Kapi Mana members participating in tournaments and doing so well is a bonus.



Tip from Andrew Robson

Here's a tip from Andrew Robson's website. I will try to remember it...

Bold - but not rash - bidding is winning bridge. But once you have pushed the opposition to an uncomfortably high level, you should be happy to defend.

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South Deals ♠ Q 10
 None Vul ♥ K J 7 2
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ K Q 10 4 2

♠ 8 6 4 3	N	♠ K J 9 7 5 2
♥ 10 9	W	♥ 3
♦ A 10 8 2	S	♦ K 9 6 4
♣ A 9 5	E	♣ 7 3

♠ A
 ♥ A Q 8 6 5 4
 ♦ Q 7 5
 ♣ J 8 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♥ by South

East's 4♠ bid may appear rash, but once the opposition have found a good fit, they will be unwilling to defend. South is likely to press on 5♥ - as here - and now the spotlight turns to West. Though he has undisclosed four card support for his partner's suit, it would be a bad error for West to bid 5♠. In all probability his partner's main motivation for bidding was to push the opponents up an extra level. West heeded this week's tip and passed.

He led ♠6 to ♠10, ♠J and ♠A. Declarer drew trumps in two rounds and led ♣J. West won ♣A and had to decide whether the third defensive trick was coming from ♦K in his partner's hand or a ♠ trick. He found the solution by leading ♦A and waiting for East's signal. If East had played a low ♦ spot card, West would have led a second ♠ in the hope that declarer had a second ♠. In fact East encouraged with ♦9, so West led a second ♦ to East's ♦K to defeat the contract.

ANDREW'S TIP: The five-level belongs to the opponents.

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

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