



## Table Talk June 2023

### What's coming up

#### **June competitions**

- Monday – Mixed Pairs
- Tuesday – Vice President's Pairs
- Wednesday – Secretary's Pairs
- Thursday – Phythian Pairs

#### **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,**

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

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

#### **Tournaments in June**

Upper Hutt Open Pairs – 11 June

Masterton Junior & Intermediate Pairs – 18 June

Kapi Mana Open Pairs – 18 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>

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## **AGM – new life member and new president**

Our AGM was held on 16 May and was well attended by members.

One memorable item is that Margaret Robertson, our Club Director, was voted in as a life member of Kapi Mana Bridge Club. This is well deserved given the extensive involvement Margaret has had with the club since 2003 when she learned to play. Margaret's late husband, Richard, was Vice-President at the time and encouraged Margaret to play. Margaret started on the Committee in 2008. She was Club President for 2 years from 2015. In 2018 she became a qualified club director and has been directing at the club since then. Margaret has been our Club Director since 2018 and we are very thankful for the lessons she teaches, organisation of directors, and gentle guidance and encouragement she gives to new members. She joins other recent life members including Eleanor and David Morel, Lyn Mansfield, Mac Fa'atafa and John Joseph.



Another memorable item is that Kevin Stacey has been replaced by Ro Fernando as our President. The members thanked Kevin for his tremendous time and effort he has put into being our President for the past few years. We look forward to having Ro as president while Kevin carries on with the Committee as immediate Past President. In particular we can thank Kevin for the changes we have had with the computer equipment and bridge tabs as well as the many tournaments he has helped to organise and other changes made in the club during his time as President. Kevin has also been a dependable and considerate President during the difficult years of Covid.

Other Committee members and officers are:

Past president – Kevin Stacey

Vice presidents – Dianne Lester and Cherie Arlidge

Club Director – Margaret Robertson

Treasurer – Yvonne Helps

Secretary – Tracey Shields

Committee: Marcia Forsman, Graeme La Cock, Pam McLean, Lori Fernando, Tracey Collen and Steve Lee.

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## More improver lessons

Margaret has run two improver lessons so far on Stayman and Transfers. The remaining lessons are below. If you sign up to these can you please make sure you come or let Margaret know if you can't. Margaret's phone number is 232-8676.

12 June – Doubles

26 June – Play techniques

10 July – Signals and discards

24 July – Bidding over 1 NT

14 August – Cue bids

## Open tournament on 18 June

Our Open tournament is being held on 18 June. Please sign up for this tournament if you are interested.

## Correction – Tracey and Steve are both our tournament secretary!

In the last Table talk I mentioned that Steve Lee has agreed to be our Tournament Secretary. I stand corrected, Steve is doing this role together with Tracey Collen. Thanks to both Steve and Tracey for taking this on and also agreeing to be on the Committee.

## Masterpoint Secretary – Christine De Roo

Thanks also go to Christine De Roo who has offered to be our Masterpoints Secretary.

## Up Over and Down Under Challenge - 4th July at Wellington Bridge Club

The Wellington Bridge Club is holding an 'Interhemispheric challenge' on 4 July. This involves being put into team representing different countries. If you are interested in participating, please email [wellingtonbridge@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonbridge@gmail.com).

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## Reminder to pay your fees

Please pay your membership subscriptions by 30 June to get the discount. Subscriptions are:

- Full playing membership - \$95 reduced to \$90 if pay by 30 June
- Monday only member - \$75 reduced to \$70 if pay by 30 June

If Kapi Mana is not your home club, then a further reduction of \$23 applies.

Please pay the director at any session or make a payment to the bank account: 02-0552-0031286-00. Please include your name in the particulars if paying by direct credit.

## Sad news about Julie Smith

Long-time members will remember Julie Smith who as a regular Wednesday night player. It is very sad news to let members know that Julie passed away peacefully on May 24. Julie joined the club in June 2003.

## Survey

Thanks to all the members who gave feedback on the survey that was distributed before the AGM. We have 13 pages full of ideas to improve participation at the club. Some of the suggestions were discussed at the AGM and the Committee will continue to consider them. It will take some time for the Committee to go through these suggestions, so watch this space!

## To finish on an informative note

**Directors often get asked this question:**

**Can the declarer just point to the card in dummy that they wish to play?**

Here's Margaret's response:

The simple answer is No. Declarer must ask Dummy to play a card.

Law 45B states:

"Declarer plays a card from dummy by naming the card, after which dummy picks up the card and faces it on the table. In playing from dummy's hand declarer may, if necessary, pick up the desired card himself."

But the laws do not state what circumstances make it necessary for declarer to pick up the card from dummy's hand. This would apply when dummy is not at the table, or Dummy picks up a different card to that Declarer asked for. I always encourage my partners to name

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the card, and I often ask which card they want me to play when they touch the table near the cards.

Law 45C3 states that

"A card in the dummy is played if it has been deliberately touched by the declarer except for the purpose of either arranging dummy's cards, or of reaching a card above or below the card touched".

Law 45C4(b) states that

"Declarer may correct an unintended call ..... but not after a loss of concentration or reconsideration of action".

This means that Declarer can call for a different card if the card he asks for is not in dummy. But Declarer cannot change his call if he asks Dummy to play before the opposition has played their card.

So please, to avoid any confusion, always tell Dummy which card you want them to play.

Margaret  
Club Director

*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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