



Table Talk May 2022

What's coming up

May competitions

- Monday –Tawalin Pairs
- Tuesday – Redwood Pairs
- Wednesday – Te Pene Pairs
- Thursday – Morel Pairs

Tournaments in May

Wellington Inter-Provincial Trials (Women, Senior, Open, Intermediate - Wellington Region) – 7 May

Poppy Roberts 5A Pairs (Prelim 3) (online) – 11 May

Paraparaumu Intermediate Pairs– 15 May

Hutt Open Pairs and Junior Pairs – 15 May

Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs (3) (online) – 19 May

Otaki Multigrade Paris – 22 May

Victoria Open Swiss Pairs – 29 May

Karori Junior Pairs – 29 May

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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AGM – 17 May

It's our AGM on 17 May 2022 at 7.30pm. After the AGM there will be social bridge. If you are interested in being on the Committee, please tell a Committee member before the meeting or put your hand up during the meeting. Details on Committee members are in the Programme book.

We will also be consulting with members on mask wearing at the AGM. A New Zealand Bridge advisory on 29 April provides some guidance on this but leaves it up to each Club to decide. Below is a short excerpt. For the full advisory please go to [Covid-19 Advisory from NZ Bridge | NZB](#). This has also been sent out with the documents from the AGM.

We have now reached a point under the "Orange" setting where there are no limits for indoor gatherings and, no need for face masks but wearing of them is encouraged by government... Whilst NZ Bridge can provide a guideline, the responsibility for setting policy on this matter sits with clubs. Clubs must determine what is in the best interest of their membership, consulting where necessary. They need to consider the demographic of their membership; the prevalence of covid in their community; level of vaccination; vaccination status; adherence to health management protocols; quality of air management and air circulation systems; the willingness of members to self-police themselves and to stay away when they have a cold/flu or are unwell. If on balance, you are on top of the above there is probably acceptance that mask wearing need not be compulsory but is optional.

Donation to Barnados

In March we received an email from a Barnados Social Worker in Schools based in the Lower Hutt area asking for a donation of any used cards. This is to help families who are going through isolation due to COVID-19 and as part of a programme keeping young ones mentally active. Kevin found some packs of old cards and gave two large shoe boxes to the social worker who was extremely grateful. The programme will be rolled out nationally. We hope our cards bring a bit of fun and mental stimulation to the children.

Learner lessons

The learner lesson for 2022 started on 2 May with Margaret Robertson teaching them with help from some members. The lesson dates and topics are below. Learners will be given the new lesson booklets produced by NZ Bridge.

We look forward to welcoming the new learners once they have finished with the lessons.

Lesson dates and topics:

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- 02 May – Introduction to bridge
- 9 May – Opening 1NT
- 16 May – 1 level opening bids
- 23 May – Responder limit bids
- 30 May – Responder’s new suit bids
- 6 June - Revision of lessons
- 13 June – Responder’s rebids
- 20 June - Overcalls
- 27 June – Takeout doubles
- 4 July – Pre-emptive opening bids
- 11 July – Strong opening bids
- 18 July – Introduction to Stayman
- 25 July – Revision and practice

COVID-19 requirements

Here’s a reminder about current COVID measures (at least until a decision is made on mask-wearing following the AGM):

- ❖ Mandatory mask wearing for all bridge sessions and tournaments
- ❖ Please bring your own pencils/pens
- ❖ During play, only South can touch the bridge pad
- ❖ 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.

These measures will be assessed by the Committee when the Government makes a new announcement. Thanks for your continued patience and perseverance with these restrictions.

Etiquette

The Committee has recently received a couple of complaints about behaviour at the bridge table which has left others feeling uncomfortable. While it has been difficult with the COVID restrictions and mask wearing, it is important to be respectful and courteous to your partner and others at the table. The key proprieties are in the Programme book and include:

- Always maintain a respectful attitude

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- Summon the Director in a courteous manner
- Avoid any remark or action that might cause embarrassment to another player, or interfere with others' enjoyment of the game

Jokes



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

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