



Table Talk May 2023

What's coming up

May competitions

- Monday – Tawalin Pairs
- Tuesday – Redwood Pairs
- Wednesday – Swiss Pairs
- Thursday – Morel 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 May

Wellington Inter-provincial trials (various levels) – 6 May

Poppy Roberts 5A Pairs – 10 May

Hutt Junior Pairs – 14 May

Hutt Open Pairs – 14 May

Paraparaumu Intermediate Pairs – 14 May

Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs – 18 May

Otaki 40th Anniversary Multigrade Tournament – 21 May

Karori Junior Pairs – 28 May

Victoria Open Swiss Pairs – 28 May

Flyers for all tournaments are up on the noticeboard at the Club. You can enter online or write your name on the poster.

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To make an on-line entry go to <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/home>

AGM – 16 May

Our AGM is on 16 May starting at 7.30pm with drinks and nibbles. Social bridge will follow the meeting. It is important for members to attend if they can, to support the club and discuss any issues that come up. The club is always keen for new committee members, so please let someone know if you are interested.

Please talk with Tracey or Kevin if you have any questions or send an email to kmbc@xtra.co.nz.

Success at Congress

Two of our junior pairs did very well at Wellington Regional Congress in late April. Deidre and Dianne won the junior pairs and Ro and Cherie were second. They had to play against juniors and intermediates. Deidre and Dianne came 9th overall in addition to being the top junior pair. Ro and Cherie came 4th overall in one session. Well done, great to see our juniors performing so well at regional events.



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Survey

At the last Committee meeting it was decided to seek club members ideas as to how the club could improve playing numbers. This came about because of the declining number of bridge players across all forms of the game, including club nights, interclub, tournaments and new learners.

We have now received some really interesting feedback and ideas from 23 responses. Thanks to those who responded. We know have 13 full pages of ideas and recommendations. Recurring themes are on starting sessions earlier, better communications, wider support for learners, more engagement of members, and providing more support for competitions. It will take some time for the Committee to go through these suggestions, so watch this space!

Kate is retiring from supper duties

Kate, our supper person, is leaving us for better things. A big thanks to Kate for her friendly attitude and great tea making skills. That will leave a space for someone to fill. Please let Dianne Lester if you know of anyone who may be interested in taking over for Tuesday nights. Dianne's phone number is 021 0852 0810.

New Thursday Partnership Steward and Tournament Secretary

Thanks to Dianne Lester for agreeing to take over from Anne Jackson as Thursday Partnership Steward, and Steve Lee for agreeing to be the Tournament Secretary.

Intermediate lessons

Margaret has offered to do some intermediate type lessons and is currently asking for ideas. Watch this space for more details on timing.

Book sale table

The book sale table is going very well, and members are enjoying new books to read. Swap or buy a book for a small donation when you come down. All proceeds to go towards future festivities!

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To finish on a light note

Ever hear a play say things like these?

Ten things a bridge player would never say:

1. This club is always the right temperature – never too hot or too cold.
2. Free coffee? No thanks.
3. Cool, a four-board sit-out.
4. No, I don't think the tournament fees are too high.
5. I can always count on my partner to remember every convention on our card.
6. No gossip, please, I 'm not interested.
7. More new Alerts! More new Alerts!
8. One thing I can say about bridge players – they know how to dress.
9. No matter which direction we site, the cards always go our way.
10. I don't feel like bridge today, thanks, I'd rather jog and work out.

(originally from Marilyn White, Toronto).

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

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