



Table Talk May 2024

What's coming up

May competitions

- Monday 6, 20, 27 – Tawalin Pairs
- Tuesday 30 April, 21, 28 May – Redwood Pairs
- Wednesday 8, 15, 22, 29 – May Pairs
- Thursday 9, 16, 23, 30 – Morel Pairs (although this is no longer being run as Swiss Pairs due to not enough tables)

There are also the Pair competitions that run throughout the year (Championship for Mondays, Jackson for Tuesdays, Tiriti for Wednesdays and Kapi Mana for Thursdays). These are usually held on the first of the month for the day, but check your book for details.

A reminder for players to please be seated at least 10 minutes before each session starts to provide sufficient time for the Director to organise the session.

Club Play

Keen to play, but don't have a partner? – phone:

Lyn Mansfield (234-1636) for a Monday partner,

Leigh & Alan Savage (021 942 969) for a Tuesday partner,

Ro Fernando (021 763 376) for a Wednesday partner, and

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

Tournaments in May

- Hutt Intermediate Pairs – 11 May
- Hutt Junior Pairs – 19 May
- Hutt Open Pairs – 19 May
- Paraparaumu Intermediate Pairs – 19 May
- Otaki Multigrade Pairs – 26 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>

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AGM coming up and Committee members

The Club's AGM is on Tuesday 14 May starting at 7.30pm with social bridge to follow. All members are welcome. Please come along and support your club.

Be a Committee member: If you are interested in being on the Committee, please let us (any Committee member) know and we will put your name forward at the AGM. The Committee roles and Committee members are on page 3 of the Programme book. Being on the Committee means a meeting once a month and helping out with doing a particular role, of other activities (such as writing this newsletter). We would welcome anyone keen to help out.

Email addresses

From 16 May there will be charges for Xtra emails. If you have decided to change to another email provider, can you please let us know. Thanks.

Learner lessons going well

We currently have 27 learners attending the lessons. The last two lessons will be on 20 and 27 May and will be practice sessions. From then they will be able to join the regular sessions (mainly on Wednesday night). We look forward to them joining our club and learning to enjoy the great game of bridge.

Margaret asked me to put two poems in the newsletter, here's the first one:

Ode to the Bridge Buddies

Well taught by our teacher
The new members will arrive
Shaking in their boots
Our job to make them thrive

We want them to come back
Those first weeks are so key
Patience, warmth and smiles
Are the only way you see

They'll put you in no-trumps
Without a stopper in sight
As East nails 9 spade tricks
Keep the mood light

You'll find yourself at the 1 level
With slam points when dummy goes down
Or at game in your 4 card suit
A void from them – but do not frown

But it's you who's got it wrong
If you've said, "You should have done"
"It can work better if" is upbeat
And ensures they still have fun

If you show any frustration
It will drive them away
Remember it is a carrot not stick
That will make them want to stay

Speak only of what went right
And never criticise
Only if they ask
Take it upon you to advise

They have too much on their minds
To remember all our names
So for the first few weeks
Introduce everyone again

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They won't have learned Stayman
You will be in clubs for sure
And if you dare ace ask
Those clubs will haunt you all the more

The bidding may take long
It may seem obvious what to do
Just remember...once upon a time
That person opposite was you.

Wellington Region has a new website

The Wellington Region has a new website. This is the address <http://wellingtonregionbridge.org.nz/>

This will be updated regularly with all that is happening bridgewise in our region.

- from this month the draw and results for Interclub will be there
- The results from Rubber Bridge matches will be there
- The Junior League Ladder is there

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