



Table Talk November 2022

What's coming up

October competitions

- Monday –Kolston Pairs
- Tuesday – Johnsonville Pairs
- Wednesday – Back to the Future Teams of Four
- Thursday – Christmas Pairs

Tournaments in October

Waikanae Junior Pairs and Intermediate Pairs – 6 November

Poppy Roberts 5A Pairs - 2 and 9 November

Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs – 11 November (in various clubs)

Masterton Multigrade Pairs – 13 November

Kapi Mana Intermediate/Junior Multigrade Paris – 13 November

Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs – 17 November

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

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

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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NZ Bridge Congress

Eleanor and David Morel attended the annual NZ Bridge Congress tournament which was held in the first week of October in Tauranga. Many of you would have heard about Congress and wondered what it is like. Here's David's recollection (thanks for providing it):

Eleanor and I headed to Tauranga for the first week of October. Eight days of bridge morning and afternoon, 452 boards. We played the Open Pairs, Open Teams, Open Swiss Pairs, Karen Martelletti Memorial Open Teams. Our teammates were Lorraine Inglis and Judy Plimmer. It's a tough school – everyone who comes to your table is a very good player so there's no let-up.



This photo shows the Open and Open Restricted. There was ample space for the Intermediates and Juniors when they arrived.

The venue was excellent, aside from an air-con problem one morning when it became chilly.

The final event was the Karen Martelletti Memorial Teams – five matches on Friday followed by three on Saturday. On Friday we lost two and won three to be mid-table. For the first match on Saturday who should arrive at our table but the formidable pair of Geo Tislevol (perennial member of the NZ Open team) and Ken Yule (Gold Grandmaster). We had a solid set against them (39th of 87 on the datums) highlighted by this piece of daylight robbery by Eleanor.

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Our auction:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2♦ ¹	Pass	2NT ²
Pass	2♥ ³	Pass	6NT

- 1 Multi – weak major or 20-22 balanced
- 2 15+ any shape
- 3 Hearts - weak

6NT is really a pairs bid. A better teams auction might be:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2♥ ¹	Pass	2NT ²
Pass	2♥ ³	Pass	4NT ⁴
Pass	5♦ ⁵	Pass	6♣

- 1 Multi – weak major or 20-22 balanced
- 2 15+ any shape
- 3 Hearts – weak
- 4 RKCB in Hearts
- 5 1 or 4 keycards – here ♥A or K. If two she would bid 7NT

Ken led a Diamond removing the stopper. But never say die – the plays the thing. Eleanor ran the Clubs, then the Spades. The Spade Jack had fallen under the Clubs. At trick 11 the lead of the Spade Queen found Geo with holds in three suits: T spades, A hearts, K diamond. After much thought he decided Eleanor was void in Hearts and threw the Ace. The last two tricks were won by dummy’s Hearts.

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Kapi Mana Intermediate Tournament was a winner

We had a very successful tournament on 16 October with 20 pairs playing. Winners were Yvonne Helps and Kaye McCredie from Kapi Mana. Clive Phillips and Pam McLean from Kapi Mana came second, and Barbara Leach and Robyn Green from Victoria came third. The winners received hampers from Johnston Ebbett, Porirua, who sponsored the tournament. Thanks to Johnston Ebbett, the director, and to all the volunteers who helped. Here's a photo of the winning duo.

The next tournament is the Kapi Mana Intermediate/Junior Multigrade Paris on 13 November.



Trophies

It is that time of the year again to return. Please return any trophies you may have from last year.

Closest defibrillator is at Linden Social Centre

If, unfortunately, a defibrillator is needed while we are playing bridge, the closest AED location is outside the main door to the Linden Community Centre. To get the combination for it, ring 111. Instructions are given while it is being used.

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Tablecloths needed

We are looking for a few more tablecloths to put over and under the food for when we do tournaments or functions - perhaps along the lines of the one below (happy with whatever size turns up). If anyone has any that they don't need, please leave them in the kitchen. Thanks.



Christmas is soon - decorating and raffle box

Be ready for a celebratory end of year Christmas party on 2 December starting at 6 to 6.30pm. Decorating will be at 2pm on 27 November. Please come along and help if you can. There will be a raffle box going out shortly. Donations will be much appreciated!

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

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