



## Table Talk November 2023

### What's coming up

#### November competitions

- Monday 6, 20, 27 – Kolston Pairs
- Tuesday 14, 21, 28 – Johnsonville Pairs
- Wednesday 8, 15, 22 – Back to the Future Teams of Four
- Thursday 9, 16, 23, 30 – Christmas Pairs

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 (021 112 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 November

- Kapi-Mana Intermediate/Junior Multigrade Pairs – 12 November
- Masterton Multigrade Teams – 12 November
- Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs (9) – 16 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>

### **Kapi Mana Intermediate Pairs**

We held another successful tournament on 15 October with 22 pairs attending. A big thanks to everyone who helped to run the tournament, it takes a lot of work. We've got another tournament tomorrow. Placings were:

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- 1<sup>st</sup> overall - Rae Julian and Andrew Smith
- 2<sup>nd</sup> overall – Margaret Francis and Wayne Sharman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> overall – Garry Hodge and Grant Elliott.

Yvonne Helps and Kaye McCredie came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the morning session, Margaret Francis and Wayne Sharman came 1<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon session, and John Gray and Malcolm Chapman came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon session. Well done to everyone who played. Here's a few photos.



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## **Congratulations to Ro, Clive and Adrian**

Congratulations to Ro Fernando, Clive Phillips, and Adrian Shields for passing their Directors Club Certificate of Achievement exams. This included a lot of study, attending several lessons, practical sessions and then the exam. We are very lucky to have more directors at our Club. Well done! Thanks also to Allan Joseph who taught them and organised the Certificate.

## **Christmas parties on Friday evening 1 December, and Monday 4 December**

We are planning another festive Christmas function on the evening of Friday 1 December. This will start at 6pm with drinks and nibbles, then a dinner and prizegiving following (including for the raffles). Please bring a plate.

Some members who play on Monday will be lucky enough to have another party on Monday 4 December. Again, please bring a plate.

## **Raffle box**

The raffle box is out again, so please drop something in it next time you are playing that you think someone would like to win.

## **Help with decorating on 19 November**

If you feel up to it, please come down and help out with the Christmas decorating on the afternoon of 19 November, starting at 2.30pm.

## **Programme book for 2024 out soon**

The programme book for next year is currently at the printers so should be available soon. I wonder what colour it is this time??

## **Thanks to Pauline for the table**

A big thanks to Pauline Robb from the Committee for her generous donation of a card table to the Club. We've put this by the director's desk against the stage

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wall, and it is a huge improvement on the playing table that was there previously. Many thanks Pauline!

### **New tournament secretary found**

Thanks to Wayne Sharman for stepping up to and becoming our tournament secretary.

### **Learner lessons start on 24 February**

We will start advertising the learner lessons in December, so please spread the word and hopefully we will get more learners next year.

### **Te Puke Bridge club**

Some of you may have seen the piece on Te Puke bridge club on 7 Sharp on Wednesday 1 November. It was about the club's successful drive for new members. Here's a follow up article: [Bridge-ing the gap between young and old with a card game \(1news.co.nz\)](https://www.1news.co.nz/bridge-ing-the-gap-between-young-and-old-with-a-card-game)

The club has had a successful drive for new members. Once learners finish the lessons they continue to play at the Club as well as socially in their homes (with drinks and nibbles apparently). Local teenagers are also learning the game at the Te Puke High School's library.

One member, Janet Burrett started playing at the club when she was 25 and is still playing at 90. When asked if she feels confident about the life of the club, she said: "Certainly. It's full of life. Bridge has brought them all together."

This was a club that had only 1 new member in the previous two years then increased its membership by 45% in one year. If they can do it, we can do it!

*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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