



Table Talk September 2021

What's coming up

September competitions

To be confirmed

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 Annette Austing (234-8916 or 027 235 9307) for a Thursday partner,

Tournaments

To be confirmed

Flyers for all these tournaments are up on the noticeboard at the Club. You can enter online or write your name on the poster and Sue will forward your details to the host club.

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

Please note the National Congress has been postponed until February 2022.

Registering for club events (i.e. Jackway Shield and Kerr Cup) is done via Margaret Robertson. (Thankyou Margaret)

Covid restrictions

As everyone will be aware, the Covid lockdown and restrictions meant we could not play bridge during Levels 3 and 4. Level 2 restrictions also makes it difficult. The Committee has deferred making a decision on playing during Level 2 until we have some more information. We will send you an update once a decision has been made.

Despite these restrictions, we hope members have been keeping well during lock down and are looking forward to restarting our regular bridge sessions. Some of

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our more tech savvy members (ie Ro and team) played in an online tournament – well done and we look forward to hearing the results!

What happens when you call the director?

Here's another short tip.

All bridge players (even Open players) make mistakes now and again. Sometimes, there might be a problem with the Bridge Tab or the cards. That's when it is a good idea to call the Director.

To call the Director, please raise one of your hands into the air and say in a loud voice (but not shouting) "Director please". The Director will come to your table and ask how they can help. The person who called them should explain the problem or mistake and the Director will make a decision or fix the problem.

A Director's decision is binding on all players at the table. If you are not happy with a Director's decision please politely ask the director for further clarification of their decision, but never argue with the Director.

Providing that both you and your partner agree you may appeal the Director's decision by advising the Club Director (Margaret Robertson) or a Committee member that you wish to do so. An Appeals Committee of experienced players is set up at the end of the session after play has finished & will review the Director's decision. The Appeals Committee's decision is binding on all parties.

Common reasons for calling the Director include:

- Making an opening or other lead out of turn
- Making an insufficient bid
- Not following suit when you can and revoking
- Making an opening bid out of turn
- Incorrect number of cards in hands
- Problem with the BridgeTab, including entering the result of the board incorrectly or as the wrong board number (common when boards are played out of order).

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Just bid what you've got

Here's another lesson that you probably shouldn't follow.

A competitor was called away on an emergency from a bridge tournament, with still the last board to play. So her partner asked a friend to take her place although the friend knew nothing about the game. They told him "Just bid what you've got and follow suit". He sat South and the following bidding sequence ensued:

Dealer:	♠ A9		West	North	East	South
South	♥ AKQ65		-	-	-	1♣
Both vul	♦ AK		pass	2♥	pass	2♠
	♣ Q1054		pass	3♣	pass	3♥
♠ KQ108		♠ 76542	pass	4NT	pass	7♦
♥ J1097		♥ 8	dbl	all pass		
♦ Q10		♦ J9				
♣ KJ8		♣ 987632				
	♠ J3					
	♥ 432					
	♦ 8765432					
	♣ A					

South took the lead of the king of spades with the ace, cashed the ace and king of trumps, came to hand with the ace of clubs and played all his diamonds.

On the last one, West was hopelessly squeezed in hearts and spades, and ultimately discarded a heart, whereupon South made the last four tricks in hearts.

When the opposition saw South's hand, they called the director, who asked for an explanation of the bidding, and got the following reply...

"I was told to bid what I've got, and I have one club, 2 spades, 3 hearts and 7 diamonds!"