



## Table Talk September 2023

### What's coming up

#### September competitions

- Monday 4, 18, 25 September – Camborne Pairs
- Tuesday 12, 19, 26 September – Spinnaker Pairs Pairs
- Wednesday 13, 20, 27 September – Welcome Pairs
- Thursday 14, 21, 28 September – Brown 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 September and October

Wellington Sixes 3A/5B/3B – 3 September

Victoria Intermediate Pairs - 10 September

Victoria Junior Pairs – 10 September

South Wairarapa Multigrade Pairs (F2F or Online tbc) – 17 September

Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs (4) – 21 Sept

Kapi Mana Intermediate Pairs – 15 Oct

Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs – 19 October

Kairangi Open 5A Pairs 20, 21, 22 October

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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## Mike and Julie's wedding

Spring is in the air – well it was for Julie and Mike last Saturday. After meeting her beau here, Julie and Mike decided to tie the knot at the Club also. They enjoyed a fabulous ceremony and afternoon tea followed by an evening reception at Dockside. Julie and Mike would like to thank everyone at the Club who helped with the preparations leading up to the wedding and on the day. They were overwhelmed with the support, including the very nice case made by Ed and Marcia Forsman.

A special shout out to Mac Faatafa, as it was he who introduced Mike to the Club, and Ian Fowler who did the leaflet drop in Pukerua Bay (where Julie lived in 2015 and was her introduction to the Club). If it hadn't been for these two stalwarts, Julie and Mike would never have got together.

Cheers Mr and Mrs Steele. Here's a few lovely photos.



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## Please welcome our new tea ladies

Please welcome our new tea lady, Esha! Esha has worked with Kate and Di this week, and will be running solo from next week. Please give her a warm welcome!



Esha might be supported at times by her daughter, Amali, who might do a few nights herself. Thanks to Nadun for introducing Esha to us – much appreciated.

And a very big thanks and best wishes to Kate for her dedicated and friendly help over the last few years. Assisted by Di of course. Thanks to you both for serving us so many nice cups of tea, coffee and juice (and biscuits of course).

## New tournament secretary needed

Unfortunately, Steve and Tracey can no longer do the role of tournament secretary. Thanks to you both for your help.

If you are interested in helping organise the tournaments held by our club, please let Ro or someone on the Committee know asap. You will not need to play in the tournaments, just ensure the tournaments are notified and help with organising them. The club cannot run without volunteers, so please put your hand up if you are at all interested or would like to know more about this role.

## Craig Booth

We are sad to tell you about the recent passing of Craig Booth. Craig often played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. In fact in May he played five times. Our condolences to Craig's family.

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## Survey results - marketing

There were quite a few suggestions about how to market our club better in the survey results. We will keep you informed on our progress with these. Cherie Arlidge is going to organise the advertising for the lessons in early 2024. Pam McLean, Cherie and Dianne Grain are going to get together and look at a few ideas for better marketing. If anyone wants to help or has any useful contacts please let us know.

## Learner lessons start on 24 February

One suggestion from the Survey was to start the learner lessons a bit earlier. We've taken this on board and Margaret will be starting the lessons on 24 February 2024. If you know anyone interested in learning please let them know.

Margaret has finished with the improvement lessons. Thanks a lot to Margaret for running these.

## To finish on a "James Bond" note

Who knew that 8 points could get you 7C, although dreadful Drax could have easily taken it out to 7H or 7S.

In Ian Fleming's "Moonraker," 007 engages in a game of bridge with the notorious multi-millionaire Sir Hugo Drax. The tale unfolds when M tasks Bond with the mission of delving into Sir Hugo's considerable triumphs at M's cherished bridge club. It is during this investigation that Bond uncovers Drax's deceitful tactics. Drax cunningly gazes at the mirrored surface of his glossy cigarette case while dealing the cards, thus gaining an unfair advantage.

Playing with M as his partner, Bond fixes the deck against Drax in the final deal of the session:

	M	
	♠T987	
	♥6543	
	♦—	
Meyer	♣76532	Drax
♠65432		♠AKQJ
♥T9872		♥AKQJ
♦JT9	Bond	♦AK
♣—	♠—	♣KJ9
	♥—	
	♦Q8765432	
	♣AQT84	

Bond, South, deals and opens 7♣! This is passed around to Drax, who doubles. Bond naturally redoubles.

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Bond ruffs a diamond in dummy, finesses Drax's clubs, ruffs another diamond, and finesses clubs again. Now Bond's hand becomes good, and Drax is apoplectic.



*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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