



Table Talk March 2018



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Gold Coast Congress

Kapi Mana Club members dressed up for the "Australia Theme Day" at the Gold Coast Congress. Although they didn't win a prize, the first 3 prize winners were from New Zealand!

If you'd like to find out more about the GC Congress as well as chatting to any of the Fab 4, Lorraine Inglis also attended, or you can check out the Congress bulletins online by clicking on this link:

<http://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/gccBulletins.php>

Junior/Intermediate Tournament – 18 March 2017

As always, we need volunteers to help on the day, and players to play 😊

As it's a Junior/Intermediate tournament, pairs can be Novice/Novice, Novice Junior, Junior/Junior, Junior/Intermediate, or Intermediate/Intermediate.

If you haven't been playing long don't be shy, there's a Special Novice Prize for the Best-placed Novice Pair

Entries close on Wednesday March 14 so make sure you've entered by then!

**THERE'S STILL SPACES FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT ON THE DAY –
PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME OF THE WHITEBOARD IF YOU CAN SPARE AN
HOUR OR TWO ON SUNDAY**

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Club Play

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

Gaye (238-9904) for a Monday partner,

Leigh or Alan (232-9926) for a Tuesday partner,

John (233-6122) for a Wednesday partner, and

Annette (234-8916) for a Thursday partner

March competitions

Monday: Bay Pairs

Tuesday: Cobham Pairs

Wednesday: Secretary's Pairs

Thursday: President's Pairs

Interclub: March 16 and April 6

We're doing well this year, we've got 6 Interclub teams entered. There are 2 in the Open Restricted grade, 1 Intermediate, 2 Junior, and 1 Novice! Best of luck to all teams - Go Kapi Mana 😊

Tournaments

March 18 – Kapi Mana Intermediate/Junior Multigrade Pairs

March 18 – Paraparaumu Open Pairs

March 25 – Masterton Open Pairs

March 25 - Kairangi Junior & Intermediate Pairs

April 8 – Victoria Multigrade Pairs

April 15– South Wairarapa Junior & Intermediate Pairs

April 21-25 Wellington Regional Congress – [click here for more information](#)

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21 reasons why Bridge is better than Sex...

Number 1: You don't have to hide your bridge magazines

Bridge Book error – **Maureen Sheldon's** phone number is incorrect, it should read **210-7715**



Table manners

When playing in the North/South position, remember to greet the incoming pair with a smile and a pleasant "Hello" or "Good evening". There's nothing worse for those travelling around the room to be ignored on arrival at a table due to an intense discussion of the follies or triumphs of the previous hand!

Conversely, if you're playing East/West, and have been delayed playing a hand, West should move on as soon as possible (don't stop to inspect the bridge pad!), and do apologise to your new North/South opponents for being late. If the table you are moving to is a bit slow, don't sit and finish your conversation because you can't move, that only holds up the pair behind you!

Introducing Ben Thompson - President of the South Pacific Bridge Federation



I was honoured and humbled to be elected President of the South Pacific Bridge Federation at our annual meeting at the Gold Coast Congress in February, and at the same time, as our zonal representative on the World Bridge Federation Executive Council.

Our region is both big and small - the South Pacific has a small population but some of our countries cover vast areas. Our bridge zone is also both big and small - we only have 4 member countries (at the moment) but we are many times bigger than the 4 smallest zones combined in numbers of bridge players!

Zone 7 has also been a huge contributor to world bridge. As just two examples, Denis Howard was WBF President from 1986 through 1991, and Laurie Kelso as well as being a senior international director was also secretary of the WBF Laws Committee for the recent update.

I'd like to pay tribute to John Wignall, my predecessor as zonal president. John was a fine player for New Zealand at world level. He has been our zonal representative to the WBF for an incomprehensible 32 years, a number that I am determined not to reach! John has been a truly outstanding administrator, and will complete his innings in Orlando as WBF 1st Vice President. Thank you John.

I have played bridge for over 30 years, and I have also been an active bridge administrator at local and national levels for over 25 years. As a frequent Australian representative I dare say I am well-known in the expert community. Now I hope to become better known across our entire bridge zone, particularly since I would like to call on everyone to help us promote and develop our beautiful game across our beautiful South Pacific!

In fact, I'll start now! If you have bridge-playing contacts in the South Pacific island nations, I'd be very pleased to hear from you at president.spbf@gmail.com

I'm very much looking forward to representing our zone, and contributing to the global future of bridge.

Regards

Ben Thompson

The members of the *South Pacific Bridge Federation* are the National Federations of the affiliated countries.

Currently, the SPBF comprises of 4 member countries – Australia, New Zealand, French Polynesia and New Caledonia, totalling 51,420 registered players

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The Kerr Cup

32 pairs of players from Kapi Mana and Kairangi gathered at the Linden clubrooms on March 2 for the annual battle for the Kerr Cup.

The evening started with convivial drinks and nibbles before battle commenced, and finished with a lovely supper

Congratulations to Kairangi for winning it this year, but, like they say, Bridge was the winner on the day!

A big thanks goes to **Joan Conroy**, our Director for the night, **David Morel** for scoring, **Dianne Lester, Margaret Robertson** and co., who organised the kitchen and, of course, **Nigel Horne** our President.

Well done Ynys and Mac Fa'atafa, who achieved the highest score of the Kapi Mana Pairs, with 60.09 % - they came 3rd overall ☺

21 reasons why Bridge is better than Sex...

Number 2: It is perfectly acceptable to hire a pro to play bridge with you once in a while

High scorers in February

Mondays: *Ynys Fa'atafa* and *Chris Mowatt* (February 19) & *Mac Fa'atafa* and *Elizabeth Rees* (February 26) all scored 62%

Tuesdays: It was close at the top but *Ian Fowler* and *John Joseph* scored highest with 64.58% on February 1

Wednesdays: *Pam MacMillan* and *Clive Phillips* topped with 64.53% on February 7

Thursdays: *Yvonne Helps* and *Mac Fa'atafa* achieved 63.65% on February 15

So far, so many C points...

These players have garnered the most C points on individual playing days this year

Ynys Fa'atafa tops Mondays, *Kaye McCredie* Tuesdays, *Julie Kropp* Wednesdays, and *Yvonne Helps* Thursdays



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