



Table Talk February 2023

What's coming up

February competitions

- Monday – Lash Pairs 6 & 20 Feb, Championship Pairs 13 Feb, Bay Pairs 1 27 Feb
- Tuesday – Mansfield Pairs
- Wednesday – Elsdon Pairs
- Thursday – Kensington 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

Anne Jackson (233-6220 or 022-192-8678) for a Thursday partner.

Casual Wednesday night players

Dianne Grain has kindly organised a system of 'casual players' who are more experienced members willing to play on an occasional Wednesday night with a more junior player. Tuesday or Thursday players have so much experience and tips and tricks that would be invaluable to someone who usually plays on a Wednesday night.

There is a signup sheet at the club but please contact Dianne if you are interested.

Tournaments in February

Hutt Multigrade Pairs – 26 Feb

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March events

Kapi Mana Multigrade tournament is due to be held on 12 March. Multigrade tournaments are usually open to all players where prizes are awarded by the Club to various grade combinations, but the overall place winners only receive Masterpoint awards. This is a good way to play against players at all levels and still win a prize at your own level.

All Kapi Mana members will have a grading number. You can find out how many Masterpoints you have by going to [NZB - Search anyone's masterpoints \(nzbridge.co.nz\)](https://www.nzbridge.co.nz).

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>

The **Kerr Cup** tournament against Kairangi Club is due to be held on Friday 3 March at our Club. The signup sheet is on the whiteboard at the Club. Please bring a plate if you are coming. This is a fun session held once a year.

Back to normal

A reminder that the previous rules around Covid no longer apply. Mask wearing is not required but players can, of course, choose to wear a mask if they want. Tea and coffee are provided on Tuesday and Wednesday nights (Thursday players chose not to have a tea break). However, there is still Covid in the community so please be careful and don't come to bridge if you are feeling unwell.

Volunteers needed for Thursday Partnership Steward and Tournament Secretary

Anne Jackson can no longer be the Thursday Partnership Steward and Sue Fish will be resigning from being the Tournament Secretary. A big thanks to Sue and Anne for helping the club and being a volunteer.

If you are interested in either of these roles, please contact Tracey Shields or Kevin Stacey to find out more. Our club depends on volunteers to run smoothly.

The Thursday Partnership Steward helps people to find a partner.

The Tournament Secretary advertises our tournaments and lets members know about other tournaments, sends the Club Director the list of entries for a tournament, and answers enquiries tournaments.

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They are supported by Committee members. On a similar note, thanks to Sue and Colin Russell who have volunteered to help with dealing. Much appreciated.

Interclub

Wellington Region Bridge did a survey on whether players want to play interclub face to face, online, or a mix. There was a mix of responses which means they will keep options open until they see how many teams register.

Depending on entries they may run face to face and online events for some grades.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the club so please try and get a team together to represent Kapi Mana.

Interclub is a good way to play at other clubs in a team environment. It is held once a month on Friday evenings with table money of \$8 if playing face to face (with a glass of wine at the end). It is also a good way to get Masterpoints if you are keen to improve your overall ranking.

Opening night

Opening night was a fun night. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed it. Here's a photo.



Holiday bridge lessons

Thanks to Margaret Robertson for holding some holiday bridge lessons over January. These were well attended, and attendees learned how to defend a 1NT opening, and evaluate a hand.

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Learner lessons for 2023

Lessons for beginners will start on Monday 20 March. We will be advertising this at the Club and in various newsletters. If you know anyone who is interested, please tell them to let Margaret Robertson know (phone number in the book) or email us at kmbc@xtra.co.nz

Book sale table

The book and magazine sale table is now up and running thanks to Di and Tracey. Swap a book for a small donation when you come down. All proceeds to go towards future festivities!

Levin Bridge Club online social bridge Monday nights

The Levin Bridge Club is running realme bridge social sessions on a Monday night. No partner is required as partners can be matched up on the night. This will be a good way to get more comfortable at playing realme bridge in a friendly environment. It is at 7pm and table money is \$3. Go to the Levin Bridge club website to find out more - levinbridge.nz.

To finish on a light note

Teacher called on six-year-old Johnny, the bridge player's son, to count for the class.

"One, two, three," began Johnny,

"four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten-uh, jack, queen, king, ace"

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

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