



Table Talk March 2024

What's coming up

March competitions

- Monday 4, 18, 25 – Bay Pairs
- Tuesday 12, 19, 26 – Takapu Pairs
- Wednesday 13, 23, 27 – Te Pene Pairs
- Thursday 14, 21, 28 – President's Pairs

There are also the Pair competitions that run throughout the year (Championship for Mondays, Jackson for Tuesdays, Tiriti for Wednesdays and Kapi Mana for Thursdays). These are usually held on the first of the month for the day, but check your book for details.

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 (021 942 969) 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 March

- Wellington Intermediate Pairs – 9 March
- Wellington Junior Pairs – 9 March
- North Island Teams – 16 March
- Kapi Mana Multigrade – 17 March
- Kairangi Intermediate Pairs or Teams – 24 March
- Kairangi Junior Pairs or Teams – 24 March
- Masterton Open Pairs – 24 March

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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Please use the vouchers

It would be great if more people could use the vouchers instead of cash for table money. To do this, pay money into the Club Account 02 0552 0031286 00 and include your name and that it is for vouchers. This will help Yvonne who has to bank the cash.

Kapi Mana Multigrade tournament on 17 March

It's not too late to enter online for our Multigrade tournament on 17 March. Entry fee is \$35 each person. For that you will get a full day playing bridge, a nice lunch, and snacks. Multigrade tournaments are open to all level of players, where prizes may be awarded by the Club to various grade combinations, but Master points are only awarded to the top place winners.

Learner bridge lessons a huge success

We have 32 people signed up to the learner bridge lessons which started on 26 February. This is a huge success for our Club and will bring in a bunch of enthusiastic new members. Of note, 13 learners indicated they found out about the lessons from family and friends. Thanks to Margaret and her helpers for running these sessions. Here's a couple of photos.



Kerr Cup postponed

Unfortunately, we had to postpone going to Kairangi to play the Kerr Cup on 8 March due to not enough Kapi Mana players. We will try again later in the year and try for a Sunday afternoon.

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New people

I mentioned some new members in the last newsletter, here's more detail:

Monday only:

- Tani Blackburn 0274 407 498
- Antoinette Pheasant 027 213 9604
- David Pheasant 021 449 937

Wednesday nights:

- Ian Manawaiti 021 688 530
- Christine Manning 027 326 8219

New fridge

There is a new fridge for drinks due to the old one giving up. Thanks to those who arranged this.

Junior League 2024

The Junior League is a Wellington Region initiative to encourage junior grade players to participate in tournaments. It is open to Junior and Novice grade players. All junior, intermediate and multigrade tournaments are included in the League and players get points according to how they go in the tournaments. Cash prizes are awarded for first, second and third at the Christmas Cheer Tournament in December. This is your change to win some money from playing bridge! Please contact Katherine Gough goughgirl@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Realbridge bidding contest

Some of our members play online bridge on RealBridge. This has a bidding contest each month where players can practice their bidding and get experts' comments, analysis and scores for each bid. At the beginning of each month, a set of eight bidding problems is published and you will have a whole month to decide on your choices and submit an entry. To find out more go to [RealBridge with Real People](#)

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

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