

Orewa Bridge Club

Newsletter

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Hello Everyone

Welcome back to new competitions at the bridge club in 2021. We have every hope that this year will be less disrupted than last, but we must keep ourselves safe as possible by washing hands regularly, using the sanitiser and not coming to bridge if feeling at all unwell.

Thankyou to all who have paid their 2021 subscriptions promptly, there are just a few left to come in.

As you will have (and smelled) the clubrooms walls were painted during the Christmas break. New curtains will be arriving soon. Resulting from this there are 2 landscapes painted by Joy Saunders (Easter) and 2 previously used pinex noticeboards that are available to any member to acquire if they so wish.

Ron Cooper and Christine Boyle have spent a great deal of time reviewing and re-writing the Health and Safety documents that are legal requirements. Ron has written the following to explain:

HEALTH AND SAFETY

As a result of a small fire in the club's kitchen a little over a year ago along with recommendations from NZ Bridge and legal requirements for the building, the committee decided that health and safety required attention. Whilst recognising that there are unlikely to be major problems in the club rooms, we as an employer have legal responsibilities and these helped frame the club's policy and Health and Safety Manual. The club has a duty of care to anyone on its premises and these are stated in the Manual which also lays down the responsibilities of the club (committee) and responsibilities of its members and others in the club, whether working or hiring the club's rooms. The duties of club members are just as important as anyone else using or working in the club and these are stated on page 7 of the 2021Purple Programme Book:

- As some members have impaired vision and may have balance difficulties, it is essential that there are no trip hazards. This is a basic requirement of your responsibilities.
- As some members are elderly and some may be immunocompromised, it is essential you follow the instructions in the Programme Book which requires you not to visit the club if you have ANY contagious disease or ANY respiratory illness.
- In the current Covid pandemic and particularly with the newer, more contagious strains, the above rule becomes even more important.

Best wishes for a successful and pleasant year
Judith Hollyer