

Orewa Bridge Club Newsletter June 2020

Hello Everyone!

Finally I can post a newsletter that has some Bridge Club News!

Welcome to you all, and I hope you have been well, safe and cared for during these unusual times.

The committee met this week to decide on our best course when re-opening the clubrooms once we get to Level 1. A government decision will be announced on Monday 8th June, and if we go to Level 1 at that time, or during that week, we will be in a position to re-open the club.

So – **if, and only if** – we have moved to Level 1 we will have our first walk-in session on **Friday June 12th** at the normal starting time, being seated by 12:15 pm please.

From then on we will move into the bridge calendar as in your books.

Monday 15th will be a single session, before the beginning of the George Spill Memorial trophy on Monday 22nd

Wednesday 17th is the start of the Carol Harnish Pairs

Thursday evening 18th will be the Moana Pairs – now a 2 week competition

Friday 19th is the last of the individual, the Dickson Pairs beginning on the 26th.

We hope you will feel comfortable in returning to clubroom bridge sessions, either next week or sometime in the future, and are looking forward to socialising with everyone again. To be cautious and safe, hand sanitisers will be in the foyer and at many places around the room. Sandy and Colin have very kindly cleaned all the bidding boxes and contents, and the playing cards have been in self – isolation for the last nearly 3 months! We would ask that if you feel even a little unwell that you stay away another week or so.

Perhaps an important thing is that you make contact with your new competition partners to check if they have remembered and are wanting to play or not. And also to give anyone who doesn't have email the information here.

Because of the disruption to our Bridge year it has been decided not to hold the annual Charity Tournament or the Mid-winter Christmas dinner this year. Hopefully we will be able to hold both in 2021. However the normal monthly **Sunday afternoon Tournament will be held on June 28th**.

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Club finances

We were fortunate to start the Lock-down with a healthy current account bank balance: \$7900 as at the end of March. While we are closed the club still has to pay quarterly levies to NZ Bridge, Insurance, website maintenance and also power & phone/internet. These have reduced our bank balance to only \$600 today. Luckily one of our term deposits matures on 25th July so the inevitable cost of going into the red during June will be minimal. We have applied for a small bridging overdraft but, if we get back to bridge on Friday 12th we may be able to avoid drawing it down at all.
Alison Beer

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We look forward to opening next week, but it does depend on our moving to level 1. A short email will be sent on Monday confirming, or cancelling, the Friday 12th start once the government announcement has been made.

Judith Hollyer