



Orewa Bridge Club

DID YOU KNOW?

FEBRUARY 2024

- A reminder that our playing times for Monday, Wednesday & Friday have changed to 1pm. Please be seated by 12.45pm in order for our scorers/directors to set up the electronic scoring
- Our Friday sessions end with drinks. A great chance to relax and catch up with friends at the end of the Bridging week
- We have a Facebook Group — Orewa Bridge Club, check it out for playing tips and other news. See Amanda if you have trouble finding it

BRIDGE ETIQUETTE

- Remember to alert any unusual bids but don't offer an explanation unless asked to by the opposition

COMING UP

- Orewa Tournament, Sat 24th February
- Bridge lessons starting Tuesday 27th February 7 - 9pm & Thursday morning - phone Jenny Robinson for further details 027 212-1222

Hello Everyone

What a wonderful summer we're having, such beautiful days and for most a relief to be playing in an air-conditioned environment. However it does pay to be canny about where you sit, *if* you get a chance to choose, as unfortunately the temperature does vary in differing parts of the room. If sitting north/south warm bloods need to choose tables 10-13 as that is the cooler area, and colder bloods should try for the much warmer north end of the room.

Orewa's tournament on Saturday 24th approaches quickly and I look forward to seeing you there if you are entering. Information and entry form is on the notices board as well as on the NZB website. Entries close on Friday 23rd, so you have a few more days to enter. It is usual for a pair to have a systems card with them at the table, and copies are stored in the left cupboard.

Tuesday evening play for Junior pairs has now begun. Join Jenny Robinson and others for a chance to play and discuss hands. This will run in conjunction with Jenny's lessons that begin on 27th February and the Thursday morning class beginning on the 29th. There are still places available if you have any friends who are interested in learning.

And please remember Juniors and new learners, if you want to Kibitz at a daytime session just speak to the director and they will find a table for you to sit at. (Kibitzing means to sit silently at north or south's shoulder and watch the play)

Are you able to help? As Daphne will be away for a time this year, we will be needing someone(s) to help with the dealing at least temporarily. If you are to help can you speak to Daphne this week please.

This week was the first week of our employing Crest as a contract cleaner to do a weekly clean of the clubrooms. We are expecting the high standard of cleanliness that we are used to remain.

Finally the committee, with regret, has accepted the resignation of Jo Willis from the committee due to her increased travel and work commitments.

Best wishes to all
Judith Hollyer
President

TWO CLUBS - GAME FORCE OPENING BID

There are two categories of hands that qualify for a 2C Game Force Opening.

1. balanced and semi-balanced hands containing 23 or more High Card Points
2. Unbalanced hands in which your High Card Points plus the number of cards in your two longest suits add up to 29 or more.

If you are using either of the above categories the bid does not need to be alerted.

However, if you are NOT using either of the above categories, then the bid needs to be alerted. It is a good idea to discuss this with your partner before playing.

For more partnership communication suggestions, check out page 3 in our programme booklet.