

Orewa Bridge Club February Newsletter

Hello Everyone

OREWA TOURNAMENT 19TH FEBRUARY is CANCELLED.

Sadly the committee has had to make the decision to cancel the upcoming planned tournament. Being under RED, and with omicron spreading it would not be sensible to hold the tournament at this time. Hopefully our October tournament will be able to go ahead.

We have also decided not to hold the monthly Sunday tournaments at the moment, and will wait until we feel comfortable in resuming them.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Continuing on with the covid subject, can we please insist that members use the contact tracer app or manual sign in as they arrive at the club. This is because if there is a contact then we will only have to inform the manual sign in people as the tracer app people will get an automatic response.

On a brighter note...

Tuesday afternoon sessions resume on 8th February, 12:45 to 3:00 pm
Saturday morning sessions resume on 12th February 10:00 to 12:00 Elaine Griffen is the person to contact for any information regarding these sessions.

Daphne Turton continues to welcome anyone who could help her with the dealing machine, please contact her if you can help.

Bridge etiquette:

It is the normal understanding that if a player is partnering a less experienced player the junior partner's system should be played. This is especially important for new members who have just completed lessons and are now playing club sessions.

Yes, it is absolutely important that players should develop systems as their experience increases, but too much, too soon can be overwhelming. Our classes are taught as to NZ bridge guidelines which includes, for example, a 4 card major opening.

Also, if you are playing a 'newbie' pair and are playing systems that require alerts, please give full explanations that can be understood. For example, a 'pass or correct' explanation can mean everything or nothing to your opponents, and a fuller response should be offered when necessary. And all players who are asking after an alert are entitled to a full explanation, and if the first one is not understood then ask again, and again! It is the responder's responsibility to give a full explanation, and not half the story.

(If alerted by the responder the explanation should be what the partnership agreed, and not prefaced by "I'm not sure but I think it means..." as this is giving information to your partner!)

Anyway, it's February and we're still able to play at the clubrooms, long may it continue!

Happy Bridging
Judith Hollyer
President

