



Orewa Bridge Club

DID YOU KNOW?

JANUARY 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

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Amanda Richards who finished 10th in the National Novice Rankings for 2023

COMING UP

- Orewa Tournament, Saturday 24th February
- Bridge lessons starting Tuesday 27th February 7 - 9pm. See Jenny Robinson for further details

Hello Everyone

A warm welcome and best wishes for the 2024 bridge playing year! May you all be healthy, happy and successful at the bridge table.

Just to remind you the first competitions of the year begin from Monday 15th onwards, so I hope you have got your initial partnerships organised and ready to go. (Partnership Communication is a good page to read in your programme book) Note the **new session time of 1pm, players to be seated by 12:45** latest in order for the director and scorers to set up our electronic scoring..

Subscription fees for the year fell due on January 1st, and it would be very helpful if this could be paid promptly as the club has NZ Bridge levies to pay based on membership numbers so we need to be accurate. Thank you to those who have already paid. The fee should be paid into your Compass account, where you load your table money. If you have any queries please see Nicola who can aid you.

As the hot weather and humidity is here the air-conditioning will now be on for the summer months, set at 24 degrees and the windows will be shut. If you feel cold from the air-conditioning please bring 'sleeves' along with you as the majority of members feel more comfortable with the aircon's coolness rather than some days' high humidity levels when there doesn't seem to be a breath of air around. The windows v. aircon debate will always be there of course and we know either decision doesn't please everyone.

Maintenance has been carried out over the break and you will be pleased to see the the pathway from the road to the entrance has been re- laid so as to stop the puddles that needed to be waded through! Thank you to Richard Biggs who carried out the work. The last major maintenance items yet to be done are the replacing of the gables and some more path repairs at the back of the building. And then it is just the constant small jobs that never end... ! (Yes, we are aware of the flickering fluorescent lights and these will fixed very soon.)

At the end of last year Judy Patrick and Elaine Griffith decided to end their long and really appreciated mentoring of members who wished to play in the more relaxed atmosphere of a Tuesday afternoon. The club thanks them for the time and commitment they put in over the years. At the moment the Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning sessions won't be running, but instead there will a chance for recent learners to attend on Tuesday evenings if they wish.

Also, as a way for new players to see what a regular bridge session 'looks like' the committee would like to encourage them to kibbutz* a few sessions as long as the N/S players at the table are agreeable and that no speaking occurs between watcher and players whilst the hand is played - normal rules for kibbutzing.

*Kibbutzing - a bridge term which just means quietly sitting by a table and watching the players bid and play without any interaction from you. (either in person or online)

Lastly, but most certainly not leastly, I would like to sincerely thank Caroline as vice president and the committee for all their work in running the club in my 3 month absence last year. They did sterling work, progressing the club forwards.

Judith Hollyer

President

Congratulations to our 2023 Trophy Winners:

George Spill Memorial Trophy - Fran Joseph & Caroline Goodall

June Stuckey Trophy - Moya Gillespie & Sandra Cooper

Simson Trophy - Judy Tremain & Janice Gillam

Evelyn Page Trophy - Paul Grimmer & Pat Chessum

Winkalotts Trophy - Jeanette Grimmer & Anna Murphy

Presidents Trophy - Sandy Regan & Peter Green