



Orewa Bridge Club

DID YOU KNOW?

JANUARY 2025

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

If you have any queries regarding membership please contact our membership secretary Nicola.

If you need a partner please contact the partner steward for that day, who may be able to help. Details are in the programme booklet

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF YOUR PHONE (or mute) BEFORE PLAYING as a courtesy to club members.

COMING UP

Saturday 8th February

Restricted 8B tournament.

Entry form on noticeboard or enter online at NZ Bridge

Sunday Social Tournament:

Sunday 30th March - please be seated by 12.45pm.

Cost \$10 - includes afternoon tea and refreshments which are provided at end of session

Hello Everyone

Happy New Year to all and let's look forward to a good year's bridge. The new committee is working hard and has some exciting news to share with members.

To begin with though I would like to acknowledge the fabulous Xmas party we enjoyed in December. We had an excellent dinner and entertainment and many thanks are due to all who prepared, ran and cleaned up after this happy event. A hard job that can only run so well with the willingness of committee and some members to give of their time and effort.

The first competitions of the year have started, and whilst we are wanting a friendly vibe in the club, we must be careful to follow rules and directions that allow us to proceed positively. One irritant is that the interruption of the noise of phones and notifications is increasing. Please, it is important that phones are turned off. If there is a reason you need to keep your phone on please speak to the Director of the day .

The committee have decided that air-conditioning will be on for the summer season at a comfortable - for most people - temperature. If you feel the cooler temperature please think about bringing a cardigan and where you choose to sit at the beginning of the session. The 'cooler' areas of the room tend to be on the left side facing North, possibly from tables 8 - 12; the 'warmer' areas at the North tables 14 - 1 and down the right side. If you end up E/W, moving table to table makes it less of an issue.

Our current membership stands at 183 session playing members. This number more accurately reflects our active membership, despite the list of resignations posted that may indicate we have lost members. Actually, apart from the few members that have resigned with reasons, what has happened is Nicola, as Membership secretary, has done an excellent job of tidying up our records and contacted and removed from our data base those who have been on our membership list but never actually played sessions. As we are affiliated to NZ Bridge and pay quarterly fees and table money fees to them based on our membership numbers, we have been paying for non-playing members who are not contributing any table money and therefore we needed to tidy up our data base.

LEARNING and TRAINING SESSIONS 2025

Monday 24th March

Lessons for new members will commence on Monday March 24th at 7pm. Run by Jacque Biggs and members, lessons will run for 11 weeks. Advertising will begin soon, but if you have any friends interested, let them know. Nicola and Judith H can be contacted for any enquiries... Spread the word.

Tuesday 4th February

Tuesday evening sessions commence for Juniors 7 - 9pm. Directed by Caroline in a more gentle duplicate manner. This is open to all Juniors and in particular those 'newer' Juniors looking to build their confidence before going on to participate in the day sessions or Thursday nights.

AND NEW THIS YEAR!

Thursday 20th February

Thursday mornings 10 - 12 will be for learning workshops for different topics and levels of players. Sessions will be \$5 cash and members can join those that they are interested in.

A full schedule showing topics and dates will be published shortly.

We will begin on the 20th with FINDING THE KILLING LEADS for Juniors who are recognising how important a lead can be.

Tip for Juniors

Which long suit should be trumps – mine or partner’s ?

Sometimes both you and your partner have a 6 or 7 card suit with no more than one or two card support for each other. You have bid yours twice, and partner has bid theirs twice and you don’t know where to stop!

Your best chance for a good result is for the suit held in the weaker hand to be trumps.

This is because there are more entries to the long suit in the hand that has the most high card points. The weak hand has fewer entries so that long suit may be stranded, unused, unless it is trumps.

Example: you have:	S 7, H AK9632, D K84, C A73 = 14hcp		
And partner has:	S KQJ987, H 7, D J652, C 82 = 7hcp		
The bidding should go:	<u>You</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>My comment</u>
	1H	1S	
	2H	2S	Partner can add 3 points for the length of the spade suit (1 for the 5 th and 2 for the 6 th card in the suit) and can therefore treat the hand as a 10 count, enabling the sensible spade rebid.
	Pass		

Partner should make 3 S. (This assumes 1 trick from those poor diamonds!)

If you bid on to 3H, partner will pass. On any lead you will go light. You are stranded from partners spade assets . One light at best; three light at worst.

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Happy bridging
Judith Hollyer

Enjoy a Summer High Tea with our Milldale residents

Summerset Milldale is a brand-new village, located close to Silverdale and the Whangaparaoa Peninsula in one of Auckland’s newest and most affordable suburbs. We have a brand-new range of two and three bedroom villas available to move into now.

Plus, for a limited time, we’ll help you every step of the way with no weekly fees for two years. Simply sign a sales application for a selected home between 01 January 2025 and 31 March 2025, and then settle by 30 June 2025.*

Pop along to one of our Summer High Teas in January or February, and meet the residents who call the village home. Enjoy some wonderful food and drinks as they let you in on the lifestyle they enjoy.

“We go for a lot of walks around the Milldale area. There is plenty of variety and I think as it grows it will develop into a great community. There are cycle tracks and walking paths around the perimeter, and lots of open space.”

LES & MARY CAVE, SUMMERSET MILLDALE

Summer High Tea
Every Wednesday in January & February
(Starting from Wednesday 22 January)
10am - 2pm
Summerset Milldale
50 Waiwai Drive, Milldale
Sales suite entrance on Te Taruna Drive



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