

Orewa Bridge Club Inc. Newsletter January 2022

Hello Everyone

Happy New Year to you all, and here is wishing for a full year of bridge at the club for 2022!

As we have missed wishing many members a happy birthday due to lockdown from August 2021 - especially the '0' year ones - the committee wishes to acknowledge all with a cake on Friday January 28th, the first day of the second competition. So that we are aware of everyone who's birthday was 'special', please quietly let me know of any friend who celebrated their birthday during this time.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the running of the dealing system. Daphne Turton will be setting up a roster for those who are able to help after a session, be it once a week or more, and will explain how it all works. Please contact her if you are able to help.

February is becoming a busy month for the club with the following dates to be aware of:

Tuesday 8th February: 12.45 - 3 pm sessions begin.

Saturday 12th February: 10-12 midday sessions begin.

Both of these sessions are more social than competitive, where hands can be discussed. Elaine Griffen is the 'go to person' for any information concerning these sessions.

Tuesday 15th February: 7-9 pm a new series of bridge lessons begin, run by Jacquie Biggs and Jenny Robinson. Please let any of your as yet non-bridge player friends know so they can join the classes. Fees for the class include the full membership subscription for the year.

Saturday 19th February is the Orewa Tournament. The tournament will run whilst under current 'Orange' traffic light requirements. Any change to colour may affect this, but we are hopeful it will proceed as planned.

Last year the committee put out a survey asking for opinions on whether to run a couple of junior and senior competitions alongside each other in order to possibly give junior players more of a chance to gain C points. The survey was interrupted by lockdown, but the number of responses - or not- does clearly indicate this is not a matter of concern to the majority of members so the status quo will remain for the present.

And finally, as it has been quite a while since we have been at the bridge table here is a reminder of a few 'rules':

Only replace bidding cards in boxes AFTER the first lead has been made.

Alert a system bid from your partner with the blue Alert card, but SAY NOTHING. If the opponent to the left of bidder asks then you answer. (The person on the right of the bidder can't ask until it's his turn to bid) If they don't ask, you don't say... because if you just say something automatically like 'he's asking for majors, or it's weak, or even I'm not sure but I think it's weak' you are giving information to your partner and he MAY have made wrong bid and now knows you misunderstood! (And the defence may also know it's a wrong bid from their own hands are deliberately not asking)

Sighing when your partner has made a bid you don't like is giving away information! Try to keep poker face even when it's hard...

Happy Bridging
Judith Hollyer
President

