

Orewa Bridge Club May 2022 Newsletter

Hello everyone

It seems we are almost back to normal at the bridge club, and hope this will stay the same through the winter. We are averaging 11-12 tables at day time sessions at the moment and hope this number may slowly increase as we live with the new 'normal'. We still require that those playing at the clubrooms are vaccinated. Also, if you are feeling even a little unwell or have a slight cough or cold please stay away as we have to be extra vigilant. There is hand sanitiser around the room to be used, and, if you do feel a cough coming on, please cough into your elbow to be safe.

GOOD NEWS:

The committee feel it's time to re-start the last week of the month Sunday tournaments, so we're going ahead this month:

Sunday 29 May

1 session, play begins 1pm, be seated by 12:45

Entrance fee: \$7

Wine and nibbles at close of play.

Bridge lessons:

Jenny Robinson and Jacqui Biggs have been running bridge classes with a large group of enthusiastic players, and we are pleased to be seeing many of them at club sessions. Well done to all.



The committee has decided that there will be no mid -winter Christmas lunch this year BUT has committed to a full-on Christmas dinner in early December, just like we used to have pre-pandemic.

Bridge rules:

Just a reminder... You shouldn't offer what a bid your partner has made means (eg that's weak etc) nor should you explain what your alert is for IF your opponents haven't asked for explanation..... because you might be giving your partner information that you've maybe misunderstood his bid. Also, if opponents do ask about a bid and you aren't sure, you should say 'don't know' or 'not discussed' rather than 'not sure but I think...' which is giving your partner information that you might be misunderstanding his bid. If you do know, however, you must give a full explanation to the opponent asking

Unless you are playing Benji convention which means 2D is game force, a 2C opening must have the following:

2C = Game Force

a) 23+ points, or

b) very strong unbalanced, with points+ total cards of 2 longest suits = 29

eg A,K,Q,J, XX Spades

A,K,Q, X, Hearts

J X, X Diamonds

So 20 points, but not able to call 2NT as no clubs. But can call 2C as have 6 spades + 4 hearts = 10, therefore have 20+10 = 30.

2d is the usual game try response with 0-7 points, and any other bid means 8+ points and slam is possible.

Anyway, happy bridging to you all

Judith Hollyer

ps. So... I decided that the afternoon tea cloths needed a freshen up so was going to take them home to wash, and told people I'd do it over Easter weekend.... then forgot to take them home. Never mind, I'd do it the following weekend. Judy, the tea lady, bundled them up for me ready on the Friday...and I forgot to take them home... Thought about it the next day, went to the club to get them to find they'd disappeared. Thank you for coming to the rescue Eileen, we now have lovely clean and fresh cloths on the tables.