

Orewa Bridge Club Newsletter May 2023

Hello Everyone

It is pleasing to see more tables at the daily sessions as winter is approaching and playing bridge on a wet afternoon seems to be a very good thing to be doing!

As the programme guides, which have to be set and sent to printers after the AGM, seem to be coming out a little late for most of us the committee had to find a solution to the problem. Which is... move the AGM to an earlier date so that compilation and printing of the book can be earlier. But in order for this to occur the club's constitution has to be slightly amended, and for this occur a quorum of members must agree. So, an email will be sent to all members in the next few days explaining everything, and all members will be asked to do is press 'reply' with a YES or NO.

Whilst the communication for changing the constitution is online the AGM will continue to be an in-person meeting. Hopefully we will be able, with consent achieved from members to amend the constitution, to hold the AGM on Friday 15 September instead of Friday 17th November as currently listed in your book. Then we can begin the process of printing 2024's programme books. The yearly programme will continue to run from January to December as at present.

Recently the outside paths, seats, building and roof have been given a commercial clean and are now looking pristine. Internal windows will be cleaned soon. Also, we have had the flower bed at the front of the building tidied, and we are trying to keep the grounds to a standard we would like. We are reliant however on council mowing and times are variable, with the weather not helping at all.

Tuesday evening bridge lessons are continuing with over 20 people regularly attending each week. With only four weeks left to go this looks promising for us to see many new players joining our sessions from mid-year on. Thank you to Jenny, Bridget and all of the people involved in the sessions.

In your programme book it shows Midwinter Lunch on Sunday June 18 - book it in your diary! The committee has decided to have the function early evening rather than lunch time this year. Cost will be \$25 for 2 course meal, with partners welcome.

And, sadly, whilst we are not interested in making our Sunday end of month tournament run at a profit we can't run at a loss. We do wish to keep the afternoon tea and wine as part of the day so we will have to raise the cost \$10. Thank you to everyone who came the end of April tournament and who made a donation. The money has been sent for assisting the Hawkes Bay.

Judith Hollyer
President