

Hello Everyone

As the 'Orange' no longer exists there are no restrictions on masks. Members are free to wear or not wear masks as they prefer... as we have been running for a while now. Unvaccinated members are now welcomed back to play at the club.

The cashless tables system is going well, and the monthly update email to members is great to keep us all informed as to the state of our balance. The Sunday tournament, which will be on the 25th September, still requires you to pay with \$7 cash though please.

Speaking of tournaments, the Orewa combined 3A/5B tournament will be running on Sunday October 30. This is the first time we have been able to host a full tournament since pre covid so it is nice to get back to normality.

Another competition that is returning is the New Zealand wide pairs held on a Friday evening in early November. I am pleased to say that Warkworth bridge club, who have historically run this event (and who are well known for their drinks and nibbles at the event) are going to run it again this year. Information will soon be available.

We are looking for people with computer/ technological skills to assist the running of the club. If you are interested and can give some time, can you please let me know.

Bridge Comment:

Alerts

If a bid is unusual, it must be alerted using the blue card, not with a verbal explanation straight away. If the next bidder does not ask then nothing is said. The opponent's partner cannot ask until it is his turn to bid. At the end of the bidding if alert has not been queried before, the opponents have the opportunity when lead is given face down and player says 'any questions'.

If a jump bid is unusual then it must be alerted. If it is not alerted it is taken to be a standard weak pre-emptive bid. If the bid is not alerted, and you feel disadvantaged after play has ended then you can call the director.

Happy Bridging

Judith