

Orewa Bridge Club Newsletter April 2022

Hello Everyone,

I hope you had a pleasant Easter especially as the weather remained so pleasant.

Anzac Day is next Monday, but this is NOT a holiday bridge session, but week 4 of the Monday Champs so look forward to seeing you then.

Cashless Table Money

From 1st August this year we will be paying for our table money online.

From that date you will all be asked to pay for your table money in lump sums credited to a special club bank account. All the details will be given to you in July but the essence of the process will be:

- * All members will have a Table Money account that you can access through our website.
 - * Every time you play bridge your account will be debited with \$3.00. This will be done automatically as an extension to our Compass scoring system.
 - * You will pay by making direct credits to our Table Money bank account and these credits will be allocated, by the computer system, to all the individual accounts. You can pay as much as you like each time - but in lumps of no less than \$20.
 - * You will be able to monitor your balance, but as a backup, you will be told by automatic e.mail, if you need to top up your account.
 - * Assistance in setting up will be given to all members who need it.
 - * Members who are unable to pay online will still be able to pay their \$3.00 table money in cash but, from 1st August, we will be asking you to pay in bulked up instalments of at least \$20 at a time. To help us run the new system smoothly, we are going to test-run it using our 13 committee members as guinea pigs. This test run will start on Monday 2nd May - from which time the committee will pay table money into their online accounts instead of in cash.
- Alison Beer and Nicola Timms are the team responsible for implementing this new process.

At the moment the committee has decided to continue with the status quo with regard to the running of the club sessions, as we feel it is a little too early to return to pre- covid days. This means that we won't be resuming the Sunday afternoon tournaments at the moment, and we still require people to be vaccinated to attend clubroom sessions. The committee will reconsider its position at its regular monthly meeting, as, hopefully, we seem to be slowly moving towards 'normality'!

Bridge Etiquette:

It is VERY important that you count your cards at every table as you arrive, before you look at them and regardless of the fact that your 3 companions may well have counted theirs. Different scenarios can occur:

Very occasionally the dealing machine puts 14 cards in one hand and 12 in another, which needs to be sorted out at the first table.

The card containers can on occasion become loose and a solitary card can float to the floor unobserved.

A card from dummy gets picked up with the opponent's cards. All of these scenarios can be rectified if you count your cards !!

Also please make your initial lead with your card FACE DOWN, to avoid lead from wrong side.

As we move into autumn hopefully a few more members will feel like returning to the club to play.

Regards

Judith Hollyer

ps Liz Field has temporarily forgotten to whom she lent 'The Man who died Twice' to. If it's you could you let her know!