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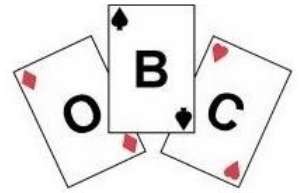
Our Friday sessions end with drinks. A great chance to relax and catch up with friends at the end of the Bridging week.

We have a Facebook Group – Orewa Bridge Club. Check it out for playing tips and other news. See Amanda if you have trouble finding it.

If you need a partner, please contact the partner steward for that day, who may be able to help you. Details are in the programme booklet.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF (or mute) YOUR PHONE BEFORE PLAYING as a courtesy to club members.**

# Orewa Bridge Club



April 2026 Newsletter

Well, it is officially Autumn and hopefully we can look forward to some cooler nights.

Our sessions are going well, with an average of 14 tables in the daytime sessions. Tuesday evenings for Juniors are averaging 7 tables. This is a more relaxed session than the daytime ones and remember you don't need a partner, just come along and we will find you one. We would love to see more players on a Thursday evening, great atmosphere and we usually finish around 10pm. If you need a partner, please contact the partner steward (this can be found in the programme book). Our piggy-back session for Juniors on a Friday has been successful, and it is great to see some of our newer players participating in this.

Beginner lessons have started. A big thanks to Jenny Robinson and her team for all their efforts in making this a success.

Congratulations to Costy who has become the president of the Romanian Society. This has resulted in his resignation from the committee. We wish him well in his new role.

The new name badges will be available shortly. If you have ordered one you will receive an invoice with payment instructions.

Table money – a reminder to keep your account topped up. At the end of each month, you will receive a statement showing deposits and withdrawals. Payment is to be made to our 01 account.

Seating rights – some of our players require seating rights due to health issues and sometimes this means you may be asked to move by the director. Please be considerate and comply with the request.

Teams – just a reminder about our Teams event starting on Friday 22 May. Each team is to consist of no more than one senior/open player and at least one junior player. This is to make it fairer for everyone and hopefully a more enjoyable experience for all. If you are unsure about someone's grading; there is a list on the noticeboard.

There have been some questions asked recently about handicaps and how they are worked out. We are currently working on this and hope to have an explanation soon.

Cath Boughtwood





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Alison's Tips:

How to play A tricky but common suit combination

You are Declarer and this is your trump suit: AJT653

Sadly, dummy has only one small card in it, the 4. So you can't finesse twice. How should you play it?

You should aim to make 4 tricks (there is only one combo that will allow you to make five, namely KQ in one hand and 9874 in the other). Probability experts say that the best way to make 4 tricks from this holding is to simply play A first and then a small card. Don't touch the J or T.

Explanation: The most likely division is 4-2 (48% of the time, versus 36% for 3-3, 15% for 5-1 and 1% for 6-0)...and, The K & Q will be in separate hands 52% of the time. Thus an honour will often fall on your rag on the 2nd round. You can then use the J or T to draw the last one.

If in No Trumps you will need two outside entries to the hand of course.  
 Alison Beer



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