

DID YOU KNOW

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.

Junior Bridge on Tuesdays – open to juniors at all levels. Please be seated by 6.45pm. Finishes approx. 9.30pm. No partner needed

Learning & Development lessons on Thursday 10am – 12pm. Topics covered will be on whiteboard and Facebook page

Beginner lessons will start on Thursday 7th August 1 – 3pm

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



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Orewa Bridge Club



August 2025

Well, it is still winter with low temperatures and lots of rain! Hopefully Spring is just around the corner.

Congratulations to all those who took part in the recent North Harbour Teams Challenge held at Warkworth Bridge Club. Our club has won the challenge for this year. Well done to Caroline Goodall, Sandy Regan, Jenny Robinson, Barbara Fitzgerald, Judith Hollyer, Kath Anderson, Joan Gordon, Gil Jury, Costi Enache, Sarah Rees, Bronwyn Walker and Jeanette Beehre.

Something new – we will be posting the monthly Auckland Northland Regional Committee monthly newsletters on our website (under the News tab). Lots of news from around the region, definitely worth a read.

Also starting this month, lessons for those that want to develop their play by learning some conventions. Suitable for anyone with more than 2 years session play experience. Friday 29th August at 10.30-12.00 to learn about Multi2's Tartan 2's and unusual 2's. Cost \$5
Tip – if you are playing in the Friday session afterwards, bring your lunch.

It has been suggested that Orewa might host the Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs on Friday 17th October. The event starts at 7pm and there will be a light supper provided. What is it? An invitation to all affiliated clubs to run a heat of this year's event. The surplus generated from this event will be applied this year to Youth Bridge in New Zealand and for the benefit of affiliated clubs to help grow the game. This event gives players the opportunity to take part in a national event at their own club. Each club produces its own results but the X-Club Team almost instantaneously produce across the field scores to find national winners, both overall and for Restricted Open, Intermediate, Junior and Novice grades. All players receive after play, as part of the entry fee, a booklet discussing each hand played in detail. As per the last 3 years, this event is sponsored by Loveblock Wines, a Marlborough organic wine producer of quality wines. Prizes will be 2- pack bottles of wine, one pack per player. Cost is \$20. Before we apply to host, we need to know the level of interest from club members. Please register your interest by filling in the form on the noticeboard.

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TIP FOR IMPROVERS

Partner has pre-empted – should you bid game?

Quick Tricks are more important than your high card points. Let's say partner opens 3S and you have a good hand:

Hand a)	S	Q6	You should PASS
	H	AQ3	
	D	KJ86	
	C	QJ98	
Hand b)	S	86	You should BID 4S
	H	A9754	
	D	AK3	
	C	A42	

Both hands have 15 hcp but on Hand a) you have only one quick trick whereas on Hand b) you have 4. These quick tricks buy you more time to establish your trumps. **My guideline for raising to a 4 level game is at least two trumps and three quick tricks.**

Sometimes you will have a good hand but none of your partner's long suit, or only one. IT IS USUALLY WRONG TO BID 3NT. The 7 card suit is your most valuable asset. Bid game in the pre-empt suit with an abundance of Quick Tricks in the other 3 suits. Without these you should pass.

Other times you will have ample trump support but few points. **With 6 or less points it will usually be a winning move to raise partner to game because your opponents will have Game.** Depending on the vulnerability you can go two or three light doubled for a better score. If we are all vulnerable and my partner has opened 3S, I would raise to 4 spades with:

Hand c)	S	9863	BID 4S
	H	5	
	D	32	
	C	KQ7652	

But with more than 6 points your opponents may not have game. Let them overbid!

These weak hands deserve just as much thought as strong ones!!

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