

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 have any queries regarding membership, please contact our membership secretary Nicola Timms

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

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

COMING UP

Improver lessons – on Thursdays
10am – 12pm

Sunday Social Tournament:

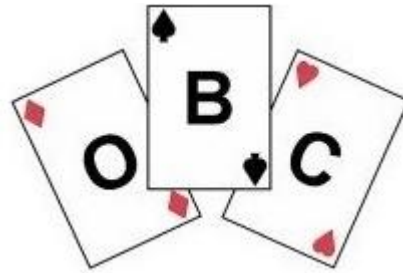
Sunday 30th March – please be seated by 12.45pm.

Cost \$10 – includes afternoon tea and refreshments which are provided at end of session.

Orewa Bridge Club



February 2025



Hello Everyone,

Our tournament went off very well on the 8th February with 19 tables entered. Our club managed to do well with session prizes for Gil and Dianne and Alison and Kath; Cath and Lynda won the Junior/ Junior section and Peter and myself third overall. Many thanks to Daphne for dealing the boards, Bridget for arranging prizes, Sandra and Leslee for scoring, Tony Morcom for directing and Caroline, Bronwyn, Cath, Kevin and Jo for the wonderful afternoon tea and help in the kitchen. We have received many compliments for the day from visiting players, which is great for the club.

Other good news... we are gradually replacing all the cards in the bidding boxes as the existing ones were getting very shabby, especially the PASS cards. At present we have put out the initial sets, which slide wonderfully across the table! The rest will be replaced over the next few weeks.

Also the tables are being refurbished with new underlay, and new Forest Green cloths on top. Hopefully all will be completed by the end of March.

Please be more vigilant in turning your phones off BEFORE play starts. Nobody at the tables should be using a phone during the sessions unless previously agreed to by the director in cases of emergency.

A reminder that our Thursday morning Learning sessions are from the 20th February onwards, 10- midday. These sessions are the NZB development course, but rather than charge the \$70 join up for the whole course, we are choosing to run it as a drop in for those sessions that interest you at \$5. We started with Effective Leads on the 20th and will be looking at Signals and Discards on the 27th followed by Stayman/Transfers for 2 weeks. A full schedule of topics and dates will be posted on the club notice board and on our Facebook page.

As with everything, prices are increasing. The running costs for the club - rates, insurances, utilities, maintenance costs etc. are higher than they have been. And NZ Bridge have now also increased their charge for Masterpoints and % of table money. Luckily our club is in a healthy enough financial situation that we are, for the present, able to



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keep our table money at \$5 and our subscription at a reasonable level.

Beginner lessons run by Jacque Biggs will begin on Monday 24th March at 7pm. If you know of anyone interested, please contact Nicola or myself for further information.

Fouled Boards and scoring.

A letter was received by the committee concerning this matter and after discussion, the decision made is that the director will make a decision as to % to be allocated at time of play, SKIP may be entered to allow continuance of play but score will be adjusted at the end of the session. Thus, SKIP will not show on final score but adjusted score will.

A couple of gentle reminders. Bidding cards **MUST** be left on the table until the FACED DOWN initial lead has been played. Also, the score must be agreed by all players **BEFORE** cards are tidied away. Please don't be too hasty in moving your cards as it can lead to unnecessary disagreements.

Judith Hollyer

TIP FOR JUNIORS – BIDDING A SLAM

On Friday 7th Feb, Board 12, West was the dealer and the North-South pair had these cards:

North 16hcp	♠ 3	With a combined 33 hcp they should <u>definitely</u> be aiming to bid a small slam, but of the 15 N/S pairs only 5 did.
	♥ AQ65	
	♦ QT4	
	♣ AKJT2	
South 17hcp	♠ KQ82	Playing 6NT was easy as you can see. But how should you have bid it?
	♥ KT	
	♦ AK98	
	♣ Q74	

- There was no bidding from either west or east. **North opens with 1C.**
- **South's bid is 1D.** *South should NOT worry about showing their strength at this stage.* The change of suit from 1C to 1D is always forcing. The most important thing for South to know is how strong partner is. Partner will tell you with their rebid:
- **North's best rebid is 2H.** This bid is one level higher than the minimum rebid of 1H, and thereby announces a hand that is 3 or more points higher than a minimum; generally 15 -18hcp.
- South, with a double stop in both spades and diamonds, now knows that, provided there are not two aces missing, 6NT will probably be the best contract. South now uses whichever ace asking method they are using to ensure that partner has at least two aces.
- Partner does, so South bids 6NT.

In general, please remember this:
Holding all the aces and all the kings guarantees only 8 tricks in No Trumps. You need 4 more tricks to make a small slam.
Whether or not you have those is your job to find out by bidding carefully for the first two rounds of bidding.

Alison Beer, Feb 2025

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