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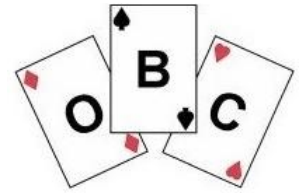
Our Friday sessions end with drinks. A great chance to relax and catch up with friends at the end of the Bridging week.

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



## February 2026 Newsletter

The year has begun well with competitions generally moving along smoothly. The odd issues we have had with the scoring system are being understood and addressed. Luckily this system is forgiving and easier to correct.

**Please do not turn off your tablets at the end of a session or if need resetting.**

This is something that has been identified as causing an issue such as occurred recently.

On February 8th we ran a very successful tournament with 20 tables competing. We have had very positive feedback from those who attended from other clubs who enjoy our comfortable clubrooms and an excellent afternoon tea to finish off the day. Congratulations to all our club members who entered and also to Neil Rhodes and Gil Jury, Alison Beer and Judy Tremain, Corrine Evans and Nicola Timms, Bronwyn Walker and John Dare, Dianne Dowthwaite and Pat Chessum, Costy Enache and Kaye Main, Barbara Fitzgerald and Caroline Goodall, Carol Harpur and Sally Evenett who all were placed in the top 5 or won a session prize. A big thank you to all involved in the organisation of the day.

Daphne is looking for volunteers to help with the dealing. If you are able to give her a little time please contact her.

A reminder that Beginners Lessons are starting Thursday March 5th 1-3 pm. If you know anyone thinking of learning please get them to contact Jenny Robinson.

There will be a Pizza Night at the club following play on Friday March 13th. Further details will come but save the date in your diary.

As you can see the flower bed outside is being totally re-modelled by Martin Wren who has been hard at work preparing for planting as autumn comes. A big thank you to Martin for his time and organisation.

We are happy to welcome some new members to the club - Valerie Burgess, Rosemary Taylor, Rosemary Simpson and Janet Craig. We wish them good bridging at Orewa.

The committee had decided to introduce a new name badge from March this year. It is a resin dome badge with magnet. You may continue using the existing badge or you may order a new one. The cost for the new ones is \$14.50 but if you place your order by 20<sup>th</sup> March the badge will be subsidised by the Club and will only cost \$8.





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Friday – Saturday 8.00am – 4.30pm

There is a sheet in the middle of the club rooms if you wish to put your name down. There is also a sample of the badge that we will be getting.

Judith Hollyer

Alison's Tips:

“HESITATIONS – IT’S CALLED THINKING!!”

This is what a top New Zealand player, administrator and teacher (Alan Turner QSM) said to a Directors’ class I attended many years ago. What followed was his excellent summary of the Laws and NZ Bridge Guidance on Hesitations. I have checked that it still reflects the current Law (it does) and recite it here (The bolding etc is Alan’s):

“A player is entitled to hesitate in the course of the bidding

- They may be marshalling their thoughts
- Considering previous bidding
- Remembering the system notes, etc

However, they may not hesitate to try and suggest possibilities to partners or opponents;

A hesitation is **NOT ILLEGAL** and **no player can be accused of hesitating!**

It is not a crime except for trying to suggest something to partner However, **the partner of the player who has hesitated is in the spotlight!**

If they choose an action that could have been suggested by their partner’s hesitation they have then committed an offence; In other words, their action must be beyond reproach and clearly indicated by their hand rather than partner’s hesitation.

The best way to judge if this action is OK is to ask this simple question: **‘Would 75% of players of their peer group take the same action?’**

If the answer is **YES** then they **have not** been influenced by the hesitation

If the answer is **NO** then they **have been** influenced by the hesitation In the latter case then you as Director will adjust the score”

If your opponent has clearly hesitated their partner does NOT have to pass.

If you are fearful that a disadvantage may result, you should reserve the right to summon the Director later. Don’t wait until the hand is over to raise concerns. (In Open Tournaments that I play in, it is common for a player to simply say “can we agree that there was a hesitation?” The reserving of rights is implicit.)

Alison Beer

