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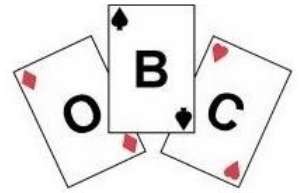
Our Friday sessions end with drinks. A great chance to relax and catch up with friends at the end of the Bridging week.

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



January Newsletter

Welcome back to a new year of Bridge. We wish all members a peaceful, healthy and successful bridging year!

We finished off 2025 with an excellent Xmas dinner, enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to all committee and members who contributed to the preparation, running and clearing up of the event, and to Alan McQuoid for running the bar.

As you will have noticed, over the Christmas period we have upgraded drainage around the club entranceway, which was very fortuitous considering the rain we've recently experienced. The building had a soft wash, thank you Kevin Pengelly, and Martin Wren is doing great things with the flower bed at the entrance. A big thank you also to him.

Can I remind anyone who has not yet paid their subs to do so in January. Remember the payment is not to the table money account (01 suffix to account) but to 12-3046-0210584-00. Also in January, can all existing members make sure they have signed the membership acceptance form available at the clubrooms.

NZ Bridge is emphasising the need for us all to follow bridge etiquette at the table promoting a zero policy for inappropriate comments at the table, which would result in penalty to the offender. At Orewa we don't want to go that far but want to promote, actually insist on, kindness to all players of all levels, partners and opponents, at the table. Please look at the table etiquette rules written on the table number card, and the statements written in your Bridge book to reacquaint yourself with comments. If you do feel that a member is behaving in a way at the table that is 'affecting my ability to enjoy my bridge' please do make a written comment to the committee so that something can be done. If we don't know we can't fix it. A code of conduct for the Orewa club is displayed on the notice board.

Our tournament is on Sunday 8th February 8B Restricted, 2 session \$30. We are almost full so please enter soon if you want to play, either on club noticeboard or online.

Our Sunday afternoon one session tournaments will commence on the last Sunday of the month from March onwards. Jenny Robinson and team will be running Beginners Lessons starting on Thursday 5th March on a Thursday afternoon. Please spread the word to any friends you think might be interested. It is planned that evening Beginners Lessons will be run later in the year. Beginning at our next Friday competition (the Hillary Square Pairs) starting February 13 we will be running in parallel two tiers of





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competition. We are inviting novice and Junior players of around 2 years or less experience who are a little apprehensive in playing a session against more experienced players, to play in their own competition alongside the regular session. An 'A' competition and "B" competition if you like, scored separately. Junior members are able to choose the group they wish to join; it is meant to try and help build experience and confidence. So, for members who have recently finished lessons, this is a good introduction to afternoon play.

Please be aware there is an error in our Bridge books that needs amending. On page 13, in the Friday programme, please note Friday Championship Pairs start on Oct 9th (not 16th)

A couple of reminders: It's a good idea to confirm with your partner before the beginning of new competition, we've had a few mix ups already!

Whilst there are 3 disabled parking spaces to the side of the carpark there is only one disabled park facing the clubroom entrance. The other space needs to be left free for members entering the club, and, importantly for access should an ambulance ever be necessary. We accept the marking on the ground is not totally clear with a NP sign, but also the remains of yellow disabled logo. This will be sorted out. Also, the committee recognises that we are needing a greater number of spaces closer to the entrance, so can we ask the more ambulatory of our members to park further away from the entrance to leave spaces for those who need them.

Judith Hollyer

Alison's Tips: DEFENCE TIP FOR JUNIORS – WHEN NOT TO DUCK WITH AN ACE ! I have noticed that many juniors are too eager to lead their Aces but too slow to take them when declarer is leading that suit. Aces should definitely not be squandered and it is often correct to hold them up. However, here are 3 common situations when, holding an Ace in a suit that declarer has just led, you should *usually* NOT duck:

1. In the course of the bidding someone (anyone) has shown a 7+ card suit, or
2. Opened or overcalled with a bid that shows two 5+ card suits. In both these cases declarer's lead may well be a singleton, so it could be now or never.
3. YOU KNOW that you can take a damaging number of tricks in another suit. In this case you should grab the Ace and get on with it, before declarer can get on with his/her plan

