

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

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The move to the Bridge NZ system went live over last weekend and is going very well.

A big thank you to Paul Baldwin who has overseen this transfer, and all of the team who have worked under his direction. The reason a few of the scoring tablets have had to have an adjustment at the beginning the session is purely because they are older and can't manage an automatic update ... I know the feeling! We are purchasing some new tablets which will arrive at the end of the week for daily use, but we will keep some of the older ones for use if necessary. Your table money balance has been successfully transferred from your Compass wallet and you will soon receive an email balance. If this balance is incorrect please let Paul Baldwin know. Please now make sure you are in credit by paying into the account you have always used. Part of the information given to us by NZ Bridge in respect of writing the new constitution was the need to document our future strategy and processes to achieve this. They have given us a NZ Bridge Toolkit to follow and a lot of work is ongoing by members of the committee to achieve this.

This year it has been like a Pandora's Box! The club now has to follow the legal requirements of a small business. We have realised that much of what we have done in the past, which has worked perfectly well for us as people who just enjoy playing an afternoon/evening of Bridge, but might not have been technically correct, is no longer acceptable. For example, we have picked up by changing to Bridge NZ and updating our databases that we have been paying levies to NZ Bridge for five people who are no longer playing at the club!

As a club we have been very fortunate in our sponsorship this year. The new tablets, the afternoon tea at the end of Sunday tournament play, the garage carpeting raffle and the new tablecloths have all been paid for with sponsorship money. We are very grateful to Summerset Milldale, Campbell Cave, Paper Plus Orewa, GDR Builders, Forrest Funerals, Harrison's Flooring, Move by Design, Print Studio, Vino Restaurant Orewa, Triton Hearing Orewa, North Harbour Painters, Amanda's Nutrimetrics and Connoisseur Kitchens. I would also like to thank Mary McQuoid, Bronwyn Walker and Cath Boughtwood for their work in this area.

Even though we had a mid-month Sunday tournament we are still holding the end of month one at the usual time of 12:45 for 1pm start, \$10.

Finally, we offer our sincere condolences to family and friends of Fran Joseph, a long time club member, who passed this month.

Judith Hollyer



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Tip on Declarer Play - **It is best to lose inevitable losers early**

You are in 3NT. The Jack of spades is led.

You have 25 points and Dummy has a nice 6 card suit. You can count on 1 spade trick, 2 hearts and 2 clubs. That's 5 so you need at least 4 tricks from diamonds. Setting up these should be your first priority.

Dummy:	♠ Q63 ♥ 96 ♦ AK8753 ♣ K6 (12)	
♠ JT97 ♥ QT52 ♦ Q42 ♣ T7 (5)		♠ A52 ♥ J743 ♦ J9 ♣ A982
Declarer:	♠ K84 ♥ AK8 ♦ T6 ♣ QJ543 (13)	

First, play low from dummy on the JS lead. East will duck. Take this with your K (in case East has Ax alone).

You are going to have to concede one diamond trick. *(Whenever you have 8 cards in a suit, 68% of the time the other 5 cards will fall 3-2).*

DO THIS NOW by playing low cards from both hands on the first round of diamonds. You will now have a sure entry to your long suit with your second diamond.

DO NOT play AD then KD then lose one. If you do, you will make only 7 tricks against proper defence. East will hold up the spade ace until it captures your spade queen, likewise East will play the club ace only when the King is under it.

Alison Beer (happy to discuss declarer play questions with you any time. Just ask).



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