

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

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

COMING UP

Sunday Social Tournament:

Sunday 25th May – please be seated by 12.45pm.

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



Orewa Bridge Club



May 2025

Hello Everyone

Well, we're halfway through May already so the committee is already planning the Mid- Winter Christmas Dinner! This will be on Sunday 15th June from 5 pm. We will be putting out the booking sheet soon and will be keeping the numbers to 80, so make sure you add your name(s). Cost is \$20 per person, and partners are welcome.



This Sunday (25th May) is the end of month tournament. \$10, be seated by 12:45pm and afternoon tea at end of play.

A couple of months ago the committee was pleased to vote to create two new life members. Neils Olsen and Heather Moore are both very long serving members, and we wish them many more afternoons' play. Many non-committee members quietly help the club to keep running smoothly, from the directors and scorers, dealers, catering, gardening etc. I would like to thank Sandy who arrives early to open up for sessions, and who also opens the clubrooms when we have outside bookings. She has been doing this for quite a while, and it is appreciated. I would also like to thank Kath Clark who is taking over the gardening duty.

The first series of Improvers Lessons that were running on a Thursday morning has now finished and I am pleased to say that Jenny Robinson is going to continue with Learning and Development by running lessons on what members want to learn and revise. Again, it will be a 'drop in' so any member can attend a session that interests them and not others. Jenny will publish the weekly topic on Facebook and on the whiteboard in the club rooms. Cost is \$5 per session.

Nicola Timms tendered her resignation from the committee, and this was accepted.

There has been a few hiccups with the scoring system recently resulting in late posting of results. This has been looked at, and hopefully all is now running smoothly.

The new constitution is almost ready for publication to members and once that has been done a very short special general meeting will be called for members to vote on its acceptance. It is important we get this done, and, although strategy and processes should have been set before constitution, they have proved to be a stumbling block and are requiring time to work through. All will be well, and the current committee members are committed to providing the club and committee members

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after the AGM in September with a strong, legal base with all requirements covered, from which the club can move into the future. If any of you have read the Hibiscus Matter article on the new requirements for the Constitution and have gone to our website to view ours you'll notice the one showing is 2001! There has been a later one, but that was not registered and now has to be. So yes, we are aware and are sorting it all. Please read the article and you'll see why this is such a task.

As winter approaches, we wish everyone good health. If you are feeling a little unwell please stay away until you're better.

Also, for your information, we do have an emergency first aid kit if you need a paracetamol or a plaster. Just see the director.

Judith Hollyer

Alison's tip

HINT FOR IMPROVERS – WHEN TO PRE-EMPT AND WHEN NOT TO.

This hint comes from Michael Ware. Michael has represented NZ on world bridge stages many times and won countless NZ Pairs and Teams Championships. So when he gives a hint I'm keen to follow it.

This one: **Do not pre-empt if you hold two Aces.**

Examples

1. ♠76, ♥AJT632, ♦8, ♣A543

2. ♠JT97654, ♥A6, ♦A8, ♣54

Understandably you may want to open the first hand with 2 hearts and the second with 3 spades. **Better not to** because you may shut down the bidding before your optimum contract is reached. You should mark time by opening the first hand 1 heart and the second hand with 1 spade!! Remember my hint on valuing long suits? (To your hcp count, add 1 point for the 5th card in a suit and 2 points for the 6th, 7th etc). Hand 1 is worth 12 points and hand 2 is worth 14 points. Opening ONE is fine. Just be sure to rebid honestly. If you can't bring yourself to open 1 spade on hand 2, then Pass!! You will get another chance to show your spades because the deal is highly distributional and, therefore, someone will open it, enabling you to bid those spades at an appropriate level.

Alison Beer

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