

COMING UP

Sunday 31st May – Sunday Social Tournament \$10; includes afternoon tea. Please be seated by 12.45pm

Mid Winter Dinner – Sunday 14th June starting at 5pm. Cost \$20 per person. Partners very welcome. Payment is due by 10th June. Numbers are limited, so make sure not to miss out.

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

Orewa Bridge Club



May Newsletter

It's the end of the month already so it's our afternoon tournament this Sunday 31st, \$10 entry, be seated by 12:45pm. Afternoon tea and wine at end of play.

The Mid-Winter Xmas Dinner list is on the centre table. Please add your name(s) and \$20 soon. So that we can cater efficiently the cut-off date for putting your name down will be Wednesday June 10th.

Evening beginners' lessons are commencing on Monday 22 June 7-9 pm. If you have any friends or family who may be interested please let them know.

Congratulations to Caroline and Jenny (1st) and Mike and Sue Spence (2nd) at recent East Coast Bays Tournament, and Rosa Crighton and Neil Rhodes who won at Whangarei.

Our Bridge handicaps are changing regularly, based on the amount of times we play and the scores achieved. So, it has been decided that we will publish handicaps every two months so that members are able to track their personal handicap.

Some players competing in the Teams competition have found it difficult to find the published scores. Please remember to click on the TEAMS button rather than the PAIRS when looking in Results.

The committee have been very busy doing the 'behind the scenes' tasks that have to be achieved to keep the club running. As overheads and expenses are constantly rising from electricity to insurances and NZB fees etc we are stocktaking, computing running costs and setting up budgets to see exactly where we stand, to be able to meet the costs that aren't always apparent. Two things we are in the midst of sorting are purchasing some more stools to place by tables and investigating replacement of chairs.

The club website is being completely re-built to bring it into the 21st century. There have been many, many hours of expertise spent in building the new site which will have everything we need (and more). Many thanks to Janice who has used her skills to provide the club with this site. The final tweaks are being completed, and it will soon be up and running for members to use.





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A medical policy has been asked for by some members and one has been written by two health professionals with affiliation to the club. This policy is attached and will also be displayed on the noticeboard. Can we also remind members that we have many vulnerable players so that it is best to stay home if you have a cough or cold.

Finally, a couple of bridge matters:

Please, please call the director for any infringement. This is not a punishment(!) this is the correct process to determine play. Also, when the director arrives the person who calls explains the query and then answers any questions the director may ask. Everyone else should be silent unless asked by the director.

The NZB rules state that the 2 club bid is either:

a) 23+ points

b) the rule of 29 20 points plus 9 cards in 2 longest suits.

If you are opening 2 clubs for any game force hand which do meet the above criteria then partner should alert.

Alison's tips this month are helpful hints for playing teams.

Judith Hollyer



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OREWA BRIDGE CLUB ETIQUETTE

Give credit when opponents make a good bid or play.

Do not criticize your partner or opponents in public or gloat over good results.

Greet your opponents prior to start of play on each table.

Do not give advice to players (particularly new players) on their bidding or play unless requested.

Dummy must not make any comments or hints during play other than to ask declarer when they fail to follow suit, if they have a card of that suit or to try to prevent an irregularity by declarer.

If you encounter bad behaviour at the table, please let a committee member know.

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