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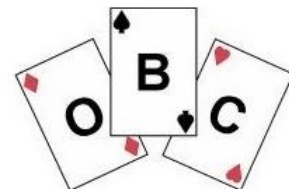
Our Friday sessions end with drinks. A great chance to relax and catch up with friends at the end of the Bridging week.

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



## November Newsletter

Well, a busy and full year is coming to a close. The recent AGM went well with over 80 people attending and the room unanimously accepted the new constitution. This we then filed for ratification, and the committee is pleased to say that it was instantly accepted and ratified by the powers that be. Orewa is now a fully Incorporated Society and can continue as a fully functioning, and fully legally complying, club for many years ahead.

Welcome to new committee members joining the existing members. These are Dawn Pengelly, Steph Bates, Jane Sutton and Costy Enache. Steph and Jane are working people so play in the evening if you don't quite recognise their names. We are so lucky that younger, switched on and energetic members are coming on board.

Further to this there are a few processes we are legally obliged to follow. All members (old and new) must complete and sign a membership form to say they consent to being a member of Orewa Bridge Club. To allay any misunderstanding this doesn't mean you are re-applying to join or retain any position (e.g. life membership) all remains as is, but it's just paperwork that has to be done. Membership forms will be emailed next week to be filled in, signed and either emailed or returned to office. There will also be membership forms available in the office if you do not have access to email or a printer. To remind you, at the AGM it was mentioned that the annual subscription and table money will not be increasing for 2026 but remaining at \$75 full and \$40 associate members and \$5 table money.

Finally, with regards to constitutional matters, you will see on the notice board copy of the requirements listed under the constitution with regards to members actions at the club. As the officers of the club who are now personally liable for any breaking of laws, we must be confident that members have full understanding of same. We do not expect any deliberate breaches but have come to realise this year that we must all be aware of what we can and can't do. For this reason, it was vital to gain our liquor licence. We now have a licence and will be displaying some notices that are required by law and will also set up a visitor's book for any guest to sign in.

On to Bridge news... Our tournament of 2nd November went very well with 18 tables competing in different categories. Gil Jury and Neil Rhodes took a session prize, Cath Boughtwood and Lynda Murdoch took the top Junior/Junior prize and Corrine Evans and Nicola Timms came 4th in the Intermediate/Intermediate section. It was great to see many clubs in and out of Auckland represented. And of course, the afternoon tea sponsored





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Friday – Saturday 8.00am – 4.30pm

by Summerset Village, was spectacular and organised by Caroline, Jo and helpers.

The last Sunday afternoon tournament of the year is coming up on Sunday 30 November. Please be seated by 12:45, \$10 and afternoon tea. Our Xmas dinner is on Sunday 7 December from 4:30 pm. Members free and partners \$20. Please put your name on the list at the club rooms. We look forward to seeing you all but really need it to be a static number so that catering can be accurate. Last year we had 14 no shows whose names were on the list and this resulted in unnecessary catering and money and food wastage.

Our next Orewa Tournament is an 8B Restricted Tournament on Sunday 8th February. You enter online at NZB or on the noticeboard list. Again, there will be differing categories, so I encourage you to enter as it is a fun day. Morning and Afternoon session and afternoon tea at close of play. \$30 entry.

Finally, the committee thanks all those for their support in this challenging year and wish all members a Happy Christmas, good health, peace, good fortune and good bridging for 2026.

Judith Hollyer.

#### Declarer play TIP FOR juniors & intermediates

##### Difficult card combinations

Let's say you are declarer in a no trump contract. There are some card combinations that are so difficult to get right that **they are best NOT TACKLED at all !** You should, instead, **wait for the opponents to play the first card in that suit.**

Here are two common examples:

Dummy:	♣ Qxxx	and:	♥ KJx
	opposite		opposite
Declarer:	♣ Jxx		♥ ATx
If you play this suit first, you may not take <i>any</i> club tricks, but if either opponent plays a club first you are guaranteed at least one club trick by playing low in second position.		Making three tricks in hearts is a 50% guess for the Queen, but if either opponent leads it first you will make three tricks by playing low in second position.	

But how do you get them to oblige?!! Not easy when you are in No Trumps, but the simplest tactic is to **intentionally lose your inevitable losers**. If you do this after a couple of rounds in a long suit that you are establishing your opponent may have no option but to open up a new suit.

Alison Beer

