

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.



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Orewa Bridge Club



October Newsletter

A busy time for us as a club as the year draws to a close.

Important dates for us are:

End of month Sunday afternoon tournament this weekend, the 27th October, \$10, be seated by 12:45

Orewa's Multigrade tournament Sunday 2nd November. We are filling up fast and I will be closing entry soon, so please enter if you want to play. Two sessions, multigrade prizes, afternoon tea at close of play, \$30 entry.

End of year Christmas Dinner Sunday December 7th- so keep the date free! This celebration is for members and partners. Members are free, partners \$20.

And the biggie: The AGM on Friday 7th November 12:00pm, before the afternoon session. Please come and support this meeting as we must have a quorum to pass the new constitution into being. On Thursday 23rd October the link to the constitution will be sent to members for you to peruse as it is fourteen days before the AGM, as required by the latest ratified constitution. With this link there will be an explanatory document to clearly show the steps taken from the consultation suggestions given by members when we published the draft. All suggestions were forwarded to the solicitor for legal advice and recommendations as to whether they complied with the new law and were beneficial to the club. We want members to fully understand what and why decisions have been taken and this seemed a good way of giving information. In the third box the bolded number (eg 10.3) identifies where in the constitution the point is addressed.

Also, on Thursday on the club notice board will be information regarding nominations for committee and Executive, and proposals for motions for the AGM. Please be aware that, following the rules laid down by the last ratified constitution, any proposed motion must be in writing, signed by two members, and given to the secretary (Cath) by Thursday 30th October.

Congratulations are due to Kath Anderson and Joan Gordon who did brilliantly in the recent Lockwood NZ wide pairs. They ended up 6th overall in the Intermediate grade and 19th overall in the competition which covers players from all over NZ. Also doing very well were Pat Chessum and Dianne Dowthwaite who gained an A point alongside Kath and Joan, and Sue Bailey and Dianne Richards who were 15th overall in the novice grade. Many thanks to all involved in the running, catering and playing in the event which went very well and was enjoyed by those who played.

We are still waiting..... for the Auckland council to issue our liquor licence. Bronwyn is notching up the hours chasing this up, but it will happen sometime.



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Alison's tips: TIP FOR 4TH POSITION: DO I OPEN OR NOT? The bidding has gone Pass - Pass - Pass, so it's now up to you whether or not this board gets passed in. You have a marginal, will I or won't I? sort of hand. The PEARSON COUNT helps us here, also known as the rule of 15: Add your high card points to the number of spades in your hand. If this comes to 15 or more you should open the bidding. If it is less than 15 you should pass.

The logic: When the points are evenly divided between opposing pairs it is probable that the pair with a spade suit will prevail at the one or two level.

Say you have: ♠764, ♥AJ2, ♦KQ985, ♣JT.

Pearson count is $11 + 3 = 14$ so you should pass. By passing you prevent them coming in with a makeable spade overcall.

But with: ♠JT976, ♥A6, ♦KJ8, ♣Q75,

Pearson count is $11 + 5 = 16$ so open 1 spade.

Alison Beer

Judith Hollyer

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