

COMING UP

Sunday 30th August – Sunday Social Tournament \$10; includes afternoon tea. Please be seated by 12.45pm

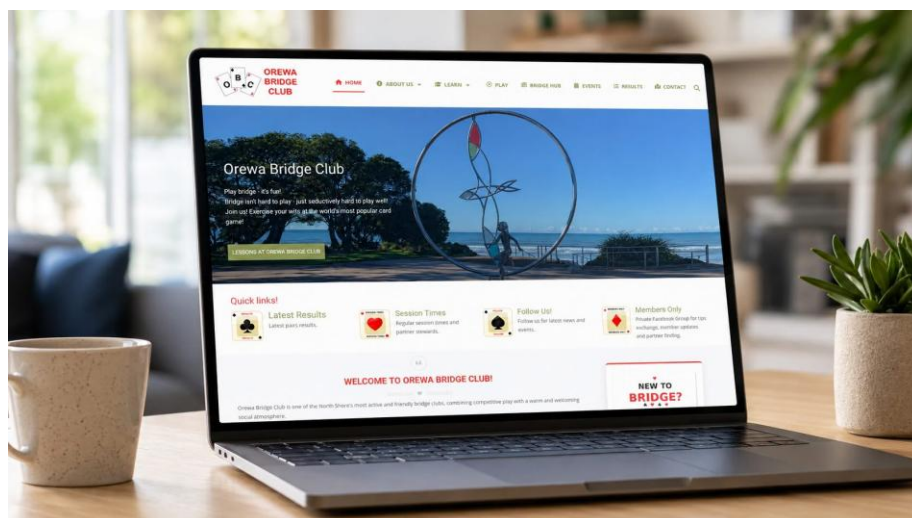
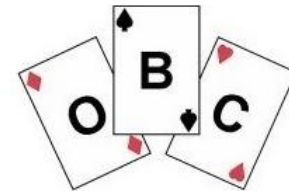
PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF (or mute) YOUR PHONE BEFORE PLAYING as a courtesy to club members.

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

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 Book.



Orewa Bridge Club



July 2026 Newsletter

The year is progressing fast and there'll soon be our AGM. Save the date of Friday 18th September at noon for the meeting. It is returning to the earlier date than that which we had to follow last year and will continue to be in September under our current constitution. All forms necessary (i.e. nominations, proposals etc.) will be available in early September.

Also, from Tuesday 15 September at 10 am we will be running a series of Improvers Lessons for those members who have been playing for more than 2 years and want to learn a few more conventions. The schedule of lessons will be advertised closer to the date. As per last year each session costs \$5 and members can drop in for as many or few as they like.

This week we will be sending out by email a link to an easy to complete online survey for members to complete so the committee can get a full picture of what is working well and what could be improved in the club in the years going forward. If you would like any assistance, please see Mary McQuoid for help.

The club is in a very strong place at the moment, with a membership of 200; 170 full members and 30 associates.

The North Auckland Clubs' Challenge was held on Saturday 1st August at East Coast Bays Bridge Club and our team were defending their 2025 victory. A great day was had by all competing teams with victory going this year to Orewa. Congratulations go to the excellent efforts of our team Sandy, Jenny, Peter, Pat, Rosa, Neil, Costy, Martin, Cath, Lynda, Bronwyn and Jeanette.

There are some unwritten 'rules' that are the same for bridge clubs all over NZ that seem to need a reminder for us sometimes and the committee has received some comments from members who are frustrated on occasion by the increasing laxity. So we are tightening up what we know to be right!

a) The last player to arrive at a session is first Phantom if such is necessary. It doesn't matter if one of the partnership arrived early and got their favourite table and won the cut. A late partner means first phantom.

b) Historically table 4 is usually designated as the Phantom table so please avoid sitting there unless directed.





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- c) Players are allowed 13 minutes to play 2 boards. The clock should be set and players should be playing to the clock. At the 3 minute to go mark the clock beeps indicating to players they may need to get a move on. NO hand should commence playing once that beep has happened. The director will ask you to skip the board.
- d) If you double book and both of your partners turn up to play YOU go home -sorry! Please make sure to confirm with partner at the beginning of a series and especially during an individual series.
- e) When waiting for slow players who are still playing in front of you, even after the move has been called, please stand well away from the table. The director can see there is a hold up and will ensure the players are moving more quickly.

And finally it was nice to receive recently a complimentary commendation from NZB on our new website. I hope you have had an opportunity to explore the information that is available and are finding it a very useful tool. A thank you to all who have contributed time, ideas and helped problem solve and of course a huge thank you to Janice who took on the major task providing expertise and spending hours and hours to get it to the level it is.



Judith Hollyer

Alison's Tips

A HAND FOR EXPERIENCED PLAYERS – ELIMINATION AND THROW-IN

Cover the west and east cards while we think about how to play the 4♥ contract that virtually all North-South players will end up in, regardless of system. Neither west nor east bid anything; and west has led Q♠. Declarer wins with the ace and plays ace-king of hearts. West follows with the ten, then discards a spade. *How should South play?*

Think about it before uncovering the opposition cards.

East is dealer Nobody Vul	♠ K62 ♥ 8654 ♦ A76 ♣ KQT	
♠ QJT3 ♥ T ♦ Q853 ♣ 9875		♠ 9874 ♥ QJ9 ♦ T94 ♣ AJ2
	♠ A5 ♥ AK732 ♦ KJ2 ♣ 643	

You have certain losers in the club ace and the heart queen. You also have two threatened losers: diamond queen and club jack. They may both be badly placed – and indeed they are!

The solution is to eliminate the spade and diamond suits and thereby set up a winning end play:

Play spade king, spade ruff, diamond ace, diamond king, diamond jack. West wins; can't play the 4th diamond without conceding a ruff and (club) discard so will exit with a club. Play the king. If east wins they are end played (spade ruff/discard or into the QT club tenace. If east ducks you now give them the heart Q: the same end play.

If you had taken either of the minor suit finesses early, the opponents would have had a safe exit of a diamond and you would be one light. The elimination process is one to learn.

Alison Beer

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