



# OREWA BRIDGE CLUB (INC)

NEWSLETTER

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## NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome new affiliate members: Mary Dunn, Jennifer McKechnie and Gil Jury.

## HOSPICE TOURNAMENT

Once again, the club ran a very successful tournament to raise money for this worthwhile cause. It was particularly appropriate this year as one of the hospice shops had been destroyed by arsonists. Many club members made a great contribution of delicious food and a number provided help in the kitchen. Madge, with much humour, organised the tournament admirably and helped make the day so enjoyable. This year, the theme was some kind of head adornment. Many players joined in the fun and amazed us with their head gear. We even had a couple Arabs, one of whom we thought might be related to Yasser Arafat, although their camel was far too small to be ridden. First prize for the best lady's hat was Sandra, with Percy, wearing a rather fetching spoof military hat, taking the prize for best bloke's hat. Pictures of all these wonderful hats can be seen on the club's web site. Caroline, again, organised the 'silent' auctions (which were actually rather noisy) and managed to persuade players to part with yet more money. The day was great fun and enjoyed by all participants. Tournament results are on the notice board and on our web site. So, what did we achieve? A total of \$2,750 was raised and a cheque presented to a representative from the Hibiscus Coast Hospice. Thanks are due to all those organisations and players who generously donated gifts and money.

## USE OF THE CLUBROOM

The clubroom is hired out to community groups as part of our lease agreement with the council. Strict conditions apply. Clubrooms are often used by members for selling items of use to members and for raising money for charities. This has increased in recent months and has persuaded the committee to draw up a set of rules to prevent this getting out of hand. If you wish to use the clubroom, at any time, for such activities, please see a committee member for details.

## A REMINDER

One of the club's rules is that you must cut (or toss a coin) for seating position, unless you have a medical reason to sit in a particular place.

## SOME PROFOUND THOUGHTS

Three quotes from the NZ Bridge web site may help us all remember to be humble at the bridge table, to look forward to many years of bridge and to enjoy the greatest game in the world.

*Bridge is a game about which no one can ever say "I've got it mastered." In fact, the undisputed best player in the world over the last 30 or 40 years – an American by name of Bob Hamman – has been quoted as saying: "Keep this in mind: if you keep playing bridge, you're going to look like a fool a certain percentage of the time – count on it!"*

*Bridge is a game that can be played at any age. The majority of regular bridge players are past 'retirement age' it is true, but those who learn the game young, never forget it and never lose it. That a man aged 89 can become a World Champion, as happened in bridge in 1998, demonstrates that the game is ageless and a player can keep enjoying it for a longer period than any other human pastime.*

*... when all else fails – sport, love, ambition – bridge remains a solace and an entertainment wrote W Somerset Maugham, which, coming from him, is praise indeed.*