



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

March 2020

SESSION TIMES

Monday 1.30pm & Supervised Play 7pm
Wednesday 9.30am & 7.00pm
& Supervised Play 1pm
Friday 9.30am
Saturday 1.30pm

Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the above times.

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What's On

- **Nationwide Pairs:** Monday 23rd March and Friday 3rd April
- **Tops and Bottoms:** Wednesday mornings on the last Wednesday of the month – 25th March
- **Clark Trophy:** First Wednesday evening each month – 1st April
- **Rookie Rivalry:** Second and Fourth Mondays of each month – Mondays 9th and 23rd March
- **Teams:** Friday 20th April
- **Eclectic Competition:** Play with the same partner at least 3 times during the same session in a calendar month to earn bonus points

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you very much for the confidence you have shown by electing me as your club president for 2020. I look forward to working with you all in the same harmonious way which has existed for the past 3 years under the leadership of Piers Bannatyne and his hard working Committee who have done a great job in ensuring that Orange Bridge Club is an enjoyable place in which to play bridge and remains a premier club in country NSW.

COVID-19

I think we all hoped that once the bushfires had ended and the dust storms abated, we could all look forward to a much calmer and enjoyable 2020. Life presents its challenges and we have a very new and unusual one in the form of the Corona Virus which is spreading rapidly around the world.

The prime aim of the Committee is the health, welfare and safety of our members some of whom don't enjoy the best of health. We will be guided by medical advice from both national and local

sources and will endeavour to keep the club playing bridge as long as we are not placing players in a situation of unacceptable risk.

Currently it is your choice as to whether you wish to enjoy our bridge sessions.

If you do come it is essential that you follow the club protocols with respect to personal hygiene:

- Please do not come to bridge if you are suffering an Upper Respiratory Tract Infection or are running a temperature
- Please use the hand sanitiser or wash your hands upon entering the club. The hand sanitiser is on the desk in the vestibule and the table near the Churchill Ave door
- Anyone returning from an overseas flight should not play for a period of 2 weeks. From the Prime Ministers advice, I don't imagine too many people will be travelling overseas this year

Thank you for your support in these matters. We would like to keep the club open as long as we can for the enjoyment of our members.

New Members

Welcome to Paige Bernard and Lynette Isles. We hope you enjoy your time playing at our club

Task Allocation for 2020

Thank you to all those who volunteered to undertake the essential tasks which make our club run so efficiently. A separate list will be sent to all members so you are aware of the responsibilities in each area

Rookie Rivalry

This has proved to be a very popular event and in the future will be held twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays hopefully commencing in April. It has also been extended to include players up to 10 masterpoints.

Team Events

If players are registered on Pianola the results of team events can be posted there. The team event on the third Friday of the month has proved popular and there will always be a spare pair available to make up a team as required.

David Reddel

David is employed by the club on Fridays as a non-playing Director. The Committee has resolved that David cannot be pre booked as a partner for Fridays but if you have tried through Pianola to find a partner or they unexpectedly do not arrive then you are able to play with David for that session.

Valentine Team Day and Wellington Congress

Thank you to club members who participated in these events and so ably represented our Club. Particular congratulations to Robyn Pearce and Michelle Tredinnick who placed second in a high class Wellington Pairs Field.

2020 is going to be a very different year created by the health situation which we will continue to monitor. If it becomes necessary to stop playing I will contact everyone by email immediately.

Happy Bridging

Murray Paterson



MASTER...ful



*Masterpoint Promotions for
January and February 2020*

Congratulations to:

Sally Keenan	**Local Master
Julie Machin	**Local Master
Roslyn McGroder	Graduate Master
Robyn Pearce	Gold Life Master
Anne Tonna	National Master
Hilda Tovey	Regional Master

A timely reminder:

Earlier this month we had a fouled board that deprived 3 tables of bidding and playing a 7 Diamond or 6 No Trump contract.

Please minimise the chances of fouling a board by following the rules (Rule 7C). After you agree on the number of tricks scored in a contract, shuffle your original thirteen cards and restore them to the pocket corresponding to your compass position. Please refrain from any other actions (e.g., post-mortems) that might create an opportunity for a fouled board.

Winning at Pairs and Teams

Now that Teams sessions are a regular feature of the Club play, here are a couple of handy hints from the ABF's website:

<https://www.abf.com.au/education/tactics/>

Winning at Pairs (Matchpoints)

You receive a "top" (score) if your result is better than that of any other pairs sitting in the same direction. It's not the actual score that counts, but the number of pairs you beat.

Winning at Teams (IMPs)

This is a different story altogether to pairs. Here you are usually trying to beat just one team at a time, rather than a large number of other bridge players. Make your contracts safely, bid thin vulnerable games. Playing a steady game and making fewer mistakes than the opponents should see you winning at teams.