



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

March 2021

SESSION TIMES

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

Supervised Play Monday 7 pm and
Wednesday 1 pm

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

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What's On

- **Rookie Rivalry/ Clark Trophy** Monday 8 March
- **Wellington Congress** 13/14 March
- **Teams Morning** Friday 19 March
- **Tops and Bottoms** Wednesday 31 March

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to the members for re-electing me as President for 2021 and I look forward to a more "normal" year with continuous play with the easing of restrictions from the COVID pandemic.

For those not at the meeting the office bearers for this year are:

President: Murray Paterson
Vice President Anne Tonna
Secretary Elaine McRae
Treasurer Helen Nicol
Committee Members
Janine Bessen
Pam Bradford
Jamie Gordon
Doreen Kjeldsen
David Reddel
Jens Skovgaard

We have an excellent committee who volunteer their time to ensure the efficient and effective management of the club. I would particularly like to welcome **Anne Tonna** and **Pam Bradford** to

the group this year and thank **Piers Bannatyne** who is retiring after 12 continuous years of service.

Food in the Club

This was discussed at the AGM and decided by the committee that food would only be provided at special days and for Tops and Bottoms on Wednesdays. At other times members will need to bring their own food.

Membership

We currently have around 145 paid members which is a reduction from last year. It is impressive the number of new people who have begun lessons and supervised play and we look forward to them joining the club. Thanks to **Chris Kershaw, Dorothy Woodside and Doreen Kjeldsen** for the important role they play for the club in keeping it vibrant.

We welcome **Gavan Mackey** as a new member and **Jennifer Hector** as an associate member and trust you enjoy your time with us.

Valentine Teams Day

It was great to see teams from across the District fill 19 tables at our Valentine Day on 14 February. For some it was their first opportunity to play face

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to face since the COVID interruption. My thanks to all those who assisted with the set up and **David Reddel** for doing an excellent job as the Director for the day.

Wednesday evening play

This continues to be an issue and you need to record your name if you wish to play on Wednesday evenings.

Rookie Rivalry and Clarke Trophy

Both these competitions are held on the Second Monday of the month. Last month due to lack of numbers Rookie Rivalry players were integrated into the open field so we look forward to that competition occurring in March next Monday.

Club Teams

It is not listed in the calendar but the club teams competition will commence on Friday 19 March where you will need to form into a team of 4 to compete on the day. If you have not performed a team these can be organised on the day.

Conventions

Where bids are alertable they must be explained in full. E.g., it is not sufficient to just say 2 Clubs after a 1 NT opening is Staymen you must explain what type of Staymen you are playing or 3 Clubs after 1 Spade is a Bergin raise you need to say 4 Spades and 6-9 points.

Be a Good Sport at the Bridge Table

An excerpt from the NSW Bridge Association

We all play bridge because we love it. Help make the game fun for everyone by observing the few simple proprieties that make bridge fair and enjoyable.

Play tough but fair

Play tough, be competitive, but be a good sport.

- Be pleasant to the opponents (and partner!). Welcome new opponents to your table. Don't conduct lengthy post-mortems.

- Don't stare at opponents, their cards, or where in their hand they play a card from.
- If you think an experienced opponent may have done something inappropriate, speak privately to the official recorder.
- **Slow players** – make the effort to catch up; it's not fair to use more than your share of the clock, and finishing late disrupts the schedule. Claim if it's clear.

In this regard the committee has reiterated that there will be no tolerance for abusive behaviour (which applies to a very small number of players) and points will be deducted if this happens.


Next committee meeting is Monday 10 April 2021.

I will be away for much of March in Tasmania and am incredibly grateful to have Anne Tonna in the chair while I am away.

Happy Bridging

Murray Paterson



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Masterpoint Promotions for

February 2021

Congratulations to:

No information available for February