



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

February 2022

SESSION TIMES

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| Monday | 1.30pm |
| Wednesday | 9.30am & 7.00pm |
| Friday | 9.30am |
| Saturday | 1.30pm |

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

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What's On

- 18 February Teams morning
- 19 February Annual General Meeting 12.30 pm
- 23 February Tops & Bottoms
- 28 February Lessons with David Fryda
- 12/13 March Wellington Congress
- 14 March Clark Trophy

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is great to see so many back at the club enjoying their bridge under our COVID Safe Plan. In this regard we will continue to follow NSW Health Guidelines which currently require all members when inside the clubhouse to wear a mask.

Should this situation change on 27 February a separate email will be sent at that time.

Discover NSW Vouchers

As from tomorrow you can use Discover NSW Vouchers which are obtained through Service NSW to obtain 5 vouchers to play bridge at the club. This is a wonderful initiative organised by Helen Nicol and can save you a considerable amount of money particularly as the State Government has issued 3 of these to everyone over the past year.

Discover NSW vouchers must be used by 30 June so please take advantage of these "free" games of bridge.

Valentine Teams Day

It was really pleasing to have 16 teams from Bathurst, Cowra, Dubbo and Orange at our highly successful Valentine Teams Day last Sunday. Particular thanks to Anne Tonna and Pam Bradford for their preparation before the event, Janine Bessen for organising the individually wrapped catering and David Reddel for directing on the day.

Congratulations to the winning team of Valda Halcroft, Robyn Pearce, Bob and Lyn Dillon with teams from Bathurst and Dubbo second and third

GNOT Qualifying

The Orange Bridge Club qualifying round for the Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) was held on Sunday 7 February with 7 teams competing for right to represent the club at the Regional finals on Sunday 18 September here in Orange.

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The event ended up with three teams equal on 100 points and each should earn the right to proceed to the Regional final.

Membership

Welcome to Ellie and Jim Fitz-Gerald Grand Masters from Maitland who have joined our club and will be representing us at the Gold Coast Congress next week. David Fryda currently President of North Shore Bridge Club has joined as an Associate Member. We look forward to a long association with these three outstanding bridge players.

At this stage our membership looks like stabilising around 145.

Lessons and Supervised Play

Have commenced on Wednesdays with Doreen Kjeldsen, Chris Kershaw and Dorothy Woodside for new players and those who began in 2020 together with all those who are interested

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for Orange Bridge Club will be held this Saturday at 12.30 and at this point the committee has received 9 nominations for the 10 positions on the committee. There will be an opportunity to nominate at the AGM for the one remaining position

I will circulate the President's Report separately which gives a summary of the important events of 2021-22.

Individual and Partnership Coaching with David Fryda

The committee approved an application from David Fryda to coach individuals or partnerships on a fee for service basis. A flyer will be put on the notice board to advertise this service, Anyone interested should approach David personally to discuss arrangements fees etc.

Changes to Bidding Procedure

The Rules of Bridge state that the bidding process in the auction should not be shown after the first card is played in the hand. This has not been the practice in Orange but does occur in most other clubs.

The committee is proposing that as from 1 March the bidding slip will be covered at the same time as the first card is played after the auction.

Solar Electricity

The committee has obtained quotes from four suppliers to connect the Club to Solar Panels. The cost will be somewhere between \$8,000 to \$12,000 depending on the size of the system we need. Currently the cost of our electricity is around \$4000 per year and under current regulations we should be able to pay off the capital cost in 4 years and then reduce our bills by 75% based on current costs

Best wishes for 2022 and hopefully less COVID

Happy Bridging

Murray Paterson



MASTER...ful 
Masterpoint Promotions for
January 2022
Congratulations to:

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| Judy Royal | Local Master |
| Christiane Rondeau | Club Master |
| Wally Attalah | Club Master |
| Lesly Capin | Graduate Master |