



NEWSLETTER

February 2023

SESSION TIMES

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 2023 Annual General Meeting 12.30 pm
- 22 February Tops and Bottoms
- 26 February GNOT Qualifying Round
- 27 February Red Points
- 3 March Nationwide Pairs
- 11 March Wellington Congress Pairs
- 12 March Parkes Teams Day
- 16 March Workshop with Emma Barnes

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was a pleasure to return to the club on Monday after 2 weeks in Cambodia and Vietnam which have developed amazingly over the past 15 years to see 19 full tables on Monday afternoon to contest the first round of the Clark Trophy

This vindicates the committee's decision to move this popular event from Wednesday evening and the numbers for that event are back to or better than where they were pre COVID

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 18 February will see a new committee elected for 2023-24. I will have completed my three-year term as president, a position I have thoroughly enjoyed. Equally we will elect a new treasurer to replace Helen Nicol who has done an exemplary job setting up the new payments system and managing the club finances.

As of Monday afternoon there were sufficient nominations to fill all committee positions so we look forward to a big turnout for the meeting and for the following bridge session

New Member

A big welcome to Lorraine Oates who has re-joined the club and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Valentine Teams Day

Congratulations to all those who spent considerable time preparing the clubhouse for the first district teams day of the year. Particular thanks to Pam Bradford, Anne Tonna, Margaret Barker and all the Saturday players who contributed to this.

A comment was passed by a visitor how enjoyable it was to come to a club where all players were

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courteous and the session was particularly well run by David Reddel.

It was also pleasing to see the top 3 teams came from our club as noted in my Monday email.

Membership

Currently stands at 137 with a number of players who signed up for lessons in 2022 not continuing their membership in 2023.

GNOT Heat

The first qualifying round for the Grand National Open Teams will be held on Sunday 26 February commencing at 9.30 am. This is the one opportunity at club level for members to earn gold points without travelling to major ABF Congresses.

Biscuits

A request was sent to the committee for the reintroduction of biscuits at the club. From previous experience the quality and type of biscuits has been an issue together with a certain amount of wastage so the committee decided that players should bring whatever food they wish to consume with them apart from special events such as Tops and Bottoms

Workshop with Emma Barnes

Emma Barnes will conduct two workshop on Thursday 16 March 2023

10 am – 1 pm *Bidding after 1 NT and the opposition interference*

1.30- 4.30 pm *Returning partner's lead- mapping the suit*

Cost will be \$20 for 1 session or \$35 for two sessions.

The sessions are aimed at members wishing to become intermediate players.


Each year we try to provide education sessions to further improve the standard of bridge in our club. Please support Emma who is an excellent teacher. Many thanks Pam Bradford for organising Emma's visit to Orange.

As mentioned earlier this will be my final newsletter to you as members. Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be your president and I look forward to enjoying bridge for many more years at the club.

Happy Bridging

Murray Paterson



MASTER...ful 

*Masterpoint Promotions for
January 2023*

Congratulations to:

Pam Bradford
Calvin Konner
Virginia Carlov
Mark Madely

Bronze Life Master
Bronze State Master
Regional Master
Bronze Local Master