



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

July 2019

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

- **State Wide Pairs (Suzanne Kay Trophy event #2):** Monday 29th July
- **Tops and Bottoms:** Wednesday mornings on the last Wednesday of the month – 31st July
- **Nationwide Pairs:** Friday 2nd August
- **Orange Congress:** Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August
- **Clark Trophy** – Wednesday evenings first Wednesday of the month – 7th August
- **Parkes Teams Day:** Sunday 18th August
- **Teams:** Wednesday evenings on the third Wednesday of the month – 21st August

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As mentioned last month the NSW Novice and Restricted Pairs Championship will be held on March 21st & 22nd 2020 at our club. This is a state level event and we have been given full responsibility to organise and conduct it. I want to thank Dorothy Woodside for volunteering to be the coordinator of this event and she will be looking for help from other members. Peter Reed, the NSWBA Regional Coordinator, who organised this year's event will be available to Dorothy for advice when she needs it.

The Orange Congress, our pinnacle event, is almost upon us again and it is pleasing to note that it is being oversubscribed with waiting lists for both pairs and teams in contrast with last year when we did not have a full house. We must thank Manda Labuschagne for organising the event and the catering at lunch times. Looking at the sign-on sheet we seem to have enough kitchen helpers on the Saturday and I want to thank Barbara Shelley for volunteering to help all day on the Sunday.

I hope that one or two of you will come in and give her a hand and many more will donate plates for the snacks table.

CanAssist held their charity card day at our club on Thursday 18th July and reported that it was a successful and very enjoyable day with quite a number of our members participating. There were three sections, solo, social bridge and competitive bridge. Thank you Margaret Barker for running the Bridgemates for the competitive bridge.

As you know the purpose of the Tops & Bottoms sessions on the last Wednesday of each month is to pair up more and less experienced players to help the latter learn and gain confidence. The players are paired up by the director on the day. At its last meeting the committee decided that all players who come to Tops & Bottoms must allow themselves to be paired up by the director and those who refuse will be told that they cannot participate in the session. This might sound hard but there is a good reason why we run this type of session.

Just a little reminder of some of the things which go on in the background to keep

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improving the club premises and simply to keep it running. Installation of the exhaust ventilation of the toilets has now been completed and there is now a dedicated power outlet for the heating in the ladies toilet; these are all switched by the light switch in the main playing area so that they are not mistakenly left running when the club is vacated. Gutter guards have now been installed right around the building to avoid the expense of having the gutters cleaned. We must thank Jens Skovgaard for using his pressure cleaner to clean the red and green bins. There are more improvements in the pipeline; watch this space.

As I am going to be a grey nomad for the next three months Sally Spence – our Vice-President – will be taking up the reins in my absence. My best wishes and Happy Bridging!

Piers Bannatyne



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Masterpoint Promotions for June 2019

Congratulations to:

Donalda Morgan	National** Master
Julia Shillington	Local Master

e-Congress Newsletter May and June

The eCongress is a monthly newsletter published by the NSW Bridge Association. It updates you with the latest congresses in the month, interesting hands and analysis from events, and tips regarding bridge laws.

Sign up for it at

<http://www.nswba.com.au/enews/>

BE A GOOD SPORT – Part 2

The following extract is from:

https://www.abf.com.au/about/docs/BE_A_GOOD_SPORT.pdf

TELL OPPONENTS WHAT THEY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR SYSTEM

Your opponents are entitled to know as much about your system and style as your partner does... the only secret in bridge is what cards you hold.

- ⊙ Provide two fully completed system cards
- ⊙ Make every effort through alerts and explanations to tell your opponents what they need to know about your system.

NO TRICKERY, NO TIP-OFFS

You must not try to help your partner or fool your opponents by anything but the bids you make and cards you play ... bridge is NOT poker.

- ⊙ Don't tip partner off – and ignore partner's tips. Ethical players will try to avoid revealing mannerisms, and make a point of ignoring any information they accidentally get from partner's hesitations or mannerisms.
- ⊙ Don't deceive the opponents by hesitations or mannerisms. If you accidentally hesitate without a problem, apologise: 'sorry – I didn't have any reason to hesitate. I was asleep!'

Incontinence is a fact of life for many older Australians - and some younger ones as well. To make it easier for players who live with incontinence to manage their condition during a playing session, the Orange Bridge Club has installed small bins in each toilet cubicle. These can be used for disposing of personal hygiene products.