



# ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

## NEWSLETTER

October 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*

- **Melbourne Cup:** Join the celebrations at our regular session on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- **Eclectic Competition:** Wednesday mornings during November (play with the same partner at least 3 times during the month to earn bonus points - see the OBC Calendar 2019 for more information)
- **Teams:** Wednesday evenings on the third Wednesday of the month - 20<sup>th</sup> November
- **Nationwide Pairs:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November
- **Tops and Bottoms:** Wednesday mornings on the last Wednesday of the month - 30<sup>th</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> November
- **Clark Trophy** - Wednesday evenings first Wednesday of the month - 6<sup>th</sup> November
- **Mudgee Congress:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- **OBC Club Pairs Championship:** Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning and afternoon, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November
- **Orange Teams Day:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

## *VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

### **Dubbo Congress success!**

Congratulations to Robyn Pearce and Michele Tredinnick who were placed second in the Dubbo Congress Pairs competition on the 12th October.

### **Housekeeping**

All players are reminded to return their cups to the kitchen by the end of play. Also each table is responsible for returning the boards and Bridgemates to the front table and emptying the bins at the end of each session.

The club provides players with morning or afternoon tea under a limited budget. This food is not intended as a substitute for breakfast or lunch for members running late for a session!

## **Committee Decisions**

### **Fee Increase:**

The Committee has been advised that both the Australian Bridge Federation fees and the NSW Bridge Association Affiliation fees are to be increased next year. These fees are charged for each club member and together with printing costs for the Calendar, currently take all but \$1 of each club membership fee. Consequently the Committee has decided that the club membership fee for 2020 will be increased to \$35 per member.

### **'Novice' and 'Restricted' Definitions**

The Committee agreed that Orange Bridge Club should have an overarching definition of 'Novice' and 'Restricted' for all our events unless otherwise specified by specific rules for particular competitions - e.g. Clark Trophy. It was agreed that 'Novice' players have less than 100 Master Points and 'Restricted' players have less than 300 Master Points.

## New club events in 2020

The Committee has endorsed the recommendation of the Tournament Sub-Committee to hold some new events in 2020. There will be a "Teams of three" event held on Sunday 5th July and a "Speed Bridge" event on Saturday 18th July. More details about what these events involve will be provided closer to those dates.

## Upcoming events

### Melbourne Cup Celebrations

Pam is again organising another fun Melbourne Cup event for us. This will be held on the Monday afternoon session, 4<sup>th</sup> November. Many thanks Pam!

### Club Pairs Championship – Including a Novice section:

The annual Pairs Championship for the club is being held over the weekend 9th and 10th November. There will be 3 sessions; Saturday afternoon plus Sunday morning and afternoon sessions. Enter your pairs name on the sign-on sheet on the front table if you are playing in this event.

Note: this event is not just for the top players as there is a Novice Section for pairs where each pair member has less than 100 Master Points.

### Orange Teams Day 17th November

Orange Bridge Club is hosting a Teams Day on Sunday 17th November. This event attracts visitors from other clubs in our region and is an opportunity to earn some Red Master Points. We don't cater for this day (participants bring their own lunch) but we will be asking for donations of slices etc to provide morning and afternoon tea for our visitors.

## 2020 NSW State Novice and Restricted Pairs Championship

Orange Bridge Club is hosting the 2020 State Novice and Restricted Pairs Championship on 21st and 22nd March 2020. Many thanks to Dorothy Woodside who is doing a marvellous job organising this event. Registering for this event is done on-line – the details are in the pamphlet available at the club. We are limited to 30 tables and Dorothy tells me that we already have some registrations so don't leave it too long to register.

Happy bridging!

*Sally Spence*



*MASTER...ful*   
*Masterpoint Promotions for  
September 2019*  
Congratulations to:

Jeffrey Bool	Life Master
Barbara Bool	Life Master
Murray Paterson	**National Master
Lyn Dillon	National Master
Liz Carpenter	*State Master
Calvin Konner	State Master
Dave Gray	**Local Master
Ro Sheardown	Club Master

