



# ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

## NEWSLETTER

November 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*

- **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 and 18<sup>th</sup> December
- **Nationwide Pairs:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December
- **Tops and Bottoms:** Wednesday mornings on the last Wednesday of the month - 27<sup>th</sup> November
- **Clark Trophy** - This competition is now concluded for 2019
- **OBC Christmas Party:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

### **Club Pairs Championship**

This year's Club Pairs Championship was held over the weekend 9th/10th November and was ably won by Enid Dawes and Robyn Pearce with a score of 59.7%. Congratulations to you both. Attendance was 17 pairs which was somewhat disappointing as the event included a Novice section for members with less than 100 MP; as this applies to more than half our members we hoped that more would play. The committee tries to run events which appeal to as many members as possible so perhaps some of you who did not participate could tell us what we might do better.

### **Table Numbers for the year**

Talking about attendance, for the first ten months of this year it was down by 185 tables on the same time last year leading to a drop in revenue of \$3,700. The club's finances are very sound however, thanks to the good work of Treasurer Dorothy Woodside, but this quarter we will not be

topping up our term deposit and some expenditures on improvements will be deferred.

### **Partner Finding**

For many years Pattie Clarke and Val Halcroft acted as contact points for people looking for partners and since Pattie passed away Val has soldiered on by herself. We are all very thankful her for volunteering for all these years. Now Helen Britton has volunteered to join Val as a partner finder; thank you Helen for stepping up once again to help the club. As more members start using Pianola for partner finding I expect Val's and Helen's roles will move more to finding partners for visitors who don't have access to our Pianola. To assist with partner finding Pianola needs your email addresses so please give these to Dorothy.

### **Next Year's Calendar**

Next year's Calendar is almost ready to go to print so please check that we have your correct telephone number—see list on whiteboard near bookshelves and correct any errors.

### **More New Events in 2020**

The Committee, helped by the Tournament Sub-committee and the Directors Sub-Committee, is

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making some innovations to the way sessions are organised next year and you will see full details in the new Calendar which you will receive in December. I will mention some of them here.

Chris Kershaw, Dorothy Woodside and Doreen Kjeldsen put in a lot of effort with lessons and supervised play so the committee is keen to have many of the new players continue playing bridge by introducing them gently to club sessions. So on the second Monday of each month there will be a separate section for players with less than 5 MP. This event will be called **Rookie Rivalry** and will enable these players to experience club play in a less intimidating setting. Tops and Bottoms will continue as usual on last Wednesdays.

Another change is that the third Friday of each month will be played as a **Teams' session**. Our best attendances are on Friday mornings so it will mean that more members will gain experience playing teams which is an important form of the game. We will have a pair on 'standby' so if you don't have a team and show up as a pair, you will still be welcome to play. There will no longer be teams' games on Wednesday evenings.

I'm looking forward to these innovations and I hope you will find them refreshing and satisfactory.

Happy Bridging  
*Piers Bannatyne*



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

Sally Larance	*Local Master
Cliff Hall	Local Master
Barbara Shelley	Club Master
Bill Burnheim	Graduate Master

## STOP PRESS

OBC's invitational Teams' Day  
held 17<sup>th</sup> November:

**Winners:** Jane North, Ian Lincoln, Anne Hazelton and Peter Tarlington.

**Second Place:** Enid Dawes, Robyn Pearce, Elaine Carpenter, Liz Carpenter

**Best Restricted Team:** Betty Stewart, Helen Nicol, Hennie Moore, Jo Orr

## Table Manners:

The following guidelines were first included in the OBC Newsletter in February 2017. It represents good practice at the bridge table and is taken from <http://www.melvillebc.org/documents/bridge%20Etiquette.pdf>

- Cards should not be taken out of the board before all players are at the table.
- Before you look at your cards count your hand and ensure that you have exactly thirteen cards.
- The board should be left on the table during the bidding and play of the hand so everyone can see the vulnerability.
- At the end of a hand ensure that you do not mix up your cards until the result is agreed with the opponents.
- During play you are not allowed, without permission, to touch or handle your opponents' cards. If necessary ask your opponent to show you a particular card.
- When you are making the initial lead or playing to the first trick, play your card before writing down your contract or entering details in Bridgемate. It saves time and is a courtesy to the other three people at the table.
- Do not ask for information unless it is your turn to call or play.
- Dummy or either Defender may draw attention to a card pointed incorrectly; the right expires when a lead is made to the following trick.

