



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

January 2020

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

- **Nationwide Pairs:** Monday 27th January and Friday 7th February
- **Tops and Bottoms:** Wednesday mornings on the last Wednesday of the month – 29th January
- **GNOT Qualifying Heat:** Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday 1st and 2nd February
- **Clark Trophy:** First Wednesday evening each month – 5th February
- **Rookie Rivalry:** Second Monday of each month – Monday 10th February
- **Bushfire Fundraising Appeal:** Friday 14th February
- **AGM:** Saturday 15th February at 12:30 pm
- **Valentine's Day Teams:** Sunday 16th February
- **Teams:** Friday 21st February
- **Eclectic Competition:** Play with the same partner at least 3 times during the same session in a calendar month to earn bonus points

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the last newsletter I mentioned two new events for 2020, Rookie Rivalry and Teams on Fridays, and we have now played the first sessions of each of them.

Rookie Rivalry is for players with less than 5 masterpoints, primarily players recently out of bridge lessons, to give them experience in regular club play. We had 4 tables playing a Howell movement. A big thank you to Dorothy Woodside who stood by through the session to guide players through the movement, explain the use of Bridgemates and provide general support. A number of the players told me how much they enjoyed the session.

The first Teams on Fridays attracted a good attendance of 19 tables and was played as a Swiss Teams movement of three eight board rounds. David Reddel did a good job of setting up and directing and my impression was that members

enjoyed the game. The committee and I hope that this satisfaction with the new events continues.

From this month the club has a new website and we must thank Jenny King who put it together with the help of her IT son-in-law. It is well designed, informative, interactive and easy to use and I commend those who haven't yet looked at it to do so, at www.orangebridgeclub.com. Our results will now go to the new website and the links to Pianola provide us with more detailed personal results analysis and a partner finding service. The club has subscribed to 'Pianola Plus' on behalf of all members; to access any of the member services it is only necessary to login at www.pianola.net. If you need any help with Pianola, please ask Anne Tonna for assistance.

Here in Orange we have been lucky so far to be bushfire free but I am sure that we are all aware of the devastation suffered by many in the fire

ravaged areas. Under the auspices of the ABF and the NSW Bridge Association we will make our regular session on Friday 14th February a charitable event and donate the table monies and any other donations which you may care to make for bushfire aid. The ABF will allow us to run this event as a red point session and not charge us for the red points. If you feel that you would like to help please come along and play.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the clubroom on Saturday 15th February at 12.30. Notices have been displayed around the club and sent out via Pianola.

The meeting is where the new Committee is elected, and provides a good opportunity for members to raise matters which concern them and to discuss any suggestions which have been made. Nominations for Committee and suggestions for discussion should be received by the Secretary – Elaine McRae - on or before Saturday 8th February. Formal motions requiring a vote at the AGM must have a proposer and a seconder and be in the hands of the Secretary by Saturday 25th January.

Once again we have been entrusted by the NSW Bridge Association to hold the State Novice and Restricted Pairs Championship. It will be on the weekend of 21st and 22nd March and full details are on notices posted in the club. Our club is entirely responsible for all aspects of the event including the finances. Currently only 28 pairs have registered and we require a minimum of 52 pairs to break even. As the vast majority of members are within the novice and restricted categories, 100 and 300 masterpoints, I look forward to many more registrations to play. Registrations must be via the NSWBA website. Thank you to Dorothy for the time and effort she has put into organising the event including sending circulars to every bridge club in NSW.

Happy Bridging
Piers Bannatyne



MASTER...ful



*Masterpoint Promotions for
November and December 2019*

Congratulations to:

Paul Englart	Local Master
Christine Errey	*Local Master
Valda Halcroft	Silver Life Master
Elaine McRae	National Master
Margot Sharpe	Club Master
Margaret Stent	*Local Master
Rose Stott	Graduate Master
Wendy Strachan	Life Master

Reminders for all players:

- **Please check the Bridgemates very, very carefully**

Here are a few typical errors:

- The wrong declarer is entered and not noticed by either pair in accepting the score.
- A double is left out
- The wrong lead is recorded (this is important for a range of reasons)
- A gross error in the number of tricks recorded.

For example,

- recording that declarer 'made 5' when declarer 'made 11', or
- this classic case happens not infrequently: NS play 4♥ and make 11 tricks. Not vulnerable, this should score 450. The Bridgemate unit operator however accidentally enters 1 trick rather than 11. That's nine off – still 450, but neither side notices that it has been given to EW.

- **Please assist at the end of play**

- Generally tidy the table by pushing your chair in and emptying the garbage bin
- Return the Bridgemates and Boards to the front table; and
- Wednesday morning, place the side tables on top of the tables (except for the row on the western side) in preparation for cleaning the room on Thursday. Wednesday night's players will place the remaining side tables up at the end of play. *Many hands make light work.*